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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

for

JANUARY   1919.

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ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	1-1-19.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Dispositions were the same as at the conclusion of last month's War Diary with Battalion Headquarters and all Companies in the vicinity of ST REMY - CHAUSEE. Weekly location report attached.</p> <p><u>CHURCH PARADE.</u> R.C. Church Parade was held at 10.55h. in the Parish Church ST REMY - CHAUSEE. The Rev. Father GILBERT, 59th Battalion A.I. Battalion, Officiated. 2 Officers and 58 Other Ranks were in attendance, the Commanding Officer also being present. Wire attached.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> An Australian Rules Football match was played during the afternoon between the 59th A.I. Battalion and the 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion. Play was fast but the combination of the opposing team proved superior. the 59th Battalion winning by 11g.8b. to 1g.1b.</p> <p><u>DEBATE.</u> At 18.00h. the 8th and 14th Company met in a debate at the Education Hall (wire) the subject being "Is the Standard Gauge Railway Practicable in Australia". The 14th Company debated "for" and the 8th Company "Against". It was a very interesting debate and was closely contested, but the superior use of information put forward and used by the 14th Company resulted in a win for that Company <del>per</del> by 5 points.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine during the day but with rain and Strong wind at night.</p>	App. 1.  App. 2.  App. 3.						
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	2-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> During the morning, training was carried on by Companies, most of the time being spent in Physical and Recreational Training. The remaining time was taken up with smartening up drill.</p> <p>The C.O. attended a conference held by the Divisional Commander at SOLRE - LE - CHATEAU. Matters discussed were for the entertainment of the men, lorry trips to places of interest, recreational training etc.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, Visibility good.</p>							
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	3-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> During the morning companies carried out their syllabi of training :-</p> <table><tr><td>09.00h. - 09.30h.</td><td>Inspection.</td></tr><tr><td>09.30h. - 11.00h.</td><td>Recreational &amp; Physical Training.</td></tr><tr><td>11.00h. - 1130h.</td><td>Smartening up drill.</td></tr></table> <p>At 10.00h. the Commanding Officer held a conference of Company Commanders at the Chateau ST REMY - CHAUSEE? (Battalion Headquarters). Subjects dealt with were those which received attention at the Divisional Commander's conference, and the question of organising Physical and Recreational Training within the Unit was delved into, it being decided to place Lieut. H.L. HANSON, 14th M.G. Coy. in charge of that branch of training, working in conjunction with the Staff Sergeant from the P &amp; R.T. Staff. Wire attached.</p>	09.00h. - 09.30h.	Inspection.	09.30h. - 11.00h.	Recreational & Physical Training.	11.00h. - 1130h.	Smartening up drill.	App. 4.
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ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	3-1-19.		<p><u>SPORT.</u> The 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion Rugby Team played the 59th A.I. Battalion Team on the Unit's ground. There was a large attendance of spectators from both Battalions and the Unit won easily by 20 points to nil.</p> <p><u>COMFORTS.</u> One G.S. Wagon proceeded to SOLRE - LE - CHATEAU and collected comforts (Y.M.C.A.) which were immediately issued to Companies. Wire attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine but rain during the night. Visibility Good.</p>	App. 5.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	4-1-19.		<p><u>LECTURE.</u> At 10.30h. a lecture was delivered by Canon Masterman to all Officers of the Battalion and 50 representative from each Company, the subject being "Democracy". The lecture which proved very instructive, was followed by all present with great interest. The Commanding Officer afterwards thanked Canon Masterman for the interesting lecture, his remarks being reciprocated by all by a hearty burst of applause. Wire attached.</p> <p><u>CONCERT.</u> At 18.30h. the Battalion Concert Party gave their first performance to a large audience from the Unit, and all items were loudly applauded. It is expected that later on, the party will be come one of the best in the A.I.F. though it has only been organised one week, it has achieved already, good results, its success being entirely due to Lieut H. HILL 14th M.G. Company, who has worked very hard to make the party what it is.</p> <p>A barn has been obtained and a stage had already been erected. Flies were constructed and a curtain made, lamps behind pot-plants making excellent foot-lights. There is at present seating accommodation for about 300 men, and this is being improved and increased daily, so that in the course of another two weeks, everything will be in first class order. To do this funds were necessary and each Company Commander has agreed to find a certain amount in order that entrance to the shows will be free.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u> fine during the day, with rain at night. Visibility Good.</p>	App. 6.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	5-1-19.		<p>A voluntary Church Parade for C. of E. and O.P.D.s was held in the Cinema Hall, ST. REMY CHAUSEE at 11.15h. when 10 Officers and 50 O/Ranks attended. A voluntary R.C. Church Parade was held at 11.00h. in the Parish Church at DOULERS. Wire attached.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> During the afternoon the 59th A.I. Battalion and the 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion team met on the Rugby Ground. The Unit won the Tug-o'-war by two pulls out of three.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine with cool winds, Visibility Good.</p>	App. 7.

