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WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

FOR

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

Arthur Lewis

Signature of Officer Commanding

Arthur Lewis

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Map Ref. WAMUR. 8 4.E. 57.15	1/12	0900 1200 1400	As per Coy Routine Orders. (Bn Church Parade 1100) Football Match 1st Coy Ist Coy-versus-Ist Pioneer Bn (Scores-Ist. M. Gs. 66-Ist Pnrs. 44.) Weather: -Cold-Slight fall of rain.	
	2.12.18.	18.	As per Coy Routine Orders. (0900-0915. Coy Inspection. At 0915 The Coy went for a route march returning at 1100.) 1100-1200 Gun Drill. Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon: i.e Inter-Coy football match which proved a very fast game, also Organised Games. Weather: -Cold during the morning with slight fall of rain	
	3.12.18.	18.	As per Coy Routine Orders. 0900-0915 Coy Inspection, at 0915 the Coy went for a route march returning at 1100, (1100-1130 Inspection and Care of Feet. Short Lecturettes being given by by Section Officers on same. During the afternoon Batt Sports Meeting was held which proved very amusing etc. The Divisional Comander (Major-General T.W. Glasgow, CB, CMG, D.S.O. was present.	
	4.12.18.	18.	Weather: -Fine & Cold during the morning turning to Mild & occasional showers in afternoon. AS per Coy Routine Orders. 0900-0915. Coy Inspection. 0915-1200 Cleaning Gun Gear & Checking Stores. Owing to bad weather conditions a Make & Mend parade was carried out during the afternoon in billets instead of Recreational Training. Weather: -Cold with intermittent showers of rain throughout the day.	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Butter</i></p>

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HAMUR. 8 4.B. 57.15	5.12.18.		As per Coy Routine Orders. 0900-0915. Coy Inspection. 0915-1015 Route March-1015-1100 Gun Drill. 1100-1200 Lecture by O.C (Lieut. H. Sykes) on Repatriation & Demobilization scheme. Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon: (Organised Games also Football Match between 1st and 3rd Coys: -Scores- 1st Coy-6, 3rd Coy-NIL. Weather: -Very Mild & Dull.	
	6.12.18.		As per Coy Routine Orders. (0900-0915. Coy Inspection-0915-1200 Route March) 13.0. Ranks marched in from Base & were taken on strength. During the afternoon the Coy played the 1st T.M. Bty. (Rugby) & won. Scores 1st Coy 3-T.M-Bty Nil. Weather: -Cold-Intermittent showers of rain during the afternoon.	Appendix No 7
	7.12.18		AS per Coy Routine Orders. (Coy Inspection) 0915-1200 Route March. During the afternoon the Coy played a Soccer Match against the 4th Pioneer Bn 1st Coy Winning. Weather: -Cold-Fine during the morning but very showery during.	
	8.12.18.		As per Coy Routine Orders. 0900-0945 Cleaning Billets. 0945-1045. Route March. The Coy was paid during the afternoon. Weather: - Fine-Clear-Cold.	

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NAMUR.8 4.B. 57.15	9-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:- 0900-0915.Coy Inspection,at 0915 the Coy went for a route march returning about 1100, Organised games were carried out till 1200.</p> <p>During the afternoon The Coy football team,with supporters went to Solre-le-Chateau and played the 1st A.T.M.Bty a match(Aust-Rules).1st M.G.Coy winning -3 to Nil.</p> <p>Weather:-Slight showers during the morning, & clearing up in the afternoon.</p>	
	10-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:-0900-0915.Coy Inspection,0915-1030 March Discipline was practised, attention being paid to every detail. Organised Games were then carried out till 1200.</p> <p>During the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out</p> <p><u>Educational</u>:- Lieut Priestley,G.S.O.3-1st Aust Division,held a German Class at Batt'n H.Q.s a large percentage of this Coy attending.</p> <p>Weather:- Dull,slight showers during the morning,& clearing up during the afternoon.</p>	
	11-12-18.		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:-0900-0915.Coy Inspection,0915-1015 Organised Games were carried out.1015-1200Overhauling,Cleaning,& checking of Gun Stores.</p> <p>During the afternoon an Inter-Coy football match (Rugby) was played between AB--CD Sections, AB winning by 6-Nil.</p> <p>Weather:-Showery all day</p>	

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NAMUR?8 4.B. 57-15	12-12-18.		<p>As per coy Routine Orders:-0900-0915, Coy Inspection, at 0915 the Coy went for a route march returning at 1100. 1100-1200 Cleaning of gun gear etc.</p> <p>Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon (Organised Games etc.)</p> <p>WEATHER:-COLD -SLIGHT FALL OF RAIN during the Afternoon.</p>	
	13-12-18.		<p>AS per COY Routine Orders:-0900-0915-Coy Inspection, 0915-1200 Gun Drill, Checking of & Gun Stores, reparking of Limbers.</p> <p>A test of Expendable Belts was carried out during the morning (see Appendix)</p> <p>Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>WEATHER:-VERY HEAVY RAIN during the morning & clearing up in the afternoon.</p>	
	14-12-18.		<p>AS per Coy Routine Orders :-0900-0915, Coy Inspection, 0915-1015 Packing of Limbers, (as per instructions issued to Section Officers at O, Cs conference.</p> <p>1015-1200:-Route March.</p> <p>During the afternoon an inter-Coy football match was played between AB-CD Sections.</p> <p>On account of forthcoming move the Coy Post Office closed at 1800 To-Day.</p> <p>WEATHER:-COLD-SLIGHT FALL OF RAIN during the afternoon.</p>	

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NAMUR 8 4B 57-15	15-12-18		As per Coy Routine Orders 0900-0915, Clean Fatigue, cleaning of Billets etc 0915-1015 Lecture by the R.M.O. on VENEARIAL DISEASE. 1015-1200 Route March. Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon WEATHER: -COLD-SLIGHT FALL OF RAIN during the morning.	
	16-12-18		At 0935 The Coy moved out from present location per MARCH ROUTE for BARBERCON as per per Coy Movement Order No-1 (See Appendix 2) Arrived at Barbercon at 1500 WEATHER: -COLD-RAINING all day	Appendix 2
NAMUR 8 BARBERCON	17-12-18		At 0900 the Coy moved out from Barbercon per March Route for Gourdinne as per Coy Movement Order No, 2. (See Appendix 2) WEATHER: -COLD-RAINING all day. Arrived at Gourdinne at 1400.	" " "
NAMUR 8 GOURDINNE	18-12-18		At 0800 the Coy moved out from Gourdinne per MARCH ROUTE for JONCRET as per Coy Movement Order No, 3. WEATHER: -COLD-RAINING all day. Arrived at Joncret at 13/30 (Billets very Poor)	Appendix 2

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NAMUR 8 JONCRET	19-12-18		<p>At 0900 the Coy moved out from JONCRET per March Route for LE ROUX as per Coy Movement Order No 4. (Arrived at LE ROUX at 1430.</p> <p>WEATHER:-FINE during the morning but SHOWERY all the afternoon.</p>	Appendix 2
NAMUR 8 LE ROUX	20-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders. At 0930 the Coy paraded in Clean Fatigue, the Coy billets and surroundings were thoroughly cleaned up.</p> <p>WEATHER:-FINE-VERY COLD-SLIGHT FROST.</p>	
	21-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders, 0930-1000? Coy Parade, the remainder of the morning was devoted to the cleaning of Gun gear, Limbers, etc.</p> <p><u>LEAVE to CHARLEROI</u>:-Opened To-Day (10% being allowed to this Coy daily)</p> <p>Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon (Organised Games)</p> <p>WEATHER:-VERY COLD-SLIGHT fall of RAIN during the afternoon.</p>	
	22-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900-0930, Coy Inspection 0930-1100 Rifle and Section drill. 1100-1200 Gun gear was taken from Limbers and stacked away in Section billets.</p> <p>Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>WEATHER:-FINE but VERY COLD during the morning.</p>	

