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WAR DIARY

OF

15th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

FOR

Month of May, 1918.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hamlet - Vaire France. Sheet 62 ^D 1/40,000.	1918 May 1 st		<p>Weather: dull with light showers. Re-adjustment of guns as per Battr. order no. 7 (attached) carried out. Inspection of Coy. Transport by Battr. T.O.: Report: "Turnout best in Battalion". Inter. Coy. relief - no. 2. Section to front line - no. 3. Sec. to Reserve at Hamlet. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: (with coy.) 11 off. 175. 7/8. Casualties: nil. (Batter) Reinforcements: nil.</p>	no. 1. 2
	2 nd		<p>Weather: fine - warm. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached. Arrangements made for reserve section at Hamlet to be bathed + obtain change of clothing at 5 Divl. Baths Corbie. Work of digging horse-lines into bank + constructing bomb-proof revetment well in hand. Coy. strength: 11 off. 175. 7/8. Casualties: nil. (Batter) Reinforcements: nil.</p>	3
	3 rd		<p>Weather: gloriously fine + warm. Harassing fire carried out in accordance with orders. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 11 off. 174. Casualties: nil. (Batter) Reinforcements: nil.</p>	4 5
	4 th		<p>Weather: Rain overnight - day sunny + fine. Coy. Summary + officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 11 off. 175. 7/8. Casualties (batter) nil. Reinforcements 17 from Inf.</p>	6

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Hamelot-Vaire France. Sheet 62D 1/40,000.	1918 May. 5 th		Weather: Dull + sultry followed by heavy showers. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached Coy. strength: 11 off. 175%. Battle Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	No. 7.
			6 th Weather: Bright + sunny. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached. Capt. F. Whelpton at conference of O.C. at Aubigny. Coy. strength: 11 off. 175%. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	8.
			7 th Weather: Heavy rain during morning - afternoon fine. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 11 off. 175%. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	9
			8 th Weather: Dull but fine. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached. A number of men in front line have mild attack of influenza or after-effect of gas: boils also prevalent. Overhauling + painting of transport vehicles proceeding. Coy. strength: 11 off. 173%. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	10
			9 th Weather: Fine + sunny. Coy. Summary + section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 11 off. 181%. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: 1.7% + 8.9% rejoined from base.	11

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Hamlet - Voire France. Sheet 62 ^D 1/40,000.	1918 May 10 th		Weather: Dull but fine. Coy. Intelligence Summary + Section officers' reports attached. Details washing, cleaning + oiling limbers of transport Coy. strength: 11 off. 180 Gr. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	no: 12
	11 th		Weather: Dull + sultry. Transport, with horses hitched in, inspected by Battery. T.O. Report on same attached. Coy. Summary + Section officers' reports attached. Coy strength: 11 off. 180 Gr. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	13.
	12		Weather: Dull + showery. Not much day. Coy. strength: 11 off. 180 Gr. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	14
	13		Weather: Cold - windy + showery. Battalion orders for relief received Coy. Summary + Section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 11 off. 180 Gr. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	15 16
	14		Weather: Fair. orders for relief of coy. in front line by 25 th M. G. Coy. attached. Lt. C. H. Richards rejoined Coy. necessary arrangements for relief completed. Coy. strength: 12 off. 184 Gr. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: 1 off. 9 Gr. from Base.	17

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Aubigny France Sheet 62 ^o 1/40,000.	1918 May 15 th		<p>Weather: Very fine & warm. Aubigny Reserve line reconnoitred by officers in Reserve & billeting arrangements completed. Co. relieved by 25th M.G. Coy. & moved to AUBIGNY where billeted. Relief completed without incident. Company billets 0.8.6.4.5. (Sheet 62^o). Co. strength: 12 off. 182%. Casualties: nil. Remnants: nil.</p>	
DAOURS	..	16 th	<p>Weather: Very fine & warm. Battn. orders for Reserve Company received. Company moved out of AUBIGNY to billets in DAOURS at O.I.C.I.B. Co. strength: 12 off. 181%. Casualties: nil. Remnants: nil.</p>	no: 18
C.F.	..	17 th	<p>Capt. G. Whelpton (Temp. C.O.) & all officers reconnoitred to Aubigny Line, Pioneer Switch & Canal positions (in case of withdrawal) & made necessary reconnoissances & arrangements with Infantry Battalion C.O.S. of Reserve Brigade (15th). N.C.O.s. class formed. Lt. Pidd instructed General cleaning up & re-equipping of Company carried out.</p>	
	20 th		<p>Between parades company spent most of its time in swimming in adjacent canal & in resting. Capt. G. F. Fitz-Gerald rejoined company & resumed command. Co. strength: 13 off. 185%. Casualties: nil. Remnants: nil.</p>	F

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sailly-le-sec France Sheet 62 ^D 1/40,000.	1918 May 22 nd		Weather: very fine. Company swimming Carnival held: results etc. att'd. Company relieved 8 th Aust. M. G. Coy. in accordance with orders attached. Company Strength: 13 off. 186.7% Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	No: 19 20
	23 rd		Weather: warm + sultry. Company summary + Section officers' reports att'd. Sgt. L. Bryant attached to Battr. Hqs. as Instructor Coy strength: 13 off. 184.7% Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	21
	24 th		Weather: cold + showery. Standing order for rear Hqs. camp at Bussey (H356.46) Hot meals in hot boxes to men in line. attached Coy. Summary + Reports att'd. Coy strength: 13 off. 183.7% Battle Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	22 23
	25 th		Weather: Fine. Coy blankets transported from Acheux where they had been stored since moving to Somme. Transport inspected by Battr. T.O.: Report att'd. Summary + Section officers' reports attached Coy strength: 13 off. 182.7% Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	24 25
	26		Weather: fine. Summary + Section officers' reports attached Coy strength: 13 off. 183.7% Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: 1 off. from Base.	26 5.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sgilly-le-Sec. France Sheet 62 ^D 1/40,000	1918 May 27		Weather: fine & warm. Coy. summary & section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 13 off. 155 7/8. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	27 28
	28 th		Weather: fine & warm. Coy. summary & section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 13 off. 181 7/8. Battle casualties: 1 7/8 wounded. Reinforcements: nil.	29
	29 th		Weather: very fine. Coy. details at near 14 hrs. paraded to view new type of armoured car in use by allies. L. W. P. Austin transferred to Coy. Inter-company relief orders attached. Coy. summary & section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 14 off. 186 7/8. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: 5 7/8 from allies.	30 31
	30 th		Weather: very fine. Orders for relief of Coy. by 13 th Am. S. Coy. received. Coy. summary & section officers' reports attached. Coy. strength: 14 off. 183 7/8. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	32 33
	31 st		Weather: very fine. Coy. relieved in line by 13 th Am. S. Coy. (orders attached) & returned to camp at Bussy (H. 356.4.6.) Relief OK. Coy. strength: 14 off. 183 7/8. Battle casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	34
			Haupt report attached. Sick wastage report.	35 36.6

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OF

15th Machine Gun Coy.

FOR

*May, 1918.***LIST OF APPENDICES.**

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5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER NO. 7

Ref. Map. 62D.
1/40,000

5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.	Copy No. 001
	Issued at
	27th May, 1918.
	Date

SECRET

- The following re-adjustment of machine guns along Divisional front will take place on 30th/1st in order to comply with G.S. Memo. 222 of 24th instant.
- The 25th Machine Gun Company will take over from the 14th Machine Gun Company at the following positions : -

O.18.b.9.5.	P.19.b.5.4.
O.18.b.9.9.	O.24.b.1.3.
P.14.a.2.8.	O.24.b.3.9.
P.13.d.6.8.	O.18.d.7.4.
- The 14th Machine Gun Company on relief will move to AUBIGNY, where they will remain in Divisional Reserve.
- The 15th Machine Gun Company will arrange to take over from the 25th Machine Gun Company the guns at present in position at P.2.b.6.3.
- Details of relief and changes will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned. A rough sketch will be prepared by each Company Commander, to reach Battalion Headquarters by first D.R. 2nd May, showing dispositions of guns and tasks as at that date, and position of Company and Section Headquarters.
- Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters by code word "JANE".
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. J. Paraden Major,
C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

- Issued at 2 p.m.
Copies to :
- No. 1 5th M.G. Coy.
 - " 2 14th "
 - " 3 15th " ✓
 - " 4 25th "
 - " 5 14th Inf. Bde. (for information)
 - " 6 5th Aust. Div.
 - " 7 File
 - " 8 W.P.

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To O.C.
✓ 15th H.M.C. Coy.
From
O.C. No 1 Sec.

Appt 2
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Casualties: Nil
Ammunition expended: Nil
Rations recd. O.K. Big improvement noted
Biscuits unnecessary.
Is it worth my while to include
my ration strength each day? No
notice seems to be taken of it
with regard to the bagging of
rations!

Ration Strength:	2 officers	2-0
	Sgt Bryant & 4 men	--5
	Cpl Turner & 4 "	--5
	Cpl Melotte & 5 "	--6
	Ronald & 4 "	--5
	2 cooks	--2
	Total	2-23

Pt Maguire taken on & Pt Sheridan struck off strength

Intelligence:

Enemy shelling: On this sector, heard
light but heavy strafes on both
flanks during the night.
Well away on the right flank
a bombardment was started by
us; the Hun sent up from his forward
lines a red rocket which showed
2 red lights upon bursting. This
was repeated to the rear about 4
times at about 800 yds distance
and was replied to heavily by his
artillery. Probably the 2 rds in H.M.
S.O.S. but this strafe was really too
distant for us to be absolutely sure
of any thing.

Our artillery: Our artillery showed usual
activity during the period and the
usual spasmodic hates on H.M.C.
& vicinity were indulged in. At
about 12:45 am, our guns on left
opened a light but concentrated
barrage on enemy lines in vicinity

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of SHILLY-LAURETTE. I learned later that the Battalion on left (29th) were raising. Guns ceased fire at about 12.8 P.M. The artillery fire was very light during stunt which I judge from observations heard was supported chiefly by T.M's.

Aerial activity: Little enterprise was shown by either side in the air yesterday. At about 6.15 P.M. yesterday one of our planes (No 23) after flying low over our lines for some time flew over HAMEL and dropped 4 bombs slightly East of the village, and then "fired off" for his life.

General Can you send us per ration tinners tonight a petard can of S.M. Keros. please?

S.M.
2/5/18
6 P.M.
Cheers!
O.C. 15th Coy.
B. P. [unclear]

From O/C to 2 Sect

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O.C.
15th A.M. 9.6

Gasolles - his
ammunition dep. has
on hand 40,500 rounds

Rations - 24 hours.

These came in a way that was not appreciated. Some of our staff being mixed with 20 4th. would be much liked if rations were made up as follows

N. 6. 0	and	4 men	Line Teams	
N. 6. 0	.	4		
N. 6. 0	.	4		20 men
N. 6. 0	.	4		
N. 6. 0	and	6 men - Reserve		
Officer	and	2 men		
Ration strength - 17 29 men.				

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~~15th A.M.C. Coy.~~
~~Capt. W. Kepton~~
~~15th A.M.C.~~

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~~15th A.M.C.~~

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Got changed over before dark
 Things quiet on sector throughout night
 Our artillery active at various times
 All present nature is having a day
 He finds are whistling etc etc etc
 Could recommend this place as a summer
 residence.

Date 2/5/18
 Time 5.30 A.M.

By
 A. P. Harrington
 No 2 Sect

Daily Report 24 hours ending
6am 2/5/18

To OC
15th A. I. G. Coy

From H. G. Hanna 2nd Lieut
No 4 Section

Casualties; Nil.
Ammunition expended
On Hand 42500 in BELTS & BOLS
Equipment; Received; Nil
Required; Gun oil.
Rations Received; 24 hours (satisfactory)
Parade State; 2 officers, 1 pvt. 56 pls 24
2 Cooks & Runner. Total 35 (see BACK)
Operations; No #1 Gun was taken over by
126074 men of No 3 Section.
Hostile Artillery; Very little enemy
shelling in this vicinity. A constant
continuous gun duel some distance
to the south.
No Hostile Aircraft seen.
Gas; A small number of shells which
sounded like gas shells when exploding
fell some distance to the West of VAIRE
No trace of gas appeared here.
GENERAL; Rifle & Machine Gun fire
reported to have been heard near
BOUZENCOURT at 12:30 AM also some
distance to the SOUTH at 3:30 AM
No reports as to what happened in these
areas to hand.
Time sent 6:15 am. H. G. Hanna 2nd Lieut
BY RUNNER. No 4 Section
15th A. I. G. Coy.

