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OF

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FOR

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONG.	1st. October. 1918.		Bright during morning, Overcast later. Training continues. Personnel of Australian Mission report back. G.T. G.H.Q. called - any queries re training.	
" "	2nd.	"	Fine day. Training continues no information re Ranges.	
" "	3rd.	"	Fine day. Training continues. Colonel JAMES. I.G. Training called to arrange lectures to Officers and N.C.Os on Aircraft. Services 8th and 9th arranged, also any further lectures could be arranged direct with him at G.H.Q. if Senior Officers required a lecture. Phone message from Corps cancelling lectures to be done by own Corps Squadron.	
" "	4th.	"	Training continues. Major MORELL taken over duties G.S.O.II.	
" "	5th.	"	Bright day. Training continues.	
" "	6th.	"	Bright day.- Sunday - Church parades.	
" "	7th.	"	Training continues.	
" "	8th.	"	do do	
" "	9th.	"	do do	
" "	10th.	"	do do	
" "	11th.	"	do do	
" "	12th.	"	do do	
" "	13th.	"	Sunday - Church Parade.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONG	14th.	October.	1918. Bright day. Training continues. Colonel ROSS (G.S.O.I.) goes away lecturing and is accompanied by Lieut. PRIESTLEY. (G.S.O.III.)	
" "	15th.	" "	Dull day and showery. Training continues.	
" "	16th.	" "	Dull weather but no rain. Training continues.	
" "	17th.	" "	Dull weather. Training continues.	
" "	18th.	" "	Bright day - Training continues. General T.W. GLASGOW goes to PARIS and Colonel ROSS and G.S.O.III return to LONG.	
" "	19th.	" "	Bright day. Training continues. Lectures to Battalions by G.S.O.III.	
" "	20th.	" "	Wet weather. Sunday - Church Parades.	
" "	21st.	" "	Dull day. Training continues. Further lectures by G.S.O.III.	
" "	22nd.	" "	Training continues. The G.S.O.I. carries on with tactical walks and the G.S.O.III. lectures Battalions. Weather dull.	
" "	23rd.	" "	Bright day. Training continues.	
" "	24th.	" "	do do.	

OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONG.	25th.	October.	1918. Training continues. Backward shots being practiced on ranges, Units exercise competing teams in Divisional Rifle Competitions. Rifle Ranges being prepared.	
" "	26th.	" "	Brig-Genl GUGGISBERG Inspector General of Training G.H.Q. called to discuss with G.S.O.I. points to be brought up at Conference to be held 28th of all regimental Officers down to Company Commanders. Interviewed General BENNETT A/ G.O.C. Division. Arranged in addition to hold a 2nd Conference of 2nd Brigade Senior Officers on 29th. Lieut-Colonel LEVY of G.H.Q. training Staff arranged about attendance of Demonstration platoon at Conference Army Commander interviewed G.O.C., G.Os.C, and Brigade Majors. Attended Musketry Demonstration at Aust Corps School.	
" "	27th.	" "	Church parades. Bright day. G.S.O.II. Operations G.H.Q. Major WOOTTEN called from G.H.Q. Interviewed Colonel H.G. VINEY. re strengths and fitness of Battalions.	
" "	28th.	" "	Conference held at PONT REMY Concert Hall of all Regimental Officers down to Company Commanders, also work with demonstration platoon.	
" "	29th.	" "	General GLASGOW returns from leave to PARIS and UNITED KINGDOM. General GUGGESBERG and Staff hold Conference at 2nd Brigade H.Q. of 2nd Brigade Senior Officers. Discussion on lessons learnt in recent fighting. Fine weather.	
" "	30th.	" "	Weather dull and misty. Divisional Rifle Competitions.	
" "	31st.	" "	Weather dull and misty with rain at intervals. Divisional Rifle Competitions.	

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WAR DIARY APPENDIX

OF

"General Staff" - 1st Aust. Division.

FOR

OCTOBER 1918.

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APPENDIX I

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.LOCATIONS as at 3 a.m. 1st October, 1918.

UNIT.	HEADQUARTERS.	WAGON LINES.
1st Aust.Div. Headquarters.	LONG.	
1st Aust.D.A.H.Q.	K.11.c.50.80.	
1st A.F.A.Bde.	L.26.c.50.70.	
2nd A.F.A.Bde.	L.27.c.20.90.	
1st Aust.D.A.C.	K.30.c. Central.	
1st D.A.C., S.A.A. Sect.	K.20.b.3.8.	
1st Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	EPAGNETS.	
1st Battalion.	BUIGNY L'ABBE.	
2nd Battalion.	EMACOURT S'SOMME.	
3rd Battalion.	BELLANCOURT.	
4th Battalion.	VAUCHELLES-les-QUESSNOY.	
1st A.L.T.M. Bty.	BELLANCOURT.	
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	COCQUEREL.	
5th Battalion.	AILLY-le-Haut-CLOCHER.	
6th Battalion.	" " "	
7th Battalion.	" " "	
8th Battalion.	VILLERS-sous-AILLY.	
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	FAMECHON.	
3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	VAUCHELLES.	
9th Battalion.	GORINFLOS.	
10th Battalion.	BRUCAMPS.	
11th Battalion.	L'ETOILE.	
12th Battalion.	ERGNIES.	
3rd A.L.T.M. Bty.	VAUCHELLES.	
1st Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.	LONG.	
1st A.M.G. Coy.	EPAGNETTE.	
2nd A.M.G. Coy.	FRANCIERES.	
3rd A.M.G. Coy.	MOUFLERS.	
21st A.M.G. Coy.	VILLERS-sous-AILLY.	
C.R.E.	LONG.	
1st Field Coy. A.E.	MONFLIERS.	
2nd Field Coy. A.E.	VAUCOURT-BUSSUS.	
3rd Field Coy. A.E.	SURCAMPS.	
1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.	J.23.b.9.9.	Sheet 620.