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NAMUR 8 LE ROUX	23-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900-0915 Coy Inspection-0915-1100 Route March-1100-1200 GUN DRILL</p> <p>The afternoon was devoted to the laying out of new Football grounds etc.</p> <p>WEATHER:-FINE and VERY CLEAR ?</p>	
	24-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900-0915 Coy Inspection, 0915-1000 Closed Order Drill,</p> <p>1000-1200 Cleaning Equipment, Clothes, etc.</p> <p>Orderly Room Sgt Perry of Battn H Q held a shorthand class at 1100 several members of this Coy attended.</p> <p>The afternoon was devoted to making preparations for XMAS DAY.</p> <p>WEATHER:-FINE with very KEEN WINDS blowing all day.</p>	
	25-12-18		<p>XMAS DAY , Full Holiday for the Coy .Each man had a parcel from AUSSIE COMFORTS FUND.</p> <p>Excellent Dinner for the men with a Barrel of GOOD Beer for each Section.</p> <p>WEATHER:-COLD with SLIGHT FALL OF SNOW DURING THE MORNING.</p>	
	26-12-18		<p>BOXING DAY Full Holiday for the Coy everybody suffering a recovery</p> <p>WEATHER:-RAINING allDay.</p>	
	27-12-18		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900-0915 Coy Inspection-0915-1030 Close Order Drill, the rest of the morning being devoted to a general clean-up, the Coy blankets were fumigated to-day.</p> <p>Recreational Training (Organised Games, Football etc) was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>WEATHER:-FINE but VERY COLD)SLIGHT SHOWER during the afternoon.</p>	

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Namur 8 LE ROUX	28-12-18		As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900-0915 Coy Inspection-0915-1100 Route March 1100-1200 GUN DRILL. Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon. WEATHER:- MILD)SLIGHT FALL OF RAIN DURING THE MORNING.	
	29-12-18.		On account of bad weather Coy Parade was not held, a MAKE & MEND parade was held in Sections Billets when all clothing etc was repaired. Recreational Training was not carried out during the afternoon(Bad Weather) WEATHER:-HEAVY RAIN ALL DAY.	
	30-12-18		As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900-0915 Coy Inspection-0915-1100 Route March Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon(Organised Games Football etc) WEATHER:- FINE-VERY MILD.	
	31-12-18		As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900-0915 Coy Inspection, 0915-1030 Close Order Drill 1030-1200 Improvements to all approaches of Section Billets carried out	

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
-----COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 72.

BY.

31st DECEMBER. 1918.
-----CAPTAIN. A. BAKER-FINCH. O.C.
-----DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sergt. A. Atkins.
Next for Duty .	Sergt. L. Davison.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. C. Moyle.
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl. C. Fenton.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0815.

DUTY SECTION.

" B " Section.

PARADES.
-----Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade:- Company Inspection.EDUCATION.
-----Lieut. F. S. Ward will conduct Lecture on Internal
Combustion Engines at 1100 this day at School RoomNOTICE.
-----Sgt Atkins. A. E. will report to Battalion H. Q's at
1100 this day.The following Other Ranks will report to Company
Orderly Room at 0945, ready to proceed on Leave to
United Kingdom. Dress:- Full Marching Order less
Ammunition and Blankets.No. 467. Dvr. Henwood. R.H.
No. 234. Dvr. Burt. R.H......Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine Gun Coy

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 71.

BY.

30th DECEMBER. 1918.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER-FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Williams.
Sgt . A. Atkin.
L/Cpl . C. Moyle.

Duty Section

A-Section.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0815.

PARADES.

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

STRENGTH.

Captain. A. Baker-Finch, taken on strength from Battalion Headquarters. To Command. to date 29-12-18.

SPECIAL LEAVE.

SPECIAL LEAVE FOR MEN RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA.

Men due to return to Australia should be warned in advance that if they wish to obtain SPECIAL-LEAVE to adjust matters in ENGLAND, such LEAVE will be taken before they are warned for DRAFT. It is not possible to grant SPECIAL LEAVE to ENGLAND once a man has been warned for DRAFT.

NOTICE.

The following Other Ranks will report to Battalion H.Q's Orderly Room at 1015 this day:-

No 3139. L/Cpl C. Moyle.
No 6560. Dvr. A. E. Graham.

No. 2614 L/Cpl. J. Hay.
No. 467. Dvr. R. Henwood.

PART. 11.

PROMOTIONS.

TO BE TEMPORARY CORPORALS:-

No. 435. Pte. Davies. D.T.M. to-date:- 30-11-18.
No. 1998. L/Cpl. Morris. J.T. " " 6-11-18.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY,

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDES.

BY.

28th. DECEMBER. 1918.

LIEUT. S. H. DUTTON. O. C.

DUTIES ¹/₂

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. C. Martin.
Next for Duty .	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt . A. Atkin .
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. . C. Moyle .

ROUTINE.

Reveille. 7-45. A.M. Breakfast. 8-30. A.M.

PARADES.

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



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

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First Australian Machine Gun Company.

Company Routine Orders. No.

By.

27th December. 1918.

Lieut. S.H. Dutton. O.C.

Duties.

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

Lieut. C. Martin.
Lieut. C. Williams.
Sgt . H. Littlejohns.
Sgt . A. Atkins.
L/Cpl . L. Conn.
L/Cpl . C. Moyle.

Routine.

Reveille:- 7.A.M.

Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

Parades.

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

Blankets.

All Blankets will be fumigated to-day, the 27th Inst,
commencing at 0830. All Blankets will be rolled in
bundles of 10 by 0800.

Passes.

In future N.C.O's in charge of Sections will be held
responsible that names of Men desirous of leave to
Charleroi are handed into Orderly Room by Noon the
previous day.

Lecture.

at school

Lieut S.S.Wards lecture on Internal Combustion Engines
at Y.M.C.A.-Hall at 1100. All Students will fall in, in
front of "D" Sections Billets at 1045. Senior N.C.O.
Student will be in charge and march party to the School.

C. Williams
Lieut for O.C.

First Australian Machine Gun Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No.

BY.

24th. DECEMBER. 1918.

LIEUT. S.H.DUTTON. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt . H. Littlejohns.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl . L.R. Conn.

ROUTINE.

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

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Company Inspection 0900 to 0915. 0915 to 1000 Close
Order Drill. 1000 to 1200:- Cleaning Equipment, Etc.

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

NOTICE.

Sgt Perry will take Shorthand Class at Y.M.C.A. Building
at 1100 to-morrow day . All Members of Class to attend
and Belts to be worn.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

21/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer
Next for Duty
Orderly Sergeant
Orderly Corporal

Lieut.M.Ryan. "MM"
Lieut.C.Williams.
Sgt. Lewis, O.B.
L/CPL.Morris, J.T.

PARADES.

