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W A R   D I A R Y .

of

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

for

NOVEMBER, 1918.

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RAMBURES.	1-11-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Battalion Headquarters and the 8th, 14th and 15th M.G. Companies remained disposed as at the conclusion of the last month's War Diary in RAMBURES, and the 25th M.G. Company in NESLETTE.</p> <p>Training was continued as usual. News has been received that Austria has signed an armistice with Italy. There were no inter-Unit matches played but the games between "scratch" teams took place. The French people are celebrating ALL SAINTS Day.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	
As above.	2-11-18.		<p>A Battalion Parade is to take place 0930h. Simultaneously picquets will search all villages in the Corps Area to round up absentees. Special picquets have been detailed for this purpose.</p> <p>During the afternoon the C.O. presented men who had won decorations with their ribbon.</p> <p>Weather. Rather fine but cloudy.</p>	App 1.
As above.	3-11-18.		<p>A Church Parade was held in the Cinema Hall during the morning. In the afternoon boxing contest took place and several interesting bouts were fought. The Battalion Sports will be held to-morrow.</p> <p>Weather. Dry but threatening.</p>	
As above.	4-11-18.		<p>Boxing was continued during the morning and in the afternoon the Battalion Sports were held on the Playing Fields. The G.O.C., 5th Aust. Division was present and a very interesting afternoon was enjoyed to the full. The 8th M.G. Company won the Battalion Cup.</p> <p>The weather was fine and cold.</p>	
As above.	5-11-18.		<p>Training was continued. A Gas Demonstration was to have been given but owing to the inclement weather the Demonstration was postponed. Nothing of special interest happened during the day.</p> <p>Weather. Rain throughout day.</p>	
As above.	6-11-18.		<p>The Battalion Route March with Transport was cancelled owing to the inclement weather. 8th A.I. and 14th A.I. Brigades Sports have been postponed. The 8th Coy. stables are now under construction. The 15th Coy. stables having been completed.</p>	

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RAMBURES.	7-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> Training was carried out embracing Physical Training, Squad Drill and Musketry Exercises. At 1000h the Battalion Paraded for a Gas Demonstration under arrangement by the Div. Gas Officer.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> An Australian Football match took place between the Divisional Engineers and the Battalion at BOULAINCOURT, resulting in a win for the Battalion by 65 points to 32.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, though dull and threatening.</p>	rf.
RAMBURES.	8-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> During the morning training of personnel was carried out. The following subjects were embraced, Physical Training, Belt filling, Immediate Action, Points before, during and after firing, Limber drill. A lecture was given under Company arrangements on Part I, G.M.G.C. AND Range Discipline.</p> <p>The theoretical examination of N.C.Os. attending the N.C.Os. School was held during the morning.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> The 8th A.I. Brigade held part of their sports, but owing to the heavy rain had to postpone them until a later date.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy rain set in during the afternoon.</p>	rf.
RAMBURES.	9-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> A Battalion Route March including Transport took place during the morning, the route being STARTING POINT - RAMBURES - NESLE LE HOPITAL - NESLETTE - RAMBURES.</p> <p>Practical examination of the M.C.Os. attending the N.C.Os. School and the Signal School was held, the schools then being closed. The results attained in these examinations proved that the Schools are of the greatest value in improving the efficiency of the men and incidentally the Unit.</p> <p><u>LEAVE.</u> A leave lorry left Battalion Headquarters at 1330h for ABBEVILLE returning at 2030h.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> An Australian rules Football match took place between the Divisional Signal Coy. and the 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion, resulting in a win for the Signal Company. The game was closely contested throughout. The Divisional Boxing was held at MARTAINVILLE, The Battalion representative being beaten in the Final.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny.</p>	rf.
	20-11-18.			