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ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	6-1-19.		<p>Training was continued according to programme as set out on the 3rd instant.</p> <p><u>EDUCATION.</u> Classes in English, Shorthand, French, Trigonometry, Arithmetic, Geometry and Algebra continue to be held in the Educational School room, ST REMY.</p> <p><u>LEAVE.</u> Leave is now open for personnel of the Unit to visit BRUSSELS and arrangements for travelling etc., have been made to permit of a clear stay of 24 hours in that city.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> The 5th Australian M.G. Battalion Rugby Team played the Australian Corps Team at BARBENCON during the afternoon, the team with supporters being transported to that village by three motor lorries under Corps arrangements. The game was very fast and strenuous throughout, and resulted in a win for the Corps Representative team by 9 points to nil.</p> <p><u>CONCERT.</u> The Battalion Concert Party gave a show in MONCEAU at 18.30h. the 15th Company attending. The programme was similar to that given to the Battalion in the Cinema Hall on the 4th instant.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and clear with cool winds. Visibility excellent.</p>	
ST REMY. CHAUSEE.	7-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> was continued.</p> <p>The C.O. inspected the transport of the 25th Company at 10.00h. and the 14th M.G. Company at 11.00h.</p> <p>A picquet comprising 2 N.C.O's and 18 O/Ranks under the command of Lieut. A. L. GIBSON proceeded to AVESNES to relieve a picquet supplied by the 15th A.I. Brigade.</p> <p>Inspection of Machine Guns. At 09.00h. 8 guns of the 8th M.G. Company were placed at the disposal of the armourer, Sergeant attached to the Unit. It is the intention to inspect all guns of the Unit during the next few days.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> An Australian Rules Football match took place between the 15th Field Engineers and Trench Mortars combined, and the Battalion Team. The Battalion Team winning by 77 points to 7 points. A Tug-O'-War also took place between the teams of the same Units. The Battalion team again winning.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine with cool winds, and rain during the evening. Visibility fair.</p>	