REVEILLE	-	0800.	
Breakfast	-	0830.	
Parade	-	0930.	Company Inspection.

Leave.

O/Ranks proceeding on leave to Charleroi will parade at Company Orderly Room at 0900 for Passes.
Dress. :- Walking Out Dress i.e., Belts, Hats turned up at the side and chin straps down.

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

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

20/12/1918

LIEUT. H. SYKES.O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. C. Martin.
Next for Duty	Lieut. C. Williams.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt. Lewis, O.B.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Littlejohns, H.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. Fox, C.
Next for Duty.	L/Cpl. Conn, L.R.

PARADES.

Reveille - 0800.
Breakfast - 0830.
Parade - 0930. Dress :- Clean fatigue.

MAIL.

Company Post Office now being reopened, Mail for posting will be received as heretofore. Attention is again drawn to the **posting** of papers and parcels, in future no papers or parcels will be received for posting unless accompanied by necessary amount to cover same.

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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

16/12/1918.LIEUT. H. SYKES. O. C.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. F. Luscombe.
Next for Duty	Lieut. M. Leslie.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Littlejohns, H.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Atkins, A.E.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Cardle, J.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Fox, C.

REVEILLE
BREAKFAST.0700
0730PARADES.

0915.

Full Company Parade.

Dress :- Full marching Order, less Blankets and
Steel Helmets as per Company Movement
Order No. 1.CERTIFICATE.A certificate will be rendered by Section Officers to the
effect that their respective Section Billets have been
left in a Clean and Sanitary condition.

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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.BY15/12/1918.LIEUT. H. SYKES. O.C.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. C. Williams.
Next for Duty	Lieut. F. Luscombe.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Cosier, C.N.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Lewis, O.B.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Bradford, J
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Cardle, J.

PARADES.

0900	Clean Fatigue.
to	Cleaning of Billets etc.
0950	
0950	Clean Fatigue. "D" Section's Billet. (Lecture by the R.M.O. on V.D.)
1100	
to	Route March.
1200	

NOTE.

On and after this date Section Sergeants will synchronise their Watches by Orderly Roomtime at 0815 each Morning.



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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

14/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES. O. C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. M. Ryan. "MM"
Next for Duty	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Atkins, A.E
Next for Duty	Sgt. Cosier, C.N.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Malone, J.B.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Bradford, J

PARADES.

0900
to Company Inspection.
0915 Dress :- Drill Order.

0915
to Packing Limbers, as per instructions issued
1015 to Section Officers at O.C'S. conference 13/12/18.

1015
to Route March.
1200

MAIL.

To all Concerned. The Company Post Office is closed from to-night and will remain so until further notice.

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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.BY13/12/1918.LIEUT. H. SYKES. O.C.DUTIES.

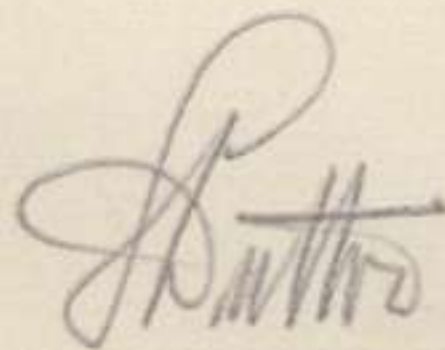
Orderly Officer	Lieut. M. H. Leslie.
Next for Duty	Lieut. M. Ryan. "MM"
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Littlejohns, H
Next for Duty	Sgt. ATKINS. A.R.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Jamieson, H. "M" M
Next for Duty	L/Cpl MALONE J.B.

PARADES.

0900	
to	Company Inspection,
0915	Dress : Drill Order.
0915	
to	Route March. (Weather permitting).
1200	

TEST.
Expendable
Belts.

A Test of Expendable Belts (New issue) will be carried out at 1000.
"A" Section will provide one Gun Detachment with Gun Etc. also 10 expendable Belts (Filled). They will be ready to move to Firing Range by 1000. Lieut. F. Lascombe will conduct Party to the Range.



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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

12/11/1918.

LIEUT.H. SYKES. O. C.

DUTIES. 0

Orderly Officer	Lieut. F.Luscombe
Next for Duty	Lieut. M.Leslie.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Lee, E.E.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Littlejohns, H.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Morris, T.J.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Jamieson, H.R. "MM"

PARADES.

0900
to Company Inspection.
0915 Dress : Drill Order.

0915
to Route March.
1200

1100
to Clean Fatigue.
1200

EDUCATIONAL.

Sgt. Perry will conduct a class in Preliminary Shorthand in "D" Section Billet at 1115.



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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

11/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES O. C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. C. Williams.
Next for Duty	Lieut. F. Luscombe.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Lewis, O.B.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Lee, E.E.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Fraser, M.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Morris, J.T.

PARADES.

0900	
to	Company Inspection.
0915	Dress :- Drill Order.
0915	
to	Route March.
1015	
1015	
to	Overhauling and Checking
1130	Gun Stores.

STRENGTH.

The following O/Ranks having been transferred to the A.A.S.C. are struck off their respective Section strengths

6857	L/Cpl.	Smith, N.M.	from "A" Section.
7080	Pte.	Denning, H.G.	from "C" Section.
2640	"	Ralley, J.	" " "D" "
3643	"	Shearan, R.	" " "D" "

DRESS.

The attention of all ranks is again drawn to the fact that the Hair, in several instances, is being worn in excess of the length laid down. This matter is to receive immediate attention.

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

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

10/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES. O. C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. C. Martin,
Next for Duty	Lieut. C. Williams.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Davison, L.G.
Next for Duty	Sgt, Lewis, O.B.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Moyle, C.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Fraser, M.

PARADES.

0900	Company Inspection.
to	Dress :- Drill Order.
0915	

0930	
to	Clean Fatigue.
1030	

EDUCATION.

A German Class is being held at Bn. H.Q. at 1040.
 Those desirous of attending same will Parade at
 Company Orderly Room at 1035 Sharp.
 Dress :- Clean Fatigue.

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

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

9/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES O. C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. M. Ryan. "M.M"
Next for Duty	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Cosier, C.N.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Davison, L.G.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Conn, L.R.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Moyle, C.

PARADES.

0900. Company Parade.
Dress :- Drill Order.

0915.
to Route March.
1200.

1400
to Recreational Training.
1600.

TRANSFER.

322 Pte. Attwater, P.W. from "H.Q" to "C" Section.

PART 11.

REVERSIONS.

333B Cpl. Mawson, R. reverts to the ranks at his own request. To date 30.11.18.

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

NOTICES.

A supply of French Letters have been procured and same may be had on application at Battalion R.A.P. at the price of 3d. each.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.BY8/12/1918.LIEUT. H. SYKES. O. C.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. R. Curming.	"D.C.M."
Next for Duty	Lieut. M. Ryan	"M.M."
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Atkins,	A.E.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Cosier,	C.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Fox,	C.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Conn.	L.R.

PARADES.

0900 to 0945

Section Parades, Cleaning Billets;
Dress :- Clean Fatigue.

0945 to 1045

Route March.

TRANSFER.2964 Pte. Anstead, W.G. from "H.C" to
"A" Section.Lieut for O.C.
1st Aust. M.G. Coy.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

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BY

7/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES. O. C.

DUTIES.

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

Lieut. W. H. Leslie;
Lieut. R. Cumming. "D.C.M."
Sgt. Lewis, O.B.
Sgt. Atkins, A.E.
L/Cpl. Dummer, E.
L/Cpl. Fox, C.