LOCATION of SECT HQ
J32 C 42-98

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Please bag rations as follows
5 bags each containing dry rations for 3
1 containing dry " " " " " " " 10
To Capt. Tolpeltson
Could Mr. Howison & myself get a
batman as we only have the post-runner
at Seat 42.
Everything is O.K.
H.G. HANNA & LT

To Mr Kerr
Please send batman to
A.H. 2. I will send him on
to Mr Hamu. Mr. Master will do " " " " " 7

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 1- 5-18 to 6 a.m. 2- 5-18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported for the 24 hours.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: Building of alternative positions and improvements to existing gun positions & shelters.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: Normal.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Displayed normal activity, playing on our roads &c.
ENEMY AEROPLANES: Were active, very few 'planes were observed over our lines.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: Little enemy movement was observed; only individual men being seen.
TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets were observed, and our guns did not open fire.
GENERAL: The weather was fine and observation good. During an artillery bombardment on the right, enemy fired a red rocket, which burst into 2 red lights; this was repeated to the rear 4 times at distances of about 800 yards.

W. J. P. S. 1
W. J. P. S. 1
 F. J. P. S. 1
 Captain,
 Temp. O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

To HQ
 15th Army Coy.
 From HQ
 No. 1 Sec.

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Casualties - nil
 Ammunition exp. - nil
 Rations recd. O.K. Discipline with
 Ration Strength O.K.

2 officers	-	2
Sgt Bryant 93	ser	4
Cpl Turner 94	"	5
" Ronald 94	"	5
" Melotte 95	"	6
2 cooks	-	2
		<u>27</u>

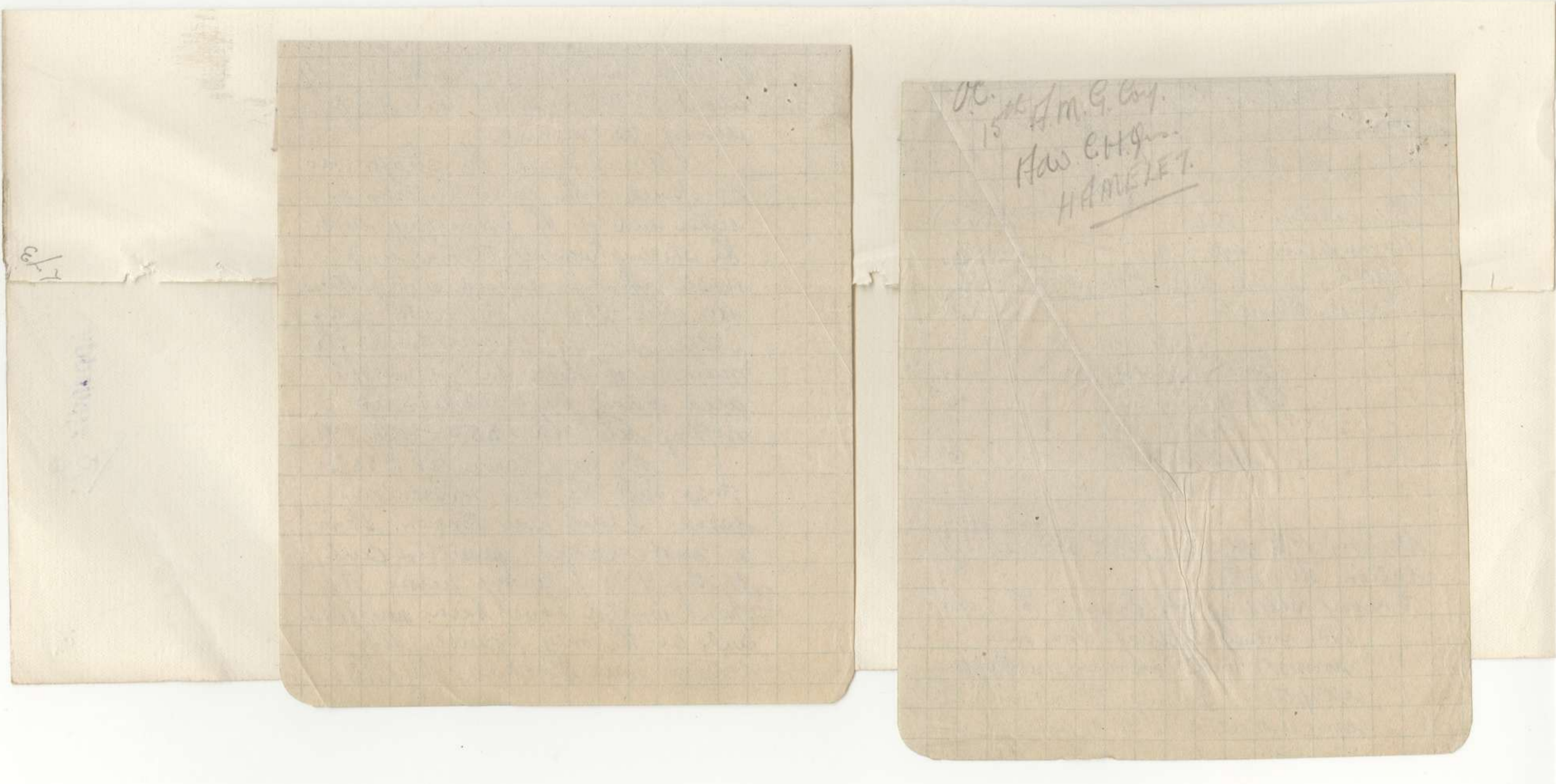
No. 604 Pte Martin H.P. struts off
 ration strength.

Enemy shelling - During the 24 hrs
 the enemy shelling was only
 normal with one very notable
 exception. During the morning he
 concentrated a 5.9 battery on

the northern end of that portion of
 the woods putting out in a southerly
 direction in J/332. I should say
 about 50 to 70 shells were fired
 during the morning.

About 2 p.m. the strafe was
 re-opened with concentrations on
 either end of the promontory and
 the shelling was continuous until
 11.30 when it ceased altogether.
 No other part of the sector was
 shelled at all & I estimate the
 number of shells falling in this
 area during fore & afternoon as
 nothing less than 350 - all 5.9's.

My gun team at J/332.
 50.20 had the most miraculous
 escape I have ever known. It is
 a most exposed position and
 to try & get away across the
 open would have been suicidal
 and as the only possible line of
 retreat was blocked by the



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15th H.M. G. Coy.
How. C.H.G.
HARVEY T.

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barage. Sgt Bryant decided to hang it out, particularly as the gun & gear could not have been moved. The one dug out which was unoccupied was blown in & a shell set the bagging they had in the doorway of another dug out on fire, while another shell blew the camouflage off the gun. It would be impossible who was not present to gain even a vague idea of what it was like, but I can say, and I don't think I am exaggerating the slightest, that it is possible to find 30 shell holes within a 30 yds radius of the gun & dug-outs. It nearly made me weep to have to sit helplessly by and watch the affair, and yet no damage was caused to either personnel or gun gear. Bryant asserts that BULLECOURT was but a Saturday afternoon's sport compared to this

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and I am sure POLYBOM WOOD was but a beautiful stream.
Own Artillery: Our artillery displayed its usual activity during the day, and the usual barrage was put down during the night.

Aerial Activity: Greatly increased activity was shown in the air by both sides. Much A.F. shooting but no fighting.

Disposition: As a result of the enemy artillery concentration noted above I have removed my No 5 gun to a position at J.3.5. E.4526. This position has two disadvantages, firstly it is on the road and secondly it is directly enfiladed by 2nd guns beyond BOULECOURT. However it has an excellent field of fire and every gun on the front is exposed to enfilade fire from somewhere. The road can be helped.

Much work was done last night
 in digging emplacement dug outs,
 etc. but it yet requires another
 nights work. As this position is
 right of my No 6 Gun, the numbers
 will of course change over No 6,
 becoming No 5, and the new position
 No 6.

Will be up to see you today

~~Will be up to see you today~~

Cheers

S.M.G.
 3/5/18
 6.17.18

P. P. P. H.
 O.C. No 1 Section
 15th July. 1918.

To: O.C. W.A.M.F.C.
 Strength at Hamlet including No 3,
 No 1 Sect. & Advanced HQ is
 2 off 36 O.R. = 38
 Please bag
 2 off 5 O.R. (HQs) (complete) 7
 Sgt. Devonshire (Dry Rations) 7
 Lpl Brunton () 4
 Sgt Mcintosh & remainder () 19
 20
 Meet, tea etc. 30

Aboppin to
 No 3 Sect.
 3/5/18

This bagging will be altered on
 4th inst. as No 3 relieve No 1 at
 Vaire on night of 4th-5th.

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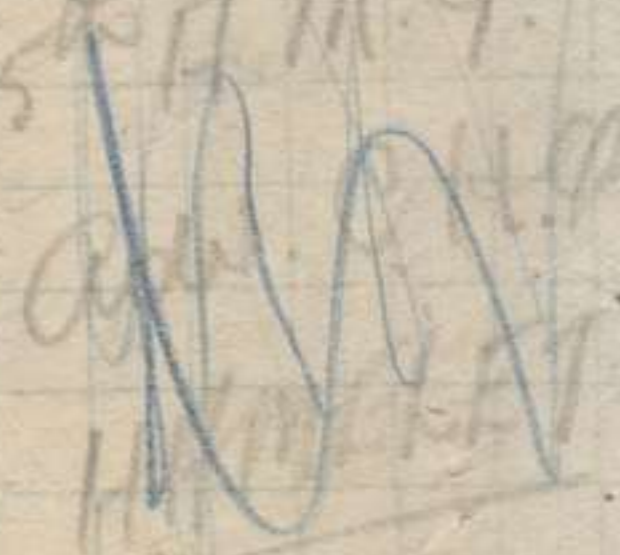
(Kilgobbin) (GCH) 21.8.12

Mr Smith
No 390

711/13

No 90. 2000. 2000. 2000. 2000.

2000. 2000. 2000. 2000.

O.C.
15th M.G. Coy


From O/C To
 No 2 Coy O.C
 15th 9th 9th

Casualties - Nil
 Shotguns Gun Material - 2 cleaning Rods
 Please replace as soon as possible
 Ammunition - Nil
 on Hand - 40,500 rds.
 Aircraft - Very active. Enemy plane
 crossed line 5 A.M.
 Enemy Tank Hunter firing on vicinity
 of Bougainville from 4 A.M.
 our Artillery very active throughout night

Rations - 24 hours
 Strength 1 Coy 29 men. Total 30
 In 4 lots of 12.6.0 and 4 men
 1 lot of 12.6.0 and 6 men
 1 of 17 2 men

Leave 3/5/18
 Time 5.30 A.M.
 A.P. Thompson
 No 2 Coy

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Daily Report

To O.C 24 hours ending
 15th A.M. G. Coy 6 A.M. 3/5/18
 From H.S. HANNAULT
 104 SECTION

Casualties; Nil.
 Ammunition Expended; Nil.
 " Received; Nil.
 " On Hand; 42000.
 Equipment Received; Oil
 " Returned; TELWIRE?
 " REQUIRED; Nil.

RATIONS; 24 hours (Satisfactory)
 PARADE STATE; 2 Officers 1 Sgt 5 Cpls,
 24 Gunners, 2 Cooks 1 Runner 1 BATMAN.
 (Note) In report 2/5/18 under heading
 Parade State, I gave TOTAL STRENGTH
 as 35. This was correct. But I regret
 that in foot note giving distribution
 I gave 6 bags of 5 each & 1 bag of 10.
 This made a total of 40, which number
 of rations I received.
 Please forward Rations 15 nights in 5 bags
 containing 5 each & 1 bag containing 11.
 Operations; Nothing to report.
 Hostile Artillery; from 2 pm to 4 pm
 5.9 Battery threw approx 400 shells
 into small wood T5308020. Our own &
 enemy's artillery very active from 2 am
 till dawn to the South.
 Hostile AIRCRAFT; very busy during day
 & also at night.
 CAS. No gas shelling to report.
 Time sent 6.10 am H.S. Hanna Lt
 BY Runner. Not Sect.

