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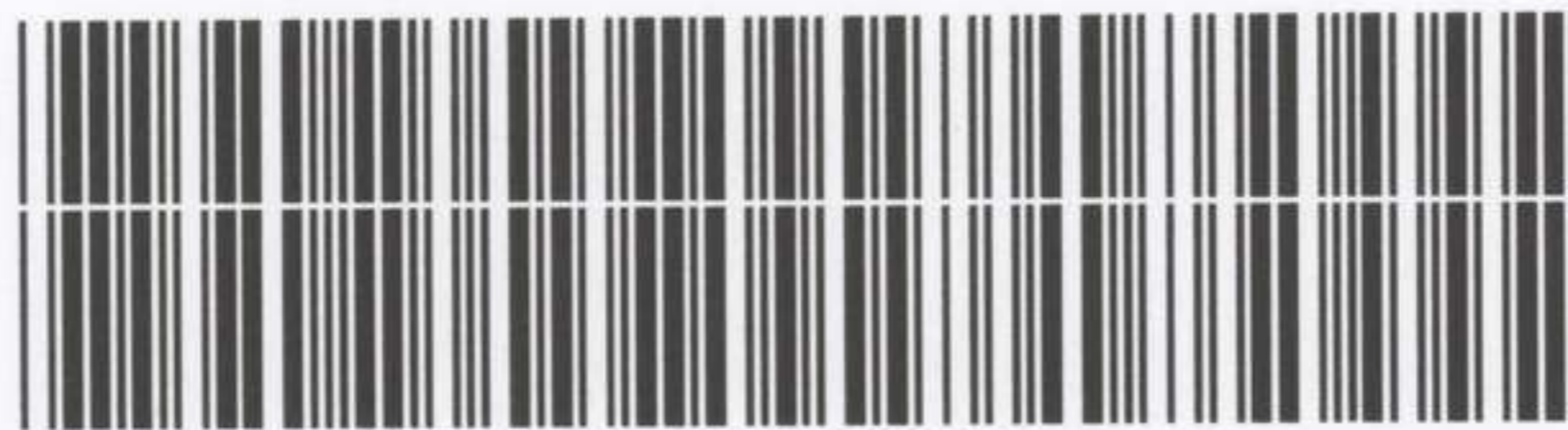
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1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

**Item number: 24/6/31**

**Title: 1st Australian Machine Gun Company**

September 1918



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**Australian Imperial Force.**

**WAR DIARY**

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY

FOR

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918.

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## WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q.I6.A.2.9.	1.9.18.		Company still in rest area and remain attached to First Aus. Inf. Bdge. for rations and instructions. Attend a church parade with the 3rd. Aus. Inf. Battn. Remainder of the day spent in resting and recreation. WEATHER DULL AND SHOWERY.	HARBONNIERS I : 40000.
Q.I6.A.2.9.	2.9.18.		Training in rest area as per attached syllabus. Salvage work about the area carried out during the morning also. The Aus. Comforts Fund issue a supply of Cigarettes, Cakes, Biscuits etc. WEATHER DULL AND SHOWERY.	Appendices I. & 2.
Q.I6.A.2.9.	3.9.18.		Company training as per syllabus in rest area. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	
Q.I6.A.2.9.	4.9.18.		Company training as per syllabus during early part of morning and then (according to instructions received from Division) attend a lecture delivered by the Divisional Intelligence at 4th. Battn. H.Q.rs. on The German Army Morale. Recreational training during the afternoon WEATHER VERY WARM.	
Q.I6.2.9.	5.9.18.		Company training as per syllabus. Large amount of general salvage returned to divisional dump. During the afternoon company team play the 3rd. Battn. a football match which we win. Warning Order reference move towards line in motor busses received. WEATHER SHOWERY.	Appendix. 2. 4.
I.9.C.6.5.	6.9.18.		Company parade at 9.0.a.m. (Q.I6.A.2.9.) repack limbers etc and move off for embussing point in full Marching Order. Embuss at 1.15.p.m. and move off at 1.45.p.m. for point H.3.D.8.5. Viz. PROYART, CHUIGNES, CAPPY, SUZANNE. arrive 3/.30.p.m. and then march to MONT	SHEET. 62C.

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	6-9-18 (Contd.)		ST. QUERTIN, where we are met by guides and led to field at I 9 C. 65. Here Company bivouacs for the night. Transport moves off from MORCOURT at 11 a.m. with No. 2 Company First Aust. Divisional Train and Infantry Transport brigaded. Arrives at bivouac at 11-30 p.m. The roads are very dusty and traffic very much congested. This made marching slow and tiresome. WEATHER FINE AND VERY WARM.	SHEET 62 C.
I 9 C 6.5.	7-9-18.		Company resting. During the afternoon an Officer and advance party of 20 other ranks proceed to DOINGT to prepare area for billeting Company the morrow. During the day a number of enemy dead were buried. WEATHER VERY WARM.	
I.36 A 2.8.	8-9-18.		Receive instructions from First Aust. Infantry Brigade to move as per time-table supplied to billeting area prepared in the DOINGT area. During the move very heavy thunderstorm commences and weather remains showery throughout the remainder of the day.	<del>Appendix 5.</del>
K.25 D 1.9.	9-9-18.		Company moves per march route to old line of trenches at K.25 D 1.9. near TINCOURT. On arrival, men dig in and make shelters. Company is paid during the afternoon. O.C. reconnoitres the forward area preparatory to taking over the Line. WEATHER VERY WINDY AND HEAVY RAIN FELL THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.	
K.25 D 1.9.	10-9-18.		Company moves into Line at dusk. Two sections attached to and move with Infantry Battns. Remaining two sections sited by O.C. Company, echeloned for defence in depth. Advanced	Appendix 6.

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	10-9-18 (Contd.)		Company Headquarters established at K. 27 D 2.8. near Brigade Headquarters. During the relief, LIEUT. IFOULD and one other rank wounded. WEATHER SHOWERY.	SHEET 62 C.
K 25 D.1.9	11-9-18		Company in the Line supporting Infantry. During operations with Second Aust. Infantry Battn. LIEUT. POTTER wounded. 140,000 rounds S.A.A. taken up to gun positions by limbers and pack animals. WEATHER DULL, HEAVY SHOWERS DURING THE NIGHT.	
K 25 D.1.9	12-9-18.		Weather hampers operations and guns are withdrawn and placed in defensive positions in depth and during the night several guns carry out harassing fire expending 10,000 rounds S.A.A. Enemy artillery very active, large number of gas shells being used. Company suffers eight gas casualties. Ration limber returning to rear struck by H.E. shell resulting in damage to the limber and loss of two other ranks wounded and three light draught horses destroyed. C.O. Battalion visits Advanced and Rear Company Headquarters. Six reinforcements taken on strength of Company. WEATHER SHOWERY.	<del>Appendix 7.</del>
K. 25 D1.9	13-9-18.		Company still in Line. During the night harassing fire carried out by one section expending 10,000 rounds S.A.A. 60,000 rounds S.A.A. drawn from D.A.C. and taken to gun positions by limbers to replace expenditure. One other rank (1914 man) leaves Company to proceed on leave to Australia. Hostile bombing 'planes in rear during the night, two of which were brought down in flames. WEATHER FINE AND DULL.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
J 17 A.1.5	14-9-18.		<p>O's. C. Second and Twenty-First Machine Gun Company visit Advanced Company Headquarters to reconnoitre and make final arrangements for the relief of our Company. Relief Orders received from First Australian Infantry Brigade. Rear Headquarters and Company Transport move to J 17 A.1.5. during the afternoon. Advanced party prepares the area for occupation by Company on relief. At 9 p.m. sections from both the Second and Twenty-First Aust. M.G. Coys. take over from our guns in the Line. Sections on relief proceed to J 17 A.1.5. Hot meal and tea issued to men on arrival. Relief complete without incident by 11-30 p.m.</p> <p>WEATHER FINE AND COOL.</p>	Appendix 8.
J 17 A.1.5.	15-9-18		<p>During the day Company reorganises and sections re-pack fighting limbers ready for action. Resting remainder of the day. Orders received from First Australian Infantry Brigade and First Australian Machine Gun Battalion reference forthcoming attack on Hindenburg Line. Preparations made as per instructions contained therein. O.C. attends Conference of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters and also Conference of Infantry Battalion Commanders at First Australian Brigade Headquarters, discussing arrangements for forthcoming attack.</p> <p>WEATHER FINE AND COOL.</p>	Appendix 9.
J 17 A.1.5.	16-9-18		<p>Sections are attached to Infantry Battalions of First Australian Infantry Brigade and move off and join their respective Battalions during the afternoon. Section Officers reconnoitre</p>	Appendix 9.

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	16-9-18.		approaches to assembly position of their respective Battalions as laid down in Appendix 10. From now until further instructions, sections remain with Infantry Battalions and are rationed by them <del>mm</del> . O.C. Company acts in capacity of Brigade Machine Gun Officer at Brigade Headquarters. WEATHER FINE AND MILD.	Appendix 10
J 17 A.1.5.	17-9-18.		Sections remain with Infantry Battalions during the day. At dusk, Rear Headquarters moved to copse at K 27 D 1.9. C.O. moves to advance Brigade Headquarters at K 18 B 3.9. Transport and nucleus remain at J 17 A.1.5. About midnight Sections move up with Infantry Battalions to assembly positions near hopping off tape line. WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	
J 17 A.1.5.	18-9-18.		At zero hour, 5-20 a.m. all guns of this Company move across tape line with Infantry Battns. in the advance to the capture of HAGRICOURT, VILLERET and positions before the HINDENBURG LINE as shown in attached map. Casualties sustained during this action 5 Killed, 12 wounded and 1 missing. From zero to zero plus 60 minutes, a very heavy shower fell. During the remainder of the day WEATER FINE.	<del>Appendix 11</del>
K 24 C.7.5.	19-9-18.		All objectives having been gained, guns are withdrawn from Battalions and organised for consolidation and defence in depth. Very heavy hostile harrasing fire throughout the day. Casualties 3 killed and 1 wounded during the firing of an S.O.S. about dusk. Rear Headqrs. and transport nucleus moved to HERVILLY. 18 reinforcements joined Company here. 40,000	Appendices 12 & 13.

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K 24 C.7.5.	19-9-18.		rounds S.A.A. carried up on limbers to 3rd Battalion Headqrs. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	
	(Contd.) 20-9-18.		Sections remain in the Line and carry out harrasing fire during the day. Coy. transport withdrawn from Battalion and brought to K 24 C.7.5. During the night of 20th, 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Company relieves our guns who move into positions for minor operation to take place next morning. All reinforcements move up to Company H.Q. and are dispersed among Sections during the night. Casualties 2 killed and 4 wounded. Rations conveyed to all Sections during the evening. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	
K 24 C.7.5.	21-9-18		During the early morning our guns assist in a minor operation carried out by First Australian Infantry Brigade. Eleven guns move over the tapes in close support. Four guns fire a protective barrage for one hour, expending 10,000 rounds S.A.A. Casualties 3 wounded. At night Company relieved and move back to bivouacs on the outskirts of HERVILLY. Nine other ranks proceed on leave to Australia. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	Appendix 14.
K 24 C 7.5.	22-9-18		Company in bivouacs on the outskirts of HERVILLY with First Aust. Infantry Brigade in reserve. During the day, men cleaning clothes and personal equipment, remainder of the day resting. WEATHER DULL AND COOL.	
K 24 C 7.5.	23-9-18		During the morning men marched to Divisional baths at TINCOURT; hot bathing and exchange of clothing. All gun gear and other fighting equipment cleaned thoroughly overhauled and re-packed in limbers. Mobile reserve replenished. Advance Officers and N.C.O's. from 30th	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
K 24 C 7.5.	23-9-18 (Contd.)		American Division relieving our Division in the Line visit Company Headquarters and arrange to take over bivouacs and transport lines. Instructions received from First Australian Infantry Brigade and First Australian Machine Gun Battalion to move on the morrow by march route to HERBECOURT area. (Sheet 62c) WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	Appendix 15
BIACHES. Sheet 62c.	24-9-18.		As per instructions contained in AWH 313 from First Aust. Infantry Brigade Company moves out light marching order enroute for HERBECOURT area. A halt of two hours on the march was made at DOINGT where Company rested and partook of lunch prepared on the Company cooker on the march. Company arrives outside BIACHES at 5-30 p.m. and bivouaced in huts and dug-outs for the night. Very heavy traffic on the roads throughout the march made marching very tiresome and march discipline difficult. O.C. Company and two N.C.O's. remain with 30th American Divisional Machine Gun Battalion to carry out work of tactical liaison and instruction for the forth coming operations. WEATHER THROUGHOUT DULL AND COOL.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIACHES. Sheet 62c.	25-9-18.		Company resting outside BIACHES. Company Transport (less Cooker) leaves BIACHES under Coy. Transport Officer to join Brigade Group Transport moving under Captain Bootle en route for the LONG area as per instructions received from First Australian Infantry Brigade. Company cooker entrains at LA CHAPELETTE at mid-day moving in advance of Company to the LONG area. Instructions received from First Brigade to be ready to move to entraining station on the morrow. WEATHER DULL AND SHOWERY.	Appendix 16
6 K 30.95	26-9-18.		Company entrained at LA CHAPELETTE at 1-30 p.m. with Brigade Group, and moved out at 2-15 p.m. for LONGPRE (Abbeville 14, 1/100,000). Arrived at 6-30 p.m. and proceeded by march route via FONTAINE and PONT REMY to EPAGNETTE, arriving at 11 p.m. Company billeted in the village. WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	Abbeville 14 1/100,000.
6 K 30.95	27-9-18		Company resting in billets. Transport arrives at billets 3-30 p.m. having accomplished the long journey without incident. WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	
6 K 30.95	28-9-18.		Men cleaning and repairing personal equipment. Company paid during afternoon. WEATHER SHOWERY.	
6 K 30.95	29-9-18		Company attends Church Parade during morning. Lieut. Heane and Sgt. Loveband proceed to England on Cadre duty at M.G.T. Depot. Lieut. Williams proceeded to England on leave. WEATHER DULL AND COOL.	