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ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	8-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING</u> was carried on as usual.</p> <p>The remaining 8 guns of the 8th M.G. Company were inspected by the Armourer Sergeant.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer held a conference of all Company Commanders at the Chateau ST REMY at 11.00h. to discuss the organisation of the Post Bellum Army. Attached is the 11st of questions asked (app) and wire notifying Company Commanders.</p> <p>The questions asked produced a fair amount of interesting discussion and the decisions arrived at are shown alongside questions asked in app No. 8.</p> <p><u>SPORT</u>. A forfeit was given to the Battalion Rugby Team and Tug-o'-War team by the 15th Field Ambulance.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. Fine with cool winds. Visibility good.</p>	App 8-9.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	9-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING</u>. 8 guns of the 14th M.G. Company were inspected by the Armourer Sergeant.</p> <p><u>BATHS</u>. The 8th M.G. Company was bathed during the morning at the Battalion Baths. Wires. The Commanding Officer inspected the billets of the 25th M.G. Company at 10.00h. wire attached.</p> <p><u>CONFERENCE</u>. The C.O. attended a conference held by the Divisional Commander at Divisional Headquarters. wires attached.</p> <p><u>SPORT</u>. The 15th Field Engineers and Trench Mortar Combined Rugby Team gave a forfeit to the Rugby Union Team of the Unit.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. Fine with frost at night. Visibility good.</p>	App.10-11 App. 12. App.13-14
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	10-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING</u>. as usual. The remaining 8 guns of the 14th Company were inspected during the morning.</p> <p><u>BATHS</u>. The 15th and 25th M.G. Companies were bathed during the morning at the Battalion Baths. One Sergeant and 28 O/Ranks marched out for Australia, to report at 15th Brigade Headquarters to proceed by lorry to the 5th Aust. Divisional Reinforcement Wing.</p> <p>Company Commanders assembled at Battalion Headquarters at 15.15h. to meet the Corps and Divisional Commanders, and the Corps Commander discussed various questions with reference to the demobilisation of the Corps. Wire attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. Fine with very cool winds.</p>	App. 15.

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ST. REMY - CHAUSEE.	11-1-19. to 15-1-19.		<p>Nothing of very much interest to record.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> was carried on, 2 Rugby matches being played against the 15th Brigade Group and being won by this Unit.</p> <p>Lieut. CORNISH represented this Unit as a meeting of Group Musketry Representatives at 15th Brigade Headquarters, DOURLERS, on the 13th instant. The necessary arrangements for the running of the future Rifle Competitions were made.</p> <p>The Battalion Concert Party "The Tripod Troubadours" gave a very successful show to the Battalion in the local Concert Hall on the 15th instant.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> for the last 5 days has been exceedingly good.</p> <p><u>DRAFT</u> No. 5 was despatched to the Base on the 13th instant and consisted of Officers and O/Ranks who embarked from Australia in the first six months of 1915. Wire attached.</p>	App.16.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	16-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> - was carried on as usual.</p> <p><u>CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMALS.</u> by Veterinary Board postponed to Saturday 18th instant.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> A Rugby Football match was played against the 57th Battalion and was won by 5th Aust. M. G. Battalion by 21 points to Nil.</p> <p>At half time a Tug-O'-War took place between 57th Battalion and this Battalion, which the Machine Gunners won.</p> <p><u>CONCERT PARTY</u> gave a show at 58th Battalion.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny in the morning, cold in the afternoon and evening.</p>	App.17.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	17-1-19.		<p><u>LECTURE.</u> A very interesting lecture was given at 15th A.I. Brigade, Headquarters by Brig-General McNICOLL. C.M.G., D.S.O., Inspector General of Education, on "Repatriation and Demobilisation".</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> A rifle shooting competition between the 58th Battalion and 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion was held on the former's ground, and won by 58th Battalion.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and bright during morning, dull and cold winds during afternoon.</p>	