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A.D.M.S.

1st Aust. Field Amb.
2nd Aust. Field Amb.
3rd Aust. Field Amb.

1st Aust. Div. Train. H.Q.

S.S.O.
No. 1. Coy. A.A.S.C.
No. 2. Coy. A.A.S.C. H.Q.
No. 2. Coy. Supply Section.
No. 3. Coy. A.A.S.C.
No. 3. Coy. Supply Section.
No. 4. Coy. A.A.S.C.
No. 4. Coy. Supply Section.

D.A.D.O.S. and Store.
Baths Officer.
D.A.D.V.S.
Mob. Vet. Section.
Paymaster.
D.A.P.M.
D.G.O.
Clean Clothing Store.
1st Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.
1st Aust. Div. Reinf. Camp.
2nd Aust. Division.
3rd Aust. Division.
4th Aust. Division.
5th Aust. Division.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
French Mission.
Corps F.P. Compound.
Workshops for Light Car and
Ambulance Repairs.
Forward Shops.
Camouflage Park.
1st Aust. M.T. Coy.

LONG.
PONT REMY.
VAUCOURT-BUSSUS.
L'ETOILE.

HALLE.
LONG.
TINCOURT.
HAMELET.
PONT REMY.
HAMELET.
LONG.
TINCOURT.
L'ETOILE.

LONGPRE-les-Corps-SAINTS.
LONG.
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LONGUET.
LONG.
DOINGT. I.36.b.3.3.
ROISEL. Shoot 62 C.
CAVILLON.
M.9.d.7.1. " "
N.16.c. " "
LONG.
PERONNE.

T.17.b.7.5. Shoot 57 E.
I.22.b.4.4. Shoot 62 C.
K.16.a.5.2. " "
D.28.d.21.70. " "

W. J. Colman
for
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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SECRET.1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.LOCATIONS as at 8 a.m. 9th Oct, 1918.

UNIT.	HEADQUARTERS.
1st Aust.Div. Headquarters.	LONG.
1st Aust.D.A.H.Q.	} On move to LONGPRE AREA.
1st A.F.A.Bde.	
2nd A.F.A.Bde.	
1st Aust.D.A.O.	
1st D.A.O., S.A.A.Sect.	
1st Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.	EPAGES.
1st Battalion.	BUIGNY L'ABEE.
2nd Battalion.	EACOURT S' SOMME.
3rd Battalion.	VILLERS-SOUS-AILLY.
4th Battalion.	VAUCHELLES-le-QUESNOY.
1st A.L.T.M.Bty.	VILLERS-SOUS-AILLY.
2nd Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.	COCQUEREL.
5th Battalion.	AILLY-le-Haut-CLOCHER.
6th Battalion.	" " " "
7th Battalion.	VILLERS-SOUS-AILLY.
8th Battalion.	FAMCHON.
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	
3rd Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.	VAUCHELLES.
9th Battalion.	GORENFLOS.
10th Battalion.	BRUGNIES.
11th Battalion.	L'ETOILE.
12th Battalion.	SUPCAMP.
3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.	VAUCHELLES.
1st Aust.M.G.Bn. H.Q.	LONG.
1st A.M.G.Coy.	EPAGNETTE.
2nd A.M.G.Coy.	LONGUET.
3rd A.M.G.Coy.	MOUFLERS.
4th A.M.G.Coy.	FAMECHON.
C.R.E.	LONG.
1st Field Coy.A.E.	MONFLEURS.
2nd Field Coy.A.E.	VAUCOURT-BUSSUS.
3rd Field Coy.A.E.	ERGNIES.
1st Aust.Pioneer Bn.	On move to LONGPRE AREA.

A.D.M.S.

1st Aust. Field Amb.
2nd Aust. Field Amb.
3rd Aust. Field Amb.

1st Aust. Div. Train. H.Q.

S.S.O.
No. 1. Coy. A.A.S.C.
No. 2. Coy. A.A.S.C.
No. 3. Coy. Supply Section.
No. 5. Coy. A.A.S.C.
No. 5. Coy. Supply Section.
No. 4. Coy. A.A.S.C.
No. 4. Coy. Supply Section.

B.A.O.S. and Store.

Baths Officer.

D.A.D.V.S.

Mob. Vet. Section.

Paymaster.

D.A.P.

D.C.O.

Clean Clothing Store

1st Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.

1st Aust. Div. Reinf. Camp.

2nd Australian Division.

3rd Australian Division.

4th Australian Division.

5th Australian Division.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

French Mission.

Corps F.P. Compound.

Workshops for Light Car and

Ambulance Repairs.

Forward Shop.

Camouflage Park.

1st Aust. M.T. Coy.

LONG.

PONT REMY.

VAUCOURT-BUSCUS.

L'ETOILE.

LONG.

LONG.

Moving with A.D.A. Group.

" " " "

PONT REMY.

Moving with A.D.A. Group.

LONG.

Moving with A.D.A. Group.

L'ETOILE.

LONGPRE-1.8-CORPS SAINTS.

LONG.

LONG.

LONGUEY.

LONG.

LONG.

LONG.

LILLY-10-HEUT-CLOCHER.

FRANCIERES

LONG.

YZIEUX AREA.

HALLA NCOURT.

CAVILLON.

HORMEY AREA.

N.16.c.

LONG.

PERONNE.

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D.28.d.21.70. " "

Geo. H. Priestley

Lt. for Lieut-Colonel
General Staff
1st Australian Division

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SECRET.1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.AMENDMENT TO LOCATION LIST OF 8th Oct.LOCATIONS as at 8 a.m. 10th Oct.

