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OF

3rd Australian Machine Gun Company.

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3rd A.M.C. Coy

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maps 27436A 1/40000 Coy HQ. E3B2545	June 1918	1	At 4:30 am enemy commenced an area shoot on Squares W27 C and D. Approximately 100 Shells 5 9's H 2's and small Gas Shells fell on these squares upto 6 am when shelling ceased. Situation normal at all gun positions during the 24 hours. One Other Rank died of wounds (shell fire). Capt D.V. MULHOLLAND (Late o.c. company) buried at EBBLINGHEM at 12 noon. 450 Rounds	J.C.H.
do	2		SAA expended on Hostile Aeroplanes. One Hostile plane brought down near STRAZEELE STA by one of our planes. 1 Other Rank proceeded on leave to U.K. 2000 SAA expended in harassing fire on enemy tracks in vicinity of house at E12A9.H. Enemy artillery showed increased activity, especially during the night. Hostile aeroplanes were very inactive. Our artillery and aeroplanes both more active than those of enemy. Reconnaissance made for positions for two guns in outpost system for pending operation, and guns got in positions at E11C7.9 and E6C1.8 with necessary ammunition etc by midnight.	J.C.H.
do	3		In conjunction with minor operation for capture of MONT DEMERRIS commencing at 1 am. 8 guns did barrage work and harassing fire expending 11550 SAA on this task. Also 2100 rounds were expended in direct fire by two forward guns. One of these guns under Lt E.J. SCOTT MCMAN engaged in duel with enemy gun at 50' range and gun enemy gun was silenced. The enemy gun and the only live member of the crew was were captured. No 3139 4/Cpl G.L. COLLINS was Mod on gun that silenced enemy gun and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his good work (Authority Br Memo HQ Coy 31st (18)). The operation was a complete success and enemy remained quieter than	J.C.H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maps 27936A 1140000 Coy HQ E 3625.45	3		usual throughout the day. During the operation enemy hostility was feeble, except in the immediate vicinity of the objective.	Jb.
do	4		Expenditure SAA:- 6000 SAA were expended in harassing fire on enemy tracks and approaches, throughout the hours of darkness. Enemy artillery was very quiet during the day but commencing soon after dusk it became active, especially on and in vicinity of the ground captured from him on the early morning of the 3/6/18. Commenced improving the gun positions and shelters for gun crews.	Jb.
do	5		During hours of darkness 7200 rounds SAA were expended in harassing fire on tracks houses and approaches behind enemy lines. 200 SAA fired at low flying hostile plane. Enemy artillery was active during the night especially on MONT DE MERRIS, sector, Strazeele and Strazeele Station These places were subjected to bombardments at intervals throughout the night. Our artillery and aeroplanes both more active than those of enemy At 4.30 pm one enemy plane was observed out of control and fell near VIEUX BERQUIN.	Jb.
do	6		6000 SAA were expended in harassing fire on enemy tracks, tramline and houses. Made improvements at two gun positions in accommodation for gun crews. Enemy artillery again active with 5.9's H.2's and Gas shells. Our artillery also showed normal activity. Hostile planes observed were all flying very high Our planes normally active.	Jb.
do	7		8000 rounds SAA expended in harassing enemy approaches tracks etc. Enemy Artillery again active especially during the night, calabres 5.9, H.2, and small gas shells. One enemy plane was driven down out of control. Our planes and Artillery active as usual. Lt G.E. JAMIESON MC. proceeded to 15 th Corps Gas School, also 1 Other Rank. 1 Other Rank to hospital sick.	Jb.
do	8		4000 rounds SAA expended in harassing enemy tracks and centres of movement. Numbers 1 and 3 Sections changed positions by way of relief, without incident. Construction of dugouts for company head quarters commenced. Enemy artillery much quieter during the 24 hours	Jb.