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ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	18-1-19.		<p><u>TRAINING</u>. was carried on as usual.</p> <p><u>RIFLE MEETING</u>. A Rifle meeting between 15th A.I. Brigade and 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpains took place at the 59th Battalion Rifle Range at 13.30h. (SEMOUSIES). G.O.C. 15th Brigade extended an invitation to Officers of this Battalion to attend. (wire attached) won by 15th Bgde. App. 18.</p> <p><u>CANTEEN STORES</u>. The long looked for canteen stores arrived at SOLRE - LE - CHATEAU, 5th Div. Canteen. Limbers were promptly, despatched, and a moderate supply was obtained.</p> <p><u>SPORT</u>. A Soccer match between 67th Labor Battalion and 5th M.G. Battalion was played on latter's ground at 14.00h. won by Machine Gunners. Scores 3 goals to 2.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. Fresh and cloudy.</p>	
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	19-1-19.		<p><u>CHURCH PARADE</u>. C. of E. and O.P.D. Church Parade held in Battalion Concert Hall at 11.15h.</p> <p><u>COMFORTS</u>. A good supply of comforts were received from the A.C.F. Supplies have been coming to hand regularly, and the work of the A.C.F. is helping considerably during this period of transition and unsettlement.</p> <p><u>CONFERENCE</u>. Commanding Officer attended a Conference at Divisional Headquarters, Subject "Reorganisation of Battalions".</p> <p><u>GYMNASIUM</u>. Carpenters called for to erect the necessary apparatus for a gymnasium in each Company.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. Cold and dull.</p>	
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	20-1-19.		<p><u>M.G. COMPETITION</u>. Elimination tests were carried out this morning between the 8th and 14th and 15th Companies for the competition against the 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpains, won by 8th Coy.</p> <p><u>SPORT</u>. An Australian Rules Football Match was played against the 57th Battalion and won by 57th. During the interval a Tug-o'-War between teams from the same Units took place, and was one by the Machine Gunners.</p> <p>Australian Corps Rugby team beat French team at PARIS by 3 points to nil.</p> <p><u>VETERINARY BOARD</u>. Classification of Animals by Veterinary Board took place.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. Fine, and sun shining brightly.</p>	
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	21-1-19.		<p><u>SPORT</u>. A Soccer match against the 113th Labor Battalion resulted in a draw. 3 - 3.</p> <p><u>CONCERT PARTY</u>. The Battalion Concert party "Tripod Troubadours" showed at the 57th Battalion. There was a crowded house, and a most appreciative audience.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u>. Remarkable fine.</p>	

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ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	22-1-19.		<u>TRAINING.</u> as usual. Beautiful weather - fresh and sunny..	
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	23-1-19.		<u>TRAINING</u> as usual. <u>M.G. COMPETITION.</u> against the 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpains took place on the SEMOUSIES Range at 13.30h. before a large and representative gathering. The competition resulted in a win for the 5th M.G. Battalion by 516 points to 169. From the word "action" to the command "Cease fire" two minutes were given, during which time the Chasseurs fired 850 rounds and the 5th M.G. Battalion fired 1050. The French used the Hitchkoss and the Australians the Vickers. (wire attached.). <u>REMOUNT BOARD.</u> The Remount Board arrived early in the afternoon and carried out a further classification of Animals in the Battalion. The Board expressed satisfaction with the general condition of the horses. <u>PAPERS.</u> In reply to a Divisional Circular stating that papers and periodicals would soon be available, a large estimate was forwarded from the Battalion. (see wire).	App.19.  App.20.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	24-1-19.		<u>TRAINING.</u> as usual during the morning. <u>DEMOBILISATION.</u> Embarkation Quota No. 4 consisting of 1 Officer and 80 O/Ranks left for the 5th Aust. Divisional Reinforcement Wing en route for Australia. <u>SPORT.</u> Attached is report showing the success of the Battalion Representative M.G. Teams in Competition against 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpains. The rifle match with the 15th Trench Mortar Battery was postponed owing to the death of the C.R.E. Wires attached.	App. 21. App. 22.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	25-1-19.		<u>TRAINING.</u> as usual. Transport proceeded to SOLRE - LE - CHATEAU to draw Canteen Goods from the Divisional Canteen. Wires attached. <u>SPORT.</u> During the afternoon, practice Australian Rules football matches were indulged in. A Soccer match was played between the Battalion Team and the 67th Labour Company wire attached the game resulting in a win for the Battalion by 3 goals to 2. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine with frosts.	App.23. App. 24.