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6 K 30.95. 30-9-18. Company training in billets as per Syllabus attached. Lieut. Heane ~~XXXXXX~~ rejoins Company and is not proceeding on Cadre duty to A. Machine Gun Depot in England. Conference of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters, MOUFLERS during the afternoon. WEATHER VERY COOL AND SHOWERY.

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## WAR DIARY APPENDIX

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

FOR

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
✓1	Syllabus of training, 30-8-18 to 5-9-18.
✓2	Salvage return 3rd to 6th Septr 1918.
✓3	Brigade memo. BM 68.
✓4	1st Aust. M.G. Battn. memo. 32/21.
+5	<del>1st Aust. M.G. Battn. memo. 32/21.</del>
✓6	1st Brigade memo. AWH 20.
+7	<del>1st Brigade memo. AWH 20.</del>
✓8	1st Brigade Order No. 120
✓9	1st Brigade Battle Instructions No. 8 Series C.
✓10	1st Brigade Battle Instructions Nos. 9 and 10 Series C. 1st Aust. M.G. Battn. Battle Instructions Series D Nos 4 & 6. 1st Aust. Infantry Battn. Operation Order No. 44. Commanders and Headquarters of Units.
+11	<del>1st Aust. M.G. Battn. Order No. 51.</del>
✓12)	Report on operations 17, 18, 19th Septr. 1918. 1st Aust. Infy
✓13)	Brigade memo 18/4181.
✓14	Report on minor operations 21st Septr. 1918. 1st Aust. Infy. Brigade Order No. 122. 1st Aust. Machine Gun Battn. Order Nos. 40 and 50.
✓15	1st Aust. M.G. Battn. Order No. 51.
✓16	1st Aust. Infantry Brigade memo. AWH 313. First Aust. Infantry Brigade Administrative Instructions. First Aust. Infantry Brigade memo. DG 2. First Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 124.
✓17	Company Routine Orders 21, 22, 26 and 32 and 33. Syllabus of training 30-9-18 to 6-10-18.
✓18	Recommendations for awards.
✓19	Transport Officers appreciation.
✓20	Casualties, Sick, Leave and Reinforcements return (weekly).
✓21	<del>C.C. monthly appreciation</del>

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING.

	9 to 10.	10 to 11.	11 to 12.	2 to 3.	
Friday 30th Aug.	Close Order Drill. Duties of Guards.	Mechanism.	Immediate Action.	G A M E S.	Tactical Exercise - Officers. 3 to 4-30 p.m.
Saturday 31st Aug.	Stoppages with Gas Masks on.	Close Order Drill. Duties of Guards.	Elementary Drill.	G A M E S.	9 to 10 p.m. Night work with compass (Officers).
Sunday 1st Sept.	Combined Drill.	Rough Ground Drill.	Close Order Drill. Guard Duties.	G A M E S.	
Monday 2nd Sept.	Extended Order & Close Order Drill.	Indication & Recognition of Targets.	T.O.E.T.	G A M E S.	3 to 4-30 p.m. Use of Compass. N.C.O's.
Tuesday 3rd Sept.	Saluting. Extended Order & Guard Drill.	J. D.	Night Section Exercises. (ap- proaching <del>positions</del> & taking up positions.)	G A M E S.	
Wednesday 4th Sept.	Close Order Drill and Guard Duties.	Action from Pack Horses & Limbers.		G A M E S.	3 to 4-30 p.m. Tactical Exercises. Officers and Senior N.C.O's.
Thursday 5th Sept.	Section Exercises Use of Ground and Cover.	Simple Section Exercises. Overhead Covering Fire.		G A M E S.	Demonstration - Use of Camouflage.

*Francis Wood*

Captain. O.C. 1st M.G. Coy.

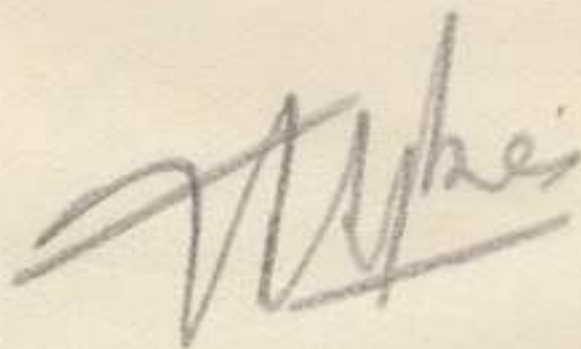
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## APPENDIX 2

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.  
-----Salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump between 3rd and 6th  
Sept. 1918.  
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Cases, cartridge, eighteen pounder field gun.....	180
German packs.....	8
German Steel helmets.....	12
German rifles.....	6
Rifles, S.M.L.E. (.303).....	8
Boxes, bulk, S.A.A. (empty).....	70
Magazines, Lewis Gun.....	4



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

APPENDIX .2.

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By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
TO { FIRST AUS. MACHINE GUN COY. <span style="float: right; font-size: 2em; color: blue;">3</span>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
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<p>Brigade will move by Buss 6th.inst, AAA. Head of Bus column at Q.I6.C.84.facing North.AAA. Busses will be in position by 1.30p.m.AAA. Units will be formed up at 1.0.p.m. opposite the busses assembly position.AAA. Units will be organised into parties of 1.Officer and 25 O.R. each at 15 paces distance.AAA. Order of embussing:- Ist.Battn.,2nd.Battn.,3rd.Battn.,4th.Battn., Ist.A.L.T.M.B.,Ist.A.M.G.C.,Ist.Field Coy. Engrs. Ist.Amb.AAA. Unit embussing officer will meet Brigade Major at Brigade H.Q.rs. at 12 Noon for detailed instructions.AAA. Debussing point is H.3.D.95. near HEM.AAA. Route from debussing point viz CLERY .AAA. Guides at CLERY. AAA. Advance parties will move independently by bicycle and meet Capt. T.G.Mann. at church CLERY at 11.0.a.m. AAA. Troops will move in complete marching order carrying blanket and unexpired portion of days ration.AAA. Transport will move brigaded under O.C.No.2.Coy.Ist.Div.Train.Order of march same as set out above.AAA. Starting point Q.24.B.5.8.AAA.</p>				
From	Place	Time		
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
<p>Head of the column to pass starting point at 11.30.a.m.AAA. Rouye for transport PROY ART, CHUIGNES,CAPPY,SUZANNE.AAA. Standing orders re distances on march will be observed.AAA. ACKNOWLEDGE.</p>				
From FIRST AUS. INF. BRIGADE.				
Place				
Time				
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(Signed) T.G.MAMM.				
Capt.				
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.1ST AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
BATTALION.

Headquarters, 5.9.18.

No.....  
Date.....  
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1st. Aust. M.G. Coy. ✓  
 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
 3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
 21st. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
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WARNING ORDER.

Following from First Australian Division :-

"The following moves will probably take place -

1st. A.I. Brigade Group by bus to Area E. of CLERY 6th. instant.  
 2nd. A.I. Brigade Group by bus 7th. instant.  
 3rd. A.I. Brigade Group by bus 8th. instant."

*Sturges*  
 Lieut. and Adjutant.  
 First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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TO { I, 2, 3, 4., Bns. Ist. L.T.M. Btty., Ist. A.M.G. Co.  
Ist. Fld. Coy. Engrs., 10th. A.I. B., Ist. Aust. Div.  
8th. A.I. Bde., 229th., Inf. Bde., 3rd. Aus. Div.

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Relief of 10th. A.I. Bde. AAA, 4th. Bn. relieves 4th. Bn. and elements of 39th. Bn. AAA. 2nd. Bn. relieves 37th. Bn. and elements of 39th. Bn. AAA. Inter bn. boundary K.24. D.O.O. thence due East. AA -L.19. D.O.O. -L.21. Cent. --L.16. D.O.O. thence due East. AAA. Ist. Bn. will move into position of support in sq. K.35. and Q.5. AAA. 3rd. Bn. relieves 38th. Bn. in support in BLUE line sq. L.12. and sq. L.13. AAA. Ist. and 3rd. Bns. will echelon their flanks AAA. Ist. L.T.M. Btty., Ist. M.G. Coy., and Ist. Field Coy. will relieve opposite numbers. AAA. Battalions in the line are weak in numbers AAA. Method of holding line is to establish posts on high ground and patrol low ground between AAA. This method will at the outset be adopted AAA. Ist. M.G. COY. will attach one subsection to each of 2nd. and 4th. Bns. AAA. One section will be emplaced in the vicinity of each of the following locations viz. Sq. 36c. guarding the left flank-guarding right flank, Sq. II. B.&D. guarding the left flank Sq. 28 a and c. for defence in depth. AAA. Ist. L.T.M. Bty. will attach 2 guns to each the 2nd. & 4th. Bns. AAA. Remainder will be held in reserve. AAA

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Place	
Time	

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TO { -2- }

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Mobile echelon will move to vicinity of HAMELET AAA Advance parties will go into line tonight AAA Details of relief will be arranged between Commanders concerned AAA Reconnaissance will be carried out by all concerned AAA Bde. Hdqrs is now at J.18.a.0.6. AAA Headquarters of units to be relieved are as follows:-

- 37th Battn K.21.c.5.9.
- 38th Battn K.21.c.5.9.
- 39th Battn K.23.a.2.9.
- 40th Battn K.11.c.0.8.
- 10th A.M.G. Coy. J.18.a.0.7.
- 10th A.L.T.M. Battery K.21.c.5.9. AAA

ACKNOWLEDGE

From	1st A.I. Bde.
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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 120.Brigade Headquarters,  
14th September, 1918.REFERENCE MAP, SHEET 62C, 1:40,000.

1. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in line to-night by the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. and troops of the 4th Aust. Division.
2. On relief the following adjustments in the Divisional Boundaries will be made :-  
Northern Boundary. East and West Grid Line between Sqs. L.1. and L.7. as far East as L.3.C.0.0., thence to F.29.C.8.0. thence East and West Grid Line between Sqs. F.29. and L.5.  
Southern Boundary. Line drawn from K.35.D.0.0. to L.23.C.0.8. thence to G.20.A.0.5.
3. The following are opposite numbers for the relief:-  
 8th Battn., and elements of 49th Battalion relieve 2nd Battn.  
 7th Battn., relieves 4th Battn.  
 6th Battn., relieves 1st Battn.  
 5th Battn., relieves 3rd Battn.  
 1st H.G.Coy., will be relieved by the 2nd and 21st H.G.Coys.  
 1st L.T.M.Bty., will be relieved by the 2nd Aust. L.T.M.Bty.  
 1st Field Coy. A.E. will be relieved by the 2nd Field Coy. A.E.
4. Relieving troops will move in via tape tracks and outgoing troops will move out by these tracks.  
 Units will move in small parties with big distances, and roads will be avoided.
5. On relief the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. moves to the BOUCLY Area. Units will take over the billets of the relieving troops.
6. The front will be covered by patrols during the relief.
7. Details not herein provided for will be arranged direct.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location on completion of relief and open at K.30.C.1.8. at the same hour.
10. Units will report arrival in new area to Brigade Headquarters at K.30.C.1.8.