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RAMBURES	10-11-18		<p>At 0915h and 1045h an R.C. Church Parade was held at RAMBURES Church. At 1105h a Church Parade for C. of E. and O.P.D. was held in the Cinema Hall, RAMBURES. The G.O.C., 5th Aust. Division and G.O.C., 8th A.I. Brigade attending. The 8th A.I. Brigade Band was in attendance during the service. After the service the Battalion marched past, the Divisional Commander receiving the Salute.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> During the afternoon the Rugby Football match took place between the Divisional Engineers and the Battalion, the Battalion winning by 8 points to 2.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, crisp and sunny.</p>	mf.
RAMBURES.	11-11-18		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> The 8th M.G. Company fired Part I, G.M.G.C. during the morning, the remaining Companies carrying out training in P.T., Barrage Drill and M.G. Tactical Exercises.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> The Group try-out cross country race was run, three of the Battalion gaining places in the team for the Divisional Sports.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny.</p> <p><u>WAR NEWS.</u> The Armistice between the Allies and Germany was signed at 0500h this morning.</p>	mf.
RAMBURES.	12-11-18		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> The 14th M.G. Company carried out Part I, G.M.G.C., the remaining Companies carrying out training as on previous days.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> During the afternoon the 8th A.I. Brigade Group carried out their trial sports on the ground near VILLEROY, the Battalion gaining a large percentage of the places.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny, though frosty.</p>	mf.
RAMBURES.	13-11-18		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The 25th M.G. Company moved to NESLE-NORMANDEUSE.</p> <p><u>TRAINING.</u> A Battalion Route March took place during the morning, all Transport attending.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> A Soccer Competition match was played between the Divisional Engineers and the Battalion resulting in a win for the Engineers by 2 goals to 1. The 14th M.G. Coy. representative won the semi-final of the Group Boxing Competition.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny, frost at night.</p>	mf.

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RAMBURES.	14-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> The 15th M.G. Company fired Part I, G.M.G.C., other Companies training in P.T., Combined Drill, and Tactical Machine Gun Exercises.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> A combined team of the Divisional Engineers and the Battalion played the 8th Brigade a Rugby Football match as a Group try-out; the result was a win for the 8th A.I. Brigade by 12 to 7. During the half-time the 8th Coy. representative fought the 14th Coy. representative for the final of the Middleweights, the 14th Coy. representative winning on points.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny. Cool towards evening.</p>	nf.
RAMBURES.	15-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> 25th M.G. Company fired Part I, G.M.G.C., the remaining Companies carrying out training in P.T., Immediate Action, and Tactical Exercises.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> The combined team of Divisional Engineers and Battalion played the 8th A.I. Brigade team in a Group try-out Soccer Football match, the 8th Brigade team winning by 2 goals to 1.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny though cool throughout.</p>	nf.
RAMBURES.	16-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> Training was carried on as usual during the morning.</p> <p><u>SPORT.</u> During the afternoon "scratch" matches were played as there were no inter-Unit matches.</p> <p>At 1900h a Battalion Dinner was held in RAMBURES when all the Officers of the Battalion were in attendance. After the Dinner, toasts were partaken in honour of "The King" "The Allies" "Absent Friends" "The Army and Navy" and "The Ladies". A specimen menu is attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cool. Heavy frost during the night.</p>	App.2. nf.
RAMBURES.	17-11-18.		<p>At 0900h an R.C. Church Parade was held in RAMBURES Church at 1015h. A Combined Thanksgiving Service of all denominations was held on the 8th A.I. Brigade Sports Ground at RAMBURELLES. The G.O.C., Division spoke to the parade, and informed the men of our future movements, the Division being one of 32 British Divisions to have the honour to occupy German territory. At 1730h the C.O. held a Conference of all Officers of the Battalion and gave information concerning the future movements of the Battalion. Notes attached.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> The combined Divisional Engineers and Battalion team played the 8th A.I. Brigade team Australian Rules football, the combined team winning by 5.4. to 4.4.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cool with heavy frosts.</p>	App.3. nf.