PARADES.

0900 to 0915

Company Inspection.
Dress :- Drill Order.

0915 to 1200

Route March.

TRANSFERS.

811 Pte. Rich; R.R. from "B" Section to "H.Q."

The following O/Ranks are transferred from their respective Sections to "EMPLOYMENT" Section to date from 6/12/18. They will be attached to Sections for, ~~MMX~~, Pay, Rations and Discipline. They will be shown on Section Parade State as "OTHER DUTIES".

7082	Pte.	Meyn,	H.J.	"Batman"	"C" Section
1905	"	Callan,	P.W.	"	"A" "
3107	"	Hales,	F.	"	"B" "
7245	"	Gimbert,	M.J.	"	"D" "
401	"	-Fyrell	H.A.	"	"C" "

1439	Cpl.	Wallace,	T.	Ammo. Guard.	"A" Section.
3802	Pte.	Higginbotham	C.	" "	"B" "
7328	"	Gorton	S.M.	" "	"C" "
7270	"	McCabe,	H.	" "	"D" "

6875	L/Cpl.	Smith,	N.M.	A.A.S.C.	"A" Section.
7080	Pte.	Denning	H.	" "	"C" "
2640	"	Ralley	A.J.	" "	"D" "
3643	"	Shearan	D.	" "	"D" "

(Dvr. 1st. Coy.)

273	Pte.	McAnulty,	V.J.	Sgt's. Cook	"B" Section.
637	"	Davies,	A.J.	Coy. "	"B" "
3782	"	Cook,	S.H.	" "	"B" "

4820	Pte.	Deeprose,	W.D.	"Tailor"	Att. Bn. H.Q. "A" SEC
3146	"	Munday,	A.B.	Storeman	"D" Section.

5114	Pte.	Hume,	L.	"Limbers"	"A" Section.
4448	"	Bourke,	W.G.	" "	"C" "
2653	"	Nolan,	P	" "	"D" "
638	"	Hind,	W.O.	" "	"B" "

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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

6/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES, O.C.

DUTIES,

Orderly Officer	Lieut. F. Luscombe.
Next for Duty	Lieut. M. Leslie.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt, Lee, E.E.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Lewis, O.B.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Cardle, J.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Dummer, E.

PARADES.

0900 to 0915.	Company Inspection, Dress :- Drill Order.
0915 to 1200.	Route March.

Reinforcements.

Men who marched in from Base on 5/12/18. will parade to Company Orderly Room at 0915. Dress :- Drill Order.

STRENGTH.

The following O/Ranks Having marched in are taken on strength and posted to Sections as follows :-

"A" Section.	635 Pte Capel, P	
	1432 " Robinson, G.P.	
	2088 " Linter, T.A.	
	4487 " Hawkins, G.	
"B" "	907 Pte. Hales, E.W.	
	2516 " Cusick, A.W.	
	4491 " Beazley, E.	
	6711 " Bryant, T.J.	
"C" "	7217 Pte. Cumberland A.E.	
	675 " Chaffer, H.C.	
	722 " Hanigan, A.E.	
	2791 " Brunyee, G.W.	
	2783 " Bloomer, B.G.	

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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

5/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES. O.C.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. C. Williams.
Next for Duty	Lieut. F. Luscombe.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Littlejohns, H.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Bradford, J.

PARADES.

0900 to 1015.	Route March. Dress:- Drill Order over Greatca
1015 to 1100.	Gun Drill.
1100 to 1200.	Company Lecture, at School (Top Floor Dress :- Clean Fatigue.

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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERSBY

4/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES, O. C.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. C. Williams
Next for Duty	Lieut. F. Luscombe.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Davison L.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Littlejohns. H.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Smith, M.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Bradford. J.

PARADES.

0900	Company Parade.
	Dress, drill Order.
0915 to 1200	Cleaning Gun Gear and Stores.

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

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

3/12/1918.

LIEUT. H. SYKES. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. M. Ryan. "MM"
Next for Duty	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Cosier, C.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Davison, L.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Malone, J.B.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Smith, W.M.

PARADES.

0900.	Company Inspection,
	Dress :- Drill Order.
0915-1100.	Route March.

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

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.BY2/12/1918.LIEUT. H. SYKES. O.C.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. Cumming, R. "DCM"
Next for Duty	Lieut. Ryan, M. "MM"
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Atkins, A.E.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Cosier, C.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Jamieson, H.R.S. "MM"
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Malone, J.B.

PARADES.

Company Parade :-	0900	Dress :- Drill Order.
	1030	Route March.
	1115	Guards and Sentries.
	1200	Cleaning Gun Gear etc.
	1400 to 1600	Recreational Training.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

1/12/1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LIEUT H. SYKES. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. M.H. Leslie.
Next for Duty	Lieut. R. Cumming. "DCM"
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Littlejohns, H.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Atkins, A.E.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Moyle, C.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Jamieson, R.

PARADES.

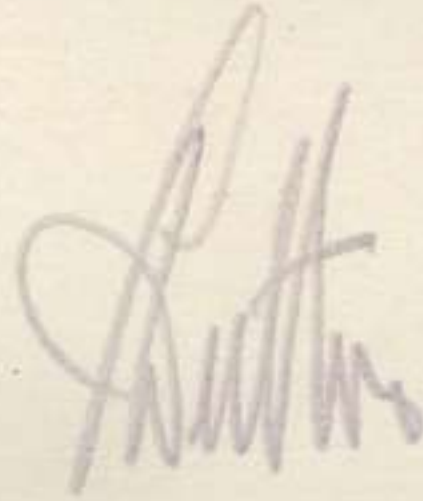
REVEILLE:- 0800
 BREAKFAST:- 0830

R.C. Parade 1000
 Dress :- Clean Fatigue.

C of E. and Other Denominations
 1055
 Dress :- Belts and Side arms over
 Greatcoats. Gloves will be worn.

MAIL.

In future no letters will be handed into Company Orderly Room. Section Sergeants will in future arrange to collect mail from Sections before 1800 daily and hand same to their respective Section Commanders.



Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian Machine G.C

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER. No 4.

19th. DECEMBER. 1918.

Company will move this day:-

- (1) Company will move out March Route for LE-ROUX.
this day.
- (2) Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.
- (3) PARADES. Full Company Parade 0900. Dress:-
Full Marching Order.
- (4) BILLETING PARTY. Lieut. Ryan and two O/R's on
bicycles will move off for LE-ROUX at 0800.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER No 3. 18th December, 1918.

Company will move this day:-

Company will move out March Route for
JONCRET this day.

- (1) Reveille:- 0630. Breakfast:- 0715.
- (2) PARADES. Sections will fall in at 0755. Dress:-
Full Marching Order.
- (3) BLANKETS. Will be packed neatly and securely on
Limbers by 0710.
- (4) All Valises will be on their respective Limbers
by 0740.
- (5) Transport will be hooked in and ready to move at
0800. G.S.Waggon will be packed by 0710. C.S.M.
will detail a party to do this.
- (6) BILLETING PARTY. Lieut C.S.Williams and two O/R's
on bicycles, will report to Lieut Hay at Church
GOURDINNE at a time to be notified verbally.

Lieut for O.C.

1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER. No 2.

17th DECEMBER. 1918.