1st Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q.	CHATEAU VIEULAIN.
1st A.F.A.Bde.	AIRAINES.
2nd A.F.A.Bde.	CONDE.
3rd (A) Bde.A.F.A.	BUSSUS.
1st Aust.D.A.C. H.Q.	LONGPRE.
No. 1. Section.	"
No. 2. Section.	"
S.A.A. Section.	BETTIENCOURT.
D.T.H.O.	FOLIE.
4th Aust.Inf.Btn.	BELLANCOURT.
No.1.Coy.Div.Train.	AIRAINES.
No.2.Coy.Div.Train.	PONT RELY.
No.3.Coy.Div.Train.	LONG.
No.4.Coy.Div.Train.	L'ETOILE.
5th Aust.Div.H.Q.	OISEMONT.
Baths and Clothing Officer.	AILLY-le-Haut-CLOCHER.
Divisional Baths.) AILLY-le-Haut-CLOCHER.
) LONGPRE-les-Corps-SAINTS.
Clean Clothing Store.	AILLY-le-Haut-CLOCHER.

W. J. Christy

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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SECRET.1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.2nd AMENDMENT TO LOCATION LIST OF 8/10/18.LOCATIONS AS AT 8 a.m.11/10/18.

3rd Aust. Battalion.
2nd Aust. Battalion.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.
1st A.L.F.L. Bty.

EPAGNES.
VILLERS-sous-AILLY.
EU.
VAUCHELMES-les-QUESNOT.
EPAGNES.

W. J. Blundell
Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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SECRET.1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.LOCATIONS AS AT 8.a.m. 20-10-18.

Following Changes since last report;-

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>HEADQUARTERS.</u>
1st. Battalion.	VILLERS-Sous-AILLY.
2nd. Battalion.	EAUCOURT.
12th. Battalion.	ERGNIES.
No.1.Coy.A.A.S.C.	L'ETOILE.

Geo. H. Price
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

12/10/18

APPENDIX 2

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Headquarters,
1st Aust.Div.
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Weekly Report.For week ending 12/10/18

- October 6th. Visited 4th Army Musketry School for information concerning BOUCHON area Ranges. Inspected three sites for proposed miniature Ranges in 1st Brigade area at M.9.b.2.2 - G.23.c.3.3 - G.24.d.3.6. Rendered written report on same to G.S.O.II.
- October 7th. Visited the 9 Ranges in BOUCHON area and found all officers and other ranks keenly interested in Musketry.
- October 8th. Visited 3rd Brigade arranged for units to indent for increased issue of Dummy S.A.A. (500). Showery weather prevented much musketry being done.
- October 9th. Visited BOUCHON area Ranges and found everything working smoothly with exception of some Back Splashing from iron clamps on "D" Range. Three markers from 3rd Battalion were slightly wounded by same. Captain. ELBORNE from 4th Army Musketry School has promised to make some improvements to prevent any future accidents. Called at 4th Army Musketry School regarding supply of miniature targets.
- October 10th. Visited BOUCHON area Ranges and found M.G.Battalion were not provided with a sufficient number of M.Gun Targets. Arranged with Captain. ELBORNE to supply 12 additional targets.
- October 11th. Went over BOUCHON area Ranges with G.S.O.I 4th Army and Captain. ELBORNE. Arranged with M.G.Battalion and C.R.E. to allow Guards unit stationed at FLIXECOURT to use "J" Range one half day per week.
- October 12th. Inspected site for proposed range in 3rd Battalion area at M.2.b.6.2. Rendered report on same to G.S.OO II. Visited 4th Army Musketry School and arranged for supply of timber and canvas for 6 targets for 3rd Battalion.

12/10/18.

P. R. Carne Lieut-
Musketry Officer.
1st Australian Division.

20/10/18.

APPENDIX ²¹⁴Headquarters.
1st Aust. Div.
-----WEEKLY REPORT.For week ending 19-10-18.

- Sunday. 13th. Made arrangements with Area Commandant for supply of tiles for competitions.
- Monday 14th. Visited Ranges.
- Tuesday 15th. Working out details for competitions.
- Wednesday 16th. Went over routes to select one for 5 mile march in competitions.
- Thursday 17th. Went over ranges "G" Range now complete.
- Friday 18th. Visited Paris Pliers and secured samples of medals which are to be given as trophies in coming competitions Arranged with C.R.E. for supply of stakes for mounting tiles.
- Saturday 19th. Visited Ranges, saw 3rd Brigade teams practising for competition.

P.R. Lorne Lieut.
Musketry Officer.
1st Australian Division.

20-10-18.

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limits seen a Range - state of Range - different
chain of Range - 1st 9 pts as left by units.
Safety precaution satisfactory -
General comments. AmR.

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1st. Aust. Division.
27-10-18.

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WEEKLY REPORT - MUSKETRY OFFICER.

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Week Ending 26-10-18.

- Sunday. 20th. Octr. Attended Conference at "G" Office which was called for purpose of clearing come questions regarding the coming competitions. Submitted details from Conference to G.S.O.2. Arranged for supply of lime and brushes to whiten tiles also Transport for same.
- Monday. 21st. Octr. Prepared details for competition and submitted same to G.S.O.2.
- Tuesday. 22nd. Octr. Prepared sample targets as will be used in competitions and had same sent to all units competing. visited Range "A" to procure material for same.
- Wednesday. 23rd. Octr. Visited "G" Range and met fatigue party and had tiles whitewashed.
- Thursday. 24th. Octr. Visited Ranges, 7th Battalion were doing 200 yard application. Range discipline was good and everything going well. 10th and 11th Battalions were practising their teams on "G" Range. After they had left a sandbag of empty cases (cartridges) and numerous live rounds were left lying on firing points. Range Warden complained that improper use was being made of urinal bucket in Butt. Have pointed out these facts to Brigade Musketry Officer. Sent word to Corps to secure 91 medals for competitions.
- Friday. 25th. Octr. Met Fatigue party on "G" Range and had firing points at 100 yard 200 yard and 300 yard extended on each side to accommodate 48 men in event 1 of competitions. Had stakes made by Engineers taken to "G" Range. 8th Battalion were shooting on 2nd Brigade ranges, 10th and 12th on 3rd Brigade ranges. Intense keenness is being displayed by all teams who are competing for competitions. 3rd. Brigade have left their ranges quite clean today. Arranged with A.P.M. to have roads over which route march takes place patrolled by mounted police to keep route clear as possible.
- Saturday. 26th. Octr. Went through entries for competitions and arranged time tables.