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RAMBURES.	18-11-18		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> As the Divisional Sports were held, no training took place.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> The Divisional Sports were held at HUPPY, most of the personnel of the Battalion attending. Representatives of this Battalion gained first places in the 100 yards, the 120 yards hurdles and the high jump, the only three events in which the Battalion was represented.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cool with frost at night.</p>	nf.
RAMBURES	19-11-18		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> At 0955h the Battalion with Transport paraded in Review Order on the Battalion Parade Ground. A rehearsal of the Review Parade to take place on the 22nd instant, took place, the C.O. afterwards addressing the parade about the future movements of the Unit.</p> <p>Administrative Instruction reference move to RHINE, attached.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> Practice games were indulged in during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cool, with a thaw during the afternoon. Afterwards frosty.</p>	App.4. nf.
RAMBURES.	20-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> The morning was devoted to cleaning rifles and equipment in preparation for the March Past to take place on the 21st instant. Battalion Order No. 51 attached.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> Practice games were continued, though no organised sport took place in view of the impending departure of the Unit for Germany.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cool, with wet fog. Visibility poor.</p>	App.5. nf.
RAMBURES.	21-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> Training as usual was carried on, as the "March Past" and Review of the Troops was postponed to a later date. Special attention was paid to smartening up drill and Guard Duties.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> During the afternoon a practice Rugby football match took place on the Battalion Sports Ground.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and cool.</p>	nf.
RAMBURES.	22-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> During the morning training similar to the previous day was carried out, again special attention being paid to Guard Duties. A skeleton rehearsal of the Review to take place on the 23rd instant, took place, the C.O. attending with Officers concerned.</p> <p>Battalion Order No. 52 attached with wire.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> Practice games were indulged in during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine with frosts at night. Visibility good.</p>	Apps.6 & 7 nf.

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RAMBURES.	23-11-18.		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> The morning was devoted to cleaning of equipment etc. During the afternoon a rehearsal of the Review took place on the forming up ground alongside the RAMBURES - RAMBURELLES road, after which the Battalion took its position on the Review ground with the 8th Brigade Group. The G.O.C. Division reviewed the troops, after which the Group marched past in column of Companies. The transport was in attendance, and the C.O. was specially complimented by the Divisional Commander on its excellent appearance.</p> <p>Warning Order reference the move of the Battalion to the BUSIGNY - BOHAIN Area was issued.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny. Visibility good.</p>	App. 8. 9 & 10. mf.								
RAMBURES.	24-11-18.		<p>At 0900h the R.C. Church Parade was held in the RAMBURES Church. At 1015h the C.of E. Church Parade was held on the Sports Ground of the 8th A.I. Brigade at RAMBURELLES and at 1115h the O.P.D. Church Parade was held on the same ground.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u> During the afternoon the 8th Aust. Field Ambulance played the Battalion Rugby League football, the game resulting in a win for the Battalion by 17 points to 9.</p> <p><u>MOVES.</u> Billeting parties moved to LE PLOUY to take over billets of the 56th A.I. Batt. and to PONT REMY to move by train to find billets in the BUSIGNY - BOHAIN Area.</p> <p>Battalion Order No. 53 attached with wire, reference billeting in the ST. MAXENT Area.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, with rain during the night.</p>	App. 11 & 12. mf.								
RAMBURES Ref. Map ABBEVILLE 14 1/100,000 LE PLOUY.	25-11-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> At 1000h the Battalion passed the Starting Point, Battalion Headquarters, RAMBURES and moved by road to the area occupied by the 56th A.I. Battalion. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn. Headquarters were established at the Chateau, LE PLOUY, and Companies were distributed as follows:-</p> <table><tr><td>8th Aust. M.G. Coy.</td><td>GREBAULT-MESNIL.</td></tr><tr><td>14th Aust. M.G. Coy.</td><td>ONICOURT.</td></tr><tr><td>15th Aust. M.G. Coy.</td><td>TOURS-en-VIMEU.</td></tr><tr><td>25th Aust. M.G. Coy.</td><td>HAMICOURT.</td></tr></table> <p>The Column arrived at their respective billets by 1200h. Location wires attached.</p> <p><u>BILLETS.</u> Billets were generally very poor and in some cases, decidedly bad, but considering the short duration of the Battalion in the area, it was decided to occupy the same after affecting some minor improvements. Wire reference billets attached. Wire calling a Conference of Company Commanders for 26th instant, attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Wet throughout the night.</p>	8th Aust. M.G. Coy.	GREBAULT-MESNIL.	14th Aust. M.G. Coy.	ONICOURT.	15th Aust. M.G. Coy.	TOURS-en-VIMEU.	25th Aust. M.G. Coy.	HAMICOURT.	App. 13 & 14. App. 15 App. 16. mf.
8th Aust. M.G. Coy.	GREBAULT-MESNIL.											
14th Aust. M.G. Coy.	ONICOURT.											
15th Aust. M.G. Coy.	TOURS-en-VIMEU.											
25th Aust. M.G. Coy.	HAMICOURT.											