Company will move this day:-

- (1) Company will move out March Route for GOURDINNE this day.
- (2) Reveille:- 0645. Breakfast:- 0750.
- (3) PARADES. Sections will parade at 0845. Dress:- Full Marching Order, and will move off independently to Transport Lines.
- (4) Blankets and Officers Valises will be on their respective Limbers by 0745, G.S.Waggon will be packed by 0730.
- (5) Cooker, Water-Cart, and G.S.Waggon will move off for Transport Lines by 0755. Sharp.
- (6) Transport will be hooked in and ready to move by 0900.

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

COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER NO1.FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

MOVE. The Company will march out from present location en-route for BARBERCON on the 16th. Inst.

STARTING POINT. Road Junction L'ECREVISSIE (NAMUR, 1:100,000).

PARADE. The Company will Parade at 0915 on Road near H.Q. Billets.
Dress. Full Marching Order, less Blankets and Steel Helmets.

TRANSPORT. All Transport Vehicles will be loaded and hooked in ready to move out at 0935.

All Drivers will be uniformly dressed, Greatcoats or British Warmes will be worn, S.B.R. will be carried.

Transport Brakesmen will wear Fighting Order less S.B.R., which may be placed under Limber Cover, their Rifles will be slung.

OFFICERS VALISES. All Officers Valises will ~~be~~ carried on the D.A.C. & G.S. waggon attached and must be on the waggon by 0845.

MEAL. Company Cooks will prepare hot "Cocoa and Milk" for issue to Company by 1220, C.Q.M.S., will make available, supplies of Tinned Beef and Biscuits at this hour.

BILLETS. All billets, transport limes and stables, will be left in a scrupulously clean condition. The Orderly Officer will report at 0915 that this has been done. All Latrines will be filled in.

BLANKETS. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of Ten, and ^{packed} ~~stacked~~ as per instructions re-packing of limbers, this will be complete by 0800. Section Sergeants or N.C.O'S in charge ^{of section} will make ~~it~~ their personal duty to supervise this packing for their respective Sections.

Issued at 1645.
By Runner, to all concerned

DISTRIBUTION.

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	2.	"A" Section.
	3.	"B" "
	3.	"C" "
	4.	"D" "
	5.	"H.Q." "
	6.	"Transport.

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

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters 18th Novr. 1918.

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

Battalion Order for move to LE ROUX tomorrow
19th inst.

1. Order of March will be:-
 - 3rd. A.M.G.Coy.
 - 1st. A.M.G.Coy.
 - Battalion H.Qrs.
 - 21st. A.M.G.Coy.
 - 2nd. A.M.G.Coy.
2. Starting point for all Companies except 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. will be X Roads North of "A" in ACOZ.
3. Time for head of column to pass starting point - 0915.
4. 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. will join rear of column at FIGOTTRIE.
5. Companies will make their own arrangements as to sending parties forward to act as guides.
6. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Headquarters (Billet No. 75) JONCRET at 1930 and with ~~Commanding Officer~~ at 0730 tomorrow.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. ...

Captain and Adj. G.
 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

0905
 0855

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"A" Form.
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* R.90.	17;12;18.		AAA

as soon after 0900 on 18th inst. as possible to arrange billets for the Battalion in JONCRET and FIGOTTERIE. Lt. K.H.D.HAY will be in charge of the party who will report to him at the CHURCH GOURDINNE at a time to be arranged by him.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

From **1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.**

Place

Time

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Rinellie 0630

Breakfast 0715.

{ Fall in by sections → M.O.
at 0755.

Blankets will be pushed
neatly and evenly on benches
by 0740.

All natives will be on their
respective waggon by 0740.

Insport will be hooked in
and ready to move at

0800. G.S. Wagon will be pushed by 0740.

Company will detach a party to do this.

Relief party (Lieut. C. S. Williams
commanded) will report to Lt.

Ray at Church Courthouse at

a time to be notified verbally

(and 2 O'Brien on bicycles)

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

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Order for march tomorrow the 18th inst.

- Order of march will be 2nd.Coy. - 3rd. Coy. -
- 21st. Coy. - 1st. Coy.
- Companies will fall in on the road -
GOURDINNE - PAIRIN - NALINNES (running on the
East of the BOIS DE BACONVAL) - head of column
to be at the road junction due East of the BOIS
DE BACONVAL ready to move off at 0820.
- Watches will be synchronised with Battn.H.Q.
at Billet No. 18 in the SQUARE at 1930 tonight
and 0730 tomorrow the 18th inst.
- Billeting. One Officer from 1st.Coy. and one
Officer from 21st.Coy. both to be mounted and
2 O.R's. per Coy. and Battn. H.Q. on bicycles
will report to Staff Capt. 1st.A.I.Bde. GOUGNIES

From		
Place		
Time		

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At m. Service. From
 To By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 1st 2nd 3rd + 21st AUST. M. G. Coy.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * F. 3 16-12-18

Bn. Orders for march to GOURDINNE tomorrow 17th inst -
 ① Bn. will parade in Transport field at 0900.
 ② O's C. Coys will see that all Transport vehicles other than in the Transport lines are in the above field by 0800, so as to cause no confusion to the Bn's who precede us.
 ③ O's C. Coys. will ensure that their Coys. are marched to the Bn. Parade ground by sections and on no account are they to get in the way of inf. battalions on the march on the main road.

From ④ Order of March -
 Place 1st Co - 2nd Co - 3rd Co - 21st Co.
 Time + Bn. H. Q.
 This above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) (OVER)
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5. O's C. Coys. will inform their command that tomorrow is our largest march and there will be no halt for lunch. A few biscuits or pieces of bread could with advantage be carried on the person.
6. As good a breakfast as possible under the circumstances will be given to the men.
7. Watches will be synchronised at Bn. H. Q. at 2000 tonight, and the C.O. on Bn. Parade tomorrow morning.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

From 1st AUST. M. G. Bn.
 Place
 Time 1800 16/12/18.
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Coy Movement Order No 2.

1. Coy will move out by march Route for G — this day.
2. Ret. 0645. Breakfast 0750.
~~Follow on~~
3. Parades: Section Parades 0845.
Dress full M. Order & will move off independently to Transport line.
4. Blankets & Officers Valises will be on their respective Waggon by 0745. G.S. Waggon will be packed by 0730.
5. ^{Water cart} ~~Cooking~~ G.S. Waggon will move off for Transport line by 0955 sharp.
6. Transport will be hoisted in ready to move at 0900.

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

----- MARCH TABLE. -----

Day.	From	To	Route.	Starting Point.	Time to pass Starting Point.	Remarks.
"B" 16th. inst.	BEAURIEUX	BARBENCON	Via Grandieu & Fond de Lorrior.	L'ECREVISSE.	1020	Order of March will be :- 21st.Coy.) 1st.Coy.) Head of Column to Bn.H.Q.) be 50 yards from 2nd.Coy.) L'ECREVISSE at 3rd.Coy.) 1000, Battalion will be leading the Brigade Group.
"C" 17th. inst.	BARBENCON.	GOURDINNE	Via Castillon Fontenelle Walcourt.	X Roads south of "38" N.E. of BARBENCON.	0934	Order of March will be :- 5th.A.I.Bn., 6th.A.I.Bn., 8th. A.I.Bn., 7th.A.I.Bn., 2nd.A.L. T.M.Bty., Brigade H.Q., and No.4 Sig. Section., 1st.A.M.G. Battalion. (Further Orders later).
"D" 18th. inst.	GOURDINNE.	JONCRET & FIGOTTERIE.	Via NALINNES La FAISANDERIE.	Road Junction due E. of Bois de BACONVAL.	0945	Join rear of Brigade Column at NALINNES. (Further Orders later).
"E" 19th. inst.	JONCRET & FIGOTTERIE.	LE ROUX	Via PRESLES.	(Further Orders Later).		