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ST REMY.- CHAUSEE.	26-1-19.		R.C. Church Parade was held at 10.30h. in the Church St. Remy and C. of E. Church Parade took place at 11.15h. in the Cinema Hall. ST. REMY. <u>EDUCATIONAL.</u> Classes continue to be held daily. Weekly report attached, showing that decrease in attendance of these classes is due to departure of a draft to Australia. <u>SPORT.</u> It is interesting to note the record of the Battalion Rugby Union Team. 8 games were played of which 5 were won, 2 drawn and 1 lost. Scores were 152 points for to 21 points against. <u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy snow fell during the day.	App.25.
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	27-1-19.		<u>TRAINING</u> as usual. <u>LEAVE.</u> Leave is frequent, enabling personnel to visit places of interest in FRANCE and BELGIUM, especially to PARIS, CHARLEROI and BRUSSELS. Leave to United Kingdom has also opened up considerably during the last month. <u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy snow lay on the ground, a little falling during the early evening.	
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	28-1-19.		<u>TRAINING.</u> as usual throughout the morning. Pay was made available and companies were paid during the morning. <u>SPORT.</u> No sport was indulged in on account of the heavy snow upon the ground. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cold.	
ST REMY - CHAUSEE.	29-1-19. to 31-1-19.		<u>TRAINING</u> as usual. At 16.00h. 30th instant, the C.O. held a conference of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters and general matters appertaining the welfare of the Unit were discussed. Canteen supplies were available at SOLRE - LE - CHATEAU and transport from each Company proceeded to draw same on 31-1-19. App. <u>LEAVE.</u> During the last two days, leave has been cancelled, due to some difficulties in the transport of personnel proceeding on same. <u>WEATHER.</u> The weather has been consistently cold, with frost at night and further slight falls of snow.	App.26.

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			<p>The health of the Battalion has been very good indeed, there having been no cases of serious illness. The Area is now in a very good Sanitary condition, and billets are clean and healthy.</p> <p>The rations question is very much improved, and conditions are almost normal.</p> <p>A regular supply of comforts has been most acceptable.</p> <p>The following figures show the position of the Battalion numerically throughout the month.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>The strength at the beginning of the month was</td> <td>Officers.</td> <td>O/Ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>51</td> <td>868</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The strength at the end of the month is.</td> <td>34</td> <td>699.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><u>INCREASE.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex Leave</td> <td>7</td> <td>57</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex Courses</td> <td>1</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex Hospital.</td> <td></td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex M.G.B.D.</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex O.C.B.</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> <td>-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12</td> <td>97</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> <td>-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><u>DECREASE.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leave to U.K. and PARIS.</td> <td>18</td> <td>64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To courses and Detached for duty.</td> <td>8</td> <td>55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To Hospital</td> <td></td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To Australia.</td> <td>2</td> <td>129</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> <td>-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>28</td> <td>266</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> <td>-----</td> </tr> </table>	The strength at the beginning of the month was	Officers.	O/Ranks.		51	868	The strength at the end of the month is.	34	699.	<u>INCREASE.</u>			Ex Leave	7	57	Ex Courses	1	7	Ex Hospital.		32	Ex M.G.B.D.		1	Ex O.C.B.	4			-----	-----		12	97		-----	-----	<u>DECREASE.</u>			Leave to U.K. and PARIS.	18	64	To courses and Detached for duty.	8	55	To Hospital		18	To Australia.	2	129		-----	-----		28	266		-----	-----	
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WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF  
JANUARY, 1919.

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25.	Weekly Educational Report.
26.	Wire - Canteen Supplies available.

*Alan Strangth* Major  
for Lieut.-Col.  
Commanding 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.



5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters.  
2. 1. 19.

Headquarters.  
5th Australian Division.

WEEKLY LOCATION REPORT.  
Anticipated as at 6 a.m. 3-1-19.

Ref. Map. VALENGIENNES 1/100000.

5th Aust M.G.Bn. Headquarters and Transport St. REMY-CHAUSEE. 4.K.30.12.

8th Aust. M.G. Company and Transport.

14th	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
15th	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
25th	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

*Wm D. Jeal* . Lieut.  
for Lieut.-Colonel.  
Commanding 5th Aust M.G. Battalion.



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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Date.....
				Service.....	From.....
		At.....m.			By.....
		To.....			
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

All Corps

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

\* M.C.A. 599.

Debate to-night  
1800h. Education  
Hall

From

Place

Time

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		To.....			
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

4 boys

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

\* S.A.S. 98.

