

COLOUR PATCHES

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OF THE

AUSTRALIAN FORCES

1914-1918

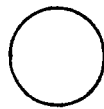
The charts show the system on which these colour patches were designed, whereby anyone knowing (1) the basic shapes (indicating division or service), (2) lower colours (usually denoting brigade), and (3) upper colours (usually denoting unit) could at a glance determine to what unit the wearer belonged. The four irregularities in the case of the infantry are marked with asterisks.

INFANTRY

DIVISION	BATTALION	BRIGADE	BRIGADE	BRIGADE	
Shape of patch	Upper colour	Lower colour	Lower colour	Lower colour	
		NEW SOUTH WALES	VICTORIA	QUEENSLAND TASMANIA	
		usually GREEN	usually RED	usually LIGHT BLUE	
FIRST	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	1 Bde HQ	LTM Bty	3 Bde HQ	LTM Bty
		1 Bn	8	9 Bn	8
		2 Bn		10 Bn	
		3 Bn		11 Bn	
	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	5 Bde HQ	LTM Bty	7 Bde HQ	LTM Bty
		17 Bn	8	25 Bn	8
		18 Bn		26 Bn	
		19 Bn		27 Bn	
	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	9 Bde HQ	LTM Bty	11 Bde HQ	LTM Bty
		33 Bn	8	41 Bn	8
		34 Bn		42 Bn	
		35 Bn		43 Bn	
SECOND	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	2 Bde HQ	LTM Bty	8 Bde HQ	LTM Bty
		5 Bn	8	12 Bn	8
		6 Bn			
		7 Bn			
	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	6 Bde HQ	LTM Bty	8 Bde HQ	LTM Bty
		21 Bn	8	28 Bn	8
		22 Bn			
		23 Bn			
	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	10 Bde HQ	LTM Bty	11 Bde HQ	LTM Bty
		37 Bn	8	44 Bn	8
		38 Bn			
		39 Bn			
THIRD	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	24 Bn		28 Bn	
		20 Bn			
		19 Bn			
		18 Bn			
	black 1 st Bn in Bde purple 2 nd Bn in Bde brown 3 rd Bn in Bde white 4 th Bn in Bde	20 Bn		24 Bn	
		36 Bn		40 Bn	
		34 Bn		38 Bn	
		33 Bn		37 Bn	

FOURTH

light blue
yellow
brown
white



* 4Bde HQ
1st Bn in Bde
2nd Bn in Bde
3rd Bn in Bde
4th Bn in Bde

LTM Bty
12Bde HQ
NSW 45Bn
VIC 46Bn
QLD, TAS/47 Bn
WA, SA 48 Bn

LTM Bty
13Bde HQ
49Bn
50Bn
51 Bn
52Bn

FIFTH

black
purple
brown
white



14Bde HQ
53Bn
54 Bn
55Bn
56Bn

LTM Bty
15Bde HQ
57 Bn
58Bn
59Bn
60Bn

LTM Bty
VIC 29Bn
NSW 30Bn
QLD, VIC 31 Bn
WA, SA 32 Bn

* 8Bde HQ
VIC 29Bn
NSW 30Bn
QLD, VIC 31 Bn
WA, SA 32 Bn

SIXTH

black
purple
brown



16Bde HQ
61 Bn
62Bn
63Bn

LTM Bty
17Bde HQ
65Bn
66Bn
67Bn

LTM Bty
69Bn
(attached to 16 Bde)
70Bn
(attached to 17 Bde)

LTM Bty
69Bn
(attached to 16 Bde)
70Bn
(attached to 17 Bde)

CANCELELLED

Machine Gun Companies

Infantry

Battalions

Age HQ

Div MG Coy

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CORPS. ARMY. ETC. UNITS

FLYING CORPS

All units



ARTILLERY

3 (Army) Bde



6 (Army) Bde



12 (Army) Bde



(Army) Signals



36 Heavy Arty Group



Heavy T MBty



(Army) Bde Amm Sects



ENGINEERS

Corps Signals



Topographical Sect



Tunnelling Coys



1 Army Troops Coy



E&M M&B Coy



Railway Operating Coys
(light broad gauge)



TRANSPORT & SUPPLY

Corps Mech Tpt Col



Mech Tpt



Coys



Railhead Sup Detach



Sea Tpt Service



MOUNTED TROOPS

Aust Corps (previously I Anzac Corps)



Mtd Regt



Cyc Bn

XXII Corps (previously II Anzac Corps)



Mtd Regt



Cyc Bn

C A N C E L L E D

Corps Amm Parks



Mining Corps



Corps Troops Sup Col



"K" Supply Col



MEDICAL

General Hospitals	/		2		3		14		Nurses	Salonika
Stationary Hospitals	/		2							
Auxiliary Hospitals	/		2		3				Dental Corps	unallotted
Casualty Clearing Stns	/		2		3					
Hospital Ships	/		2						Dental Corps	
Sea Transport Sect					Staff N°1		Staff N°4		Dermatological Hosp	



HEADQUARTERS & BASE

AIF Admin HQ		Ordnance Corps		General Service Reinf		NAVAL BRIDGING TRAIN	
Admin HQ Med Sect		Pay Corps		Wireless Section		(Mesopotamia)	
Corps HQ		Veterinary Evac Stn		Special Duty			
CANCELLED		Veterinary Hosp		NAVAL AND MILITARY EXPEDITIONARY FORCE			
AIF Admin HQ		Motor Tpt Service		Infantry		Medical	