P. R. R. R. Lieut.
Musketry Officer.
1st Australian Division.

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1st Aust. Division.

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WEEKLY REPORT - MUSKETRY OFFICER.
Week ending November 2nd.

Sunday. Octr. 27.

Remained at Headquarters and attended to correspondence regarding competitions.

Monday. 28th.

Visited Ranges 5th Battalion teams were practicing for competition on A Range, and 7th Battalion teams on C Range, "G" Range now ready for competition.

Tuesday. 29th.

On "G" Range with markers practicing working of targets.

Wednesday. 30th.

fine weather
Competitions commenced 0800 with 12th Battalion won Coy match in the morning, also Platoon match in the afternoon.

Thursday. 31st.

Competitions continued, weather dull and light rain in morning, 12th Battalion won Battalion match and Pte GLANCE of M.G. Battalion won Individual match in morning. During afternoon 1st Brigade won Brigade Match and Officers from Pioneer Battalion the Revolver match. The whole of the competitions were completed without any hitch.

Friday. Novr. 1st.

On "G" Range with fatigue party cleaning up range after competitions. No Musketry done on ranges, units apparently having a day off musketry after competitions.

Saturday. Novr. 2nd.

Compiled list of teams in order of merit from recent competitions. Sent copies of results to all units.

3-11-18.

P. R. Barne
Lieut.
Musketry Officer.
1st Aust Division.

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Headquarters,
1st Aust.Div.

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Gas Officers report for week
6th to 12th inst., inclusive.

6/10/18. Clerical work.

7/10/18. Inspected Box Respirators of following units and lectured to each on enemy gas offensive methods and precautions to be taken.

1st Aust.Field Amb.
1st Aust.M.G.Coy.

arranged with O/c 1st A.M.G.Coy. for more gas training to be carried out in combination with routine work - witnessed and criticised gun laying manipulation, stoppages, with masks adjusted.

8/10/18. Inspected box respirators 3rd Field Ambulance and lectured on gas matters in general. Visited 3rd A.M.G.Coy. at range practice and put unit through gas drill.

9/10/18. Inspected and lectured as on previous days to the following units :-

2nd Aust.Field Coy.Eng.
2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

I had arranged to inspect 1st Field Coy.Engrs. at 1100 but on arrival found that very few of the unit were available - men being attached to Infantry Brigades for a few days; inspection therefore postponed to future day.

10/10/18. Inspected all reserves of appliances (Anti-gas) at Ordnance and found them in good order. Visited Lieut. BROOM who has recently been appointed Divisional Artillery Gas Officer vice Lieut. AUGSTEIN, on furlough to Australia.

11/10/18. Inspected box respirators and lectured 3rd A.M.G. Coy. and Divisional Salvage Coy.

12/10/18. Visited 2nd Aust.Inf.Bde. and arranged for lectures and inspections to be carried out by me throughout Brigade commencing 14th inst.

J. S. Morrison Lieutenant.
Gas Officer.
1st Australian Division.

Gas Officers report for week
13th to 19th inst., inclusive.
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- 13-10-18. Clerical duties.
- 14-10-18. Inspected box respirators of the following units and also lectured on enemy gases and methods of employment.
8th.A.I.Battalion.
2nd.A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 15-10-18. Inspected and lectured as above -
7th.A.I.Battalion.
Interviewed Battalion Gas N.C.Os of 2nd.A.I.Brigade re appointment to proposed A.I.F. Gas services.
- 16-10-18. interviewed Battalion Gas N.C.Os of 3rdA.I.Brigade., Pioneer Bn, Machine Gun Bn, and Divl Artillery Batteries re appointment to proposed A.I.F. Gas services.
Forwarded supply of weekly gas return pro-formas to all units in the Division.
- 17-10-18. Inspected box respirators and lectured on gas matters -
5th.A.I.Battalion.
6th.A.I.Battalion.
By arrangements with C.Os concerned usual programme of training, viz, semaphore signalling, Lewis Gun stripping and assembling, Bayonet Fighting, etc, was carried out with Mask adjusted for 10 minutes.
- 18-10-18. Inspected box respirators of - 2nd.A.I.Bde Headquarters, and also reserves of anti-gas appliances in store at Ordnance, 1st.Aust.Div.
- 19-10-18. Inspected box respirators and lectured the following units,
1st.Aust.Pioneer Battalion.
11th.Aust.Inf.Battalion.
after the inspection of Pioneer Bn 1 put 2 Companys through gas drill and also carried out rifle exercises with masks adjusted.

J. Morrison Lieut.
Gas Officer.
1st Australian Division.

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WEEKLY REPORT - GAS OFFICER.

Week Ending - 26-10-18.