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*[Signature]*  
 Major,

Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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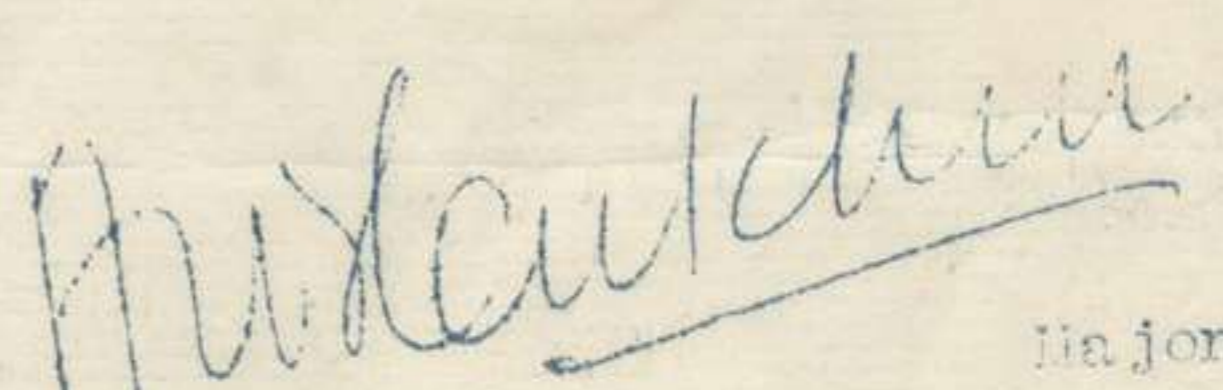
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  12. 3rd Aust. Battalion,
  13. 4th Aust. Battalion,
  14. 1st Aust. E.T.L. Bty.,
  15. 1st Aust. H.G. Coy.,
  16. 2nd Aust. H.G. Coy.,
  17. 1st Field Coy. A.E.,
  18. 1st Aust. Division,
  19. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
  20. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
  21. No. 2 Coy. A.A.S.C.
  22. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
  23. 1st Aust. H.G. Battalion,
  24. 4th Aust. Division,
  25. 230th Infantry Brigade,
  26. 50th Aust. Battalion,
  27. 51st Brigade R.G.A.
  28. 1st Aust. F.A. Bde.,
  29. 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.,
  30. 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
  31. 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.
  32. "A" Squadron, 13th A.L.H.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 8. - SERIES "C".Brigade Headquarters,  
15th. September, 1918Ref. Maps - Sheets 62C & 62B. 1/40,000.

1. (a). The 1st. Aust. Division, in conjunction with the 4th. Aust. Division on the right and the 74th. Division on the left, will attack and capture the enemy positions forward of the HINDENBURG LINE.  
 (b). Of the 1st. Aust. Division the 3rd. Brigade on the right and the 1st. Brigade on the left will deliver the assault. The 2nd. Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.  
 (c). Of the 1st. Brigade the 2nd. Battalion on the right and the 4th. Battalion on the left will lead the attack and capture the BROWN LINE.  
 The 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will follow the attack, subsequently passing through the 2nd. and 4th. Battalions respectively to the capture of the RED LINE and to the subsequent exploitation.  
 (d). Details as to Brigades and Battalions operating on our flanks will be communicated later.
2. Zero day and hour will be communicated separately.
3. (a). The boundaries of the attack for the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade are as follows:-  
North boundary - The line Sq. L.1.C.0.0. - L.2.C.6.1. - F.29.C.8.0. thence due East.  
South boundary - The line Sq. L.19.B.0.5. - L.14.D.0.6. - L.11.B.3.1. thence due East.  
Inter-battalion boundary - The line L.8.C.0.2. - L.10.A.0.2. - L.5.C.2.3. - thence due East.  
 (b). The Start Line is the line L.14.D.0.7. - L.2.C.1.0.  
 (c). Objective lines are as follows :-  
 1. BROWN LINE - The line L.4.B.7.6. - L.5.D.0.0. - L.11.B.2.0.  
 2. RED LINE - The line A.25.D.0.0. - G.1.B.2.5. - G.7.B.2.0.  
 3. LINE OF EXPLOITATION - The line A.26.D.6.0. - G.2.D.2.0. - G.8.B.2.0.  
 (d). The boundaries and objectives are set out on map attached.
4. The attack will be supported by a quick moving field artillery and machine gun barrage.  
 Heavy artillery will engage the enemy batteries and other selected targets.  
 Barrage maps will be issued in due course.
5. A limited number of tanks will co-operate. Dummy tanks will also be employed.
6. Intelligence Instructions as laid down for the operations of August 23rd. will again take effect.  
 The Divisional P.O.W. Cage will be established on the forward slope of the Hill in K.27.B.  
 The D.A.P.M. will have a screen of M.H.P. across the Divisional front approximately one mile from the front line. Battalion escorts will hand prisoners over to the M.H.P. and obtain a receipt. Should no M.H.P. be seen prisoners will be taken to the Cage.
7. Further instructions will follow.

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- 12. 4th. Aust. Battalion.
- 13. 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
- 14. 1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.
- 15. 1st. Field Coy., A.E.
- 16. 1st. Aust. Division.
- 17. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 18. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 19. No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C.
- 20. 1st. Aust. H.G. Battalion.
- 21. 4th. Aust. Division.
- 22. 1st. Aust. Pioneer Battn.
- 23. 1st. Aust. D.A.
- 24. 74th. Division.

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First Brigade Battle Instructions Nos. 9 and 10 Series C.

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Commanders and Headquarters of Units.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 9. - SERIES "C".Brigade Headquarters,  
14th. September, 1918

Ref. Maps - Sheets 62C &amp; 62B. 1/40,000.

1. The approach to the assembly positions will be made in accordance with March Table attached.

Troops will be in assembly positions not later than Zero minus 1 hour and will report completion of move to Brigade Headquarters.

2. In the assembly area C.Os of Units will exercise their own discretion as to frontages and depth provided that the 4th. and 3rd. Battalions form up SOUTH of the road which runs L.7.B.4.7. via CRUCIFIX. The Suffolks will form up NORTH of this road.

3. Troops operating on the flanks are as follows :-

(left)	230th. Brigade.	1st. A.I. Bde.	3rd. A.I. Bde.	(right)
	SUFFOLKS.	4th. Bn.	2nd. Bn.	11th. Battalion.
	BUFFS.	3rd. Bn.	1st. Bn.	9th. Battalion.

4. The Infantry Start Line is now amended to read -  
L.27.C.O.6. - L.1.D.7.0.

5. At Zero hour the barrage will fall 200 yards in advance of the Infantry Start Line. The 1st. lift will be at Zero plus 3. The 2nd. lift will be at Zero plus 5. The next and succeeding lifts up to and including the 11th. lift will be at intervals of 3 minutes. The 12th. and following lifts will be made at intervals of 4 minutes. Each lift will be 100 yards.

The Infantry will, at Zero, close up to the barrage and as it lifts follow to the attack.

In front of the BROWN line the Artillery will halt until Zero plus 3 hours 10 minutes. During this halt the 2nd. and 4th. Battalions will occupy and consolidate the BROWN line; and the 23rd. H.G. Company will take up suitable positions for their barrage task, covering the advance from the BROWN to the RED lines.

During this period also the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will get into position for the resumption of the advance.

At Zero plus 3 hours 10 minutes the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will pass to the capture of the RED line. In front of the RED line the protective barrage will dwell for 15 minutes, when it will cease. The 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will then exploit success and gain the BLUE line. This exploitation will be assisted by Field Artillery, Machine Guns and Trench Mortars under direct arrangements between Battalion Commanders concerned and Liaison Officers with them.

6. Two tanks will assist in the operation and will be used against any enemy strongholds which continue resistance.

They will approach the tape along the NORTH side of the HESBECOURT SPUR and will pass the Infantry Start Line at Zero.

Having reached a suitable supporting position they will be available to assist Company Commanders as required.

The Infantry attack will be pressed forward regardless of the action of the tanks, which, in this action, are to be regarded as supporting units rather than armoured patrols.

The tanks will, in addition to the above tasks, make approaches for the Infantry through the wire which exists along the trench systems.

Their activities will not, however, extend beyond the RED line, upon the capture of which they will return to the rallying point.

The 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will each attach one man to "B" Company, No. 2 Tank Battalion, for the operation. These men will report at 9 a.m. on "Y" day to a location which will be notified subsequently and will act as ground scouts and connecting files between tanks and Infantry.

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7. The 1st.H.G.Company will attach one Section V.H.Gs to each Battalion.  
The 23rd.H.G.Company will on conclusion of the barrage task for the 2nd.phase, organise in depth for defence of the BROWN Line.  
The guns of the 1st.H.G.Company will, on the termination of the advance, be disposed in depth for the defence of the RED line.
8. The 1st.L.T.H.Battery will attach one sub-section (2 guns) to each Battalion. Battalions will make provision for supply of ammunition.
9. Provision will be made for defence against enemy counter attack.  
When the BROWN line is captured it will become the line of resistance. Should the enemy counter attack, the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions will take such action as is necessary to restore any gap in the defence.  
On the capture of the RED line this line becomes the line of main resistance.  
The 2nd.Battalion will be prepared to move forward in support of the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions or in support of the 9th.Battalion.  
The 4th.Battalion will be prepared to garrison the remainder of the BROWN line or to move forward in support of the BUFFS, should the flank be threatened.  
Should all objectives be gained all troops will be organised in depth. The BLUE line will be held by the outposts of the 1st. and 3rd. Battalions with their supports in the RED line, the 2nd.Battalion, in supports, will be in rear of the RED line and the 4th.Battalion will be assembled in handy formation for employment as the Brigade Reserve for counter attack.  
Instructions regarding this reorganisation will be issued subsequent to the capture of the BLUE line.
10. Battalions will provide for liaison with Battalions on their flanks and with Battalions in front of them.  
The following special arrangements for contact on the left flank will obtain. Those for the right flank will be notified later.  
4th. and 3rd.Battalions will provide liaison patrols to operate during the advance and will establish joint posts on objectives as under  
4th.Bn. and Suffolks - L.4.A.8.3. ( 1 platoon ).  
3rd.Bn. and Buffs - A.25.D.2.0.( 1 platoon ).  
A special patrol of the 3rd.Battalion will meet a patrol of the Buffs at F.29.D.9.0.  
The 3rd.Battalion will be prepared to assist in the capture of TEMPLEUX if necessary.
11. Engineer parties will accompany each Battalion Headquarters for duty in connection with dugouts, water, etc.  
A special party will proceed to HAGSON QUARRIES in L.10.A. and prepare a forward Brigade Headquarters.  
Pioneers will lay forward tracks after the advance and place in position sign-boards giving map references and names of localities.  
The forward tracks will be continuations of the "Approach" Tapes.  
That on the right will be known as "STACY TRACK", that on the left "MOORE TRACK".
12. An Officer will leave Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. "Y" day and 12 midnight "Y"/"Z" night and give standard time to all Units.
13. The following will be carried on the man :-  
1 ration.  
1 iron ration.  
1 filled water bottle.  
220 rounds S.A.A.  
2 No.36 Grenades.  
4 Sandbags.  
"P" Bombs will be issued on the scale of 250 per Battalion.  
1 box of "S.O.S." Signals will be issued per Battalion.

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14. A supply Tank with ammunition, bombs, water and tools will, under arrangements to be made by the Staff Captain, proceed to road junction, L.9.D.95.95., where 2nd. Battalion will provide a guide to conduct it to a suitable dumping ground in the vicinity of HAGSON QUARRIES. It will here unload. Unloading parties of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men will be provided by 4th. Battalion to report at L.9.D.95.95. at Zero plus 30 minutes. The tank will then return, reload, and again proceed to same location where 1st. Battalion will provide a guide to direct it to a suitable dumping place in the vicinity of COLOGNE FARM.

15. 4 G.S. Wagons with ammunition and bombs and 4 G.S. Wagons with tools will also be sent forward at Zero hour to L.9.D.95.95.

Battalions will provide guides to meet these wagons and take them where required. They will then dump, return, reload and stand by at HAGSON QUARRIES.

16. The Brigade Mobile Reserve, 2 Wagons per Battalion, (1 S.A.A. and 1 L.G. S.A.A.), will report at K.23.A.2.5. at Zero plus 1 hour.

17. Brigade Headquarters will at the outset be located at K.12.D.3.0. As soon as practicable a Brigade Report Centre will be established at L.10.A.7.5.

During the 2nd. phase of the battle the Report Centre will be carried forward to the vicinity of L.5.D.7.0.