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No 2 ~~Section~~
~~Regt~~

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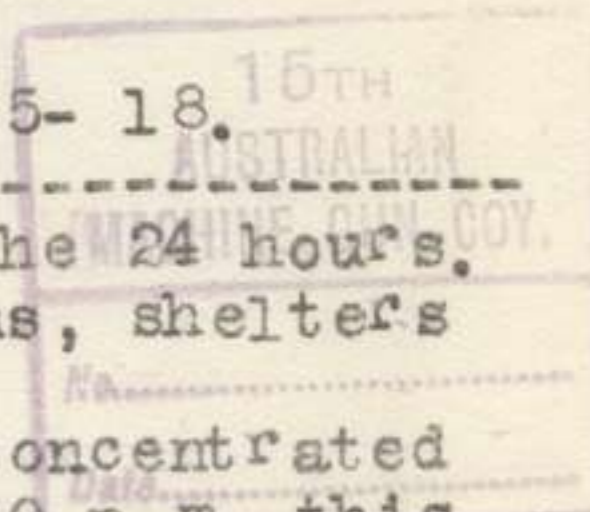
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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 2- 5-18 to 6 a.m. 3- 5- 18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: Improvements to gun positions, shelters and building of alternative positions.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: During the morning enemy artillery concentrated 5.9 battery on J.33.d. About 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. this was continued - about 350 shells falling in this area - all 5.9s.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Fired intermittently on our roads, tracks & during the night.
ENEMY AIRPLANES: Were active during the day, and many enemy planes were heard crossing our line during the night.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: Only individual men were observed behind enemy lines.
TARGETS ENGAGED: Our guns did not open fire, no M.G. targets being observed.
GENERAL: The weather was fine, and observation good.
 As a result of enemy shelling No.5 gun was moved to J.33.c.45.26

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Headquarters, 5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.
 3rd May, 1951
 No.
 Date:

- O.C. 8th M.G. Coy.
- " 14th "
- " 15th "
- " 25th "

Active harassing fire is to be maintained on the Divisional front. All roads, tracks and movement centres are to be kept under intermittent fire throughout the night.

Company Commanders will arrange independent shoots after consultation with Infantry Battalion Commanders in the line. Approval to carry out such shoots must be obtained daily from Brigade Headquarters.

Particulars of targets engaged, rounds expended etc. will be included in the morning report to Battalion Headquarters.

D. Marsden Major,
 C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

Copies to :
 8th Inf. Bde.) for information
 14th Inf. Bde.)

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5th AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
 No. 1/3/5
 Date:

A. H. 2

Lieut. Kerr

Rations for Hammett

A. H. 2.	3 off + 5 men	= 8
No 3 Sect.	2 M.C. Div + 4 men	= 6
No 1 Sect.	Sgt Bryant + 7 men	= 8
"	Cpl Melrose + 3 men	= 5
"	Nucleus	10

1 bag for Cpl Turner + 4 men
will go to Mr Hanna also
Cook's ration for 5.

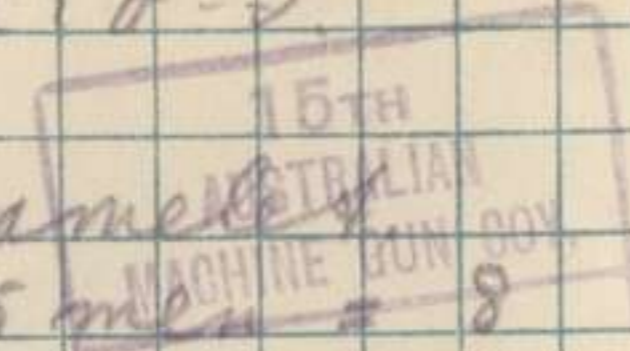
Pay required. About 1200 frs

Received a few cigarettes
last night. Thanks for
sending them.
Will collect that evidence
to-morrow.

4-5-18

F.W. Cott

appet. H.S.
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From O/C

No 2 Sect

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A. G. 6
15" A.W. 9.6

- 1 Reassembled
 - 2 Reassembled - cleaning Rod received
 - 3 Amm Expended
 - 3 " in Hand 40 500 rds
 - 4 work done - Sandbagging shelters
 - 5 Aircraft very active especially Fritz
 - 6 Rations - 24 hours - same order
- Yesterday about 4 P.M. enemy plane dropped red
balloon which was brought down by our
infantry with rifle fire J 34 central.
Am sending sample of paper it contained.
Enemy transport last 2 nights heard on road
Hamel - Gidley between 10-15 and 10-30 P.M.

Mail strength 1 1/2 29.0.R Mail 30

Date 4/5/18
Time 5.30 a.m.

A. R. G. M. J. H.
No 2 Section

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~~No 2 Section~~

~~Repat~~

~~Joseph W. Kelly~~

Enemy shelling: Except for heavy shrapnel well away on right flank for which it is impossible to say who was responsible the enemy passed the day very quietly.

Enemy attitude: Very quiet.

Gas: nil

works: nil

movement: nil

Aerial activity: Very great on both sides. Believed 3 Hurricanes were downed tho' I actually only saw one.

own artillery: Usual intermittent barrages on HAMBLE & environs. Particulars by heavy barrages placed on crest of ridge between BOIS de HAMBLE & B. de ACCROCHE (P. 15. D. 16) about 7 PM.

Log: 230 dms. required for my section. This is extreme of 1/5 for which Cpl Melotte has an authority.

S.M.C. 4/1/18
P. R. 1/18

Daily Report 24 hours ending
6 am 4/5/18

To O.C. 15th A. Coy from N. Coy 2nd Lt No. 1 Section

Casualties: Nil.

Ammunition: expended Nil

Equipment: On Hand 42,500 rds. Received: Nil. Retained Nil

Rations: Received 24 hours (at night) Parade state; 2 officers, 1 Sgt 56 Pts. 24 Gunners 2 Cooks 1 Runner 1 Pt. on Total 86

Operations: Nothing to report.

Hostile artillery: Very quiet on this sector. Occasional 4.2 H.E. shells fell in VAIRE.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Both sides active during day. A number of machines crossed & recrossed during night.

Gas: Nothing to report.

(I drew 6 Boxes of MILLS Grenades from 81st Batt. & distributed as follows. 1 Box each to Gun position Nos 9, 10, 11 & 12. 2 Boxes with Reserve Team in VAIRE. 2 Boxes were taken over from 25 Coy on right Gun position TOTAL Bombs with heat & Bom Time sent 6:20 am

By Runner. Lt. O. Hanna & Lieut. No. 1 Section

Appendix 5.

To O.C.

15th AMG Coy.

From O.C.

No 1 Sec.

Casualties: Nil.

Ammunition exp.: Nil

Rations recd. O.K.

Ration strength:-

Sgt Bryant & 7 men = 0-8

Cpl Melotte & 3 men = 4

No 1 Sec. nucleus ~~5~~ men = 56

Total = 0-22

Note:- No 1 Sec. relieves No 3 Sec. in reserve line at HAMLET tonight (14th) and I am rendering ration strength of No 1 Sec. only, less two officers ~~and~~ who will be included in HAMLET ration strength and a detached gun team of Cpl Turner & 4 men who will be included on St. Helena's strength.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 3- 5-18 to 6 a.m. 4- 5-18.

15TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.
Date.....

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported during the 24 hours.

WORK DONE & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, S.A.A. shelters & alternative positions.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Was normal

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Played on our roads tracks &c. as usual.

ENEMY AIRPLANES: Very few enemy planes were observed during the day.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: Very little movement was observed during the day. At night enemy transport was heard on HAMEL - SAILLY road between 10.15 and 10.30 p.m.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets being observed, our guns did not open fire.

GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility fair. About 4 p.m. an enemy plane dropped a red balloon which was brought down by rifle fire from Infantry at J.34. central. Our artillery put over intermittent bursts of fire on HAMEL and other enemy positions.

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*Not helpful
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Captain,
Temp.O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

To O.C.

15th A.M.G. Coy

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MACHINE GUN COY.

From O.C.

No 1 Sec.

Relief - completed without incident
Forward positions evacuated by
9.45 p.m. & reserve positions occupied
by 10 p.m.

Casualties - Nil

Ammunition exp. - Nil

Rations recd. O.K.

Ration strength -	2 officers & 5 men	2	5
	Sgt Bryant & 6 men =	-	7
	Cpl Melotte & 3 " "		4
	Sgt MacIntosh & 5 " "		6
	Cpl Ronald & 9 " "		10

Please bag dry rations as above 2-32.
Books rations as under
2 off. & 5 men in one lot
and 27 men's in one lot
The whole of the above rations to be
dropped at HMMLET. (H.C.H.Q.)

Intelligence -

Enemy shelling - More active than usual
the canal being heavily shelled
during the day. Much back area
shelling was indulged in.

Enemy attitude - Normal

Aerial activity - Rather less than usual,

own artillery - Usual activity

Everything "tires thin"

H.W. C.H.Q.
5/3/18
6.4.18

P. J. Peden Lt.
No 1 Sec.
15th A.M.G. Coy.

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O.C. 15th H.M.A. Coy.
 HANLEY

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Y. O. B. 15th May by
From 402 Sect.

Casualties

Change Personnel Lt Brington
relieved by Lt Hackworth

Summit Expanded etc.
On Hand Belts 19500
Belt 21000

Ratons

Ratons were recovered for 24 hours
Strength 10pp 3 lts 3 lps 230.R.
Total 30.

General

2552 Pte Allan E. has lost his
Pay Book very probably burned
& destroyed by shell

Will you please see if there are
any parcels (Registered etc) for
my men particularly 3745
Pte Evans W.G.

Intelligence
Works etc

The mine belt running in front
of line on J 3479 C is now
being replaced by a new
line being laid in front of
it

Strength

Our strength was particularly
low throughout the afternoon
& evening

Artillery

Every artillery fairly quiet but
many reports were directed
against canal bank about
J 3477 canal bank.

Every attitude
normal.

5:14:18 Harold J. Hackworth
5:45 P.M.

Appendix b

To O.C. 15 A.M. G.C.

Small tin Breakages - NIL

Ammunition Suspended - NIL

On hand Belts 16,000
Bulk 21,000

Rations - 24 hours

Strength 1st 26.0.R.

Peas bag

1st 3.0.R.

3rd 2.0.R.

3 bags of (6)

4

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General Relief with N^o 1 satisfactory

Night quiet all ok

As before

5/3/18

Van

S.A.M.

Daily Report

N^o 4 Section

5/5/1918

1. NIL

2. NIL

3. NIL

AMM Recd, NIL

do on hand 20500 (82 belts) TOTAL

do " 21600 (bulk) 42100

8 boxes Nails bombs.

4. 24 hours rations to hand O.K.

5. 2 offrs, 1 Sgt, 5 cpls, 24 gunners

2 cooks, 1 butman, 1 runner TOTAL 36

(Do rations up in 5 bags each containing 5 rations and 1 bag containing 11 rations.)

6. Nothing to report during the 24 hours.

(c) Enemy shelling not of a severe nature, scattered firing mostly on right of sector

(d) Enemy attitude very quiet

(e) do defences nothing new seen.

(f) Hostile aerial activity quiet

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7. Lt. H.B. Linton Smith relieved Lt. H.G. Hanna M.C. last night and found everything O.K. Cpl. Thomson relieved Cpl. Gillis, latter reporting to A.H.Q. Pte Farwood replaced Pte Wright latter returning to N°3 section

Pte H.J. Mills requires a pair of boots size 9.

To Capt. Whelpton. Lt. Hanna will have given you particulars re map locations of positions you spoke to me about last evening

J 32^c 3-9
6 A.M. 5/5/18
By Runner

H.B. Linton Smith
Lieut

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 4-5-18 to 6 a.m. 5-5-18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.

WORK DONE & PROPOSED: Improvements to new positions (alternative) and men's shelters.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery were aggressive along the canal, and back areas were shelled consistently. North bank of canal at J.34.a. was heavily shelled.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Were active, playing on our roads, tracks &c.

ENEMY AEROPLANES: A few enemy 'planes were observed flying behind his line.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No movement was observed during the day.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets being observed our guns did not open fire.

GENERAL: No. 3 Section relieved No.1 Section without incident. Relief was completed by 10 p.m.

Lt. H.B.L. Smith relieved Lt. Hanna M.C. - No.4 Section.

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H. Chepman
 Captain,
 Temp. O.C., 15th M.G. Coy.

Daily Report

6/5/1918

No 4 Section

- 1. NIL
- 2. NIL
- 3. NIL

AMM. on hand as per special return herewith.

4 24 hours rations to hand. Dry rations were short for six men, apparently being made up in 6 bags of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 5 of 5 & 1 of 11. other rations were correct.