- 20-10-18. Clerical duties.
Sgt. SKEWES. R.J. Div.Gas. N.C.O. who was evacuated wounded 17-6-18 reported back for duty and has been attached to 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde.
- 21-10-18. Inspected box respirators and horse respirators -
1st. Section. D.A.C.
2nd. Section. D.A.C.
and instruction given in care and adjustment of both appliances.
- 22-10-18. Inspected box respirators and lectured, taking for subject enemy projectors, artillery gas warfare etc.
2nd.Aust.Inf.Battalion.
made application to Chemical Adviser Aust Corps for supply of enemy shell gas liquids.
- 23-10-18. Inspected box respirators and horse respirators and carried out drill with both appliances.
S.A.A. Section., D.A.C.
- 24-10-18. Carried out programme as on 23rd inst with
6th.A.F.A.Battery.
102nd.Hov.Battery.
Received case of samples of enemy gases from Chemical Adviser, Aust Corps.
- 25-10-18. Lectured on enemy gas offensive methods and inspected box respirators of
4th.Aust.Inf.Battalion.
- 26-10-18. Lectured as on previous day and inspected box respirators of
3rd.Aust.Inf.Battalion.
Conducted drill with this unit with masks adjusted and imparted instruction in use of Anti-dimming Composition.

J. S. Morrison Lieut.
Gas Officer.
1st Australian Division.

27-10-18.

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WEEKLY REPORT - GAS OFFICER.
WEEK ENDING 2-11-18.

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- 27-10-18. Clerical Duties.
- 28-10-18. Lectured on enemy gases and methods of employment,
and inspected respirators of -
1st.A.I. Battalion.
- 29-10-18. As for 28th inst with following units -
4th.Battery A.F.A.
2nd.Brigade H.Qrs.A.F.A.
| Horse respirator drill also carried out after inspection.
- 30-10-18. Lectured, inspected box respirators, and carried out
drill with S.B.R. and Horse Respirators of -
5th. Battery.A.F.A.
in compliance with request from Chemical Adviser, Aust
Corps, I visited 3rd Army Brigade H.Qrs.A.F.A. and
arranged to lecture and inspect Units on 1st and 2nd Novr.
- 31-10-18. Lectured on enemy gases, and inspected respirators of -
1st.Brigade H.Qrs A.F.A.
1st.Battery. A.F.A.
- 1-11-18: Lectured to, and inspected respirators of -
7th. Battery. 3rd.Army.Brigade.A.F.A.
8th. " " " " " "
- 2-11-18. Carried out same programme as on 1st inst -
9th. Battery 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
103rd. How. Battery. " " "
B.A.C.

J. Morrison Lieut.
Gas Officer.
1st Aust Division.

3-11-18.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Daily Strength at Noon 1-10-18.

UNITS.	On Establishment.			Attached.			Remarks.
	Ofrs.	O.Rs.	Total.	Ofrs.	O.Rs.	Total.	
Div. H.Qrs.	35	107.	142.	8.	281.	269.	
Div. Arty.	79.	2139.	2228.	3.	13.	16.	
Div. Engineers.	18.	556.	574.	1.	14.	15.	
Div. Signal Coy.	17.	314.	331.	-	58.	58.	
PIONEER BATTALION.	34.	883.	917.	2.	5.	7.	
1st. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	1.	14.	15.	3.	43.	46.	
1st. Battalion.	27.	358.	385.				
2nd. Battalion.	21.	422.	443.	3.	5.	8.	
3rd. Battalion.	19.	386.	405.	11.	4.	5.	
4th. Battalion.	28.	432.	460.	2.	5.	7.	
1st. A.L.T.M. Bty.	4.	29.	33.	-.	20.	20.	
2nd. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	5.	15.	20.	1.	39.	40.	
5th. Battalion.	21.	363.	384.	2.	4.	6.	
6th. Battalion.	24.	408.	432.	2.	-.	2.	
7th. Battalion.	24.	406.	430.	2.	4.	6.	
8th. Battalion.	24.	409.	433.	2.	3.	5.	
2nd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	3.	40.	43.	-.	-.	-.	
3rd. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	4.	12.	16.	2.	36.	38.	
9th. Battalion.	22.	464.	486.	1.	2.	3.	
10th. Battalion.	27.	404.	431.	2.	1.	3.	
11th. Battalion.	18.	375.	393.	2.	4.	6.	
12th. Battalion.	18.	469.	487.	2.	4.	6.	
3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	4.	40.	44.	-.	-.	-.	
Divisional Train.	22.	395.	417.	3.	82.	85.	
1st. Field. Ambce.	7.	182.	189.	1.	9.	10.	
2nd. Field. Ambce.	10.	185.	195.	1.	17.	18.	
3rd. Field. Ambce.	9.	206.	215.	1.	16.	17.	
Div. Salvage Coy.	1.	64.	65.	1.	6.	7.	
mob. vet. Section.	1.	20.	21.	1.	1.	2.	
1st. M.G. Battalion.	37.	705.	742.	1.	20.	21.	

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Daily Strength at Noon 31-10-18.

UNITS.	On Establishment.			Attached.			Remarks.
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Total.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Total.	
DIV.H.QRS.	33.	94.	127.	7.	273.	280.	
Div.Arty.	76.	1991.	2067.	3.	16.	19.	
Div.Engineers.	29.	540.	569.	1.	24.	25.	
Div.Signal.Coy.	15.	340.	355.	-.	54.	54.	
Pioneer Battalion.	34.	880.	914.	2.	3.	5.	
1st.Inf.Bde.H.Q.	6.	12.	18.	-.	46.	46.	
1st.Battalion.	25.	424.	449.	2.	1.	3.	
2nd.Battalion.	22.	444.	466.	3.	4.	7.	
3rd.Battalion.	49.	461.	490.	-.	6.	6.	
4th.Battalion.	32.	505.	537.	3.	4.	7.	
1st.A.L.T.M.Bty.	2.	39.	41.	-.	24.	24.	
1st.M.G.Battalion.	40.	709.	749.	2.	18.	20.	
2nd.Inf.Bde.H.Q.	5.	17.	22.	3.	42.	45.	
5th.Battalion.	22.	452.	474.	2.	5.	7.	
6th.Battalion.	27.	426.	453.	2.	5.	6.	
7th.Battalion.	28.	421.	449.	2.	2.	4.	
8th.Battalion.	23.	467.	490.	2.	4.	6.	
2nd.A.L.T.M.Bty.	1.	39.	40.				
3rd.Inf.Bde.H.Q.	4.	14.	18.	3.	38.	41.	
9th.Battalion.	31.	598.	629.	3.	2.	5.	
10th.Battalion.	30.	438.	468.	2.	2.	4.	
11th.Battalion.	23.	400.	423.	2.	2.	4.	
12th.Battalion.	25.	508.	533.	3.	7.	10.	
3rd.A.L.T.M.Bty.	4.	35.	39.				
3rd.Bde.Schools.	2.	183.	185.				
Divisional Train.	22.	367.	389.	2.	104.	106.	
1st.Field.Ambce.	10.	170.	180.	1.	15.	16.	
2nd.Field.Ambce.	8.	161.	169.	1.	17.	18.	
3rd.Field.Ambce.	9.	178.	188.	1.	16.	17.	
Div.Salvage.Coy.	1.	37.	38.	-.	2.	2.	
Mob.Vet.Section.	1.	18.	19.	-.	2.	2.	