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3rd AMB Co

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maps 27936A 1/40000 Coy HQ E3B2545	9		6000 Rounds SAA expended in harassing suitable targets. Coy Head Quarters moved into dugouts constructed behind house. 1 Other Rank proceeded on leave to England. Enemy activity again below normal. Our artillery and aeroplanes showed usual activity. No's 2 and 4 Sections changed positions without incidents. Guns laid on new SOS Barrage Lines	Jb.
do	10		6000 Rounds SAA expended during the night in harassing fire. 4 dugouts fitted with Gas proof curtains. Between 9 am and 11 am enemy bombarded vicinity of STRAZEELE STATION and railway line in E3C, E3d, E4c & E4D with 59 shells. For the remainder of the day his artillery was unusually quiet. Our artillery displayed normal activity. Change of underclothing issued to all personnel in line.	Jb.
do	11		7000 Rounds SAA expended in harassing enemy tracks etc during hours of darkness. Enemy Artillery very quiet. Low flying enemy aeroplane crossed our lines twice but met with intense machine gun and anti-aircraft fire and hurried back behind enemy lines. 1 Other Rank proceeded to Officers Cadet Battalion and 1 other rank to 15 th Corps Gas School.	Jb.
do	12		7000 Rounds SAA expended on selected targets. Enemy was very inactive.	Jb.
do	13		In conjunction with minor operation of 7 th Battalion commencing at 1 am we expended 13500 Rounds SAA in barrage behind objective and kept tracks and approaches under harassing fire. Enemy artillery was reported ^{by all section commanders as} below normal during this 24 hours	Jb.

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3rd 17 M. G.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maps 27436A 1440000 Coy HQ E3B2545	14		6500 Rounds expended in harassing fire on selected targets. Also 1000 rounds approximately were expended on single low flying enemy planes which were much more active than usual. On each occasion they crossed our lines they were subjected to intense machine gun and anti aircraft fire and hurried back but none were observed to fall. Hostile Artillery again very quiet. STRAZEELE Company paid.	Jb
do	15		and vicinity was subjected to desultory shelling during the night. Advance parties for relief reported. LT RFWARREN MC, & LT JK ROGERS & 1 other rank to Cadres Relief-England. 3 other ranks proceeded to Corps School's 7000 SAA expended in Harassing fire on enemy tracks approaches etc. 1100 1100 SAA approximately were also expended on low flying hostile aeroplanes which were again much in evidence. Our artillery and aeroplanes both more active than those of enemy.	Jb
Coy HQ V22A950	15		Company Relief Completed without incident. Sections occupied 2 nd line of defence disposed as follows, No 1 Section Mobile Section under LT KA SMITH moved to Coy HQ at V22A 95.15, No 2 Section under LT E. J. SCOTT MC MM moved to defence positions in Left forward area with Section HQ at W16C 2.2. No 5 Sub Section under Licut FBLATHLAIN moved into positions for close defence of Rouge Croix. No 6 Sub Section under LT E. M. ROACH moved to defence positions at RAILWAY CROSSING at E 2. A 20.33, No 4 Section under LT L. C. GARDNER moved to positions for defence of BORRE with Section HQ at house at W13B 6.4. 1 other rank to hospital during leave to England.	Jb