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1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters 14th Novr. 1918.

ADDENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 54.

1. The following will be the order of march, starting points and time to pass starting points for march to new Area. -

<u>Day.</u>	<u>Order of March</u>	<u>Starting point.</u>	<u>Time to pass starting point.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
"B"	21st. A.M.G. Coy. 1st. A.M.G. Coy. Battalion H.Q.) 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy.)	Road Junction L'ECREVISSE.	1020	Companies will be in position on road, head of column at L'ECREVISSE at 1000.
"C"	To be notified later.			
"D"	To be notified later.			

2. DRESS. Full marching order- less blankets and steel helmets. Transport personnel will be uniformly dressed. Brakesmen will wear fighting order.

3. LUNCH. On the 16th inst. at 1220 column will halt for 40 minutes for lunch. Officers Commanding Companies will make arrangements for Cookers to be prepared for this.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M4CH3

Walter Smith

Captain and Adjutant.
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

To all recipients of Bn Order No 54

O.B. Fisher

A. Smith

1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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(Secret)

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No.....

Battalion Headquarters,
15th. December, 1918.

ADDENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 54.

1. March Table attached to above order is cancelled and attached substituted.
2. The following distances will be maintained on the march :-
 - Between Company and Company Transport - 100 Yards.
 - Between Companies - 100 Yards.
 - Between Units - 500 Yards.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. L. H. S.

M. L. H. S.

Captain and Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

1st. AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION

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Battalion Headquarters,
12th. December, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
issued in connection with Battalion Order No.

1. An advance party consisting of Lieut. N.B. AAGAARD and No. 4451 Cpl. BEZZINA, M., will proceed to new area by Motor Lorry on "A" minus 1 day. Motor Lorry will pick this party up at Road Junction L'ECREVISSE (where road past 21st. A.M.G. Coy. Headquarters meets road to HESTRUD) at 0830.
2. Lieut. J.S. MORRISON, Div. Gas Officer will act as Area Commandant, Div. Troops Area, and as Town Major, PRESLES.
3. Lieut. N.B. AAGAARD will act as Town Major Le ROUX.
His duties will be as follows :-
 - (i) To organise the billeting, sanitation, etc., in preparation for the arrival of the Battalion.
 - (ii) Reconnoitre especially for sites for latrines, baths, ablution sheds, drying rooms, halls (or the equivalent) suitable for cinemas, lectures and recreation.
 - (iii) Prepare and forward to Battalion Headquarters for transmission to Division a report on the whole area.
 - (iv) Prepare and forward to Battalion Headquarters a list of signboards required for X roads, etc., which will be constructed by C.R.E.
 - (v) Report to Battalion Headquarters each Thursday :-
 - (a) Total Accommodation.
 - (b) Vacant Accommodation.
4. His duties as Billeting Officer will be :-
 - (i) Allot billets for Battalion Headquarters, Officers and Officers Mess and Cookhouse, Canteen, R.A.P., Orderly Room, Signal Office, Signal Section, Transport Lines and Stabling, Men's Cookhouse, Sergeants and Sergeants Mess.
 - (ii) Allot billets for four Companies. Officers, Officers Mess and Cookhouse, Orderly Room, Sergeants and Sergeants Mess, Transport (lines and stabling) men's billets and mess rooms where possible, cookhouses, etc., etc.
 - (iii) If a suitable building or buildings are available allot them for men's club, that is, rooms for lectures, reading and recreation. If possible 1 per Company and Battalion H.Q.
5. An Officer and 2 Other Ranks from each Company will go forward on "D" day and meet Lieut. AAGAARD at the Church at Le ROUX, and will act as guides to lead Companies to their billets.
6. Supply arrangements for the move will be as follows :-
 - "B" Day. Draw rations at SANS POTERIES at 0700 for consumption on "C" Day.
 - "C" Day. Draw rations at BARBENGOH at 0700 for consumption on "D" Day.
 - "D" Day. Draw rations at PEY at 0700 for consumption on "E" Day.
 - "E" Day. Draw rations with 1st. A.I. Brigade at GERPINNES at 0900.
 - "F" Day, and subsequently draw from 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Dump.

Quartermaster will, however, keep in close liaison with Supply Officer in order to cope with any situation which may arise, as arrangements are subject to alteration, in case of the late arrival of Supply Trains.

7. Area Stores will be left in present area. Latrines will be left in a sanitary condition and rubbish burned or buried before billets are vacated.

G.R.O. 1146 regarding claims will be complied with, and the necessary billeting certificates rendered to Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon on "A" Day.

8. The Town Major in the present area, will if no other unit arrives to take over, hand billeting statistics to Mairie for information of Troops following. He will not leave till all troops have left, and will render a certificate to Battalion Headquarters for transmission to Divisional Headquarters that billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.

9. Sanitation. (a) R.M.O. will examine water supply in new area and cause good and bad sources to be clearly marked.
(b) Manure will be removed from vicinity of billets or close packed.

W. H. Smith
Captain and Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

1. War Diary.
2. File.
3. 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.
4. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
5. 3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
6. 21st. Aust. M.G. Coy.
7. 1st. Aust. Division.

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TO BE ISSUED TO ALL OFFICERS.

NOTES ON MARCH DISCIPLINE.

1. The comfort of troops on the march depends on the maintenance of good march discipline.
2. Officers are responsible for the maintenance of march discipline of their own units. It is the duty of the Provost Marshal's branch to control traffic, but not to instruct units in march discipline.
3. In order to prevent a minor check in a column being felt throughout its length, the following distances will be maintained :

In rear of an Infantry Company	...	10 yards.
,, Battery, or other unit not specified here	... } 25 yards.	
,, Brigade R.A., or Infantry Battalion	... } 50 yards.	
,, Infantry Brigade	... } According to	
,, Division	... } circumstances.	

These distances will be maintained when the column is halted.

An officer or N.C.O. will invariably be detailed to march at the head of each unit, which preserves a distance from that in front, to see that the proper distance is maintained.

4. An officer will invariably be detailed to march in rear of each unit to see that no man quits the ranks without permission, that the sections, files, vehicles and animals keep properly closed up and that his unit does not unduly open out.

5. In order to prevent the column becoming unduly long, officers and N.C.O.s will march in the sections of fours. In each platoon there will not be more than one incomplete section of fours.

6. No personnel, whether mounted or on foot, will march alongside guns or vehicles. All N.C.O.s and men, other than the transport personnel, accompanying transport will march in a formed body.

7. Bicycles will not be ridden in the column of march.

8. The column will halt at 10 minutes to each clock hour, and resume the march at the hour, *e.g.* 0750—0800 ; 0850—0900.

9. Whenever the column halts, personnel will immediately fall out on the right of the road, and if the ground permits, leave the road completely clear. Transport will draw up as close to the right edge of the road as possible.