No of Officers and Other Ranks joined the Division
for month of October.

<u>Ofrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
147.	1768.

Casualties for month of October.

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<u>Ofrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
22.	546.

Divisional Headquarters.
25th. October. 1918.Aust Corps.
-----TECHNICAL LESSONS LEARNT FOR MONTH OF
OCTOBER. 1918.TECHNICAL.

1. It is suggested that one spare limber wheel per Company be added to establishment, to be carried on brackets in front of the rear portion of Headquarters limbers.
2. It is suggested that soft wire brushes fitted to cleaning rods would be of advantage to Machine Gun Sections for cleaning barrels thoroughly.
It has been found, new barrels do not allow proper clearance at the extractor ways and frequently have to be filed before they can be used. This has been a serious inconvenience if new barrels are sent straight up to the line for immediate use.

AmR
Major-General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

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HEADQUARTERS,
1st AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
No. 169/619
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
28th September, 1918.

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
C.R.E. 1st Aust. Div.
1st Aust. M.G. Bn.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM.

1. Training will commence on 1st proximo.
2. The hours of training will be not less than 4½ hours per diem. The amount of time per day spent on recreational training is left to the discretion of the Brigade Commander.
3. Training will be progressive.

For the first week, instruction will be limited to:-

- (a) Individual and Specialist training.
 - (b) Preliminary Musketry instruction.
 - (c) Practices on 30 yards and 100 yards ranges. The principle to be observed as far as possible is that no practice should be fired on a service range until it has been fired on a 50 yards range.
 - (d) Tactical training and exercises of sections and platoons.
4. Full advantage should be taken of the training facilities that exist in the Area in the shape of Rifle Ranges and Bullet and Bayonet courses. The allotment of these ranges to units has been made the subject of a separate memo.
 5. The re-organisation of platoons and Companies will be completed as soon as possible.
In order to economise in Officers and N.C.Os no platoon will consist of less than 20 other ranks.
 6. The improvement of the individual discipline and deportment of all ranks will receive early attention. Such points as saluting, correct adjustment of equipment, as well as correctness and tidiness of dress, have a direct bearing in the efficiency of a unit as a fighting force, and steps will be taken to effect an improvement in these matters.
 7. Special attention will also be paid to Guard and Sentry duties.
 8. The opportunity should also be taken to smarten up backward N.C.Os and to train L/Cpls. and Privates as N.C.Os.
It is suggested that each Brigade should establish a Brigad Class of Instruction for this purpose.

Commencing 8/10/18.


9. Two route marches per unit will be held each week. The minimum distance of each march will be six miles for the first week, and eight miles for subsequent weeks. Full marching order will be worn by all ranks. Transport will accompany the unit on one route march per week. Special attention will be paid to march discipline.

All Officers and N.C.Os will be instructed in the content of S.S. 724 on this subject, particularly paras. 1 to 24 and 54 to 64.

10. A Divisional Rifle Competition will be held during the last week in October.

Full information regarding the programme and conditions of matches will be issued shortly.

11. From the 1st October, Field Companies of Engineers and Machine Gun Companies will come under the command of the C.R.E. and C.O. 1st Aust.M.G.Bn. respectively for administration and training.

 Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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"A" Form MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

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	2nd A. Bde	PTAMG Bn
	3rd A. Bde	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Training ranges A B
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for use. All others in
course of completion &
will not be used
until notification of
completion given.

From	1st	Art	Div.
Place			
Time			

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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.HEADINGS FOR EXERCISES WITHOUT TROOPS.1. METHOD OF SETTING EXERCISE.

Decide what lessons you wish to teach.
Select your ground accordingly, close to camp.
Make out a simple narrative which will supply you with your scheme.
The scheme should be brief and should be made out for one formation higher than you are dealing with.
Thus, to exercise Company Commanders you make out a battalion scheme and select situations and problems for company commanders therefrom. Thus you prepare your Officers for higher command.
Break your students up into Syndicates.
Explain very clearly the situation and problem.
Give a time limit for solution.
Critique solutions of each syndicate in front of the other syndicates.
Do not allow argument and discussion to last too long.
Move on to next position for setting new problem by one of the suggested lines of advance.
The ground over which you exercise, should have at its far end a point of vantage, from which the action of troops can ultimately be criticised.

2. SUGGESTED SITUATIONS TO BE CREATED.

A platoon is held up by enemy in a sunken road.
A company is held up by a fortified farm.
That * patch of crop is swept by shrapnel, manoeuvre round it.
Two companies are to exploit side by side covered by one battery of field artillery.
A patrol of one platoon is detailed for reconnaissance.
X Coy. has asked you for covering fire.
There is a pocket of Boscho at * - deal with them -
A nest of Machine Guns is located at * - attack with one Coy -
An Anti-Tank gun is at that spot * - the platoon will deal with it -
The Company will advance to * in artillery formation.
Put out outposts for this * line for the night.