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maps 27 & 36A 1/40000 Coy HQ V22A9515	16		No 1 Section (Mobile Section at Coy HQ) overhauled guns and gear and repacked their fighting limbers, and had a bath and change of underclothing. O.C. visited three forward Sections.	Jb.
do	17		O.C.'s inspection of Transport. Remainder of personnel at Company HQ proceeded to baths near LA KREULE and had a bath and change of under clothing.	Jb.
do	18		} Nothing of special interest to record.	Jb.
do	19			Jb.
do	20		Capt G R HARRINGTON rejoined from A.M.G.T.D. GRANTHAM, ENGLAND. and He was posted to take command on 22/6/18. 2 Other Ranks detached.	Jb.
do	21		Company retired relieved from 2 nd line defence positions by 1 st Aust. M.G. Coy. without incident.	
Coy HQ V23C 2.4			Company moved to billets at V 23C 2.4 and transport lines to V 23B 2.6, (Outskirts of HAZEBOUCK)	
			Capt H E WOODMAN DSO and O.C. reconnoitered and selected positions for close defence of STRAZEELE, according to orders received from 1 st Aust. Div. 1 Other Rank returned from U.K. leave.	Jb.
do	22		Devoted to cleaning, overhauling and repacking of all gun gear, cleaning clothing and equipment and taking lists of shortages and requirements, of gun gear, clothing and equipment.	
			Capt G R HARRINGTON took of over command of company from Lt J.C. HOGG 900.	Jb.
			1 Other Rank to hospital, sick.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maps 274 36A 1/40000 Coy HQ V23024	23		Company Parade to baths near LA KREULE and obtained a bath and change of under clothing A sickness very similar to hay fever very prevalent in the company. 1 Other Rank to hospital (Sick)	Jb.
do	24		Training as per Syllabus. 19 Other Ranks put on no duty through sickness, 1 Other Rank to Signalling School. Lt A.R. PEGLER taken on strength from Cadet Battalion and 1 other rank rejoined from base.	Jb.
do	25		Training as per Syllabus. 1 Other Rank to hospital, sick. Under orders from Battalion Coy "stood to" from 4 am till 5 am in Fighting Order, but nothing unusual happened. Large Sick parade all awarded No Duty and Light Duty.	Jb.
do	26		Training as per Syllabus. 1 Other Rank rejoined from Bn HQ. 1 Other Rank proceeded on leave to England. 4H on sick parade and all awarded No duty and Light duty. Blankets of all personnel disinfected at EBBLINGHEIM.	Jb.
do	27		2 Other Ranks rejoined from Machine Gun Base Depot and 1 other rank returned from leave to England. Training as per Syllabus.	Jb.
do	28		Training as per Syllabus. Advance party for relief of 2 nd AMG Coy in the Second Zone reported as detailed in Coy Operation Order not appended. Company paid at Coy HQ. 2 Other Ranks rejoined from Schools	Jb.
do	29		Lt EM ROACH proceeded on leave to England. 1 Other Rank to Cadre Relief England. 1 Other Rank to Hospital Sick. 2 nd AMG Coy relieved by 3 rd AMG Coy in 2 nd Zone positions as detailed in Operation Order	Jb.
do	30		No 1. Under instructions from Bn HQ Mobile Section and Coy HQ did not move as detailed in this order. Relief completed without incident. 1 Other Rank proceeded on leave to PARIS. O.C. visited 2 nd Zone positions and proceeded to 21 st Coy HQ in the line to arrange details of coming relief.	Jb.
do			Arrangements for relief of 21 st AMG Coy in the line completed. Advance parties as detailed in Operation Order No 2 reported to positions.	Jb.

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J. B. Hoop

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

1st AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION.
Headquarters 11.6.18
Date 8/97

A.M.G.Co.
2nd do.
3rd do.
21st do.
En. H.Q.

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The following letter from the C.O. 11th Aust. Inf. Battalion is to be conveyed to all ranks.-

"Please convey to all ranks concerned in the recent operation on MONT DE MERRIS, the thanks of the 11th Battalion for the excellent Machine Gun Barrage supplied, which materially assisted the troops in their successful attack.

Sgd. J. Newman."

149 *John Mogg Capt*

Lieut. & A/Adjutant,
1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

For War Diary Jb.

APPENDIX

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SECRET

W.M. Daily

Operation ⁽²⁾
Company Order No. 8.

Coy HQ
14/6/15.

Lt J.B. Hoge M.C. & O.C. 3rd A.M.G. Co.

1. On the 15 June and night of 15/16 June, 21st A.M.G. Co. will relieve 3rd M.G. Coy in Right Section of Div. Sector.

2. On relief Sections will occupy positions as under:-
No. 1. Section will move to Coy HQ at V.22.A.95.15. to act as Mobile Reserve.

No. 2 Section will move to positions as follows:-

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| W. 16. B. 30.08. | } Section HQ. W. 16. C. 2. 2 |
| W. 17. A. 4. 6. | |
| W. 17. A. 35. 95. | |
| W. 11. C. 85. 28 | |
- This Section, when in position, will come under Command of O.C. 2nd A.M.G. Coy.

No. 3 Section. No. 5 Sub-section under Lt F. B. Athlean will move to billet at V.24.A.5.1. This sub-section will, should a precautionary period be ordered, at once move to and occupy positions already prepared for the close defence of ROUGE CROIX at

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| W. 16. A. 6. 6 | } Section HQ. V.24.A.5.1. |
| W. 10. C. 33. 45 | |

No. 5 Sub-section will retain gun, limber, 4 horses and drivers at Sect HQ (V.24.A.5.1.)