Battalions will at all stages of the fight notify locations of Headquarters.

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*Arthur W. L. ...*

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Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- 29. 23rd. M.G. Company.

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APPROACH MARCH TABLE.Issued with Battle Instructions No. 9. - Series "C".

Serial No.	Unit.	Route.	Starting Point.	Time.
1.	2nd. Battalion and attached troops.	HAMELET, K.22.A.3.8., thence RIGHT BATTN. TAPE ROUTE.	K.22.A.3.8.	1.30 a.m.
2.	1st. Battalion and attached troops.	do do do	do	2.15 a.m.
3.	4th. Battalion and attached troops.	MARQUAIX, K.14.D.4.9., thence LEFT BATTN. TAPE ROUTE.	K.14.D.4.9.	1.0 a.m.
4.	3rd. Battalion and attached troops.	do do do	do	1.45 a.m.
5.	23rd. M.G. Company.	HAMELET.	K.22.A.3.8.	2.15 a.m.

Routes will be reconnoitred by at least 1 Officer per Company on the afternoon of "Y" day.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 10--Series "C".Brigade Headquarters,  
16th. September, 1918Reference Maps, Sheet 62C and 62B. 1:40,000.1. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

(1). Contact patrol machines (3rd. Squadron, A.F.C.) will carry rectangular BLACK panels 2' x 1' on both lower planes, about three feet from the fuselage.

(ii). Contact patrols will be carried out as follows :-

(a) Machine will fly along the BROWN Line (first objective halt line) at zero plus 2½ hours.

(b) Machine will fly along the RED line (second objective) at zero plus 5 hours.

(c) Machine will fly along the BLUE line (objective line of Exploitation) at zero plus 8 hours.

(iii).

(a) Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon Horn and by firing a WHITE Very Light.

(b) Should the aeroplane observer not have located the line accurately on the first attempt he will return and repeat the call 10 minutes later.

Should the Infantry not have reached the objective line at the time laid down above, the machine will return half an hour later and repeat the call.

(iv). Infantry, in the most advanced positions only, will indicate their position to the contact machines.

Infantry will indicate their position by the following means :-

(a) RED ground flares.

(b) BRIGHT Metal Discs.

(c) Rifles laid across the trench in batches of three or four and about a foot apart.

(v). Attacking troops will be provided with bright metal discs about 6 inches square sewn on the reverse side of the Box Respirator.

Troops will be specially warned on parade prior to moving up into the line as to the proper use of ground flares and discs and that considerable risk must be run in signalling to our Contact Machines. It is imperative for the benefit of the troops in general and especially of the heavy artillery that information regarding front line positions be brought back by the quickest method, which is by machine.

(vi). Troops in front line at all times, even after some days subsequent to operations, will be provided with flares and discs, so that positions may be signalled when called for to the ordinary morning and evening Contact Machines.

2. COUNTER-ATTACK MACHINES.

(i). From Zero onwards counter-attack machines will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.

(ii). In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, the counter attack aeroplane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter attack actually developing a WHITE parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter attack, for the information of the infantry.

3. TELEPHONE PRECAUTIONS.

In view of the fact that the enemy has an organised defensive system in the HINDEBURG Line, and that he has probably completed his arrangements for its occupation in case of necessity, it may be taken that his listening sets have been installed.

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Every precaution will, therefore, be taken to prevent unauthorized telephone conversations either in our present forward area or at a later date when we are occupying positions in close contact with the HILDESBURG line.

## 4. S.O.S. SIGNAL.

S.O.S. Signal on the Army front is a rifle grenade signal RED over RED over RED.

## 5. POPHAI PANELS.

Code Calls at present in use for the POPHAI PANEL will obtain during the forthcoming operations.

## 6. LINE OF EXPLOITATION.

It is to be clearly understood that the BLUE line is to be attained solely by means of exploitation. It is not intended that anything in the nature of a set-piece attack is to be made or that the operation shall be costly.

The RED line is to be consolidated as a main line of resistance, and the main object of exploitation is to secure observation over the valleys running Eastward from the line of Squares G.1, 7, and 14.

## 7. FORMING UP LINE.

Posts in front of the forming up line will be withdrawn one half hour before Zero. Patrols will be WEST of the tape line by Zero minus 15 minutes.

## ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.APPENDIX 10  
Copy No. ....Battalion Headquarters,  
16th. September, 1918.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D" No.6.

1. The Initial Barrage Guns i.e. 2nd., 21st., 9th., 10th., Aust. M.G. Companies will move into prepared battery positions on the night of the 17th/18th. instant.
2. Guns will be laid ready to fire on the GREEN barrage line by midnight 17th/18th. instant.
3. When guns are ready laid, Group Commanders will notify Battalion Headquarters by wiring the Code word "KEITH".
4. (a) Group Commanders will arrange to carry out a harassing fire programme half an hour before Zero to cover cranking up of Tanks.  
(b) This programme not to exceed the usual harassing fire carried out between the hours of 5 and 6 a.m. under para 11 of the Battle Instruction, Serie "D" No.3.  
(c) Special precautions will be taken to prevent gun flashes disclosing battery positions.
5. 1st., 3rd., 11th., and 23rd., Aust. M.G. Companies will move to assembly positions under orders issued by 1st. and 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigades respectively.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.*McE 31**Mathew Smith*Lieut. and Adjutant.  
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.D I S T R I B U T I O N.To all recipients of Battle Instructions, Series "D" No.3.  
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Battalion Headquarters,  
16th September, 1918.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D" No. 4.

1. Machine Gun Battalion Report Centre.

- (a) A forward Battalion Report Centre will be established at K.30.A.O.6.
- (b) The Armourer Sergeant will have a workshop at this location, where minor repairs can be executed.  
A spare gun, bolt boxes, and a supply of barrels and spare parts will also be available there.
- (c) All reports will be forwarded by Companies of both 1st. and 3rd. Aust. M.G. Battalions to this Report Centre.

2. Reserve Brigade.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will remain in the present front line throughout the action, but two Battalions and the 21st. Aust. M.G. Company will be held ready to move Forward at short notice.

3. COMMUNICATION.

Signal Officer will arrange that Group Commanders of the Barrage guns, also Officers Commanding of 1st., 3rd., 11th., and 23rd., Aust. M.G. Companies are in telephonic communication with Battalion Report Centre.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut. and Adjutant.  
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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## FIRST AUST. INF. BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 44.

Battalion Headquarters  
16th September, 1918.

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Reference Map, Sheets 62.C. N.E. and 62.B. N.W. 1:20,000.

1. INFORMATION.-

(a) An attack as part of a larger scheme is intended by the Brigade on enemy defences at a zero hour to be notified later. 3rd Brigade will operate on Brigade's Right Flank.

(b) The objectives are :-

First Objective - Known as BROWN LINE - running from L.11.B.2.0 - L.5.D.0.0. - L.4.B.7.6.

Second Objective - Known as RED LINE.

Exploitation Line - Known as BLUE LINE.

(c) The 2nd and 4th Battalion in that order from the Right are to attack the BROWN LINE.

2. INTENTION.-

(a) In conformity with barrage table after the capture of the BROWN LINE, this Battalion will pass through the 2nd Battalion and attack a portion of RED and BLUE LINES, 3rd Battalion operating similarly on our Left flank and the 3rd Brigade on the Right Flank.

(b) Objectives of the Battalion are :-

(A) RED LINE from G.7.B.2.0. to G.1.D.2.3.

(B) BLUE LINE from G.8.B.2.0. to G.2.D.2.3.

3. ASSEMBLY.-

Orders will be issued later covering movements of Battalion as far as BROWN LINE.

4. ACTION OF COMPANIES.-

(a) RED LINE - "D" Company will attack on the Right, "A" Company on the Left, inter-company boundary running from L.11.B.15.65. to Sunken Road at L.11.B.90.75., thence EAST along SUNKEN ROAD (inclusive to "D" Coy.) to CROSS ROADS (inclusive to "D" Coy.) at L.12.A.3.7. thence EAST to G.7.B.2.7., junction of CLUB TRENCH and POND SUPPORT being inclusive to "D" Company.

Attacking Companies will keep well up under the barrage and will only deal with resistance in so far as it is necessary to enable them to press forward.

"C" Company will be in support and will move so that its platoons are disposed over the Battalion Front. It will be responsible that the area is thoroughly mopped up and that any necessary support is given to attacking Companies. It will move 200 yards in rear of attacking Companies and will reorganise by units on every possible occasion.

"B" Company will be in reserve and will move in rear of centre of Battalion at a distance of 200 yards from "C" Company and on reaching N. and S. Sunken Road in L.12.A. will take up a position in it about L.12.A.35.60 in readiness when called on for any task but disposed to avoid casualties.

(b) BLUE LINE - On the capture of the RED LINE the success will be exploited as far as the Line G.8.B.2.0. to G.2.D.2.3. by "D" Coy. and "A" Company, inter-company boundary being line drawn due EAST from G.7.B.2.7.

Method adopted will be for patrols to get well up under protective barrage and on its ceasing immediately make good the ground forward being adequately covered by fire and supports, platoons moving forward and holding ground of tactical importance while patrols continue the forward movement.

The object aimed at is to establish platoon posts in commanding positions and echeloned as follows :-

By "D" Company - One near G.8.B.2.0., one at G.8.A.9.5., one at G.8.A.3.1. Special care will be taken to watch sunken road running along SENTINEL RIDGE through G.8.D., G.9.C. & A. with view of enemy counter attack issuing from it.



By "A" Company - One at G.8.A.3.8., one at G.2.C.5.3., one at G.1. D.8.2.

"C" Company will keep in close touch with attacking Companies and on the RED LINE being vacated by them, "C" Company will occupy and consolidate it, establishing 4 platoon posts.

"B" Company will remain in position already laid down for them awaiting orders.

5. ARTILLERY.-

Barrage table will be issued later on lines given verbally. On barrage ceasing a certain amount of artillery is at disposal of Battalion for any points requiring it.

6. MACHINE GUNS.-

One Section of 1st Machine Gun Company, commanded by Lieut. WILLIAMS, is attached to Battalion. Special tasks will be allotted and Companies advised later. O.C. Section will be with Battalion H.Q.

Machine Gun Barrage is being provided in addition to artillery barrage by another Machine Gun Company.

7. STOKES MORTARS.-

Two Guns are attached to Battalion and will be kept in reserve during early part of operations in order that they can deal with points of resistance when encountered. They will move in rear of "B" Coy. Commander of Guns to be with Battalion H.Q.

8. LIAISON.-

Liaison will be established at each objective with flank units and joint posts established.

9. DRESS.-

As given verbally.

10. COMMUNICATIONS.-

To be as arranged by Signalling Officer.

11. DUMPS.-

Battalion Dumps will be near Battalion Headqrs. until otherwise advised. Companies and platoons will each make their own smaller dumps when consolidating, with view to ease of location and saving of waste, from the articles carried on the man.

12. CONSOLIDATION.-

In consolidation in any line the principle of depth in Companies and thinning out men will be invariably observed, but platoons must be able to fight as such and not as groups of men scattered along the whole front.

13. SPECIAL.-

The question of lessening casualties from gas shells will be borne in mind and positions will be taken up on slopes rather than in valleys when tactical situation permits.

14. REPORTS.-

After the BROWN LINE has been captured, Battalion Headquarters will move and be established in Sunken Road at L.11.A.3.3.

On the capture of BLUE LINE it will again move and be established in Sunken Road at L.12.A.3.5.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.

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Lieutenant,  
Adjutant, 1st Aust. Inf. Battalion.

Copy .1 - 1st A.I.Bde.	10.- "D" Coy.
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3.- 2nd A.I.Bn.	12.- T.O.
4.- 3rd A.I.Bn.	13.- S.O.
5.- 1st A.M.G.Coy. ✓	14.- I.O.
6.- 1st A.L.T.M.Bty.	15.- War Diary.
7.- "A" Coy.	16.- C.O.
8.- "B" Coy.	17.- Adjutant.
9.- "C" Coy.	18/20 File.