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE PLOUY.	26-11-18.		Companies were placed at the disposal of their Company Commanders and billets were cleaned and improved and the men rested. The C.O. held a Conference of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters and issued instructions concerning points to be attended to during future moves. Administrative Instruction No. 10 attached. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm.	App. 17. mf.
LE PLOUY.	27-11-18.		Companies remained at the disposal of Company Commanders. Orders reference the move were issued, and preparations made and salvage returned etc. <u>WEATHER.</u> Showers throughout the day and rain consistently during the night.	mf.
LE PLOUY.	28-11-18.		At 0600h, Battalion Headquarters Transport and Transport of the 8th Aust. M.G. Coy. moved by road to PONT REMY, the personnel leaving their respective billets at 0725h. The 14th, 15th and 25th Companies were to move as in Battalion Order No. 54 attached. Instructions as to the comfort of the men while on the train were issued. While passing through HUPPY, word was received (see App. 20) that owing to congestion of traffic at the Station, the time table was retarded 7 hours. Consequently the transport and men were billeted in HUPPY where a hot meal was issued to them. The 15th and 25th Coys. moved to HUPPY later and also billeted there. At 1600h, Headquarters and the 8th M.G. Coy. resumed the march to PONT REMY Station, and subsequently the transport was loaded and the men entrained. While waiting for entrainment the men were again issued with a hot meal. Wires issued whilst moving attached. <u>WEATHER.</u> Rain was consistent throughout the day and night.	App. 18. App. 19. App. 20. App. 21. App. 22. App. 23 - 28. mf.
Train to BERTRY. Ref. Sheet N.W. EUROPE Sheet 4. 1/250,000 MAUROIS.	29-11-18 to 30-11-18.		At 0220h the train left PONT REMY. At 0830h hot breakfast and at 1230h hot lunch were served to the troops, the train being delayed at CHAULNES for 7 hours. At 0200h 30-11-18 BERTRY was reached, the men detrained and were served with hot cocoa by the Y.M.C.A. at the Station. The men were then marched to MAUROIS and were billeted. The transport was unloaded and followed later. The billets were remarkably good and clean, the men being treated with much kindness by the inhabitants. At 1300h the 15th and 25th M.G. Coys. arrived at their billets, the 14th Coy. arriving at 1415h. At 1430h the 8th M.G. Coy. moved to BUSIGNY to join the 8th A.I. Brigade Group. Wire attached. Wire concerning issue of rations attached. Wire file for the month attached. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine with mists during the day of the 30th. Visibility bad.	Apps. 29-31. mf.

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			<p>RESUME to accompany 5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION War Diary for the month of NOVEMBER, 1918.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1. In reviewing the period of November nothing of especial interest occurred. The Battalion spent the greater part of the period in Rest in billets at RAMBURES, training intensly in the m orning, afternoons being devoted to Recreational Training, much interesting sports being engaged in and many Football Matches played with neighbouring Units. The 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade held a sports meeting, and also the Division, the Battalion being well represented on each occasion and the units representatives acquitted themselves very well. On the 25th of the month the Battalion commenced to stage through to BOHAIN-BUSIGNY area and at the end of the month the move was still in progress. Practically no sickness has been experienced during the month. The Units transport has been trained rather more intensly than usual, in view of the long and sustained marches it may be called upon to perform in staging through to the RHINE by road. The numerous marches they have been called upon to perform have disclosed certain weaknesses which have been remedied, which emphasises the necessity for the thorough training of Battalion Transport.</p> <p>2. With regard to the Quartermaster's Branch, clothing and equipment are in a satisfactory condition. Rations have been somewhat short, the most noticeable deficiency being the vegetable ration, this however has been augmented by additional supplies purchased from Regimental Funds.</p> <p>It might be mentioned here in passing that the Battalion Officers held their first Dinner on the 16th of the month, and it was voted a huge success. It is hoped that during the months that will speed by between this and demobilization, it will be possible to hold similar Dinners.</p> <p>The following figures show the state of the Battalion during the month as regards Strength :-</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Officers	O/Ranks.	Remarks and references to Appendices
			The Strength of the Battalion at the beginning of the month was	44	687	
			The Strength of the Battalion at the end of the month is	50	715.	
			<u>INCREASE</u>			
			Ex. Leave to U.K.	9	127.	
			Ex. Courses.	5	16.	
			Ex. Hospital	2	57.	
			Ex. M.G. B.D.		10.	
			Other Sources		1.	
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				16	211.	
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			<u>DECREASE</u>			
			Leave to U.K.	4	112	
			Courses.	5	18	
			Hospital.	1	40	
			Died of illness		5	
			Other wastage.		8	
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				10.	173.	
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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION. APPENDIX