No. 6 Sub-section will move (Senior N.C.O. 4/c) to Coy HQ at V.22.A.95.15 to act as mobile reserve.

No. 4 Section. will move to and occupy positions in Second Zone as under:-

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| W. 25. B. 8. 7 | } Section HQ. W. 13. B. 6. 4. |
| W. 14. C. 1. 1 | |
| W. 14. A. 05. 45. | |
| W. 8. D. 5. 5. | |

3. Advance parties of 21st A.M.G. Co. will report to Sections as follows tonight 14 June:-

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 M.C.O. + 1 man per gun to No. 1 Sec. | } These men will be rationed on the 15 th inst by Sections to which they are attached. |
| 1 M.C.O. + 1 man " " " 3 " | |
| 1 M.C.O. + 1 man " " " 4 " | |

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3. (Cont.) When advance parties have reported as above, the following OR's will be relieved and report to Coy HQ at V.22.F.95.15 (Château) where they will be rationed on 15th inst by 21st Coy.

No 1 Sec. 1 NCO. + 1 man per gun

" 3 " 1 " " " " " " " " " "

" 4 " 1 " " " " " " " " " "

4. Lt. C. Snelling, DCM, will detail advance parties as under from personnel at Rear HQ:-

{ No. 5 Sub-Section - 1 NCO. + 2 men to Report to Sec HQ at V.24.F.5.1

{ " 4 Section - 1 NCO. + 4 men " " " " W.13.B.60.40

The above advance party will be rationed by 21st Coy on 15 inst. One man from each of these advance parties will report to this Coy HQ (E3B.3.4) at 9.30 pm ^{on 15th inst} to guide Sections on relief to new positions.

The advance parties as above will take over all Trench Stores etc. and Lt. Snelling DCM will give receipts to 21st Coy for all such trench stores taken over at new positions, less those taken over by No. 2 Section at W.16.C.22.

5. During the day of 15 June. Transport duns and Rear Coy HQ will move to V.22.F.95.15. Time of this move to be arranged between Lt. Snelling DCM & OC 21st Coy.

6. Transport:-

1 Empty Limber to Report to No. 1 Sect. HQ at 10 pm 15/6/18.

1 Limber containing Rations " " No 2 " " at time to be notified 15/6/18.

1 " " " " " No 3 " " at 10 pm 15/6/18.

1 " " " " " No 4 " " " " 15/6/18.

1 Empty Limber to HQ. " " " " 15/6/18.

7. Sect. Commandants will ~~hand~~ render on relief receipts in duplicate for all Trench Stores handed over in present positions. Receipts to be sent to this HQ on relief.

8. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the move, as to enter the engagement immediately in the event of an enemy attack.

J. G. Hoag
 2nd Lt. 3rd Ambr. Coy.

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1. On the afternoon and night of 20/6/18 the 3rd, A.M.G. Coy. will relieve the 2nd, A.M.G. Coy. in the second zone as under :-
No 1 Section will relieve Section of 2nd. Coy in positions as under

Section No.	W.16.d.5.5.	No. 1 Section when in these
Gun No 33	W.22.d.05.55	positions will come under
" " 34	W.22.a.05.00	command of C.C. 1st A.M.G. Coy.
" " 35	W.16.d.0.0.	and relief will be completed
" " 36	W.16.d.05.15.	by 9 p.m. 20.6.18.

No 2 Section will relieve Mobile Section of 2nd A.M.G. Coy at 7.22.a.05.15. Relief to be complete by 4 p.m. 20.6.18.

No. 3 Section will relieve Section of 2nd. A.M.G. Coy in positions as under

Section No.	W.15.b.55.40.	No 3 Section to be in these
Gun at	W.14.a.05.15	positions by 3 p.m. 20.6.18.
	W.14.a.00.55	
	W.20.a.7.0.	
	W.20.a.5.5.	

No 4 Section will relieve Section of 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. as under
No. 7 Sub-section under Lieut. R.J. Scott M.C. will relieve subsection in position as follows

Section No.	W.9.d.7.0.	Relief to be in position
1 Gun at	W.10.c.00.45.	by 3 p.m. 20/6/18.
1 Gun at	W.16.a.0.7.	