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1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SECRET.Brigade Headquarters,  
17th. September, 1918.*1st M.G. Coy*Commanders and Headquarters of Units.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Commander.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>	
		<u>At Zero.</u>	<u>2nd. Phase.</u>
1st. Battalion.	Lt.-Col. STACY.	K. 18. D. 2. 0.	L. 11. A. 11. 3.
2nd. Battalion.	Major G. S. COOK.	L. 13. D. 95. 33.	L. 10. D.
3rd. Battalion.	Major A. F. BURRETT.	L. 7. D. 1. 7.	L. 3. D. 7. 3.
4th. Battalion.	Major A. K. MACKENZIE.	L. 7. D. 1. 7.	L. 3. D. 7. 3.
1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.	Capt. F. H. HUDD.	K. 18. D. 5. 0.	L. 10. A.
1st. L. T. Coy.	Lieut. W. E. BUTCHER.	K. 18. D. 5. 0.	L. 10. A.
23rd. Aust. M. G. Coy.	Capt. CLEEVE.	L. 10. B. 1. 0.	L. 10. A.
1st. A. I. Brigade.	Brig-Gen. HACKAY.	K. 12. D. 3. 0.	L. 10. A.
230th. Inf. Bgde.	Brig-Gen. KENNEDY.	E. 28. D. 8. 8.	---
3rd. A. I. Brigade.	Brig-Gen. BENNETT.	L. 28. D. 5. 6.	---
Right Group Artillery.	Lt.-Col. STEVENSON.	K. 18. D. 3. 0.	L. 10. A.

TROOPS ON THE FLANKS.Right Flank.

11th. Battalion.	Major DARNELL.	L. 10. D. 8. 8.	---
9th. Battalion.	Lt-Col. MULLEN.	L. 10. D. 8. 8.	---

Left Flank.

Suffolks Regt.	Major GRESSELL.	---	---
Buff's Regiment.	Lt-Col. BALSTON.	---	---

*A. Stobo*

Lieut.,

for Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

1st. Aust. Bn.  
 2nd Aust. Bn.  
 3rd Aust. Bn.  
 4th Aust. Bn.  
 1st. Post. Lt. M. Coy.  
 1st. Post. M. G. Coy.  
 25th. Post. M. G. Coy.

HEADQUARTERS. 1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	18/4181
Date	

Brigade. H.Q.  
 19th. Sept. 1918.

The P.O.C. wishes the following policy carried out:-

1. The retreation by the enemy of his forward defences will be largely dependent upon the extent to which he is harassed by us.

Every endeavour will be made to locate him and once located full use will be made of our weight of artillery, trench mortars and machine guns to shift him.

If this policy be vigorously pursued it is believed he will go back to the HINDENBURG LINE.

The Higher Command is putting into execution plans for the systematic destruction of the HINDENBURG LINE by constant shelling and drenching it with gas. German guns and German gas will be used in addition to our own resources.

2. Listening posts and small patrols by night and O.P. by day should gain much valuable information.

Shelling reports are of special importance to the counter battery office and will be furnished with the summary each morning.

3. Whatever can be done to improve the platoon posts will be done, and reserves of ammunition etc. will be put in. It is not proposed to order any more work than is necessary.

4. The dead will be buried with the least delay and the usual sanitary arrangements put in hand.
5. In view of the probability of a relief after a short period efforts will be made to get as much of the captured material away as possible.

*R. H. H. H. H.*

Major.

Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

## First Australian Machine Gun Company.

29th September 1918.

Report on minor operations beyond VILLERET on 21st Septr. 1918.  
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On the morning of 21st September 1918, First Australian Infantry Brigade co-operating with Seventy-fourth British Division on their left, carried out a minor operation with a view to advancing our line of posts a distance of about 800 yards and improving our Flank, as shown in attached map.

On night of 20/21st Septr. the guns of this Company were relieved from their positions in the line which they had been holding for three days, and moved round to flank to take part in this operation.

The First Australian Machine Gun Company assisted the Brigade in the following manner:-

11 Guns moved out with and behind infantry assault lines.

3 Guns fired a "Searching Creeping Barrage".

(a) Work of the 3 guns of "A" Section under Lieut. C.S. Williams.

After relief by Second Australian Machine Gun Company on night of 20/21st Septr. the guns of this Section moved round behind "A" Coy. First Battalion into positions covering BUCKSHOT RAVINE. At zero hour the Infantry moved out and these guns moved forward into NINNON TRENCH, still covering the same ground. At zero plus 30 minutes these guns again moved forward and took up positions in the gap which formed between the First and Sixth Battalions, and covered the road leading into BELLICOURT and BUCKSHOT RAVINE. No targets were engaged during the advance. Had the enemy counter-attacked, these guns could have done excellent work. The infantry suffered heavy casualties. All gear was man handled and gun teams moved in single file at 200 yards interval between teams. No casualties.

(b) Work of the 4 Guns of "B" Section under Lieut. Martin.

On night of 20/21st Septr. Section was relieved by Second Australian Machine Gun Company. These four guns then moved round and took up positions in NINNON TRENCH which formed the jumping off line for the coming minor operation. The right sub-section was so disposed as to give covering fire should the left flank be held up at the outset. At zero hour the left sub-section moved over the tape with "B" Coy. First Battalion, and when the objective was gained, these two guns succeeded in establishing themselves in positions covering the wide gap between the First and Third Battalion. At zero plus 20 minutes the Right sub-section moved forward and took up positions covering the right and left flanks respectively of "B" Company, First Battn. assisting in the consolidation of the line gained. All gear was man handled. Casualties 3. One killed and 3 wounded by shell fire.

(c) Work of 4 Guns of "D" Section under Lieut. D. Cumming (D.C.M.)

At 3 a.m. on 21st Septr. this section moved forward from its positions in rear, to operate with the Third Battalion who were to advance their line a distance of 500 to 600 yards. Under instructions from C.O. Third Battalion two guns were placed at the outset with the Support Company in SUGAR TRENCH. The other sub-section moved into the hopping-off trench, and at zero hour passed over the tape with the Battalion. Shortly after establishing the line, the left flank was forced to fall back owing to heavy shelling, and this movement resulted in the withdrawal of this Battalion front to its start line. Just before this withdrawal was effected one of the forward gun positions was struck by a 5.9 shell and the tripod and gun equipment were destroyed. Casualties Nil.

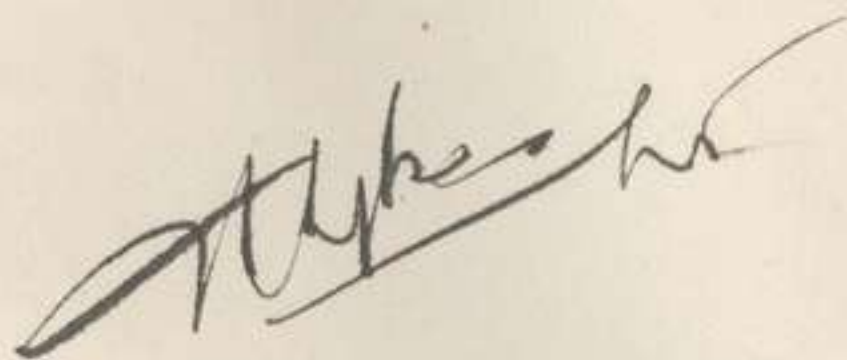
(d) Work of 4 guns of "C" Section under 2nd Lieut. Ryan (M.M.)

These guns established a battery position at 62c.N.E. L 5.B 65.70 during the night 20/21st Septr. and from zero to zero plus 60 minutes fired a protective barrage as shown on accompanying map. 10,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended. Casualties Nil.

The whole of the above operations were carried out under the protection

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of a heavy shrapnel, H.E. and Machine Gun barrage from zero. Shortly before zero a heavy hostile barrage fell in the vicinity of the tape line but the guns crews sustained no casualties. All Sections report no opportunity of bringing their guns into action during the advance.



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

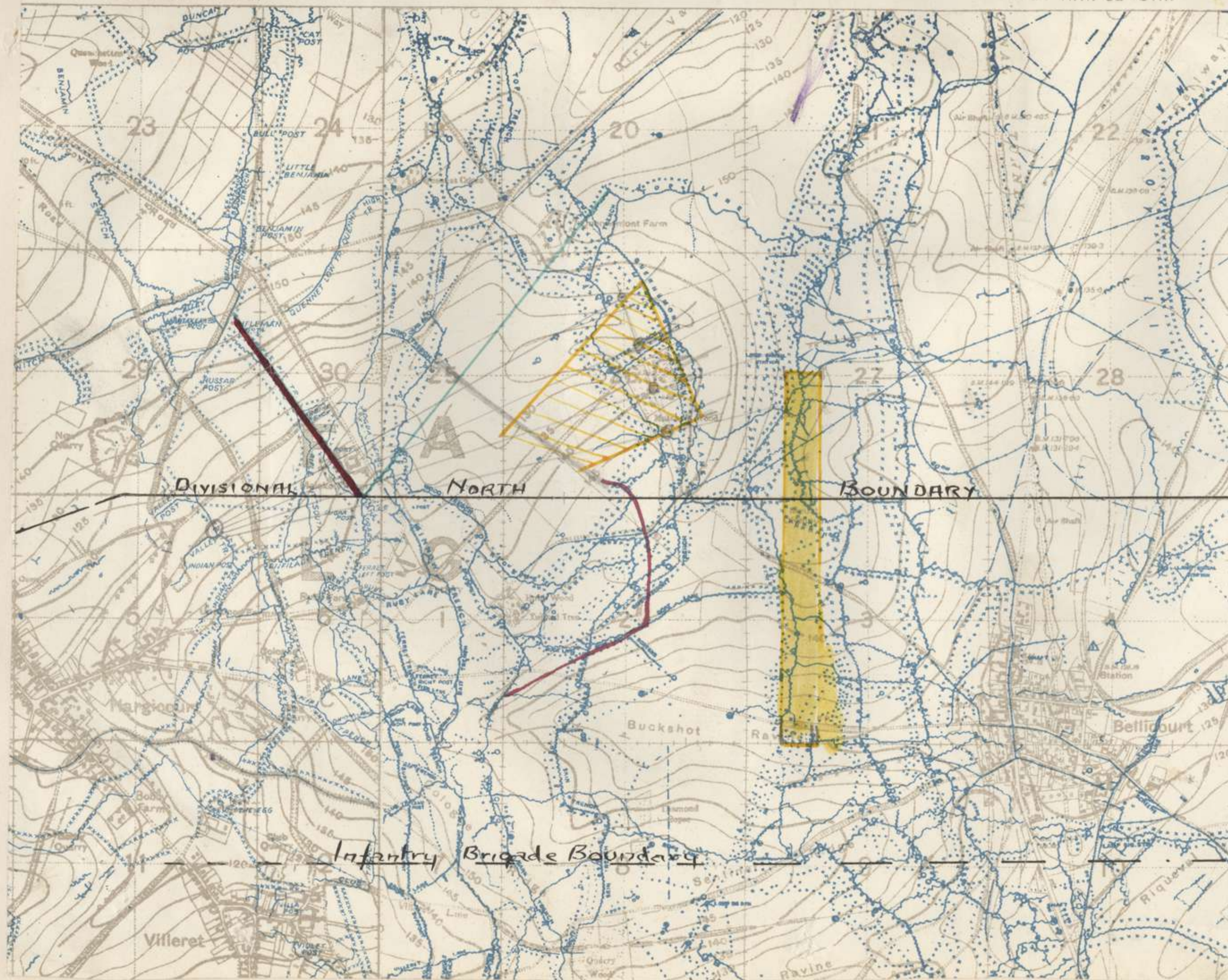
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# VILLERET





PARTS OF 62° N.E. 62° S.E.  
62° N.W. 62° S.W.

SECRET

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## LEGEND

-  Starkline 74th Div.
-  Right of 74th Div. Advance.
-  Objective 1st A.I. Bde.
-  Areas to be covered by protective M.G. Barrage.

APPENDIX 14<sup>36</sup>



SECRET

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Order No 122 <sup>aaa</sup> Simultaneously  
 with 250<sup>th</sup> Brigade on the left <sup>who are to capture QUINNEMONT FM</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> A.I. Bde will  
 capture high ground in Square G. 2. <sup>aaa</sup>  
 Attack will take place 21<sup>st</sup> instant <sup>aaa</sup>  
 Zero hour will be notified separately <sup>aaa</sup>  
 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion relieves 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in line  
 night 20/21 September <sup>aaa</sup> Attack will be made  
 by 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion on right, 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. on left <sup>aaa</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Batt  
 co-operates by establishment of platoon post at G2C04  
<sup>aaa</sup> Attached maps show boundaries and objectives,  
 also Artillery start line, protective line and M.G.  
 standing barrage <sup>aaa</sup> Assaulting units form up  
 under unit arrangements 200 yards short of artillery  
 start line <sup>aaa</sup> At zero barrage falls on start line  
 and dwells 3 minutes <sup>aaa</sup> At zero plus 3 barrage  
 lifts and travels to protective line at 100 yds in three  
 minutes where it rests for a minimum of 30 minutes  
<sup>aaa</sup> M.G. barrage will also continue during same  
 period <sup>aaa</sup> Two sections 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy are attached 1<sup>st</sup> Batt.  
 and one section 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. <sup>aaa</sup> Two sub. secs. L.M. are  
 attached 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. and two sub. secs. less 8 gun. to 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. <sup>aaa</sup>  
 Troops will be in forming up position at zero minus 1 hour  
 at which time all troops forward of forming up line will  
 be withdrawn <sup>aaa</sup> Patrols will cover the front until zero  
 minus 15 mins. when they will come in <sup>aaa</sup> Synchronised  
 watches with Bde sigs at 8 pm. and midnight <sup>aaa</sup>  
 acknowledge.