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>
1.	Battalion Order No. 50.
2.	Menu - Battalion Dinner.
3.	Notes on Commanding Officers' Conference, RAMBURES 17-11-18.
4.	Administrative Instruction. - Move to the RHINE.
5.	Battalion Order No. 51.
6.	Battalion Order No. 52.
7.	Wire reference Parade ordered in Battalion Order No. 52.
8.	" Move to BUSIGNY - BOHAIN Area.
9.	" " " "
10.	" " " "
11.	Battalion Order No. 53.
12.	Wire detailing Billeting party to proceed to ST. MAXENT Area.
13.- 14.	Wire, Location Reports.
15.	Wire calling C.O.'s. conference at LE PLOUY 25-11-18.
16.	Wire for reports on condition of billets.
17.	Administrative Instruction No. 10.
18.	Battalion Order No. 54 with move table.
19.	Memo. on comfort of troops whilst travelling.
20.	Warning note of postponement for 7 hours of trains leaving PONT REMY.
21.	Wire repeating note to Companies.
22.	Wire ordering 25th M.G. Coy. to move to HUPPY.
23.	Wire to 14th Coy. reference indefinite train service.
24.	Wire to Entraining Officer of localities occupied by the Unit
25.- 28.	Wire issued moving to PONT REMY Station.
29.	Wire to 8th M.G. Coy. to move to BUSIGNY.
30.	Wire reference issued of rations.
31.	Wire file for November 1918.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 50.

Headquarters.  
1-11-18.

1. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion, complete with Transport and No. 5 Signal Section will parade on the morning of the 2nd instant.
2. The Battalion will be formed up on the Battalion Parade Ground in "Mass" facing North, by 0925h.
3. Dress. Drill Order with Rifles.
4. Routine. (a) Roll Call.  
(b) Inspection by Commanding Officer.  
(c) Battalion Drill.  
(d) Presentation of Ribbons.
5. Two markers per Company will be detailed to report to R.S.M. on Parade Ground by 0915h.
6. Special attention will be paid to the following points:-  
(a) That every available Officer and other ranks is present on parade.  
(b) To the smartness and correct turnout of all ranks.
7. The Commanding Officer, at the conclusion, of the Parade, will hand to the personnel mentioned in Battalion Routine Order No. 33 of the 30th ultimo, the ribbon of the Decoration they have been awarded.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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25th M.G. Company. 4

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5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
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# BATTALION DINNER

FRANCE

16<sup>TH</sup> NOV. 1918.

5<sup>TH</sup> AUST. M.G. BN.



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M E N U

Hors d'oeuvres      Oysters on shell

Soup  
Thick Vegetable

Fish  
Fresh Herring and Parsley Sauce

Poultry  
Roast Goose and Apple Sauce

Roast  
Saddle of Mutton and Red Currant Jelly

Vegetables  
Roast Potatoes      Cauliflour

Sweets  
Pears and Custard      Peaches and Custard

Savories

Dessert  
Grapes,      Apples,      Nuts

Coffee      Liqueurs

M U S I C.