10. The column will not be halted in a defile, such as a village. If, when the column halts, a unit finds itself in a defile, the unit will at once clear the road by moving forward out of the defile or by taking advantage of side roads or squares,

Particular care will be taken when halted to leave clear all cross roads, road junctions and approaches to bridges and level crossings.

11. In the event of a block or break in the road, it is the duty of the senior officer on the spot to take immediate steps to clear the block or repair the break.

12. The following will be provided :—

(a) Medical arrangements behind battalions and brigades for bringing on men who cannot march.

(b) An officers' party to bring on stragglers.

(c) Machinery for the prompt investigation of the cases of men who fall out on the march. It is necessary to deal severely and expeditiously with "professional" fallers-out.

Healthy opinion and esprit de corps on this important question have worked, and will work, wonders.

13. No compliments are to be paid on the march.

A. A. MONTGOMERY, Major-General,
General Staff, Fourth Army.

H.Q., FOURTH ARMY,
15th November, 1918.

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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----- MARCH TABLE -----

To accompany Battalion Order No. 54.

Day	From	To	Route and Remarks.
"B"	BEAURIEUX	BARBENCON - SOLRE LE CHATEAU ^{GERY}	Via GRANDIEV. (Starting point time and order of March will be notified later.)
"C"	BARBENCON - SOLRE St. GERY	THY - LE - CHATEAU Staging Area.	Via CASTILLON + FONTENELLE - WALCOURT. (Starting point time and order of march will be notified later.)
"D"	THY - LE - CHATEAU Staging Area.	Le ROUX.	SONZEE - GERPINNES - FIGOTTERIE - PRESLES.

Battalion Headquarters,
12th. December, 1918.

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BATTALION ORDER No. 54.

1. The 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion will move to Le ROUX - S.E. of CHARLEROI in accordance with attached March Table.

"A" Day will be notified later.

2. For the purpose of the move, the Division will be divided into three groups - "A" "B" and "C".
The Battalion will be attached to "B" Group, composed as follows :

- 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- No. 3 Section, Div. Sig. Coy.
- 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance.
- No. 3 Coy. Div. Train.
- 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.
- Mob. Vet. Section.

On arrival in new area the Battalion will be detached from "B" Group and be billeted in Divisional Troops Area.

3. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.
4. Attention is directed to Fourth Army No. G.S. 128 (Notes on March Discipline). The distances laid down therein will be maintained.

~~5. Battalion Headquarters will close at BEAUFORT at 1000 "B" Day and re-open at Le ROUX at the same hour.~~

Acknowledge.

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Captain and Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
10th December, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH
DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 136 of 9th NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. (a) Advance parties as under will be sent forward by Motor Lorry to the new Area.

UNIT.	PERSONNEL.	DATE.	REMARKS.
1 Lorry. { 1st A.I.Bde. { 2nd A.I.Bde.	5 Off. 5 O.R. 5 Off. 5 O.R.	A. minus 2 day.	Pick up at SARS POTERIES Church at 8 a.m. Pick up at SOLRE LE CHATEAU Church at 8.15 a.m.
Belgian Interpreters as required and lorry accommodation available.			
1 Lorry. { 1st Div. Art. { 3rd (Army) Bde. AFA.	As required.	A. minus 2 day.	Pick up at Div. Art. H.Q. at 7 a.m.
Belgian Interpreters as required and lorry accommodation available.			
1 Lorry. { 3rd A.I.Bde. { 1st M.G.Bn. { 1st Pnr. Bn. { 1st Div. Engrs.	5 Off. 5 O.R. 1 Off. 1 O.R. 1 Off. 1 O.R. 1 Off. 1 O.R.	A. minus 1 day.	Pick up 3rd Bde. H.Q. 8 a.m. SOLRE LE CHATEAU Church 8.15 a.m. X Roads, L'ECREVISSE, 8.30 a.m. Pnr. Bn. H.Q., HESTRUD, 8.45 am
Interpreters as required, and lorry accommodation available.			

P.T.O.-

(b) Of the above Officers 1 per Brigade will be detailed as Area Commandant (temporarily) of the Brigade Area to co-ordinate the work of the Artillery Brigade or Battalion Representatives, who will be detailed as Town Majors of the Area allotted to the Artillery Brigade or Battalion.

Town Majors will organise billeting, sanitation, etc., in preparation for the arrival of their Units. They will have plans of the billeting accommodation prepared as soon as possible.

Area Commandants and Town Majors will reconnoitre their Areas for latrines, baths, ablution sheds, drying rooms, halls suitable for cinemas, lectures and recreation, and advise the unit concerned forwarding a copy to Divisional Headquarters direct. They will notify C.R.E. at once of the signboards required for cross roads, etc., and C.R.E. will arrange to make these available as soon as possible.

These Officers will be given written authority.

The Area Commandant will be also responsible that the class rooms are selected for Educational purposes in each Battalion Area, and Workshops in each Brigade Area.

(c) Names of these Officers will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters at once, and their locations as soon as possible.

(d) Lieut. J.S. MORRISON, Divisional Gas Officer, will act as Area Commandant Divisional Troops Area and Town Major, PRESLES.

(e) Town Majors will report to this Office each Friday the
(i) total accommodation, and
(ii) vacant accommodation in each village.

2. D.A.P.M's. Transport will move with 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group on 'A' day and on 'B' day will proceed direct to CHATELET. D.A.D.O.S., French and Belgian Missions, Divisional Paymaster, Laundry and Wholesale Canteen will move independently to CHATELET.

The following will move with 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group on 'A' day and on 'B' day will proceed direct to PRESLES.

1st Div. Headquarters Transport.

1st Div. Engr. Headquarters.

Headquarters and No. 1 Section 1st Div. Sig. Coy. will move independently to PRESLES.

P.T.O.-

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3. D.A.Q.M.G. will arrange direct with Units regarding Lorries for the move.

4. Supply Arrangements for the move will be as follows:-

'A' DAY. 1st Aust. Div. Artillery draw rations at DIMECHAUX at 0700 for consumption 'B' day.
1st Aust. Inf. Brigade, including 1st Div. Hqrs., draw rations at SOLRE LE CHATEAU at 0700 for consumption 'B' day.

'B' DAY. 1st Aust. Div. Artillery draw rations at FONTENELLE at 0700 for consumption 'C' day.
1st Aust. Inf. Brigade, including 1st Div. Hqrs., draw rations at STREE at 0700 for consumption 'C' day.
Units now drawing, but not moving on 'A' day with this Group, will draw from Group they move with.
3rd (Army) Bde. A.F.A. draw rations at DIMONT at 0700 for consumption 'C' day.
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade, including M.G. Battalion, draw rations at SARS POTERIES at 0700 for consumption 'C' day.

'C' DAY. 1st Aust. Div. Artillery having completed move draw rations at ORET at 0900 for 'D' day and subsequently.
1st Aust. Inf. Brigade having completed move draw rations at GERPINNES at 0900 for 'D' day and subsequently.

1st Div. Hqrs., will draw from FIGOTTERIE till 'F' day, when they will draw from CHATELET
3rd (Army) Bde. A.F.A. draw rations at FONTENELLE at 0700 for consumption 'D' day.
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade draw rations at BARBENCON at 0700 for consumption 'D' day.
3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade draw rations at BEUGNIES at 0700 for consumption 'D' day.