*W. H. H. H.*

See Major, 1<sup>st</sup> A.I. Inf. Brigade

Major.

Battalion Headquarters,  
19th. September, 1918.

BATTALION ORDER No. 49.

1. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the present left sub-sector on the night 20th/21st. September.
2. On completion of relief, the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will take over the camps and areas at present occupied by 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
3. 21st. Aust. M.G. Company will be detached from 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group from 20th. instant and will come under orders of Commanding Officer, 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.
4. During the day of the 20th. instant two Sections of 21st. Aust. M.G. Company will relieve 11th. Aust. M.G. Company in the Right Brigade Section, and remaining two Sections of 21st. Aust. M.G. Company will relieve 23rd. Aust. M.G. Company in the Left Brigade Section.  
Relief to be complete by 2 p.m.
5. The guns of the 21st. Aust. M.G. Company will be emplaced in positions about the BROWN line selected in consultation with G.O's.C. 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigades.
6. On relief 11th. and 23rd. Aust. M.G. Companies will move independently to rejoin their Battalion at BUIRE.
7. 9th. and 10th. Aust. M.G. Companies will move independently under Company arrangements to rejoin their Battalion at BUIRE on the morning of the 20th. instant.
8. Maps, Aitphotos, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A. and all Fighting Maps, Barrage Charts, etc., will be taken over and receipts given, one copy to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.
9. Location reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 12 hours of relief.
10. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
11. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by Code word "HOME"
12. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement in the event of enemy attack.
13. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE

*20th. 21st. 22nd. 23rd.*

Lieut. and Adjutant,  
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

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| 1. War Diary                  | 9. 9th. Aust. M.G. Coy.      |
| 2. File                       | 10. 10th. Aust. M.G. Coy.    |
| 3. 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.       | 11. 11th. Aust. M.G. Coy.    |
| 4. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.       | 12. 23rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.    |
| 5. 3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.       | 13. 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| 6. 21st. Aust. M.G. Coy.      | 14. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| 7. 1st. Aust. Division.       | 15. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| 8. 3rd. Aust. M.G. Battalion. | 16. Spare.                   |

APPENDIX 4

REFERENCE SHEET.

Battalion Headquarters,  
20th. September, 1918.

VILLERET - Parts of (62c N.E. & S.E.  
(62b N.W. & S.W.)  
• BATTALION ORDER NO. 50.

1. An advance is to be made by the 1st. Aust. Division and 74th. Division on the morning of 21st. September.  
Zero hour will be notified later.
2. (i) The objective of 1st. Aust. Division is shown in RED on the attached map.  
The flank of the advance of 74th. Division is shown by a GREEN line; the right of objective of this Division is QUENNEMONT FM. The Infantry start line of this Division is shown in RED - GREEN on attached map.  
  
(ii) It will thus be seen that it is not intended that a continuous objective between the two Divisions will be attained but that points of observation will be established overlooking the enemy system in A.27.A. & B.
3. The advance will be carried out by 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade, with the 1st. Aust. Inf. Battalion on the Right and the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Battalion on the Left.
4. The 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion will co-operate as follows :-  
(i) The 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company will relieve the 1st. Aust. M.G. Company in the Right Brigade Section of the Divisional Sector on the night 20th/21st. instant, for the purpose of firing the protective barrage mentioned in para (iii) below.  
(ii) On relief 1st. Aust. M.G. Company will be disposed as follows :-  
(a) 2 Sections will be attached to 1st. A.I. Battalion.  
(b) 1 Section will be attached to 3rd. A.I. Battalion.  
(c) 1 Section will be emplaced in Square G.I.D. <sup>to cover BUCKSHOT RAVINE</sup> and assist in protective barrage as in para (iii) below.  
(iii) (a) 16 guns of the 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company and the 4 guns of the 1st. Aust. M.G. Company emplaced in G.I.D. will cover the advance of the Infantry by firing a protective barrage on the line A.27.A.3.0. to G.3.C.3.0. (coloured YELLOW on attached map), and by sweeping with continuous fire the area hatched YELLOW on attached map.  
(b) Fire will open at Zero and will be maintained to Zero plus 60 or for such further time as the situation demands.  
(c) Rate of fire will be 100 rounds per minute.
5. Officer Commanding 1st. Aust. M.G. Company will <sup>construct Battery positions and</sup> arrange for sufficient S.A.A. to fire the protective barrage and leave a surplus of at least 4,000 rounds of Bulk S.A.A., in all guns positions on completion of tasks.
6. Officers Commanding 1st. and 2nd. Aust. M.G. Companies will synchronise watches with 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters 3 and 1 hour before Zero.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. War Diary.       | 4. 2nd. A.M.G. Coy.      | 7. 1st. A.I. Brigade. |
| 2. File.            | 5. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy.      | 8. 2nd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 3. 1st. A.M.G. Coy. | 6. 21st. Aust. M.G. Coy. | 9. 3rd. A.I. Brigade. |
|                     | 10. 1st. Aust. Division. |                       |

*Atkinson*  
Lieut. and Adjutant.  
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters, 22  
22nd. September, 1918.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 51.

Reference Maps Sheets (62 C. N.E. 1 : 20,000  
(62 B. N.W. 1 : 20,000

1. INFORMATION.

- (1) The 30th. American Division is relieving the 1st. Australian Division in the line on the 23rd. and night 23rd/24th. inst., and on the 24th. and night 24/25th. instant.
- (2) On relief 1st. Aust. Division will be disposed in Brigade Groups in the TINCOURT Area prior to moving to the YZEUX or LONG Area.

2. RELIEF.

- (i) During the 24th. and night 24/25th. inst., Machine Gun Companies of the 30th. American Division will relieve the 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion in the line as follows :-
  - (a) 1st. and 21st. Aust. M.G. Companies will be relieved on the 24th. instant.
  - (b) 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. M.G. Companies will be relieved on the 24th. and night 24/25th. instant.
- (ii) On relief Companies will rejoin respective Brigade Groups in the TINCOURT Area.

3. ADVANCE PARTIES.

- (i) Advance parties from the 30th. American Division will report to the Rear H.Q. of the 2nd., 3rd., and 21st., Aust. M.G. Companies on the 23rd. instant, and will be guided forward and distributed to Sections and guns under Company arrangements on the night 23rd/24th. instant.
- (ii) Officer's Commanding 1st., 2nd., 3rd., and 21st. Aust. M.G. Companies will at once get in touch with respective Brigades to which they are attached and arrange for areas to be allotted to them in the TINCOURT Area and for routes to be reconnoitred thereto.

4. HANDING OVER.

- (i) Officer's Commanding Companies will ensure that every assistance is given to the incoming units in the matter of guides and that all general and tactical information possible is prepared and handed over to them.  
With this end in view particular attention will be paid to the following :-
  - (a) Maps giving dispositions of all guns of the Company concerned, Company and Section H.Q., Brigade and Infantry Battalion H.Q., also guns and H.Q. of flanking Companies.
  - (b) Fighting Maps and Visibility Charts for all guns
  - (c) Order boards for all gun positions, giving particulars of adjacent guns, Section H.Q., nearest Infantry H.Q.'s., S.A.A. dumps, R.A.P.'s., alternative positions and means of approach to same.
  - (d) Barrage charts and calculations.
  - (e) S.O.S. lines and Zero Pegs.

- (i) (f) Instruct all Section Officers in the above matters and ensure that they instruct their H.C.O's.
- (ii) Maps, Airphotos, Trench and Area Stores, Bulk S.A.A., and all Fighting Maps, Barrage Charts, etc., will be handed over and receipts obtained, one copy to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters within 12 hours of relief.

5. LOCATION REPORTS.

Location Reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 12 hours of relief.

6. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by wiring the Code Word "FLAG"

7. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement immediately in the event of enemy attack.
8. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
9. Machine Gun Companies Acknowledge.

*M. Baker*

Lieut. and Adjutant.  
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

1. War Diary
2. File
3. 1st. Aust. Division.
4. 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
5. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
6. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
7. 1st. Aust. M.G. Company. ✓
- 8-9. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company.
- 10-11. 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company.
- 12-13. 21st. Aust. M.G. Company.
- 14-15. 30th. American Division.
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1st Aust. Battalion  
2nd Aust. Battalion  
3rd Aust. Battalion  
4th Aust. Battalion  
1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty  
1st Aust. M.G. Company  
1st Aust. Fld. Amb.  
Rear Echelon D.H.Q.  
1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. Details.  
1st Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Section  
1st Aust. Div. Reinf. Camp.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION TO MOVE TO LONG AREA.

1. BRIGADE GROUP.

The composition of the Brigade Group for the move to LONG area is as under:-

1st Aust. Battalion	1st Aust. M.G. Company.
2nd Aust. Battalion	1st Aust. Field Amb.
3rd Aust. Battalion	Rear Echelon, D.H.Q.
4th Aust. Battalion	1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. Details
1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty	1st Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Section.
H.Q. 1st A.I. Brigade	1st Aust. Div. Reinf. Camp.

2. BILLETING.

1st Brigade Group (less Rear Echelon D.H.Q., Signal Coy. Details, Mob. Vet. Section & Div Reinf. Camp) will be billeted in the EPAGNE sub-area, (Bgde. Headquarters EPAGNE.)

3. ENTRAINMENT.

The Brigade Group (Less Transport) except as detailed in para. 4, will move to the above area by train on the morning of 26th instant, entraining at LA CHAPELETTE and detraining at PONTREMY.

4. TRANSPORT PROCEEDING BY RAIL.

Transport vehicles as under will entrain at LA CHAPELETTE on 26th inst. at a time to be notified later.

3 Cookers per Battalion.	1 Water Cart Bgde. Headquarters.
1 Cooker, 1st M.G. Coy.	2 Water Carts per Battalion.
1 Cook's Vehicle 1st Fld. Amb.	1 Water Cart, D.H.Q.
1 Officers' Mess Cart per Battn.	1 Water Cart, 1st Fld. Amb.
1 Limber, Brigade Headquarters	1 Water Cart, Div. Sig. Coy.
	1 Limber per Battalion.

5. LOADING AND UNLOADING PARTIES.

A party of 1 Officer and 30 other ranks will be detailed by 2nd Aust. Battn. for loading and unloading duties at Entraining and Detraining Stations. This personnel will travel on the same train as the transport vehicles mentioned in para. 4.

6. ENTRAINING AND DETRAINING OFFICERS.

Captain W.M. MACKAY 2nd Aust. Battalion will act as Entraining, and Captain G.E. McDONALD, 3rd Aust. Battalion as Detraining Officer for the Brigade Group both for transport and personnel.

7. RATIONS. Two days rations for men and horses ~~xxxxxxxx~~ will be carried on the trains conveying them.

8. TRANSPORT PROCEEDING BY ROAD.

Transport, other than that mentioned in para. 4, will proceed by road on 25th instant. Capt. J.C. BOOTLE, 1st Battalion will command the Brigade Group Transport.

Transport will stage as under:-

Night 25/26th	FOUILLOY.
Night 26/27th	VIGNACOURT.

Supplies for Transport moving by road will be dumped at the Church at the staging places mentioned above.