T O A S T   L I S T

"The King"

The President will call on the Vice-President

"Absent Friends"

Capt. J. Saunders, responded to by Major Wright

"Our Allies"

Lt. Col. Mason, C.O., responded to by M. Le Blanc

"Army and Navy"

Mr. A. G. Kerr, responded to by Capt. S. S. Barry  
and Mr. W. D. Jeater

"The Ladies"

Mr. H. F. Hill, responded to by Mr. K. A. Lilleorapp



18-11-18.

NOTES ON THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S CONFERENCE, RAMBURES, 17-11-18.

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

The Commanding Officer after referring to the Armistice terms, which practically embody the Peace Terms, stated that we must be prepared to resume hostilities at any time during the period of the Armistice. The 18th German Army is entraining at LIEGE and others are in process of withdrawal. There is an Allied Commission at the German General Headquarters, SPA, endeavouring to regulate the evacuation of the Germans. The British Army will follow the German Army at one days distance and the army of occupation is timed to reach the Belgian Eastern Frontier on or before the 2nd December. This army of occupation has two main functions

- (a) To enforce strict compliance with the terms of the armistice.
- (b) To enforce the terms of peace.

This will probably necessitate the maintainance of the army of occupation for some considerable time, but it is too early yet to foreshadow how this will effect the Australian Corps.

2. THE ORGANISATION OF THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

The Army of Occupation will consist of elements of the Belgian, British, American and French Armies in that order from North to South, with a defensive frontier on the RHINE which they will hold and administer.

The British Armies of occupation will consist of two armies.- The Second and Fourth in that order from north to south. Their zone is approximately COLOGNE (inclusive) to MAINZ (probably exclusive). Each Army will consist of four Corps each of four Divisions. The Fourth Army will consist of the Fourth, Sixth and Ninth British Corps and the Australian Corps. The New Zealand Division will form part of one of the Corps of the Fourth Army. The Canadian Corps will be in the Second Army. It has been decided that the Australian Corps for the purpose of the Army of Occupation will consist of four Divisions only, viz., 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions. The inclusion of the 3rd Aust. Division is still under discussion, otherwise it will become attached to the 17th British Corps. It will be seen from the above that of 32 Divisions forming the Army of Occupation 9 are supplied by Dominion Troops, a very high proportion.

3. THE MARCH TO ENEMY TERRITORY.

The march to enemy territory will be carried out in two echelon the Sixth and Ninth Corps leading in that order from North to South, followed by the Fourth and Australian Corps in similar order.

The march will commence on the 17th November by 2nd Cavalry Division (allotted to the Fourth Army). The 2nd Cavalry Division is not restricted as to roads but as to rate of movement. The direction of the march is due east towards ST. VITH and the army frontage is from 16 to 18 miles. Each Corps will be allotted two roads. Nothing is known as to the condition of these roads but it is understood that for the few first miles they are badly knocked about. The Cavalry however have been ordered to reconnoitre the condition of these roads. The marches will take the form of a series of bounds to a definite line, then a halt of a day or two, then a further advance. The date by which the Army is to be deployed on the frontier is the 2nd December. Each Division will be organised into three Brigade Groups and 1 Artillery Group. It may however prove necessary to split up the Artillery Group owing to water difficulties.

4. ACTION BY AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

The Ninth Corps is at present around LE CATEAU and will commence its move on the 16th and 17th instants. It is the present intention (if railway conditions permit) to rail up the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Aust. Divisions, commencing on the 19th instant to BUSIGNY-LE CATEAU Area. and there is a further prospect that the forward movement to the frontier may be performed by rail. This entirely depends on the repairs to the BUSIGNY CHARLEROI railway which is understood to be badly knocked about. The transportation people say that the railway will be available by the 20th November, if this is so the Australian Corps will train to the



the Belgian frontier. The distance from LE CATEAU is roughly 150 miles. All four Divisions however must immediately prepare for marching by road as the decision for the latter may be hurriedly given and at little notice. The Australian Corps will follow the Ninth Corps. The 1st Aust. Division on the Northern road and the 4th Australian Division on the South road leading. The disposition of the 2nd and 5th Divisions will stand over for the present as the probability of the two latter Divisions going by rail is greater than that of the 1st and 4th Divisions.