Ref R.b. Church Parade  
aaa. R.b. in U  
report to the P.S.M  
outside Church at  
10.55 am.

From

Place

Time

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## No. of Message.....

TO { 12" St G Co

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Sender's Number MSA 606-	Day or Month Jan	In reply to Number -	AAA
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From			
Place	g. - Aug. 1900		
Time	1900	11.10	1.10

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## No. of Message.....

TO { 8 14 15 25 800

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
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Serial Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
1257605	2		

From			
Place	1700h	5	pm. 8th
Time			

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Date.....
Sent					From.....
At.....m.					By.....
To.....					

TO { 8 15 15 25 600

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 759 618	4		

Voluntary Church Parade, C of E  
and O.P.D. in CINEMA  
HALL 11.15h tomorrow Sunday  
aaa opy and arrange  
as many as possible  
to attend

From	5th M... ..
Place	
Time	1545h

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From.....	£ s. d.	By.....	At.....m.	To.....	
Charges to Collect			By.....		
Service Instructions.			By.....		

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO { 5th M... ..

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B M 649	3rd		

Canon Masterman will  
lecture to 5th M... ..  
at 10.30 tomorrow  
on "Democracy"

FROM	15th A.I. B... ..
TIME & PLACE	

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Machine Gun Units with a Division.

Decisions.

1. What number of machine Guns do you consider are required with the Division? 96 Guns,
2. Are you in favour of a Divisional organisation for Machine Gun Units? Yes.
3. Or do you consider that a proportion of Machine Gun Units could advantageously be allotted to Infantry Brigades? No.
4. Or would you favour the re-absorption of Machine Guns into the Infantry Battalions? No.
5. What in your opinion should be the composition of Machine Gun Units with a Division e.g. should motor Machine Gun Batteries or Armoured car batteries be included? Same as existing organisation plus 1 Coy. of Motor Machine Guns.
6. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward as to the general organisation or composition of the Machine Gun Units with a Division? No.



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At.....m.		Date.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { Baths N C O  
via 25 to

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

\* SA 648.

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AAA

8 to Bathing to-  
morrow at 0900h  
15 to at 10.45h  
add arrange Baths  
for them

From  
Place  
Time

1950h 5 PM 8 PM

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At.....m.		Date.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { All boys

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

\* MGA 633.

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AAA

Ref this offer 1/4/129  
of to day re Conference  
of boy commander  
and Conference now  
proposed till 1100h  
to morning the 8th

From  
Place  
Time

1940h 5 PM 8 PM

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(4715) Wt. W325/P511 1,113,336 Shts. 238 C. & Co.



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Office of Origin and Service Instructions			
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Sent		Date.....	
At.....m.		Service.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO

25 60

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

to O. will inspect  
a few B. letters 10 am  
to morning morning

From	Place	Time
18 45 L	5 PM 9 PM	

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(Z)

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(4715) Wt. Wages/Per

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions			
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Sent		Date.....	
At.....m.		Service.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		By.....	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO

8.15. 60

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

in U. B. bathing Parades  
as follows are arranged  
accordingly are  
at 09 00 h. 15 60  
at 10 45 h.

From	Place	Time
18 50 L	5 PM 8 PM	

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(4715) Wt. Wages/Per

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**"G" Form.** Army Form G, 1125.  
(In books of 100.)

**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message 15

Prefix <u>M</u>	Code <u>1570</u>	Words <u>26</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From <u>5th Aust Div</u>	At <u>14</u> m.	
Charges to Collect			By <u>14</u>	To	
Service Instructions			By		
Handed in at <u>5th Aust Div</u>		Office <u>1570</u> m.	Received <u>1125</u> m.		
TO <u>AG 180</u>					
*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<u>G-348</u>	<u>8</u>				
Continuation of	This	office			
<u>G-339</u>	<u>aaa</u>	following	will		
attend	<u>aaa</u>	<u>GO's</u>	<u>C</u>		
Infty	<u>Bde</u>	<u>CRA</u>	<u>CRE</u>		
O.C.	<u>MG Pon</u>	<u>O/c</u>	<u>Sigs</u>		
<u>ADMS</u>	<u>DADUS</u>				
FROM <u>5th Aust Div</u>					
TIME & PLACE					

(In books of 100.)