No. 8 Sub-section under Lieut. J.C. Gardner will relieve subsection in position as follows :-

Sub-section No.	W.2.a.0.	Relief to be in position
1 Gun at	W.2.a.15.45.	by 3 p.m. 20.6.18.
1 Gun at	W.2.a.0.0.	

2. Advance Parties :- Lieut. B.H. Reed, 1 Sergt., and 1 man per gun will report to C.C. 1st A.M.G. Coy. and will take over positions for No. 1 Section as above on night of 20/6/18.

1 M.C.O. from No 3 Section, 1 M.C.O. from No 7 Sub-section and 1 M.C.O. from No 8 Sub-section will report to Section No. 1 at W.15.b.55.40, W.9.d.7.0. and W.2.a.0. respectively on afternoon of 20/6/18. These advance parties will take over positions, works under construction and give receipts for all bulk stores, trench stores, etc. at positions.

3. Receipts. Advance parties will take over positions for their Sections as detailed in Para. 1 and will give receipts for all bulk stores, trench stores and works under construction, retaining 1 copy of receipts in each case.

4. Reports. Location Reports and copy of Receipts given for Trench Stores etc. to be sent to Coy. H.Q. not later than 24 hours after Relief.

5. Rolls. Section Commanders will render Complete Section Rolls to Company Orderly Room by 30 noon on 20/6/18 as under :-

- Personnel for Line
- Personnel left at Rear H.Q.

6. On the morning of 20.6.18 Company H.Q. Transport Line and Mobile Section) No. 3 Section will move to W.22.a.05.15.

7. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the move as to enter the engagement in the event of an enemy attack.

Robert Harrington

Captain.

O/C 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

MOBILE SECTION)

BY. CAPTAIN G.R. HARRINGTON, COMMANDING 3rd AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN

1. On the day of 1st July and night of 1st/2nd July the 3rd A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 21st A.M.G.Co in the Right Section of Divisional Sector as follows :-

No. 1 Section	Section H.Q.	W.28.a.2.7.
	Gun No 13	W.28.d.55.70
	Gun No 14	E.5.a.9.9.
	Gun No 15	W.29.d.90.85
	Gun No. 16	W.30.a.25.20.
No. 2 Section.	Section H.Q.	W.27.a.2.4.
	Gun No. 5	W.27.c.30.25
	" No. 6	W.27.c.3.4.
	" No 7	W.27.a.75.20
	" No. 8	W.27.a.8.4.
No. 3 Section	Section H.Q.	E.4.a.2.9
	Gun No. 9	E.5.d.25.10.
	" No 10	E.5.d.55.60
	" No 11	W.28.c.25.35.
	" No 12	W.28.c.55.65.
No. 4 Section	Section H.Q.	E.3.d.95.10.
	Gun No 1	E.10.b.75.35
	" No 2	E.10.b.50.25
	" No 3	E.4.b.6.2.
	" No 4	E.4.b.9.5.

2. Advance Parties. Each Section Commander will detail an advance party of 1 N.C.O. per section and 1 man per gun to report to Section Headquarters as detailed in Para 1 on night of 30.6.18. Lieut. K.A. Smith will report to 21st Coy.H.Q. at E.5.b.25.45. on night of 30th June and will be in charge of Advance Parties.
3. Receipts. Advance parties will take over positions and any works under construction and will give receipts for all Bulk S.A.A. Trench Stores etc. at all the positions. On relief, Section Commanders will furnish to Company H.Q. a copy of receipts given.
4. Transport. On night of 1st July Transport Officer will detail limbers to report as follows :-
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| No. 1 Section 1 Limber containing | rations to report to Section H.Q. at W.16.d.5.4. at 9 p.m. |
| No. 2 Section 1 " " | guns and gear complete and rations at Coy H.Q. at V.22.a.95.15 at 7 p.m. |
| No. 3 Section 1 " " | rations to report to Section H.Q. at W.13.b.55.40 at 8.00 p.m. |
| No. 4 Section 1/2 " " | Section Rations to report to Section H.Q. at E.2.a.0.0. at 8 p.m. |
| Do. 1/2 " " | Empty to report to Section H.Q. at W.9.d.7.9. at 8 p.m. |
5. On completion of relief on the night of 1st July, Company H.Q. will be at E.5.b.25.45.
6. On the 1st July Rear Company H.Q. will be at V.22.a.95.15. and Transport Lines at V.17.a.45.65.
7. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the move as to enter the engagement in the event of an enemy attack.