5 2 offrs 1 Sgt 5 Cpl 24 gunners 2 cooks 1 bat. 1 runner TOTAL 36

Cpl Charlton relieved Cpl Surger the latter has not got over the effects of gas yet, & will require close attention

- 6(a) NIL
- (c) Enemy shelling very little
- (d) do attitude quiet
- (e) do defences nothing new seen
- (f) do aerial activity very quiet

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Lt Cpl Ballingall (N 12 GUN in reserve) reports that between 2 & 3 A.M. a dump of red & green flares (about 200) went up on the main lines as though set off by our artillery location about P 20 c re BOMBS. There were only two boxes available to hand over to N 2 Section.

re SOX. My section say they have sent back more SOX than they have received, I can see a more reliable count will have to be kept.

re PAY. Nominal probl herewith with 60 fr balance tied up in the centre of roll Sand bags arrived O.K.

J 32 C 3-9
6 AM 6/5/18
By runner

R. B. Kington Smith
Lieut

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Return re S.A.A. N°4 Sect
6/5/1918

GUN	BULK S.A.A.			TOTAL
	ORDINARY	ARMOR PIERCING	TRACER	
N° 9	4600	NIL	NIL	21,600
10	7000	NIL	NIL	
11	4000	NIL	NIL	
12	3000	NIL	NIL	
13	3000	NIL	NIL	
	IN BELTS.			
9	4500	NIL	NIL	20,500
10	4000	NIL	NIL	
11	4000	NIL	NIL	
12	4000	NIL	NIL	
13	4000	NIL	NIL	
				<u>42,100</u>

6.A.M.
6/5/18

A. D. Kintou Smith
Lieut

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No. 1. Section. 6-45-18.

Rations received O.K.

Ration Strength.

2 Off. & 5 men C. Hqs. = 7.

Sgt Bryant & 6 = 7.

Cpl Mellotte & 3 = 4

Sgt Max Litch & 5 = 6

Cpl Ronald } & 11. = 13
" Turner }

Increase included { Cpl. ~~Shannon~~ Turner.
Cpl. Fook

Cooks rations in 2. LOTS.

2 off 5 men at C. Hqs = 7

Remainder = 30.

Clamer 2/LT 99

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To O.C 15th Ably Bay
From cross sect.

Casualties

Change in Personnel

Rations

Was received for 24 hours & were
quite satisfactory.

Strength 10 off 29 O.R.

Intelligence

The day was too heavy & dull for
a small activity.

Enemy attitude was very quiet.

Our artillery started a fire

that was heard by the enemy
all day yesterday.

Harold G. Rankin

6.15.18.

To O.C 15 AMGC

Casualties: NIL

Breakages: New barrel required.

Ammunition expended NIL

On hand Belt 16,000 rounds

Bulk 25,000

Strength 1 off 26 O.R. = 27

Rations 24 hours. None received.

General Our artillery fairly active.

German artillery quiet on sector.

Airplane activity normal.

Visibility was very high towards dusk.

Light German machine gun fire in
front of Bois de la Chapelle played during

the night in wood near our
positions - no flash was observed.

Conferred with O.C line in regard
escort, alternative positions etc.

D.S. Pocket Book refill urgently required

Algeria

N. 3 Sect

6/5/18

Vain

5 a.m.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 5-5-18 to 6 a.m. 6-5-18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported for the 24 hours.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: Improvements to existing positions, & shelter and building of new alternative gun positions.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.

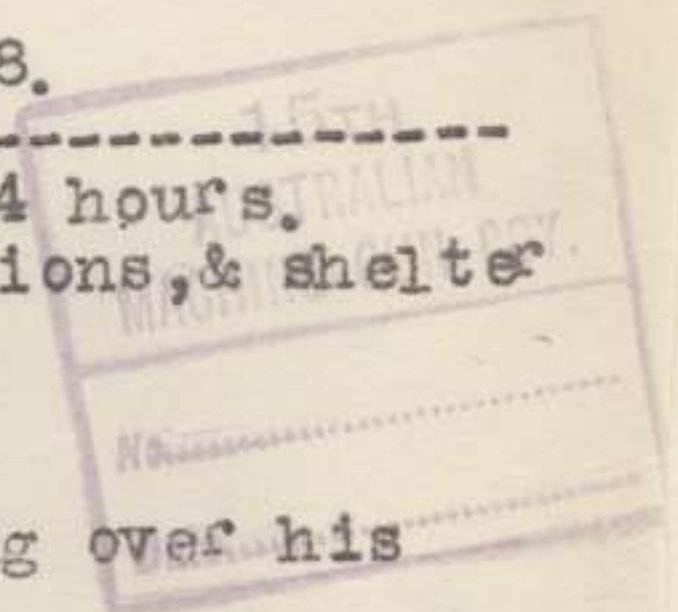
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Played on our roads, tracks &c.

ENEMY AEROPLANES: Few enemy 'planes were observed flying over his own lines.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No enemy movement was observed behind his lines during the day.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets being observed, our guns did not open fire.

GENERAL: The weather was cloudy, and visibility high. Our artillery set alight to a dump of red and green flares in HAMEL between 2 & 3 a.m.



W. Whipton *appx. 7.*
 Temp. O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy. *5.7.*

Daily Report

N^o 4 Section

7/5/18 8

1 NIL
 2 NIL
 3 NIL, amm. need nil
 amm. on hand 20500 belts
 do do 21600 bulk 4-2100

8 boxes Mills bombs

4 24 hours rations to hand
 5 2 cpls: 1 sgt 5 cpl 24 gunners
 2 cooks 1 bat 1 runner 36

Rations for N^o 4 Section and also N^o 1 Section will be

Sgt Hillman and 8 others	=	9
Cpl Pearson and 4 "	=	5
Cpl Thomson " 8 "	=	9
Lt Col Ballingall " 4 "	=	5
Sgt Bryant " 4 "	=	5
Cpl Melotta " 4 "	=	5
Cpl Charlton " 4 "	=	5
Pte Treasure " 5 "	=	6
H. O. VAIRE		6
Lt Coffin HAMELET		1
		<u>56</u>

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6. Nothing to report
 Enemy shelling morning
 to speak of
 Evening air craft fairly
 active one brought down
 in flames in the morning
 and a squad of 5 broken
 up by six of ours in the
 evening at 7.30 P.M. good
 fight but no victims.
 General.

Pte Elton is still with N^o
 4 Section please inform POSTMAN.
 Mr Hanna's park is at N^o 3
 old Cook house. Wilson thinks
 I will send him round for it

H. B. Denton
 Lieut

J 32 c 3-9
 6 AM. 6/5/18
 By runner

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Feb. 6. 15th M.G. Coy
From No. 2 Sect

Basualties

Change in Personnel

Ammunition Expended

On Hand	Belts	19500
	Bucks	21000

Rations

24 Hour rations were received & were quite satisfactory

Strength 1 off 29 O.R.

General

at this place was brought down at 4 AM the morning of the 6th inst. J28
Enemy shelling was but light scattered throughout 24 hours J33 D & J34 B were the areas shelled

7:5:18

Harold G. Mackworth

To. O. C 15 A. M. G. C.

Basualties

Pte G. Granari 3069 Influenza

Breakages:- NIL

Ammunition Expended:- NIL

On Hand	Belts	25,000
	Bucks	16,000

Strength:- 1 off 27 O.R = 28

Retain:- 24 hours.

Please amend bagging

1 off 30-R	(4)
4 bags of 6	(24)
	<hr/>
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General

Day was dull, fine & visibility high
Night dark & wet.

Artillery activity normal.

Several enemy aeroplanes flew over during the afternoon at low altitudes. Ammunition was placed in forward alternative positions for 28 guns.

Vain s.a.m.

Abeyin H
No. 3 Sect
7/5/18

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 6-5-18 to 6 a.m. 7-5-18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions and shelters &c.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery shelled our forward areas intermittently including J.33.d. and J.34.b.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Played on our roads, tracks &c.

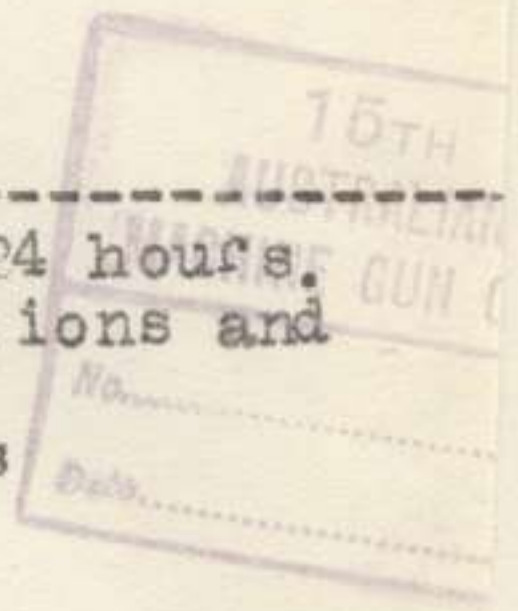
~~ENEMY AEROPLANES:~~

ENEMY AEROPLANES: Few enemy aeroplanes were observed flying over our lines. One was brought down at 7 a.m. in J.28, and another enemy plane was brought down at 7.30 p.m.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: Little movement was observed behind enemy lines.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No. M.G. targets were observed.

GENERAL: The weather was dull, and light rain fell over night. Our artillery and aeroplanes were active during the 24 hours.



Frithelpton
Temp. O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy. *8*
Capt *7.2*
red. 3.2

Daily Report

N°1 Section

8/5/18

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- 1 NIL
- 2 NIL
- 3 NIL amm rec'd NIL

amm on hand 20500 DELTS
do do 21650 BULK

8 boxes Mils bombs

4 24 hours rations to park

5 2 off- 1 sgt 3 cpl 21 gunners

2 cooks 2 batmen 1 member 32

Make up sections as under:-

HQ. VAIRE 2 off- 2 bats. = 4

Section cooks 5

Sgt Bryant & 4 others 5

Cpl Haggith & 4 do 5

Cpl Charlton & 4 do 5

Pte Newburn's team 5

Cpl Pearson & 4 others 5

6. No operations

(c) N°10 gun (Sgt Bryant) came
in for some shelling early
this morning, about a dozen
4.2 & 77 fell within a

74

20 yard radius of the gun
it looks pointed enough to
warrant moving, so I have
given Sgt Bryant instructions
to move forward about 150' which
will bring position in a
plowed field. The position
will be dug tonight.

(d) enemy attitude about normal
except for small artillery
retaliation for our heavy
bombardments last night - this
morning

(f) enemy aerial activity quiet
all day till 7 P.M. when 15
to 20 planes flew round the
area for 1/2 an hour

Required

2 pairs boots size 9/4 6/5
I took over temporary charge of
N°1 Section last night.

J 32 C 3-9

6 AM 8/5/18

By Runner

H. J. ...
Lieut

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To A.B. 15th Ch. J. Coy
From No 2 Det.

Basualties

Change Personnel

ammunition Expended

On Hand Bullets	19500
Bulk	21000

Rations Store Etc.

Rations were received for 24 hours

1 Broken Blenny RID returned and
you please repair.

Strength 1 off 29 D.R.

General.

There was little aerial activity as
clouds were low & heavy.

SAILLY LE SEC was shelled lightly
but very consistently throughout the
present period.

All else is quiet

8:5:18

Headed by [Signature]

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8.5.18

Daily Report

- 1 Basualties Nil
- 2 Breakages Nil
- 3 Ammunition Exp. Nil

On Hand 25000 Bulk
16000 Belts

24 hrs Rations received
Parade State 1 off. 27 OR.

Aircraft activity below normal.
Enemy artillery activity slightly
above normal.

Own artillery carried out
usual shoots during night.
Visibility bad owing to
bad state of weather.

5:15 AM
By Runner

[Signature]

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 7-5-18 to 6 a.m. 8-5-18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, alternative positions, and shelters.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery was aggressive at regular periods during the 24 hours.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Played on our roads, tracks &c.
ENEMY AIRPLANES: About 7 p.m. 15 to 20 enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines and were turned back by our A.A. guns.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: Only individual men were observed behind enemy lines.
TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets being observed our guns did not open fire.
GENERAL The weather was dull, with rain overnight, visibility being poor.
 Our artillery was active at regular intervals during the 24 hours.

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Robelpton
 Captain,
 Temp. O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

Daily Report

10 Oct

7.29/5/18

15th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

N^o 1 Section

1 NIL

2 NIL

3 NIL

4 Amm on hand 20500 BELTS
do do 21650 BUTK

8 Boxes Mills Bombs

4 24 hours rations to hand
1 pair boots 6/5 to hand

5 2 offt 1 offt 3 offt 21 runners
2 cks of botmen 1 runner 32

Make up rations:-

1) H.Q. VAIRE 4

1) Section cooks 3

5) bags of 5 25 32

6(a) no operations.
enemy very quiet
only one enemy aeroplane came over during the 24 hours flying very low passed over VAIRE at 7.30 P.M.