(Signed) D. Wakley. Captain.  
For Staff Captain, 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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<p>1<sup>st</sup> Bde groups less 1<sup>st</sup> Hd Coy will move to west from present locations          LEIVE further HERBECOURT area          and ROUTE - DOINGT - ST DENIS - HALLE -          bridge - in H 23 B-D area Starting Point          J 27 D 22 BURE via Town of Pussing          SP 4<sup>th</sup> Bde 9 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde 9 15 am          3<sup>rd</sup> Bde 9 30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Bde 9 45 am          1<sup>st</sup> MG Coy 10 am 1<sup>st</sup> Hd Amb 10 15 am          via Div Train more independently via          LTM B move with 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde and Advance          Part of report Bde IO at Area          Commandant HERBECOURT 10 am          and usual distances and halts in the          march and Column halts 11.30 am for          2 hours for midday meal and          Acknowledge</p>				
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Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde			
Time				
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Off. Instructions and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at.....  
 Sent Date.....  
 At..... m. Service. From.....  
 To..... By.....  
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { *1st Lt. B. G. ...*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

*Additional Brigade Order 1st Bde. Move to LA  
 CHARENTON 25th. Inst. and Starting Point,  
 Church, STAPLES and Order of March, 1st.,  
 1st., 2nd., 3rd., 4th. Bns., 1st. M.G. Coy., 1st. Fld.  
 Amb., 1st. Field Coy., Div. Details and  
 Time of passing, 2nd. at 10.30a.m., 1st. Bn.,  
 10.40a.m., 3rd. Bn., 10.50a.m., 4th. Bn., 11 a.m.,  
 1st. M.G. Coy., 11.10a.m., 1st. Coy., 11.15a.m., Fld.  
 Amb., 11.20a.m., 1st. Coy., 11.25a.m., Div. Details  
 11.30a.m. and Trains leave approximately  
 12.30 - 12.45 p.m. and Units must furnish  
 Detraining notes to detraining officer (Capt.  
 HACKETT, 2nd. Lt.) at detraining station at 11 a.m.  
 and Units report to same officer on arrival and  
 Detraining Station will now be LONGPRE.*

From 1st. A. I. Bde.  
 Place  
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]* Capt.,  
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 At..... m. Service. From.....  
 To..... By.....  
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 1, 2, 3 & 4 Bns., 1st. LTMB., 1st. M.G. Coy., 1st.  
 Fld. Amb., Rear Echelon, D.H.Q., Div. Sig. Coy.,  
 Div. Mob. Vet. Sect., Div. Reinft. Camp, Capt.  
 BOOTLE, 1st. Bn.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**  
 \* D.G. 2. 24/9.

Transport proceeding by road will pass  
 Starting Point, CHURCH, HERBECOURT, 25th.  
 inst. at 12 noon and Order of March 1st.,  
 2nd., 3rd., 4th. Bns., 1st. M.G. Coy., 1st. Fld.  
 Amb., Divisional Details and 100 yards to  
 be maintained between transport of units and  
 25 yards between each six vehicles and  
 Route FOUILLOY - VIGNACOURT - EPAGNES and  
 Capt. BOOTLE will command and ACKNOWLEDGE

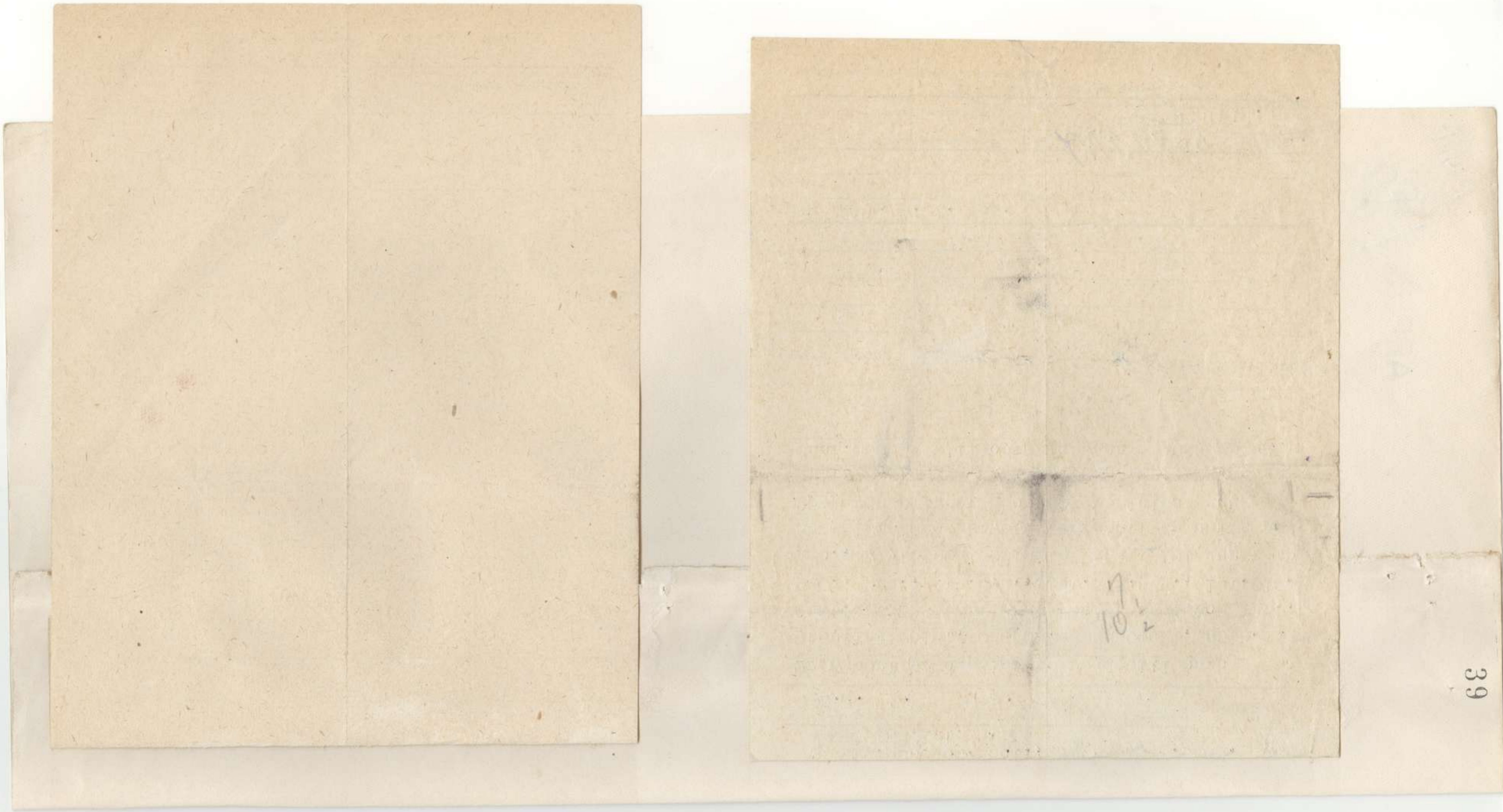
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APPENDIX 10





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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 124.

Brigade Headquarters,  
25th. Sept., 1918.

1. The 1st. A. I. Bde. Group will move by train and march route from HERBECOURT Area to the LONG Area.
2. Personnel will entrain on the morning of the 25th. Table for the march to railhead will be issued later.  
Water Carts, cookers, Baggage, etc. will entrain on the 25th. Vehicles proceeding by train are as per para. 4 of this office Administrative Instructions of 24th. inst.  
Separate instructions have been issued relative to the move of Transport by road, also regarding loading and unloading parties.
3. Units will retain train wagons for purposes of removing gear to the railhead, on completion of which they will rejoin the Divisional Train.
4. On arrival in the LONG Area the Brigade will be billeted in the EPAGNE sub-area. Guides will meet units at the detraining point, PONT REMY, on arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to signals at *Han* .....

DISTRIBUTION. - Same as for Administrative Instructions of 24th. inst. Also to 1st. Field Coy., A.E., Transport Officer, Entraining and Detraining Officers.

APPENDIX 16  
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

1st September 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 21.

BY

CAPTAIN F. A. HUDD.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. V.C. Potter.
Next for Duty	Lieut. E. Hearne.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Davison.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Blackmore.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Russell.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Whalan.

PARADES.

Church Parade will take place at a time to be notified later.

LATRINES.

A latrine has been built on the left side of the road opposite the Transport Section. Until further notice this is the only latrine to be used by men of this Company.

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

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No.22.

BY

CAPTAIN F. A. HUDD.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. E. Heane.
Next for Duty	2/Lieut. M. Ryan (M.M.)
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Blackmore.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Nicol.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Whalan.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Kerr.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9a.m      Dress:- Drill Order.  
Training as per Syllabus.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

Extract from 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Bn. Routine Order No.21,  
Para.137.

"G.R.O. is published for information.

No Officer, soldier or any other person subject to Military Law is permitted to be in possession of a camera or to take photographs unless he has been issued with the necessary permit signed by the ADJUTANT GENERAL. Such permits are only granted in very exceptional cases.

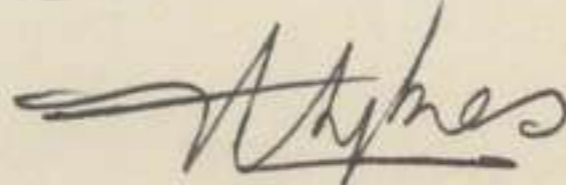
This order will be promulgated to all troops arriving in this country and will be republished periodically in the Orders of Units. Any Officer or soldier, or other person subject to Military law who disobays this Order will be placed under arrest and the case will be reported to the Headquarters of the Army or Lines of Communication area. G.R.O. 3065 is cancelled".

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUARD.

Commencing from today, during present period of training, Anti-Aircraft GUARD will mount duty at 8p.m. and dismount at 8a.m.

COMPANY NOTICE BOARD.

A notice board is being placed outside the Canteen. Company notices will be posted on this board from time to time for the information of all ranks.



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

P A R T 11.TRANSFER.

No. 2644 Pte. McIntosh from "B" Section to Transport Section

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N O T I C E.

The O. C. 3rd Aust Machine Gun Coy. requests the pleasure of the attendance of the Officers and members of this Coy. at a Sports meeting to be held to-day at Q1 C 95.25. (GAILLY) Men will be allowed to attend these Sports on obtaining permission from their Section Officers.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 23.

BY

Captain F. A. Hudd.

3rd September 1918.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	2nd Lieut. M. Ryan (M.M.)
Next for Duty	Lieut. E. Ifould (M.M.)
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Nicol.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Woods.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Kerr.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Corbett.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9 a.m. Dress:- Drill Order.  
Training as per syllabus.

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

PART II.

TRANSFERS. No. 7578 Sgt. Woods E.C.S. from "B" Section to "A" Section.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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

APPENDIX 748

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.4th September 1918.COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 24BYCaptain F. A. Hudd.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. E. Ifould. (M.M.)
Next for Duty	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Woods.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Loveband
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Corbett.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Russell.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9 a.m.      Dress:- Drill Order.  
 Training as per Syllabus.

PARCELS.

It is to be clearly understood that before parcels are handed in to be censored, the contents must be written in the top left hand corner.

*F. A. Hudd*  
 Lieut. For O.C.  
 1st M.G. Coy.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

SPECIAL ORDER

BY

CAPTAIN P. A. HUGHES.

4th September 1918.

On no account will any flares, smoke bombs, German bombs, or any other similar article be fired or exploded by any member of this Company.

Any man injured through this practice will come under the heading of Self Inflicted Wounds.

*James H. ...*

Captain. G.C.  
1st Aust. M.G. Coy.

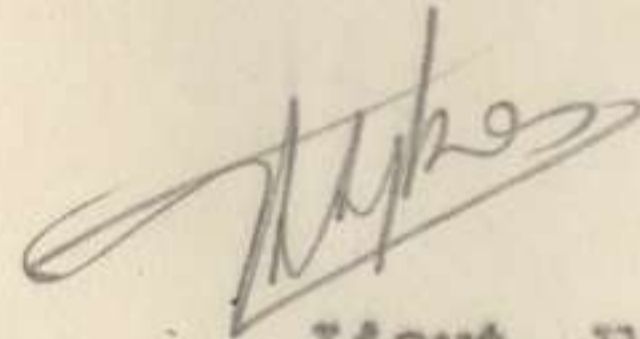
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.5th September 1918.COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 25.BYCAPTAIN F. A. HUDD.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. C. Martin.
Next for Duty	Lieut. G. Williams.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Loveband.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Rosengren.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Russell.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Lee.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9 a.m.      Dress:- Drill Order.  
 Training as per Syllabus.



Lieut. For O.C.  
 First Australian M.G. Coy.

APPENDIX 7



FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

6th September 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 26.

BY

CAPTAIN F. A. HUDD.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. G. Williams.
Next for Duty	Lieut. R. Cumming (D.C.M.)
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Rosengren.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Martin.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Lee.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Rennie.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9 a.m. Dress: Drill Order. Training will be carried out as laid down in Syllabus for 4th September 1918.

LIGHTS OUT.

In future, "Lights Out" will be sounded at 9 p.m., and all lights will be extinguished immediately after the bugle call. More care must be taken with regard to the shielding of lights while the Company is located in its present billets.

RESPIRATORS  
SMALL BOX.