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The problem in front of the Q.M. Dept., of the battalion at nightfall is as follows *
An area is given to a company to be mopped up.
Show your signal arrangements by means of men with flags.
Consolidate on this * frontage.
Action of Lewis Guns, Action of Vickers Guns.
Action of Stokes Mortars, Action of runners *

*"Signifies a position pointed out on the ground or map"

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS (OR PROBLEMS).

- Describe your action as platoon or company commandor.
- Write brief order. Give your verbal orders.
- Send a message to ----
- Show me that point * on your map.
- As Commander of a rifle section what would you do?
- How about liaison with your flanks?
- What would you do as P.C. in support?
- What formation would you adopt, and why?
- What orders would you give your Lewis Gunners?
- Fill in this map message form.
- An Officer jumps out of a tank hero and asks for an Objective - tell him what you want.
- Define the positions and targets of your Vickers Guns in support of this company.
- Bring up two Stokes and help this bombing party.
- What are your arrangements and route?
- Give me your orders for this platoon post for the night.
- Describe the full action and orders of this patrol.
- Submit a hand sketch of your consolidation.
- Tell me how you would employ your No. 36 grenades in this case.
- Which is the main tactical feature in this area, and the way in which you propose approaching it?
- Describe the action of your scouts.
- What stops would you take to ensure keeping direction?

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
6th October, 1918.TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 2.CEREMONIAL.

1. The Divisional Commander directs that the attention of all unit Commanders be drawn to the importance of ceremonial, especially at the present time. It is quite within the bounds of possibility that the Division may be out of the line and certainly out of offensive action for some weeks.

Commanders will hardly need reminding that there are two very important tasks in hand.

- (i) The maintenance of discipline in all forms, that is to say, that the fighting reputation of the Division should not be tarnished by laxity in billet discipline, in deportment in villages outside billeting areas, in general keenness on training and recreation and willingness to learn.
- (ii) The maintenance of the foundation of such discipline, that is to say, ceremonial, pride in the unit, cleanliness of kit, recognition of rank and all that will go to prepare all ranks to reach a standard worthy of the Senior Division of the Corps on its return to Australia.

2. A review of the division will be held during the first week of November, tactical conditions permitting, and it is known that several distinguished officers will be present.

The site of this review will be in the BOUCHON training area and units will be informed of all arrangements in due course.

The following preliminary notes are published for information.

- (i) The Division will parade complete with transport. Transport will march past with units - Practice should therefore be undertaken forthwith in driving in line and saluting with the whip.
- (ii) Units will be formed up in line of mass and subsequently march past in column of companies. M.G.Bn, and Divisional Engineers will each parade as complete units.

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It is hoped that the Divisional Artillery will participate. Field Ambulances will march past behind Brigades in column of sections.

Divisional Train and Mobile Vet. Section and Divisional Signal Coy. will parade.

(iii) Dress will probably be drill order (except for units in 1st A.I. Brigade area, who will probably be in Battle order less helmets and respirator).

Australian hats will be worn with brim turned up on left side. Every officer, N.C.O. and man on parade with the exception of Staff Officers will wear chin-straps "down".

(iv) Bands will be massed by Brigades and each unit in turn will be played past by massed band of Brigade playing a separate tune for each unit (in cases when no regimental march past exists)

(v) Platoons will be sized.

3. The Divisional Commander has noticed with pleasure a considerable improvement in the saluting. The men, however, still frequently fail to salute officers in cars and do not invariably salute flagged cars. Attention will be drawn to this and also to the point that it is most important that officers outside the Division should receive the same salutes and compliments as those within the Division.

The Guards are generally good, a little more pause and decision in the turns is required.

4. Every opportunity will be taken of practising ceremonial, even if only for a few minutes per diem.

5. The G.S.O.I is available to give a lecture to any unit or units on

"The value of Tradition, as applied especially to the 1st Aust. Div".

or to give any lectures of a general or historical kind, such as

"Value of Drill"

"Moss and Regimental Customs"

"Lives of famous soldiers",

if unit Commanders are so desirous, in which case will they

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please communicate direct.

These lectures will be given to N.C.Os and men and would be open-air lectures of about 30 - 40 minutes duration.

6. The G.O.C. strongly disapproves of "quiffs" in drill. Drill will be carried out as laid down in the Drill Book.

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Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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D.A.P.M.
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Camp Commandant.
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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
7th October, 1918.TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 3.MINOR TACTICS.

1. It is recognised that owing to the weak numbers in Battalions it will be some time before exercises can be carried out on an ambitious scale.

Training will necessarily resolve itself into exercises without troops, or with skeleton troops.

Steps will be taken to ensure that instruction is given in proper sequence and some suggestions are put forth in the following paragraph.

2. Sequence

(i) (a) The Company Commander selects his ground and draws up a short scheme for platoon commanders.

(b) He then takes his platoon commanders through, giving them situations to solve, messages to write, orders to write - plenty of map reading.

(c) The next day the platoon commanders go through the same process with section commanders, and asking them questions as regards use of ground, covering fire and formations.

(d) The next day the complete exercise is done with troops. Full explanation before the exercise, full criticism after it.

(ii) (a) The following week the Battalion Commander exercises his company commanders without troops, and then on subsequent days with troops.

(b) At this stage the following additions are made :-
Company Commanders to work together.

The Signal Service, runners and visual signallers are interwoven into the schemes.

The local M.G.Coy. officers are invited to attend and actually exercise their men with the infantry using Vickers guns for offensive action and direct fire

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"A" Coy. attacks to form a bridge-head, the local Field Coy. is brought in to complete its portion of the exercise. L.T.M. Batteries or sections work with Companies.