Works report. Sgt Bryant worked all night - on new ¹⁰

position at P 2 B 1-6
but ground very hard every shovel full having to be picked it is really flat-like rock, so he could not complete the work which will be continued tonight.

Required
TOMMY COOKERS for 9 + 11 guns. Pte TREWARNE and Cpl MELOTTE

TELEPHONE. Pte Wilson brought a message last night that the telephone line is disconnected between 31st BATT + VAIRE. I have no body here who will be able to repair such breakages

J 32 c 3-9
9/5/18
6 A.M. by runner

H. B. [Signature] Smith
Lieut 80

Appendix 10.

To A.B. 15th M.G. Coy.
From C/O & Capt.

Basualtis

Change Personnel

Ammunition Expended

On Hand Belts 19500

Bulk 21000

Rations

were received for 24 hours & were quite satisfactory.

Enemy aircraft were active during the afternoon but were able to do but little owing to the number of our planes operating.

VAIRE was shelled slightly yesterday morning.

SAILLY LE SEC was shelled during the night.

2:5:18

W. J. H. H. H. H.

Daily Report

9.5.18

Basualtis. 3rd Lt. P. Behan's report attached.

Breakages. No 8 Gun blown out at 2 AM. Barrel casing damaged badly. P/O Sawyer who was on duty states that it was done by a nosecap from one of our own shells. The position & shape of hole seems to bear out his statement. The firing pin in returned lock was bent earlier in the night rendering the lock useless. P/O Cook is returning with gun, can you let him have as another gun (complete) by return.

3. Ammunition Expended Nil

On Hand Belts 16000

Bulk 25000

24 hours Rations received

Ration state 10/26 OK.

Enemy aircraft more active than previous days, several planes flying low down over marshes.

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Daily Report

9.518.

Enemy artillery was normal throughout night.

Own aircraft above normal.

Own artillery carried out usual shoots throughout night.

Visibility low.

We are getting very short of bully beef & canned apples. Please send some of these.

5.15 AM

By memo

Abdelah
No 3 sect.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 8-5-18 to 6 a.m. 9-5-18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, shelters &c.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery was aggressive, shelling VAIRE and SAILLY le sec during the 24 hours.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Were active, playing on our roads, tracks &c.

ENEMY AEROPLANES: Only one enemy plane was observed during the 24 hours flying over our lines.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No enemy movement was observed, with the exception of individuals.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets being observed, our guns did not open fire.

GENERAL: The weather was cloudy, and observation poor. No. 2 gun was blown out by enemy artillery at 2 a.m.. This was replaced immediately. Our artillery carried out 'shoots' at various times during the 24 hours.

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F. Whipton Captain,
 Temp. O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

To B 15th by
From No 2

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Blaze on Demand

is ammunition expended

O. Hand Belts 19500

Buck 21000

Rations.

Strength 1 Off. 30 O.R

1 Coy 5 to 101 Sec. Sgt Pender

1 - 5 " " "

3 - 6 " " "

1 - 3 " " " Self.

General

Every attitude quiet. There were some
ammunition dumps but no planes were
brought down.

J 27 D & 28 C were bombed at 9 P.M.

Shelling was very slight again with
the exception of SA 1627 LE S E each
received a good deal of attention.

10:5:18

Handed by Handwritten

Rations for No 4 Section.

Sgt Milburn + 4 men = 5

Cpl Johnson + 4 " = 5

" Pearson + 4 " = 5

" Perry + 4 " = 5

" Ballingall + 4 " = 5

Lt Hanna + 2 " = 3

Cook etc at Vaire 4 = 4

These rations to go to Vaire

10-5-18

For help to left

A. H. 2.

Ration Strength at Hamlet.

A. H. 2. 2 off. 6 o/r = 8
(2 sign from Bn are attached here,
Pte Vain is at Vaire S. H. 2.)
No 1 Section Sgt Bryant + 7 men = 8
(includes two sick men receiving
attention from R. M. O. Hamlet)
No 3 Section 4 men = 4
No 2 Section 1 bag of 5 men = 5
" 2 " 3 bags of 6 men = 18
Lt Hachworthy 1 " of 3 " = 4
(includes one reinforcement who
will be attached to No 2 Section.)
Were Cook's rations for Sgt Dawson
+ reinf. sent up last night?
No 1 Sect. reports none arrived.

Rations for Sgt Pinder + 4 men will
go to No 1 Sect at Vaire.

Please send official
envelopes, small & large
10-5-78 F.W.

10.5.18

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- 1 Casualties Nil
 - 2 Breakages Nil
 - 3 Ammunition Exps. Nil
- On Hand Belts 16000
Bulk 25000

24 has rations received.
Ration state 1 of 26 OK.
General. Enemy aircraft active both
during day & night, one plane
dropped bombs along canal.
Enemy artillery normal.
Own aircraft very active, one ~~then~~
plane believed to have been
driven down.
Usual nightly shoots carried out by
artillery.
Telephonic communication now
established from here to Vaire.
Am returning nosecap which damaged
gun yesterday morning.

5 AM
Byrunner.

Alcock
No 3 Sect

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Nº1 Section

- 1 NIL
 - 2 NIL
 - 3 NIL Amm recd NIL
amm on hand 20500 BELTS
do 21600 BULK
8 boxes Mills bombs
 - 4 24 hours rations to hand
 - 5 2 offr 1 sgt - 3 cpl 21 gunners
2 cooks 2 batmen 1 runner, 1 signaller
Rations tonight will be: -
- | | |
|---|-----------|
| H.Q. VAIRE 2 offr & 2 OIR | 5 |
| Section cooks | 4 |
| Pte TREWARNE'S team | 5 |
| Sgt ^{DONOVAN} BRYANT and 4 men | 5 |
| Cpl MELOTTE & 4 men | 5 |
| Pte ROLLS team | 5 |
| Sgt PINDER & 4 men | 5 |
| <u>5</u> | <u>34</u> |
| Sgt BRYANT & 5 men going
back to HAMELET | 6 |
- Nothing to report
Sgt Bryant and 5 men are going
back to HAMELET to rest

6. Very little enemy
movement observed
Usual artillery operations
works report
Sgt Bryant worked all
night at new position
at P 2 to 1-6 but will
not be ready to move
in till tonight

J 32 c 3-9

10/5/18 6 AM
by runner

H. B. Danton Smith
Lieut

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 9-5-18 to 6 a.m. 10-5-18.

15th
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.
Date:

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions and building of new positions, shelters &c.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Played on our roads, tracks &c.

ENEMY AEROPLANES: Were active. One enemy 'planes was observed to have been brought down by our 'planes in air fights.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No enemy movement was observed during the day.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets were observed and our guns did not open fire.

GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility good. J. 27.d. and J. 28.c. were bombed by enemy 'planes at 9 p.m. Our artillery made regular 'shoots' during the 24 hours.

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Wheleston Captain,
Temp. O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

Hot Food.

Sun beams received stew & greens

9:15 P.M.

And at 4 A.M. Bacon & Eggs

MACHINE GUN COY.

Suns all O.K.

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Intelligence, artillery Hun unusually
quiet so far than a few shots
fired during periods (24 hrs)
Our own artillery below normal
no important changes last night.

Aerial Activity

Large numbers of our machines
over enemy lines all day.

2 Huns believed shot down at
7 P.M. & 8 P.M. resp.

Works

S.P. P2, to 10:30 progressing
ground very hard probably
finish to night.

6 A.M.
VAIRE.

for summary

C Cameron
No 1 Sect
15th A.M.
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To O.C.

15th A.M.G.C.

VAIRE

From

O.C.

No 1 Sect.

Re allotment of Guns look over.

No 3 10:11:12:13. Right Sector.

Ammo Exp = 717. Received = 717.

Casualties = 717.

Strength Increase 5. viz.

2158 Sgt Dawson

567 Pte Wilson A.S.

591 " Hutchinson R.D.

3033 " Braithwaite C.

463 " Kaye H.

Returned HAMELET 5.

Sgt Bryant

Pte Nugent

" Donaldson

" Jones.

" McQuinn.

Above sent to HAMELET for 48 hrs spell

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Handwritten notes on a grid, including the word "TELETYPE" and other illegible text.

Handwritten notes on a grid, featuring the word "HANDLET" written in large, bold letters, and other illegible text.

Total Strength = ORs 32

above includes men at HAMELET.

Ration Strength: - VAIRE.

1 bag for 1 Off 1 Sig 1 Runner = 3	
1 " " Sgt Connon & 4 MEN = 5	
1 " " Cpl Melotte & 4 " = 5	
1 " " Plt Swaine & 4 " = 5	
1 " " " 79077s & 4 " = 5	
1 " " Sgt Tindler & 4 " = 5	
1 " " Cooks ————— = 3	
	<u>Total</u> 31

Rations received last night 10-5-18
O.K.

(Cigarettes) Matches) wanted.

Tea & Sugar { Required }

Could a larger amount
be sent in cooks rations as
extra tea is sent out to
S. Ps. sufficient to last all day

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Daily Report

11-5-18

1. Casualties Nil
2. Packages Nil
3. Ammunition Excp Nil
On Hand Bulk 16000
Belts 25000

2nd has rations received. O.K.

Ration state 1 off 27 O.K.

Reconnaissance.

Enemy aircraft active during
day two planes brought down believe
both to be Huns, one in flames at 7 PM
the other at 8 PM.

Enemy artillery quiet, very little shelling
done during day or night.

Low aircraft. Large numbers flying at
great height over enemy lines.

Manual artillery stunts carried out during
night.

General. Have taken over No 9 position.
everything O.K.

1 bag flares arrived O.K.

5:30 AM
By runner

A. B. Welch Lt.
No 3 Sect

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Took 12 hours ending
 15th A.M.S. Log 6 am 11/5/18
 From H G Hanna Lt.
 No 4 Section

Casualties; - Nil

Ammunition Expended; - Nil

Equipment On Hand (complete state to follow)

Required; Nil

Received; Nil

Returned; 2 pairs ankle boots
 2 Box Respirators (Replacement
 not required)

Rations Received; 24 hours for 28 men

Parade state; 1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 4 Cpls, 20
 gunners 2 cooks, 1 runner.

Total 29

Operations; No 4 Section took over No
 1, 2, 3, & 4 Gun positions, change
 over satisfactory.

Hostile Artillery; Quiet on my sector.

A few 7.7" about 10 pm near No 2 Gun
 position.

Hostile Aircraft; Great activity reports
 previous day 10/5/18.

Very quiet night.

Time sent 6.45 am. H G Hanna Lt.
 By Runner No 4 Section

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 10-5-18 to 6 a.m. 11-5-18.

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED Building of alternative gun positions, and improvements to existing positions and shelters.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Played on our roads, tracks &c.
ENEMY AEROPLANES: Were active; two enemy 'planes were brought down by our airmen at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: Little enemy movement was observed behind his lines, only individual men being seen.
TARGETS ENGAGED: No M.G. targets being observed, our guns did not open fire.
GENERAL: The weather was cloudy but fine, and visibility was good. No. 3 Section took over No. 9 gun, and No 4 Section took over guns Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4. With the exception of aeroplane activity, this period was exceptionally quiet.

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Robertson
Captain,
Temp. O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

15th Wg Coy

Horses	very good
Harness	very good
Steelwork	very good
Timbers	very good
Drivers	very good

clean smart.

This Coy had an excellent turn out

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

15th
Headquarters,
12-5-18.
MACHINE GUN COY.
No.
Date

O.C.
15th A.M.G.Coy.

Herewith remarks of Battalion Transport Officer after weekly inspection, for your information.

This was the best turnout in the Battalion.

M. Bump

Major.
C. O. 5th Aust. M. G. En.

5TH
AUSTRALIAN
M.G. BATTALION.
No. 449
Date

To DC.
15th A.M.G. Coy.
From HC.
No 1 Section

Deleted 14
7.3
Ved. 5.

Casualties - Nil

S.A.A. on hand - Belts

	Belts	Bulk	Totals
No 10	4,250	2,200	6,450
" 11	4,000	3,000	7,000
" 12	4,000	4,000	8,000
" 13	4,000	3,000	7,000
Grand totals	16,250	12,200	28,450

Ammunition Exp. - Nil

Rations Recd. O.K.

Ration strength - 0 O.R.

1 bag Lt Rider, 1 sig, 1 runner	=	2
1 " 3 cooks	=	3
1 " for Sgt Donovan & 4 men	=	5
1 " " Cpl Charlton & 4 "	=	5
1 " " " Melotte & 4 "	=	5
1 " " " Pt Newburne & 4 "	=	5
1 " " Sgt Pinder & 4 "	=	5
Total Ration strength	10/4	31 O.R.