**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message 13

Prefix <u>M</u>	Code <u>1125</u>	Words <u>27</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From <u>5th Aust Div</u>	At <u>13</u> m.	
Charges to Collect			By <u>13</u>	To	
Service Instructions			By		
Handed in at <u>5th Aust Div</u>		Office <u>1125</u> m.	Received <u>1155</u> m.		
TO <u>5th Aust Div</u>					
*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<u>G-339</u>	<u>8</u>				
Conference with	the	held.			
at	<u>2.30pm</u>				
tomorrow	<u>9th inst</u>	<u>aaa</u>			
Subject's organization	of				
Post	<u>Bellum Army</u>	<u>aaa</u>			
Have	<u>Acknowledge</u>				
FROM <u>5th Aust Div</u>					
TIME & PLACE					

\*This line should be erased if not required.



# **"A" Form.** **MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 2121.  
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date.....
							At..... m.
							To.....
							By.....
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { *all boys* }

Sender's Number. * <i>77CA772</i>	Day of Month. <i>13</i>	In reply to Number. -	AAA
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*Draft No. 5 Concentrate at 10.00 L tomorrow a.m. Details follow in Routine Order*

From	<i>5 AM C. B.</i>
Place	
Time	<i>20.45h</i>

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							At..... m.
							To.....
							By.....
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { *all boys* }

Sender's Number. * <i>77CA655</i>	Day of Month. <i>10</i>	In reply to Number. -	AAA
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*Boy Commander at 15.15h  
at 13.14.2 at 15.15h  
I don't meet the  
troops and Divisional  
Commander*

From	<i>5 PM P. B.</i>
Place	
Time	<i>20.45h</i>

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						At.....	From.....
						To.....	By.....

TO	8 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Corps.	18
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		
* 176A 790	16	AAA		

Rifle	meeting	between	15 <sup>th</sup>
A. I. Brigade	and	6 <sup>th</sup>	Battalion
CHASSEURS	ALPINS	takes	place
5-day	at	1330 h	at
59 <sup>th</sup>	Battalion	Rifle	Range
SEMPOUSIES	area	G.O.C.	15 <sup>th</sup> A.I.
Brigade	extends	cordial	invitation
to	any	officers	wishing
to	attend		

From	5 <sup>th</sup> Ans. M. G. Battalion
Place	
Time	

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date.....
						At..... m.	From.....
						To.....	By.....

TO	14 <sup>th</sup> Machine	Gun	Corp.
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* 176A 793	16	17 AAA	

Arrange	P.S.	wagon	to
be	at	Concert	Party
Billet	at	1700 h	to
convey	pantry	to	15 <sup>th</sup> Brigade
Area			

From	5 <sup>th</sup> Ans. M. G. Bn.
Place	
Time	

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			Date.....	
			From.....	
			By.....	
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { 5 Aust Div (20) }				
Sender's Number.		Day of Mo.	In reply to Number.	
* GA 888		23	A 56/1601	
Dairies aa Telegraph Mail				
Mirror sketch 50 each aa				
Weekly 50 John Bull aa				
Sundays Lloyd's Pictorial				
Herald 50 each aa				
Magazines Nash Cassell				
London 50 each				
From 5 M B B				
Place				
Time				
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			Recd. at ..... m.	
			Date.....	
			From.....	
			By.....	
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { All Companies (19) }				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* GA 886		28	A 56/1601	
Machine Gun Competition takes place to-day at 1330 h on SEMOUSIES Range approx. 100 yards from Church aa Inform all ranks large attendance desired.				
From 5 M B B				
Place				
Time				
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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters,  
5th Aust. Division.

Headquarters,  
24-1-19.