'D' DAY. 3rd (Army) Bde. A.F.A. having completed move draw rations at HANZINNE at 0900 for consumption 'E' day and subsequent days.
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade draw rations at PRY at 0700 for consumption 'E' day.
3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade draw rations at BARBENCON at 0700 for consumption 'E' day.

P.T.O.-

'E' DAY. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade having completed move draw rations at COUILLET at 0900 for consumption 'F' day and subsequent days.

1st M.G. Battalion will draw with 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade at GERPINNES at 0900.

3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade draw rations at PRY at 0700 for consumption 'F' day.

'F' DAY. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade having completed move draw rations at CHATELET at 0900 for consumption following and subsequent days.

1st Div. Hqrs., 1st Div. Engineers, 1st Pioneer Battalion and 1st M.G. Battalion will draw with 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade on this day and subsequently.

Staff Captains and Supply Officers will, however, keep close liaison in order to cope with any situation which may arise, as arrangements are subject to alteration in case of late arrival of Supply Trains.

5. Area Stores will be left in the present Area. Latrines will be left in a sanitary condition and all rubbish burned or buried before billets are vacated. G.R.O. 1146 regarding Claims will be complied with by all Units, and the necessary Billeting Certificates will be furnished.

6. Town Majors in the present Area will, if no other Unit arrives to take over, hand billeting statistics to Mairie for information of Troops following. They will not leave their Towns till all troops have left, and will send a certificate to Divisional Headquarters through their Units that billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.

7. A permanent picquet will be provided by D.A.P.M. in CHARLEROI. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will detail an Officer to command. Picquet Officer will report to D.A.P.M. CHARLEROI. Picquet will be billeted at Cavalry Barracks, Boulevard Pierre Mayence, CHARLEROI. Belgian Mission will detail one Interpreter to be attached to picquet.

P.T.O.

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8. SANITATION.

(a) Water supply in the new area will be examined and good and bad sources clearly marked.

(b) Manure will be removed from vicinity of billets or close packed.

9. ROADS.

Troops will keep road drains in the new area clear except on CHATELET - METTET Road and COUILLET - FRAIRE Road.

V. Hardie

Major,
A/A. A. & Q. M. G.,
1st Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,
14th December 1918.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED
WITH DIVISIONAL ORDER No 136 OF 9th DECEMBER 1918

1. 1st Divisional Headquarters and 1st Divisional Engineer Headquarters transport will move direct to destination on 19th instant.

2. (a). Supply arrangements are amended as follows :-
1st Div'l H.Qrs, Div'l Sig Coy (Less personnel at Presles) and H.Qrs Div'l Engineers (less personnel at Presles) will draw as follows :-
With 3rd Brigade at Beugnies on 16th for consumption 17th.
With 3rd Brigade at Beugnies on 17th for consumption 18th and 19th.
With 1st Brigade at Hymiee on 19th for consumption 20th

(b) Rations for D.H.Q Personnel at Presles will be drawn by Sig Coy from Supply Officer 1st Div'l Troops at Fontenelle at 0700 16th inst for consumption 17th and at Oret at 0900 on 17th

and at NYMIEE on 18th and 19th

(c) Div'l Headquarters complete will draw with 3rd Brigade at Chatelet on 20th inst and subsequently.

(d) Reinforcement Wing will draw with 2nd Brigade at Couillot on 19th and subsequently.

(e) 1st Brigade refilling point will be at Hymiee on 17th and subsequently.

3. M.G.Bn will stage night 18/19th December at Joncret and Figotterie. They will draw supplies with 1st Brigade at Hymiee on 19th for consumption 20th and with 3rd Brigade at Chatelet on 20th and subsequently.

For information

V.L. Hardie

Major.
a/A. A. & C. M. G.
1st Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

TRANSPORT OFFICERS MONTHLY APPRECIATION.

31st DECEMBER 1918

On the 14th Ultimo I took over the Transport Section from Lieut. A. B. Wearne who proceeded to Paris on duty and leave.

PERSONNEL.

There has been very few alterations for period:-

- 1 O/Rank returned to Australia.
- 4 O/Ranks granted leave to U.K.
- 2 O/Ranks evacuated to Hospital.

HORSES.

One hack transferred to Battalion Headquarters to replace hack of Captain Baker-Finch's, transferred to this Company.

GENERAL.

On the march to our present Billets, we had exceptionally bad weather, which told a good deal on the Horses, especially as Stables were not procurable En Route;

Our present Billets for both Men and Horses are very good, enabling clipping to be practically completed, and Horses to regain condition.

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Lieut. Transport Officer.

1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

First Australian Machine Gun Company.
31st December. 1918.

Memo: reference to Company Commanders Monthly Appreciation
report, re Classes, etc:-

LECTURES.

Internal Combustion Engines.

CLASSES.

Shorthand. Conversation: - French and German.

L. S. Sutherland

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

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31st DECEMBER. 1918.

TRAINING.

General, with more of a tendency to Physical Training Etc.

EDUCATIONAL.

Classes as enumerated below were started; although some difficulty was experienced in obtaining definite sequence of lessons in various Subjects, on the whole the results obtained are fairly good, and the scheme is now running on more definite lines.

RECREATIONAL TRAINING.

Recreational training of the Company for this month has been good, although the move from Beaurieux to the Le Roux Area affected same slightly.

A recreational Room is now open for the use of the Company, and orders have been placed with various firms in London for a regular supply of papers, periodicals, etc.

RATIONS.

For this Month have ^{been} much below the usual stand^{ard}, and a written complaint has been submitted through the usual channels in order to try and improve same.

GENERAL.

Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining an adequate supply of Clothing, Rations, Etc, this matter has been subject to the matter of numerous complaints, and efforts are being made to improve the situation. Rations are being supplemented by vegetables procured from the Inhabitants of the surrounding Districts.

The general Condition of the Company is good, and although the present bad weather conditions have interfered with the parades to a large extent, the physical condition of the Troops is excellent.

Butter

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Evacuations. Reinforcements. Leave. Etc.

31st Dec

Strength of Company as at 1st December. 1918:-

9 Officers. 181 O/Ranks.

From 1st Dec: to 7th Dec: 5 O/Ranks were granted leave to Austral

5 O/Ranks returned from U.K. leave.

4 O/Ranks transferred to A.A.S.C. as

1 O/Rank returned from Hospital.

130/Ranks taken on Strength from Bas

From 8th Dec: to 15th Dec: 1 Officer proceeded to U.K. on 75

2 O/Ranks transferred to Admin: H.8

1 O/Rank transferred to 14th A.I. Brigade.

2 O/Ranks evacuated to Hospital.

1 O/Rank returned from Hospital.

4 O/Ranks granted leave to U.K.

From 16th Dec: to 23rd Dec: 1 Officer proceeded to U.K. on 75 days leave.

3 O/Ranks granted leave to U.K.

5 O/Ranks returned from U.K. leave.

1 Officer. 1 O/Rank leave to Paris.

1 O/Rank returned to Australia.

1 O/Rank evacuated to Hospital.

From 24th Dec: to 31st Dec: 6 O/Ranks evacuated to Hospital.

1 O/Rank returned from Hospital.

1 Officer proceeded to U.K. on 75 days leave.

5 O/Ranks granted leave to U.K.

1 Officer returned from Paris leave.

6 O/Ranks returned to Australia.

Making a total strength of 5 Officers and 166 O/Ranks as at 31-12-18.

Dutton

Lieut for O.C.

First Australian Machine Gun Company.