7 Barrels - 1 spare barrel is with each gun of No 1 Section.

Sgt Pinder of No 2 Sec. in my sector also has a spare barrel

Bombs - Bombs are at all guns in my sector in the following proportions:

No 10 Gun	=	17
" "	=	12
" "	=	12
" "	=	12
Total	=	53

Map locations - Have checked Map locations of Nos. 12 & 13 guns and find them pretty right. Would prefer plotting them J 31 II 70 25 and 73 15 rather than J 31 II 75 40 and 75 30 as shown on your list. Will most probably give you 10 and 11 tomorrow. This morning was not favorable.

Re numbering - Lt Cameron informed me, of guns on taking over here, that he has reversed the numbers of Nos. 10 and 11 Guns, so that on your list

M. B. No 10. 50
M. B. No 10. 50
M. B. No 10. 50

The gun shown as P.2.B. 10.60 is No 11
that one at P.2.B. 45.00 is now
No 10. Is this change acceptable to
you please? I think it an
improvement as on your list a support
gun (your No 10) is numbered ahead of
a front line gun (your No 11) and it
goes out of keeping with the remainder
of our guns.

Both No. 10 and 11 Positions
are untracked as yet by me.

Intelligence:

Enemy shelling - Less than normal.
at 11 A.M. 5 H.E (4.2's) fell in
vicinity of VAIRE church and the
same spot received about 8 4.2's
at 3 p.m. Night passed very quietly.
Aerial activity - Nil

Enemy M.G.'s - An enemy M.G. firing
from direction of BOIS de VAIRE
was active during the night
above No. 10 and 11 Guns.

Signalling -

At 11 p.m. several
single red flares were sent
up opposite Batt (31st) front
and at 11.5 p.m. several orange
clusters on N. bank of Canal.
No action followed.

own artillery - Rather less active than
normal on this sector. From
12.30 A.M. till 1 A.M. very heavy
strafe on the right (should say
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX) apparently
by our artillery

General - Orders re. cleaning of belts
& ammunition given to all
gun teams.

Hope to have S.A.S. line for
Gms 12 & 13 fixed tonight. Must
see Col. Freeman to get exact
line of our troops.

Sgt H.Q.
VAIRE
J. B. C.
33.94
6.15 AM.
12/5/18

Cheerio
P. R. Reid
OC 1st Sec
15th AMG Coy

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OC. 15th ~~15th~~ 9. Coy.
~~15th~~

Daily Report 12.5.18

Casualties Nil
Breakages Nil
Ammunition Exp. Nil
On Hand Beets 16000
Bulk 25000

24 hrs rations received
Ration State 100% 27 OK.

Reconnaissance

Enemy aircraft normal, few
planes observed.

Enemy artillery slightly more active
than previous days.

Own aircraft active during day.
Own artillery carried out usual
shoots during night.

General, 1 doz tinned sausages received
OK, greatly appreciated by the men.
Cigarettes also received OK.

Flare pistol came to hand
yesterday morning.

and returning 2 tins cigs for men at Hamelt.
5.30 AM.

By runner

A. E. Welch
No 3 Sect

Daily Report 6 am 12/5/18

To O.C.

15th A.M. Coy

From H.C. Hanna Lieut
No 4 Section

Casualties; Nil
Ammunition Exp. exp. and; Nil
Equipment; Reamed 2 barrels to replace 1 worn
& 1 (shortage).

Rations Received; 24 hours (as at factor)
Parade State; 1 Officer 1 Lt. 4 Cpls 20 Band
2 Cooks 1 Runner Total 29

Operations; 5 L.T.M. 3 bombarded fallen
airplane (British) 5000 South of BOUZENCOU
In diary shells fired to get plane sign
Enemy replied with light mortar fire
Hostile artillery! A few 4.5 & E shells
fell in VAIRE during day. otherwise
very quiet.

Actual activity; very little to report.

Time sent 6.20.

By Runner.

H.C. Hanna Lieut
No 4 Section
15th A.M. Coy

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 11-5-18 to 6 a.m. 12-5-18.

15TH
AUSTRALIAN

MACHINE GUN COY.

No.

Date

CASUALTIES: There were no casualties reported during the 24 hours.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, alternative positions, and shelters.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Fired on our roads, tracks &c. during the night.
ENEMY AEROPLANES: Aeroplane activity was normal.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: Signalling: At 11 p.m. several single red flares were fired by the enemy, and at 11.5 p.m. several orange clusters were fired on the North bank of the Canal. No enemy action followed.
TARGETS ENGAGED: Owing to no M.G. targets being observed, our guns did not open fire.
GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility good. Guns Nos. 10 and 11, were changed round, the Nos. being reversed.

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Fluckton
 Captain,
 Temp. O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

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Headquarters,
13th May, 1918.

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1. The 25th Machine Gun Company will relieve the 15th Machine Gun Company in the Centre Sector of the Divisional Front on the 15th/16th May.
2. The 15th Machine Gun Company on relief will move to AUBIGNY and remain in Divisional Reserve.
While in reserve this Company will keep eight Gun Limbers packed and parked at AUBIGNY ready to move at an hour's notice. Horses will remain at present Transport Lines.
One Officer will be specially detailed to report to Headquarters, Reserve Brigade, for liaison duty, should the Company be placed under the orders of the G.O.C. Reserve Brigade. Location of Reserve Brigade Headquarters N.21.a.9.3..
3. O.C. 15th Machine Gun Company will be responsible that a reconnaissance of the AUBIGNY LINE is carried out prior to the Company moving into reserve.
4. O.C. 25th Machine Gun Company will be responsible for liaison with 8th Infantry Brigade and Battalion Commanders in the line, as soon as the sector has been taken over.
5. No movement will take place forward of the Cross Roads O.10.d.80.95. before dusk. Movement forward of that point will be by Gun Teams with 100 yds. distance.
6. Maps, Air Photos, and any information specially relating to the sector will be handed over on relief, together with Company Dumps of S.A.A. etc..
7. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned, who will be responsible for the usual precautions against shelling and enemy aircraft.
8. 25th Machine Gun Company will notify Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters, 8th Infantry Brigade, of completion of relief, by code word "LUCY".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.P. ...
-----Major.
C.O. 5th Aust. M. G.Bn.

Issued at 9 p.m.

Copies to :

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" 2. 14th A.M.G. Company.
" 3. 15th "
" 4. 25th "
" 5. 8th Infantry Brigade.
" 6. 5th Aust. Division.
" 7. 15th Infantry Brigade (For information.)
" 8. 14th "
" 9. File.
" 10. W. D.

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To OC.
 15th M.G. Coy.
 Drum OC.
 No 1 Sec.



Casualties - 100
 S.F.H. on hand - Belts 16,000 rd.
 S.F.H. 17,000 "
 33,000 "
 Bombs 65

Rations used O.K.
 Ration strength - 2 OR
 10ff. 10is 1runner 1cook - 1-3
 Sgt Donbran & 4 men = 5
 Cpl Charlton & 4 " = 5
 " Melotte & 4 " = 5
 Plt Drenwaine & 4 " = 5
 Sgt Ashton & 3 " = 4
 2 cooks = 2
 10ff = 39 OR

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Intelligence -
 Enemy shelling - Normal
 attitude - "

Aerial activity - Rather less than
 normal
 own artillery - normal
 new position - The new position for
 No 10. Gun is completed
 I have not occupied it as
 yet, and with your permission
 I will not do so before relief
 but will put the 55th in
 as soon as they land.

Relief - Consider all orders recd.
 re relief hold good excepting
 of course that anything happens
 but has later.

SIG
 WIRE
 14/15/19
 6 A.M.

"B. Harris"

B. Harris
 OC. No 1 Sec.
 15/11/19

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Co. No. 1
 15th H.A. Coy.
 H.A.M.F.T.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a second piece of graph paper]

Daily Report-

To: O.C. 24 hours ending
 15th A.I.S. Coy From 6 am 14/4/18
 H.C. Hannachan
 104 Section

Casualties; nil

Ammunition Expended; nil

Equipment Received; 2 Barrels

" Returned; 14 Belt Boxes

Rations Received; 24 hours

Ration State; 1 Officer, Sgt. 4 Cpls

2 cooks 20 Gunners, 1 Runner. Total 29

Operations; nothing to Report.

Hostile Artillery; very quiet on left
 sector.

Hostile Aircraft; very little activity to
 report.

Gas. Enemy threw a few gas
 (Yellowst) shells into swamp in

J33 B concentration very light

Time sent 6.15 Lt. Hannachan
 BY Runner. 15th A.I.S. Coy

BY Runner.

15th A.I.S. Coy

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Most Sec.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 13- 5-18. to 6 a.m. 14-5-18.

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, shelters &c.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery bombarded J.33.b. with yellow X gas shells. Otherwise, quiet.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Were active, playing on our roads, tracks &c.
ENEMY AEROPLANES: Were quiet.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: No enemy movement was observed behind his lines.
TARGETS ENGAGED: Owing to no M.G. targets being observed, our guns did not open fire.
GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility was good. Our artillery were active at regular intervals during the 24 hours.

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Hubertson, Captain,
 Temp. O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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Reference 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Order

Map Ref. Sheet 62D 1/40,000.

Coy No. 2
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY
No. 14.5.18
Date 14.5.18

- The 15th M.G. Coy will be relieved by the 25th M.G. Coy on the centre Sector of the Divisional Front on the night of 14th inst.
- Dispositions: Advanced Coy H.Q. O.6.N.6.4.
 Guns: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 Left Group - S.H.Q. J.33.d.30.98.
 " " 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Centre " " J.33.d.30.97.
 " " 10, 11, 12, 13 Right " " J.32.c.30.98.
 " " 14, 15, 16 Reserve " " O.6.N.6.4.
- Guides: For left and centre groups guides will be at ration point VAIRE J.32.c.30.98 at 9.30 p.m.
 For right group guides will be on HAMLET-VAIRE road at J.31.d.5.3. at 9.30 p.m.
 For Reserve group guides will be at Advanced H.Q. at 9.30 p.m.
- Stores: Tripods complete, 16 belts and boxes per gun, bulk S.A.A., bombs, trench stores, maps, charts and necessary information regarding gun positions, Infantry posts &c. will be handed over and receipts in duplicate obtained.
- Transport: One G.S. limbered wagon will report at 11 p.m. to S.H.Q. at ration point VAIRE for gun and cook's gear of left and centre Groups. One G.S. limbered wagon will report at 11 p.m. at Advanced Coy H.Q. for gun and cook's gear of right and reserve Groups and Coy gear. 1 M.C.O. and 1 man per group will be detailed to act as loading party and brakeman. When loaded these wagons will return to AUBIGNY.
- Completion of Relief: Left and centre Groups on being relieved, gun teams will assemble at Groups Cookhouses, VAIRE.
 Right and reserve Groups on being relieved, gun teams will assemble at Reserve Groups Cookhouses HAMLET.
 S.Os will report to Advanced Coy H.Q. when relief is completed. Each Section Officer with his Section will proceed to AUBIGNY along canal bank where guides will be met at O.3.c.70.15.
- Billets: Lieut. H.B.L. Smith will act as billeting Officer; a hot meal will be ready at night for men from the line.
- Gun Wagons: Lieut. Howieson will make arrangements with T.O. 25th M.G. Coy re parking of 8 gun wagons and travelling kitchen.
- AUBIGNY LINE: S.Os in rest will make a reconnaissance of the AUBIGNY line on 15th inst.
- Rear Headquarters: Rear H.Q. less Q. M. Department will move to AUBIGNY on 15th inst.
- Acknowledge.

Whelpton
 Captain,
 Temp. O.C., 15th M. Gun Company.

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MOVEMENT ORDER No. I Ca.

25th. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Reference Map 62 D 1/40000



Secret.

1. The 25th. Aust.M.G.Co. will relieve the 15th. Aust.M.G.Co. in the Centre Sector of the Divisional Front on the night 15/16.5.18.