G. H. Hogg for Captain.
O/C 3rd Australian Machine Gun Company.

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SYLLABUS of TRAINING for week ending 29/6/15.

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	8.30 - 9.30 AM	9.30 - 10.30 am	10.30 - 11.30 am	11.30 - 12.30 pm	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Lectures 7.30 - 8.30 pm	
SATURDAY 22/6/15							Reverted to Repacking of bin bins, shortages of gun gear taken, cleaning clothing and equipment. Haircutting
SUNDAY 23/6/15							Shortages of clothing & equipment taken. Bath made & change of underclothing. Haircutting
MONDAY 24/6/15	Inspection of Physical Trg	E.D. Manual & business & gun	I.A. 1 st and 2 nd Positions	TOET unloading machine & setting Planing			Revised by
TUESDAY 25/6/15	Inspection of Physical Trg	Stopping & gun parts	I.A. 3 rd and 4 th Positions	Use of dial and instruments			Lectures to Officers & all on use of instruments
WEDNESDAY 26/6/15	Break March	Mechanism	TOET, Action and Out of Action	Ball falling by hand and machine			do
THURSDAY 27/6/15	Inspection and description of machine	Inspection and description of Parab	Preparation of tray with use of hand & screw down feed	Construction of Handy Emplacement			Officers & TOETs. Machine gun duty by Lt. Colwell & others
FRIDAY 28/6/15	Inspection and Physical Training and Games	Use of gun	I.A. Position	TOET operation with no objects			do
SATURDAY 29/6/15	Inspection of Physical Trg	Application of gun to machine to range F.M.C. with double stocks					do. Officers & TOETs. Machine gun duty by Lt. Colwell & others

J. G. Hooge for Lt. Colwell & Capt

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41 Copy of Report on attack and Capture of MONT DE MERRIS.

3rd 6/18

Report for 24 hours ending 6 am. 3/6/18

Casualties :- Nil

Expenditure SAA :- 13650 Rounds.

Btn Order No 23 complied with as follows :-

Gun from No 1 position moved to position at E 11 c 7.9 and carried out allotted task. Expenditure SAA 600.

Gun from No 9 position moved to position at E 6 c 1.8 and carried out allotted task. Expenditure :- 1500 SAA.

Referring to enclosed Target List the following were engaged :-

TARGET NO.	GUN POSITION NO.	TIME	EXPENDITURE
8	2 }	In response to SOS	1500
9	3 }	on Right of Railway	2000
14a	4	Between Dusk and Dawn	1500
2	9	Zero to Zero + 1 minute	500
1	10	do do	400
14	12	Dusk till Dawn	3250
15	13	Dusk till Dawn	2000
3	14	Zero till Zero + 1 minute	400

Gun from No 11 position moved to No 9 position and carried out TARGET NO 2 as above.

All guns are now in original battle positions and Nos. 9, 10, 13, 14, 2 and 3 Guns are laid respectively on new SOS targets 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as shown in enclosed Target List.

1. German machine gun at Post about 50^x in front of position at E 6 c 1.8 engaged by Lt Cpl Collins and put out of action Lt E. J. SCOTT MC. MM. went forward, captured the gun, gun now in our possession and also 1 prisoner whom he handed over to 12 A.I. Bn. There was 1 dead German and 1 dying German at the position. Receipt for 7 German prisoners handed over to 3rd A.I. Bde enclosed.

Hostile Activity :- Artillery :- Below normal during passed 24 hours except in front area during the attack, which was subjected to bombardment of 5.9's small calibre gas shells and pine apple bombs.

Flares :- Very few except during the attack when numerous double reds, double greens single green, ordinary yellow flares and golden clusters were fired.

Hostile Aircraft :- Far below normal.

Signed J. H. Hoge Jr
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