(iii) The next step is for exercises to be set to the Battalion Commanders by the Brigade. Then, for Battalion exercises without troops, and with all officers of affiliated units (also Artillery officers) on parade.

(iv) Similarly general exercises will subsequently be set to Brigades by the Division.

3. Company and Battalion Schemes when finished with can be handed over to other companies and battalions and ground interchanged.

4. At the close of every scheme with troops, a few minutes of ceremonial drill will be carried out.

5. With a view to assisting officers, especially those who have had little training in methods of instruction and running tactical schemes, the G.S.O.1 will hold a series of instructional exercises,

(a) In the nature of tactical walks for company commanders and such senior and Staff officers as may wish to attend.

(b) In the nature of tactical rides on a more advanced scale for Field officers and officers of senior rank.

The object of this instruction will be mainly to instruct officers how to draw up schemes, choose ground for schemes, set problems and to conduct exercises without troops.

6. The first tactical walk will be held for the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. on Thursday October 10th, in the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. area. G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will please notify D.H.Q. what time will suit best in order to get as many company commanders and senior officers as possible without interfering with ordinary training. The instruction would not last more than two hours.

G.O.C. will please arrange with G.S.O.1 for 11th and 12th inst., respectively.

2nd and 3rd Aust. Inf. Bdes.

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7. In addition to the above a few schemes will be set by D.H.Q. and sent out to Brigades in order to exercise Brigade and Battalion staffs.

These schemes will be set on ground included in the Brigade area.

8. The G.O.C. does not wish training on the above lines to be at all hurried and G.O.C. Brigades will please say if they wish later dates than those given in para.6.

G.M. R.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

1st Australian Division.

Distribution.

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No. 2. San. Section.
1st Aust. Div. Train.
Camp Commandant.
A.D.C.
A.Q.

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*Appendix 6.*1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters.
23rd. October. 1918.

1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st. M.G. Battalion.
1st. Pioneer Bn.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO. 4.

Attached are three sample Musketry Schemes for live-ammunition firing on the BOUCHON Areas.

They are only intended as Guides or Samples and may be of use to all concerned and interest the men. It may be necessary to take special safety precautions in some cases.

The G.S.O.I. will be very glad to personally conduct Senior Officers over the ground and settle exact solutions at any time.

It is not expected that the schemes will be used until after the rifle meeting, when Brigades could make mutual arrangements to change over.

Jim Ross

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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MUSKETRY SCHEME NO. 1."H" Range - BOUCHON Area.NARRATIVE.

A Company, forming the flank of an Advanced Guard, is advancing Northward from Ruins towards HOLLY WOOD. As it approaches the Gully near the wire fence and above the 500 yard firing point on "H" Range, the right pair of Scouts are fired on by a Light Bosche Machine Gun and rifles at Target 5 on "H" Butt. The Company has not entered the Gully. The right Platoon is near the trees above and Westward of the 500 yard firing point.

PROBLEM. The right platoon Commander receives an order to deal with the gun and clear the flank with his platoon.

SOLUTION. He engages enemy from 500 yard firing point. Under covering fire he orders portion of his platoon to get into position for covering fire on the bank and spur (marked by a tree) on the Northorn side of the range. He orders Lewis Guns or other portion of his platoon to approach down hedge now on right hand side of range and make for crop-patch. The whole action is a rapid combination of fire and movement.

LESSONS TO BE BROUGHT OUT.

- i. Action of P.C and orders to sections.
- ii. Detailed action of sections.
- iii. Fire and movement.
- iv. Concentration of fire power.
- v. Fire Orders.
- vi. Use of ground and approach under cover.
- vii. Results on targets of accurate shooting.

TARGET. Small Machine Gun Target and a few silhouettes.

MUSKETRY SCHEME NO. 2."G" Range BOUCHON Area.NARRATIVE.

A Company acting as an Advanced Guard is moving in a S. E. direction from the SPORTS GROUND with the object of exploiting the high ground N. of BOUCHON. Movement in Artillery formation preceded by Scouts. Scouts on reaching the STORE HUT at the top of "G" Range reports that a trench (represented by G Butt targets) is held by the enemy.

PROBLEM. The Company Commander decides to attack in his stride in order not to delay the Advanced Guard.

SOLUTION. Company Commander and his Platoon Commanders make brief reconnaissance from near the hut. Certain platoons engage from above "G" Range. Certain platoons assault on right - via No. 4 Bayonet Course, and via Spur beyond it. General closing action on objective.

LESSONS EXTRACTED.

1. Reconnaissance by Commanders.
2. Deployment of Company.
3. Fire Orders. Distribution of fire.
4. Developing volume of fire.
5. Fire and movement.
6. Protection of flanks.
7. Fire control and position of leaders.
8. Bullet and Bayonet.

MUSKETRY SCHEME NO. 3."A" and "B" Ranges - BOUCHON.NARRATIVE.

A Company, part of a force which has just taken VILLERS-SOUS-AILLY is ordered to put out outposts on the general line 500 yard firing point "A" Range - across No.2. B. and B range.

The placing out of posts is hampered by a Bosche Machine Gun firing from Target B.1.

PROBLEM. A platoon Commander is ordered to capture this gun. His platoon is lying in the hollow marked by 3 trees, about 50 yards above the top firing point of No.2.B. and B range and facing A Butt.

SOLUTION. He sends one rifle section round to the little copse above the left hand end of A Butt, to rush the gun under cover of the fire of other sections and rifle grenadiers. The double Lewis Gun Section works along the spur above the Wardens huts and along the hedgerows. He engages and covers advance with the other rifle section.

LESSONS.

- i. Clear explanation by Platoon Commander.
- ii. Deployment. Approach of Lewis Gun Section.
- iii. Convergence of fire.
- iv. Fire and movement. Timing of assault.

NOTE. Special safety limits will be necessary for this exercise as regards any other troops firing on ranges and limiting the advance in the copse.