2. Sections are allocated to Section Sectors as follows:-
"A" Section Right Sector
"B" Section Centre Sector
"D" Section Left Sector
"C" Section Reserve

3. The following is detail of Guns to be taken over by Sections:-

Section	Gun No.	Location	Remarks
"A" Section	Gun No. 10	P 2 b 10 60	
	Gun No 11	do P 2 b 45 00	
	Gun No. 12	do J 31 d 70 25	
	Gun No. 13	do J 31 d 73 15	
	Section H.Q.	do J 32 c 30 98	
"B" Section	Gun No. 5	do J 33 c 70 30	
	Gun No. 6	do J 33 c 45 26	
	Gun No. 7	do J 33 d 10 70	
	Gun No. 8	do J 33 c 80 60	
	Gun No. 9	do J 32 d 90 20	
	Section H.Q.	do J 33 c 80 70	
	"D" Section	Gun No. 1	do J 34 a 10 20
Gun No. 2		do J 34 c 30 98	J 33 b 95 80
Gun No. 3		do J 33 b 95 80	
Gun No. 4		do J 33 bx 45 40 54	
"C" Section (Reserve)	Gun No. 14	do J 31 c 10 50	Section H.Q.
	Gun No. 15	do P I a 77 38	at
	Gun No. 16	do P I a 80 30	Adv. C.H.Q.

4. Guns and Gear. The following Gear will be found at each Gun Position under exchange from 15th. Aust. M.G.Co.
I Tripod Complete (Dials and Arc)
I 6 Belts
I Box Bombs
4000 rounds S.A.A. (at least) Bulk
I Tin Water
Balance of necessary Gear will be taken forward under Section Commanders arrangements

5. Section Personnel. The following Personnel will be require per Section:-
I Officer
I9 Other Ranks (4 per Team I Runner 2 Cooks)

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- 6. One Team "C" Section" with Gun and Gear will be attached to "B" Section for Duty and Discipline.
- 7. Sections will move from Aubigny at 8.30 p.m. with an interval of 200 yards between Sections and in the following order.
A. B. ~~A~~ ~~B~~ C.
(a) No movement forward of O IO d 80 95 (Cross Roads), will take place before Dusk.
(b) Beyond that point, Gun Teams will move at 100 yards interval.
- 8. Guides. For Left and Centre Sections, guides will be at the Ration Point Vaire J 32 c 30 98 at 9.30 p.m.
Right Section guides will be on Hamalet-Vaire Road at J 3I d 5 3 at 9.30 p.m.
Reserve Section guides at Advanced C.H.Q. Hamalet O 6 b 3 5
- 9. Transport. The following are the Transport arrangements. Two Limbers complete will be loaded at Aubigny as follows.
No. 1. Front Half Guns, Gear and Rations of Left Section
Rear Half Guns, Gear and Rations of Centre Section
Destination Vaire J 32 c 30 98 9.30 p.m.
No. 2. Front Half Guns, Gear and Rations of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Right Section
Destination J 3I d 5 3 9.30 p.m.
Rear Half (to be detached at Hamalet O 6 b 7 I) Guns, Gear and Rations of Reserve Section and Adv. C.H.Q. to arrive at 9.20 p.m.
- 10. Ration Points are, Right, Centre and Left Sections Vaire J 32 c 30 98. C.H.Q. and Reserve O 6 b 5 3
In future Rations will be timed to arrive at above Points at 9.30 and 9.45 p.m. respectively, situation permitting.
- 11. Section Commanders will be responsible for provision of two hot Meals daily. Separate Section Cookhouses are available in Vaire for Right, Centre and Left Sections and improvised Food containers will be received at Vaire from the 15th. Aust. M.G. Co. Reserve Section Cookhouses is at C.H.Q. Hamalet
- 12. Section Commanders will hand written report of Completion of Relief to outgoing Officer who will bring same to Adv. C.H.Q.

Please Acknowledge.

J. Arthur Parker, Captain.
C.C. 25th. Australian M.G. Co.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1 "A" Section
- " " 2 "B" Section
- " " 3 "C" Section
- " " 4 "D" Section
- " " 5 Battalion H.Q.
- " " 6 15th. M.G. Co. (for information) ✓
- " " 7 War Diary
- " " 8 File

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Headquarters.
16-5-18.
Date.....

O. C.
Reserve Company,

1. While in reserve the 15th M.G. Company may expect to come under the orders of the G.O.C. Reserve Brigade at any time. A thorough reconnaissance of the AUBIGNY LINE and PIONEER SWITCH will therefore be carried out by Officers and N.C.O's, so that the Company will be prepared to occupy either of these lines at short notice.
2. In addition the Reserve Company may be required to act with the Reserve Brigade in case of a withdrawal. Copy of the Reserve Brigade withdrawal scheme is attached, in order that the Company may co-operate with Battalions concerned.
3. If it becomes necessary to put the withdrawal scheme into operation it is probable that four guns will be employed with each Battalion. Sections will therefore be allotted to each of the four Battalions pending approval of G.O.C. Reserve Brigade. and Section Officers will at once get in touch with the Battalion Commander to whom they are allotted.
4. The O.C. Reserve Company will report to G.O.C. 15th Brigade, at 10 a.m. 17th instant, to receive any special instructions that the Brigade Commander may deem necessary to issue.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copy to 15th Inf. Bde. for information.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
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W. B. ...
Major.
C. O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.
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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

R E S U L T S

25 Yards SCRATCH - First Heat: (1st & 2nd in final)
 1. Pte Wilson No. 1 section.
 2. Cpl. Ronald No. 1 Section.

PILLOW FIGHT (On Greasy Pole)
 First Match: Pte Wain (H.Q.) beat Pte Kaye (No.1 Section)
 Second Match: Pte Williams (No.4) beat Pte Trewarne (No.1)

120 Yards SCRATCH: First Heat: (1st & 2nd in final)
 1. Pte Highett No. 1 Section.
 2. Pte Wain H.Q.

LONG DIVE: (From Springboard)
 1. Pte Schumacher No. 4 Section.

50 Yards SCRATCH: First Heat: 1st and 2nd in final.
 1. Pte Wain, H.Q.
 2. Cpl. Perry No. 4 Section.

PILLOW FIGHT: (On Greasy Pole)
 Third Match: Pte Collins (No.2) beat Pte Sherriff (No.4)
 Fourth Match: Sgt. Donovan (No.1) beat Pte Lynch (No.3)

120 Yards SCRATCH: Second Heat
 1. Pte Wilson No. 1 Section.
 2. Pte Schumacher No. 4 Section.

GREASY POLE:
 Pte Williams No. 4 Section.
 Pte Collins No. 2 Section.

BREAST STROKE: 25 Yards.
 1. Pte Sherriff No. 4 Section.
 2. Pte Watson No. 1 Section.
 3. Pte Rowett No. 2 Section.

25 Yards SCRATCH: Second Heat.
 1. Pte Highett No. 1 Section.
 2. Cpl. Perry No. 4 Section.

PILLOW FIGHT - First Sem-Final.
 Pte Williams (No.4) beat Pte Wain (H.Q.)
 Second Semi-Final.
 Pte Collins (No.2) beat Sgt. Donovan (No.1)

NEAT DIVE:
 1. Pte Hawksworth No. 3 Section

50 Yards SCRATCH: Second Heat.
 1. Pte Highett No. 1 Section.
 2. Pte Wilson No. 1 Section.

PILLOW FIGHT: FINAL.
 Pte Williams (No.4) beat Pte Collins (No.2)

25 Yards SCRATCH: FINAL.
 1. Cpl. Perry No. 4 Section.
 2. Pte Wilson No. 1 Section.
 3. Pte Highett No. 1 Section.

SIDE STROKE: 25 Yards.
 1. Pte Sherriff No. 4 Section.
 2. Pte Highett No. 1 Section.
 3. Pte Fraser No. 2 Section.

Contd. Over

50 Yards SCRATCH:

FINAL.

- 1. Pte Wain H.Q.
- 2. Cpl. Perry No. 4 Section.
- 3. Pte Wilson No. 1 Section.

GREASY POLE

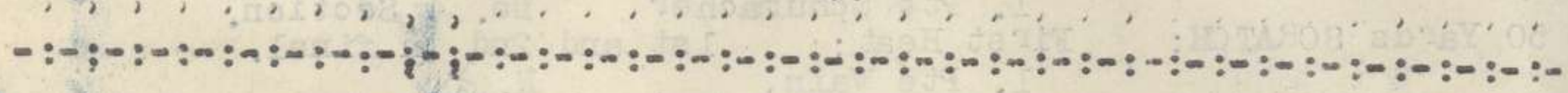
- 1. Pte Fraser No. 2 Section.
- 2. Pte Highett No. 1 Section.

120 Yards SCRATCH:

FINAL.

- 1. Cpl. Ronald No. 1 Section.
- 2. Pte Schumacher No. 4 Section.
- 3. Pte Wain H.Q.

(NOTE: By mutual consent Cpl. Ronald was allowed to be in the final as a substitute for the heat winner, Pte Wilson - No. 1 Section.)



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MACHINE GUN COY.
No.....
Date.....

- G. C. 8th M.G. Coy.
- " 14th "
- " 15th "
- " 25th "

Forecast of moves.

Provided the Division remain in its present Sector, and if the situation permits, the following table of reliefs may be expected to come into operation: -

- 22/23rd May. 15th Company will relieve 8th Company in the left Sector. 8th Company move to reserve at DAOURS.
- 28/29th May. 8th Company will relieve 14th Company in the Right Sector. 14th Company move into reserve at DAOURS.
- 3/4th June. 14th Company will relieve 25th Company in the Centre Sector of the area, 25th Company moving into reserve.

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AUSTRALIAN
M.G. BATTALION.

No. 1/3/8

Date.....

J. P. Anderson Major,
C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 10. Copy No. 3

S E C R E T.

AUSTRALIAN
Headquarters,
20th ~~April~~, 1918.
MAY

Ref. Map 62D
1/40,000

1. The 15th Machine Gun Company will relieve the ~~8th~~ 8th Machine Gun Company on the left flank of the Divisional Sector on the night of the 22/23rd May, 1918.
2. The 8th Machine Gun Company, on relief, will move to DAOURS, and take over the billets vacated by the 15th Machine Gun Company, and remain in Divisional Reserve.
While in reserve, this company will keep eight (8) Gun Limbers packed and parked ready to move at an hour's notice. Horses will remain at present transport lines.
One officer will be specially detailed to report to Headquarters, Reserve Brigade, for liaison duty, should the Company be placed under the orders of the G.O.C., Reserve Brigade. Location of Reserve Brigade Headquarters is H N.21.a.9.3.
3. The O.C. 8th Machine Gun Company will be responsible that a reconnaissance of the AUBIGNY LINE is carried out prior to the Company moving into reserve, and for the defence of this Line, if necessary.
4. The O.C. 15th Machine Gun Company will be responsible for liaison with 8th Infantry Brigade and Battalion Commanders in the line, as soon as the Sector has been taken over.
5. No movement will take place forward of CORBIE before dusk. Movement forward of that point will be by gun teams with 100 yards distance.
6. Maps, Air Photos, Defence Schemes, S.O.S. Targets, and any information specially relating to the Sector will be handed over on relief, together with Company Dumps of S.A.A. &c.
7. Subject to the terms of this Order, details of relief will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned, who will be responsible for the usual precautions against shelling and hostile aircraft.
8. The 15th Machine Gun Company will notify Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters, 8th Infantry Brigade of completion of relief by the Code Word "SIMPLE".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. B. B. B.
Captain,
Adj. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

- Distribution :
- Issued at 3 p.m.
 - Copy No. 1 8th M.G. Coy.
 - " 2 14th "
 - " 3 15th " ✓
 - " 4 25th "
 - " 5 5th Aust. Div.
 - " 6 8th Inf. Bde.)
 - " 7 14th Inf. Bde.) For information.
 - " 8 15th Inf. Bde.)
 - " 9 File.
 - " 10 W.D.

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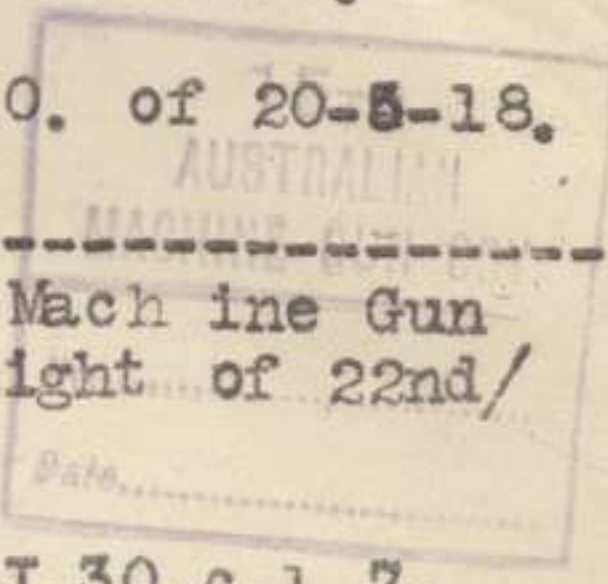
15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY

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Order No. 2

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By Captain F.D. Whelpton, Temporarily Commanding,
Reference 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Order No. 10. of 20-5-18.
Reference Map Sheet 62D. N. 1/20,000.