(21)

1. With reference to the Machine Gun Competitions carried out with the 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpins at SMOUSIES on the 23rd instant, the following are the points scored.

- A. 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpins,  
169 points. Fired 850 rounds.
- B. 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion,  
516 points. Fired 1050 rounds.

2. A second match has been arranged with the 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpins to take place on this Unit's Range at 10.30h. Monday 27th instant. Two (2) Practices will be carried out.

- 1. Application.
- 2. Traversing.

The following are the conditions these two (2) practices will be carried out under:-

PRACTICE 1. APPLICATION.

- (a) Target - a screen 4 feet square.
  - (b) Range - 400 yards.
  - (c) Rounds - 30.
  - (d) Time - 10 seconds (taken from command "fire").
  - (e) In the event of a stoppage, allowance is made for length of time taken to remedy stoppage.
- Allotment of points, each hit on target under and including 15. 2 points per hit.
- Allotment of points, each hit on target above 15. 3 points per hit.
- Possible 75 points.

PRACTICE 2. TRAVERSING.

each. Target, screen 20 x 30 feet, marked off in 12 spaces of 20 inches

- (a) Range 400 yards.
- (b) Rounds - 70.
- (c) Time - 30 seconds.
- (d) Stoppage - see practice 1.

Allotment of points.

Each hit on target 1 point.  
No spaces missed - add 30 points.  
One space missed - add 25 points.  
Two spaces missed - add 20 points.

Possible 100 points.

*M. B. Cap. M. J. M.*  
Lieut.-Col.  
Commanding, 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

Copies to :-

6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpins.

8th M.G. Company.

14th M.G. Company.

15th M.G. Company.

23rd M.G. Company.

File.

War Diary. ✓





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			At.....m.			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { All Companies (22)

Sender's Number. \* MGA 891 Day of Month. 24 In reply to Number. AAA

Rifle match 5<sup>th</sup> M 5 Pm  
against 15<sup>th</sup> T M B. takes  
Place SEMOUSIES Range 1330h  
to-day and Range attendance  
desired

From 8<sup>th</sup> M 5 Pm  
Place  
Time

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			At.....m.			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { All Companies + Watson (22)

Sender's Number. \* MGA 893 Day of Month. 24 In reply to Number. AAA

Ref this office MGA 891 24<sup>th</sup> inst  
Owing to death of C R E.  
match postponed

From 5<sup>th</sup> M 5 Pm  
Place  
Time

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At.....			To.....		From.....	
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	

TO {

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

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Good Canteen supplies  
available tomorrow.

From

Place

Time

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Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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At.....			To.....		From.....	
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	

TO {

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

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Canteen stores available 5<sup>th</sup> Div  
Canteen STORE LE CHATEAU at  
once now 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Cays  
will each detail one T.S. Wagon  
now 14<sup>th</sup> Cay will also draw  
for 8<sup>th</sup> Cay 15<sup>th</sup> Cay will also  
draw for 25<sup>th</sup> Cay now 15<sup>th</sup> Cay  
will detail one officer to  
superintend drawing of Canteen  
stores at 5<sup>th</sup> Div Canteen

From

Place

Time

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RECEIVED AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message.....		
Prefix..... Code..... m.		Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of: _____ Service. _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") _____		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent				Recd. at _____ m.
		At _____ m.				Date _____
		To _____				From _____
By _____				By _____		
TO { <span style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">all Companies</span>						
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		
* 176A903		75		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; width: 50px; height: 50px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold;">24</div> <div style="margin-left: 5px; text-align: center;">AAA</div> </div>		
<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 10px;">           Soccer match 1400 h LEVAL            today against 67<sup>th</sup> Lab Camp         </div>						
From		<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 20px;">             5<sup>th</sup> M G B           </div>				
Place						
Time						
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		In his name.				

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent		
At.....			m.		
To.....					
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { *all Companies* }

Sender's Number. <i>*MGA942</i>	Day of Month. <i>30</i>	In reply to Number. <i>26</i> <i>AAA</i>
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