During the Company's stay in the present area, Respirators will be worn on all Company parades. They need not be worn after parade hours or on other occasions.

CONTENTS OF  
PARCELS DESPATCHED BY  
POST.

No captured trophies, other than helmets, caps, badges or buttons may be sent through the post. The contents of all parcels must be clearly marked on the outside.

PART II.

TRANSFER.

No. 637 Pte. Davies, A.J. from "B" Section to Company Headquarters (temporarily) whilst acting as cook vice Cameron evacuated accidentally injured.

Lieut. For O.C.  
First Aust. M.G. Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.ROUTINE ORDER No. 32.BYCAPTAIN F. A. HUDD, O.C.28th Septr. 1918.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. Cumming (D.C.M.)
Next for Duty	Lieut. Leslie
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Cunningham.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Killen
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Russell
Next for Dutyx	Cpl. Lewis.

~~PARADES.~~  
ROUTINE.

Until further notice, Reveille will be sounded at 7-30 a.m.  
Breakfast at 8 a.m.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9 a.m. Dress:- Drill Order with  
Box Respirators. Hours of Parade:- 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

BILLETS.

All billets will be thoroughly cleaned and blankets neatly  
folded and placed on packs before the morning parade. One  
man per section may remain off parade for the first hour  
to ensure that this order is strictly carried out.

DRESS.

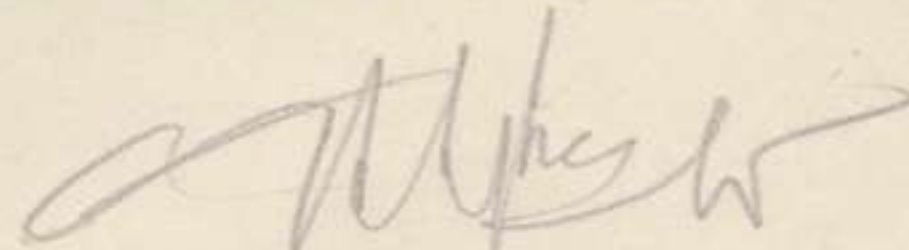
All N.C.O's. and men walking beyond this village must at all  
times be properly dressed and wearing web belts. Strict  
attention must be paid to this matter.

POSTAL.

It is brought nto the notice of N.C.O's. and men that all  
letters for censoring will in future be handed in to  
Company Orderly Room.

FRATERNIS-  
ATION.

All N.C.O's. and men are warned that they must not, under  
any circumstances whatever, speak to, or in any way frater-  
nise with German prisoners of War employed on the roads or else-  
where.



Lieut. For. O.C.  
First Aust. M.G. Coy,

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 33.

BY

30th Septr. 1918.

CAPTAIN F. A. HUDD. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	2/Lieut. Parish.
Next for Duty	2/Lieut. Ryan. (M.M.)
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Cunningham.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Killen.
Orderly Corporal	As detailed by C.S.M.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 8-30 a.m. Dress Drill Order.

SYLLABUS.

Attention is drawn to the Syllabus of training attached which will be strictly adhered to.

LEAVE.

Section Commanders will submit to Company Headquarters recommendations for leave to Abbeville, by 11 a.m. daily.

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

APPENDIX 17

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING.

From 30th Septr. to 6th Octr. 1918.

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	8-30 to 9-30 am.	9-30 to 10-30 am.	10-30 to 10-45 am.	10-45 to 11-30	11-30 to 12-30	2 to 3.
MONDAY	Gun Drill.	Triangle of error	Smoko.	Close Order Drill. Rifle Exercise.	I. A.	GAMES.
TUESDAY	Sight Settg. and laying. Practical Fire Orders	Combined Drill.	do.	Company Drill	Mechanism.	GAMES.
WEDNESDAY.	Stripping & Repairs and adjustments.	Indication and Recognition (Field)	do.	Gas Drill	Rough Ground Drill	GAMES.
THURSDAY.	Combined Drill.	Making Range Cards.	do.	Close Order Drill.	Laying and Switching. Trav. dial.	GAMES.
FRIDAY.	AUXILIARY Mount Drill	Points B.D.A. Firing.	do.	Close Order Drill.	Special Stoppages.	GAMES.
SATURDAY.	SPARE Parts.	Care of belts and repair	do.	Company Drill.	I.A. in Gas Masks.	GAMES.
SUNDAY.	C h u r c h P a r a d e					

*W. H. P.*  
 Lieut. For O.C.  
 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.

APPENDIX

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1st Aust. M.G. Coy Brigade. First. Division. 20th September 1918. Date of Recommendation. **39**

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
30	1st Aust. M.G. Coy.	260	Sergeant. BASNETT. Albert, Hulse.	<p>This N.C.O. has been continuously with this Company since February 1916. He has acted in the capacity of Transport Sergeant throughout, and his great devotion to duty has inspired his men and been responsible for the high state of efficiency and discipline in this Transport. Between the 10th and 13th August 1918 at Lihons he personally conducted pack horses and ration limbers, on two occasions during hostile counter attacks and succeeded in maintaining S.A.A. up to the guns in the line.</p> <p>Again between the 18th and 21st September 1918 he led groups of pack animals and limbers through heavy hostile shelling to the guns in the line before Bellicourt.</p>	Captain F.A. Hudd.		

APPENDIX  
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Brigade. First Australian Division. Machine Gun Company Corps. Xxxx Date of Recommendation 23rd Sept. 1918.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	First Australian Machine Gun Company.	1458	Sergeant Loveband, Howard <del>George</del> . Gordon	<p>During the attack on the Hindenburg Line on the morning of 18th September 1918 this N.C.O. was placed in charge of a sub-section of two guns and attached to an Infantry Battalion to move out with it in close support. At the outset one of his sections sustained several casualties and <del>xxxx</del> in the very heavy fog at zero hour, organised progress became most difficult. Loveband, by sheer personal effort and devotion to duty succeeded in collecting his men and re-organising, pushed up in advance of the Infantry and rendered very valuable assistance. During the halt before HAGRICOURT, having sustained further casualties, he again re-organised his gun crews and pushed them out into good positions where he was able to cover with direct fire, under an exceptionally heavy hostile barrage, the consolidation of the Infantry Battalion.</p> <p>Throughout the operations this N.C.O. displayed great initiative and personal disregard of danger, and by his general behavior, greatly inspired his men.</p>	Captain Sgt. F.A. Hudd		

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Lieut. For. O.C.  
1st Aust. M.G. Co

APPENDIX  
1857

First Australian ~~Brigade~~ Machine Gun Company ~~Division~~.

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Date of Recommendation  
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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	First Australian Machine Gun Company.	2782	Sergeant Rosengren Henry.	<p>During the operations of 18th September 1918 this N.C.O. was in charge of a sub-section to move forward in the attack. Shortly after zero hour he suffered very heavy casualties and in consequence was unable to move on as before. Displaying splendid initiative he left his tripods and surplus gear and brought into use the auxiliary mounting. By his own personal energy and devotion to duty, and notwithstanding very heavy hostile fire, he was able to push forward on three occasions in front of the Infantry and so establish his guns as to give direct covering fire while the Infantry consolidated. On no less than five occasions he brought fire to bear on the enemy and is known to have inflicted severe casualties..</p> <p>Throughout the operation this N.C.O. displayed complete disregard for his life and the conspicuous gallantry, efficiency and powers of organisation inspired the absolute confidence of his men. Furthermore, it was solely due to the ability and splendid example shown by Sgt. Rosengren that the sub-section reached its final objective and established itself.</p>	Captain F.A.Hudd.		

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

APPENDIX

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First Australian <sup>Brigade</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ Machine Gun Company <sup>Division</sup> ~~XXXXX~~

<sup>Corps</sup> ~~XXXX~~

23rd ~~Sept.~~ 1918.

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	First Australian Machine Gun Company.	329	Private Laurie, Andrew Joseph Bruce.	During the operations of 18th, 19th and 21st September 1918, Pte. Laurie, acting in capacity of Section runner, twice volunteered and ran for stretchers and led parties of bearers to aid posts under heavy shell fire. During the operation of the morning of 21st September 1918, he ran back to ammunition and belt box dumps through an exceptionally heavy hostile barrage and succeeded in maintaining supplies of S.A.A. up to the guns at a time when such was most urgently required.	Captain F.A.Hudd.		

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

APPENDIX  
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~~First Australian~~ Brigade. ~~XXXXX Machine Gun Company~~ Division. Corps. 23rd September 1918. Date of Recommendation <sup>30</sup><sub>0</sub>

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	*(To be left blank)
	First Australian Machine Gun Company.	7492	Private Jamieson Russell.	On 18th September 1918 Private Jamieson maintained continuous direct harassing fire at short range in full view of the enemy, on important enemy avenues of approach, and cross-roads behind enemy line in front of HAGRICOURT, inflicting several casualties. Although subjected to heavy hostile machine gun and artillery fire he remained at his gun for over three hours continuously until eventually his gun was put out of action through the tri-pod having been struck by a shell. During the earlier part of the operations this man took charge of the gun crew when his N.C.O. became a casualty.	Captain F. A. Hudd.		

*W. H. Hudd*

Lieut. For. Coy.  
1st Aust. M.G. Coy.

APPENDIX 8

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 Transport Officer's Monthly Appreciation.  
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During the month under review the Transport of this Unit has maintained its normal standard of efficiency. The personnel has varied considerably owing to casualties caused by line operations and 1914 men returning to Australia on leave. The general physique of the drivers is good and they have suffered no illnesses, while leave to United Kingdom has been granted to a number of them.

The good condition of the horses has been maintained and with the exception of one case they have been quite free from any disease. This state of affairs has been made possible owing to the excellent facilities that existed for grazing and watering.

The following is a brief summary of the work done during the month.

During the first week, whilst at rest at MORCOURT our duties consisted of transporting salvage and rations.

On the morning of 6th Sept. Transport was brigaded and moved out under the command of the O.C. 2nd Aust. Divisional Supply Train to MONT ST. QUENTIN. On the march considerable delay was caused through congestion on the roads near CLERY, but we arrived at our destination without accident or trouble.

On the 8-9-18 we again moved, this time with the Company, to DOINGT. Once more congestion of traffic on the roads was particularly noticeable.

On 9-9-18 Transport moved out with Company to TINCOURT where it was established with Rear Headquarters for the forthcoming operations.

During the operations from 10th to 15th instant, in addition to the ordinary routine work of moving sections into the line and their daily rations, 140,000 rounds of S&A.A. were transported to the gun positions. In the performance of the work on 12th Sept. 3 horses were killed, 2 men were wounded and a limber was slightly damaged.

On 15-9-18 the fighting limbers of each section moved up, (the respective sections being attached to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Infantry Battns, the limbers moved with them). Rations and ammunition were transported. During the second phase of the operation, as one section was doing barrage work, Headquarters transport was utilised for the purpose of carrying 40,000 rounds of S.A.A.

On 22-9-18 Transport was re-assembled on the outskirts of HERVILLY where it remained until marching orders were received on 24-9-18, when we proceeded to BIACHES.

On 25-9-18 the Transport (less the cooker) moved, brigaded under Captain Bootle, 1st Battalion from BIACHES to EPAGNETTE as per Appendix 16. This march was conducted in 3 days and was free from accident, there being no congestion on the roads.

*A. Blucarne*  
 Transport Officer  
 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.

## FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

APPENDIX 20

Monthly return of casualties, sick, leave and  
Reinforcements.

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September 1918.

Strength of Company as at 1st September 1918 10 Officers 195 O/R.

From 1st to 7th Septr.

9 other ranks evacuated to hospital sick  
4 other ranks granted leave to U.K. and 3 other ranks returned.

From 7th to 14th Septr.

3 other ranks evacuated sick. 2 Officers 9 other ranks wounded.  
1 other rank granted leave to Australia.  
3 other ranks granted leave to U.K.  
6 other ranks taken on strength from Base.

From 15th to 22nd Septr.

6 other ranks evacuated "Gassed"  
7 other ranks evacuated Sick  
9 other ranks killed in action  
24 other ranks evacuated wounded  
18 other ranks taken on strength from Base  
4 other ranks returned from U.K. leave  
9 other ranks granted leave to Australia.

From 22nd to 30th Septr.

4 other ranks evacuated sick to Hospital  
3 other ranks returned from Hospital  
4 other ranks granted leave to U.K.  
6 other ranks returned from U.K. leave  
4 other ranks taken on strength from Base  
1 other rank to Australian Machine Gun Training Depot England,  
9 months Permanent Cadre duty.

Total Strength as at 30th Septr. 1918.:-

8 Officers 146 other ranks.

*B. G. G. G.*

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# VILLERET