1. The 15th Machine Gun Company will relieve the 8th Machine Gun on the left sector of the Divisional Front on the night of 22nd/23rd May '18.

2. DISPOSITIONS:

Gun Nos. 2,3,5,6,7,	Forward Group	S.H.Q.	J.30.c.1.7.
8,9,9a.	Right Rear "	"	J.28.c.7.7.
10,11,12,12a	Left "	"	J.23.c.15.05.
13,14,15,16	Reserve "	"	J.26.b.1.2.
Adv. Coy H.Q.	J.22.c.9.3.		

3. ALLOTMENT:

Forward Group	No. 2 Section	Lieut. Hackworthy.
Right Rear Group	No. 1 Section	" Cameron.
Left Rear Group	No. 4 Section	" Smith.
Reserve Group	No. 3 Section	" Richards.

4. GUIDES: For Reserve Group 1 Officer and 1 Guide will be on VAUX - SALLY le SEC road at J.25.b.1.9. at 11 p.m.
For Right Rear Group Guides will be at S.H.Q. J.28.c.7.7. at 11.15 p.m.

For Forward & Left Rear Groups guides will be at J.29.a.5.4. at 11.30 p.m.

5. TRANSPORT: One G.S. limbered wagon with gun gear & rations for Reserve and Right Rear Group, and Adv. Coy. H.Q. gear will be met by a guide at J.25.b.1.9. at 11 p.m.

One half wagon with gun gear and rations for Forward and left Rear Groups will be met by a guide at J.25.b.1.9. at 11.15 p.m.

6. TRENCH STORES: Tripods complete, belts & boxes, bulk S A A, Trench Stores, maps, photos, charts, S O S & harassing fire targets, orders and all necessary information will be taken over and a receipt in duplicate given. At Reserve Coy H.Q. 16 tripods, 16 traversing dials, 13 elevating dials, 228 belts & boxes and 1000 rounds A.P., S A A, 16 petrol tins will be handed over and a receipt obtained.

7. COMPLETION OF RELIEF: Each S.O. ~~will~~ will notify Adv. Coy H.Q. of completion of relief.

8. LIAISON: Each S.O. will get in touch with nearest Infantry Battn. Coy Commander in the sector as soon as positions have been taken over.

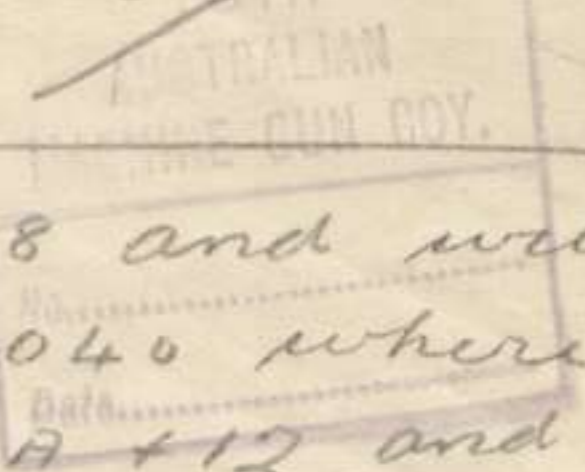
9. ACKNOWLEDGE

m Captain,
Temp. O. C., 15th M. Gun Company.

8th Aus MG Company

SECRET

- 1 The 8th Aust Machine Gun Company is to be relieved in the line by the 15th Aust. MG Coy on the night 22nd/23rd inst, present dispositions being taken over.
- 2 Relief to be carried out as follows commencing at 11 pm ^{22/5/18} and to be complete by 1 am 23/5/18
 - a) Reserve Section and Right Rear Section.
 O.C. No 1 Section 8th AMG Coy with one guide will meet one section 15th AMG Coy of 4 guns and one section 15th AMG Coy of 3 guns and one limbered waggon containing 7 guns and gear at J 25 b 1090 at 11 pm 22/5/18.
 The guide will lead relieving gun teams and limbered waggon to Reserve Positions Nos 16, 15, 14, 13 and to Section HQ.
 Personnel of 8th Aus MG Coy at positions 16, 15, 14 and Section HQ will have their gun gear etc packed ready to load on the empty rear portion of 15th AMG Coy's limbered waggon.
 A guide from position 13 will lead the remaining three gun teams 15th AMG Coy and limbered waggon to Section HQ, Right Rear Section where guides will be met to conduct teams and gear to positions 8 g and 9 a.
 Limbered waggon will then proceed to Coy HQ at J 22 d 9030 where Coy HQ gear will be unloaded and 8th Coy HQ gear will be loaded. Limber will then return to Right Rear Section HQ to load gun gear of relieved teams and will then proceed independently to Rear HQ, 8th Aus MG Coy.
 One man of 8th Aus MG Coy to act as brakeman.
 - b) Left Rear and Front Line Sections
 A guide will meet 2 sections 15th Aus MG Coy plus one gun team and a half limber containing 9 guns and gear.



at J256 1080 at 11.15 pm 22/5/18 and will lead them to gully at J29a 5040 where guides from positions 10 11 12A +12 and left Rear Section HQ, and from positions 2 3 5 6 7 and Front Section H.Q., will lead officers and teams to their positions.

Remain to await arrival of relieved teams and after the guns have been loaded will proceed independently to Rear Headquarters 8th AMG Coy.

One NCO from No 4 Section 8th Aus MG Coy will be detailed to wait by the timber in case owing to enemy shelling timber is forced to retire to Gully in J28a in which case NCO will advise relieved teams accordingly upon their arrival at Gully, J29A 5040.

This NCO will also lead two 15th AMG Co cooks to the house at J29e 3070 and show them where cooking may be carried out, and if necessary will afterwards guide cooks to Coy or Section HQ.

3 The 8th Aus MG Coy will hand over tripods complete with direction and elevating deals with exception of 3 elevating deals, all buck SAA, armour piercing ammunition and bombs, ^{BELTS + BOXES} together with orders and stores on gun positions as per Handing Over list issued in conjunction with this order.

4 Relieved teams of 8th Aus MG Coy will proceed to Vaux Church where they will be met by their Section officers and led to Rear HQ at Mill

O 1c 1060 by Canal Tow Path.

1/40000 maps available at Coy HQ.



- 5 Section Officers will report relief complete by runner to Coy HQ with the exception of O.C. No 2 Section who will personally report at Coy HQ and will lead the runners and Coy HQ signallers cooks etc to Rear HQ together with his section from Vaux Church.
- 6 O.C. Rear HQ will detail 4 guides to meet relieved teams on bridge at O.C. 3080 (not shown on map) and will arrange a hot meal for relieved teams and drivers of 15th Aus MG Coy ladders, and if possible for the Company to be bathed and supplied with clean underclothing on the afternoon 23/5/18

Distribution

- Issued at 10 pm
- Copy No 1 Section Officers and file
- 2 Rear HQ and War Diary
- 3 15th Aus MG Coy
- 4 5th Aus MG Batt.
- Manuscript Lt
OC 8th Aus MG Co

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15th M. G. Coy

Ammunition on hand 57000 184000 10000

Bombs Mills 177

Ammunition expended NIL.

During to change over no harassing fire was carried out.

Enemy shelling. Slightly above normal, especially with gas shells.

Locations shelled. Track from J266 1.4 to J270 3.6 with H.E. at midnight.

Wellcome Wood with gas 2 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. Valley in J281 + J22 with H.E.

J286 + J29a with H.E. at intervals between 10 p.m. + midnight.

Sailly - 4 - Sec with H.E. + Lachrymator between 10 p.m. + midnight.

Enemy aeroplanes bombed our position south of the Canal.

Enemy M.G. slightly active along saps in J29 b + d.

Observation NIL.

Works NIL.

General. The relief passed off without hindrance.

Was unable to fire on targets with harassing fire owing to the fact that the C.O. 32nd Bn requires twenty-four hours notice of proposed program of shoots.

6 p.m.

Frdelpton Capt

Adv. Coy H. 2.

Handed in at.....

TO O.G. 15.A.M.G.C.

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number A A A

S a a.	Expenditure	Ni2.	
Casualties		"	
Completed relief with	8 th A.M.G.C.		
Right rear position	Nos:		
guns.	Everything O.K.		
Artillery action	Very active from	1-30 ^{AM} to	
4-15 AM	Tanks	mainly WELCOME	WOOD
heavily shelled	with gas H.E in		
vally running	NORTH J. 28 & J 22.		
Aerial activity	Enemy bombing squadrons	dropped	
bombs in rear areas	between	1.A.M & 4.A.M	
Requirements	1 Clinometer		
	1 Refill AB 153.	Sect. Hqrs.	
Ration Station	attacked.		

FROM Cameron / LI
PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
(n 8188) Wt. w. 7196 - M857 250,000 Pads. 1/17 H & S (E489.) Forms/C.2103/3

To O.C.

15 Aust MG Coy

Relief was successfully completed at 12-30 on night of 22nd/23rd May 1918.

Gun positions -

No 13 J 27 C 8050

No 14 J 26 B 1035

No 15 J 25 B 75.84

No 16 J 25 B 20-90

with alternative positions were taken over from 8th Aust MG Coy. (List of trench stores were handed in on completion of relief)

All drinking water can be drawn from wells in

Vaux-sur-Somme

basualties: - Nil.

Equipment, damage to: - Nil

Ammunition Expenditure:

S.A.A. - Nil

Bombs - Nil

Flares - Nil

Rations: - Rations can be dumped as follows:-

15 + 16 at No 16 Gun position

J 25 B 20.90.

S.H.Q. + 14 at S.H.Q. J 26 B 05.10.

+ 13 at No 13 Gun position J 27 C 8050

Rations for gun teams shall be made up in sand bags, for each gun team consisting of 1 N.B.O.

+ 3 men. + S.H.Q. 1 off 2 O.R.

Parade State:-

1 off 1 Sgt 3 cpls 12 gunners

1 runner 1 batman

total 1 off 17 Other Ranks

Enemy shelling: - Enemy shelled

track running from J 26 B 10.40

to ~~J 26 B 50.30~~ J 27 C 30.60

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at midnight 22/23-5-18
 with H.F. - it was reported
 by relieved officer that
 same place was shelled with
 yellow X Gas shells at 8 pm
 22/23rd but was very light.
 Own artillery very active
 through the night
 Enemy planes were heard
 going over VAUX-SUR-Somme
 between 10 pm & 12 midnight
 22nd/23rd May.

Richard Lt
 No 3 Section
23/5/18

Daily Report

No 4 Section 23/5/18.

- 1 NIL
 - 2 NIL
 - 3 Amm exp nil
 do recd do
 do on hand 15000 belts
 do " ~~22000~~ bulk
 includes 250 armor piercing
 44000
 - 4 24 hours rations to hand
 - 5 1 off 2 Agts 2 chls 12 gunners
 1 runner 18
 do up rations in 4 bags of $\frac{18}{4}$
 and 1 of 2
 I went tall meat cooked and
 tea made at R.H.Q.
 Send Tommy Cookers if possible
 - 6 Nothing to report
 Heavy enemy bombardment
 on the sector and a good
 deal of gas shelling
- A. Hinton Smith
 Lieut
- 23/5/18 4.30

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 23-5-18 to 6 a.m. 23-5-18.

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.
WORK DONE & IN HAND: Owing to change over, no works could be entered upon.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery was active shelling track from J. 26. b. 1. 4. to J. 27. c. 3. 6. with H. E. at midnight; WELLCOME WOOD with Gas 2 to 3.30 a.m.; Valley in J. 28 & J. 22 with H. E.; J. 28. b. & J. 29. a. with H. E. at intervals between 10 p.m. & midnight.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Were active on J. 29. b. & d.

ENEMY AEROPLANES: Bombed our positions South of CANAL.

TARGETS ENGAGED: Owing to relief no harassing fire was done.
GENERAL: The relief of the 8th M.G. Coy was carried out without special incident or casualty.

Cooking arrangements being poor, it was arranged for cooked rations to be sent to men in forward area.

No. 3 Section were able to mount their guns at -

No. 13 gun	-	J. 27. c. 80. 50.
14 "		J. 28. b. 10. 35.
15 "		J. 25. b. 75. 84.
16 "		J. 25. b. 20. 90.

Alternative gun positions were taken over from 8th M.G. Co. Our artillery were active replying to the enemy's shelling.

G.A. Fitzgerald Captain,
 C. C., 15th M. Gun Company.

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