5. DETAILS OF MOVEMENT AFFECTING ROADS AND RAILWAYS.

(a) No ammunition will go forward other than the establishment in Horse drawn echelons. There will be nothing carried on motor transport. The whole policy underlying the movement is to march light and the whole operation is designed with a view to obtain the utmost comfort for the troops. On the question of carrying steel helmets and gas masks it is considered that the time has not yet arrived when they can be left behind. As stated in the above remarks we must be prepared to resume hostilities at any moment. Higher authority may be in a position later to say that we need not carry these articles.

(b) Censorship. Censorship regulations may be relaxed forthwith in that names of places, units and persons may be mentioned.

(c) Leave. All arrangement for leave will go on without change.

(d) Personnel. A thorough overhaul of personnel should be made in order to weed out those who it is undesirable to take on the march. These may be classified under two headings:-

(1) Physically Unfit. A medical examination should decide straight away those who are physically fit for a march. This examination should be strict as the march will be a severe test of the fitness of the men.

(2) Morally Unfit. Now is the opportunity to rid ourselves of all men who are likely to prove a nuisance. Stricter discipline is now required. For the accommodation of these "derelicts" a Divisional Depot will be provided. This Depot will in addition take surplus baggage and animals. Details as to the location of this Depot will be issued later.

(e) Animals. Only sound and fit animals to be taken and it is necessary that action should be taken quickly in this respect to get rid of unsound animals and get sound animals in their place.

(f) Blankets. Two blankets for every man will be carried either on M.T. or Auxiliary H.T.

(g) Baggage. For reasons stated in the march forward much paraphernalia must be scrapped. Until we arrived in Germany the march will involve a certain amount of hardship owing to the distance that units will be from railheads and to the necessity for utilising all spare transport for supply purposes. The question of baggage must be gone into in no uncertain manner and all kit not required must be placed in the Baggage Depot.

6. TRANSPORT GENERALLY.

The Commanding Officer emphasises the difficulty of supply. The railheads are few and indifferent. We will be 200 miles further from our bases and in addition we have to victual the civilian population. In order to facilitate the movement of supply transport it has been decided that all other transport is to remain clear of the main roads between 5 p.m. and 5 a.m. each day. Although we have overhauled our regimental transport another thorough inspection is necessary, especially with regard to spare parts, such as wheels, swingle-trees etc. to ascertain deficiencies and replace them.

7. MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

We must realise that we are attempting something not before attempted and good Staff work is required. The F.S. Regulations and F.S. Pocket Book should be thoroughly studied. The fundamental requirements are punctuality, sufficient supply of maps and those receiving the maps being able to read them. Billeting - difference between our side of the Belgian frontier and the other side. The Commanding Officer emphasises the importance of showing every consideration to the inhabitants of Belgium during our march through their country. These people have for 4 years suffered great hardships and we do not wish to add to them. To supplement billeting, shelters probably 25% will be provided. With regard to billeting in Germany special measures for the safety of the troops and also the preservation of the public peace will have to be adopted.



Marches into German towns should be carried out with all pomp and ceremony. The C.O. here drew attention to the march of the Germans through BRUSSELS carried out with a view to impress the citizens of that City with the might and power of the German army. The probable hour for commencement of marches will be 8 a.m. each day in order that troops may arrive in billets for the night soon after midday. Our experience should prove of great value in the conduct of the marches, but again the close study of the F.S. Regulations and F.S. Pocket Book is essential to refresh the memory. In passing through towns and large villages the strictest discipline must be maintained in order to show that our discipline and drill are as good as our fighting ability. All amusements entertainment and sports gear should be taken.

8 DISCIPLINE.

In connection with this matter it is desired that no irritating restrictions be placed on the men. If men are informed by their Officers of the reasons for imposing certain restrictions as for example, the hour at which they are to be in billets, it is certain there will be no trouble.

9 COMMUNICATION.

These present one of the biggest difficulties in connection with the move. The more important messages will be sent by motor despatch rider and throughout the Division the principal to be adopted is that junior formations are responsible that they notify the next higher formation of their location for the night in sufficient time to ensure that orders issued in connection with the next days march may reach them promptly, and steps should be taken in all companies to ensure that orders are promulgated.

10 GENERAL REMARKS.

The restriction with regard to cameras has been removed. Clipping of horses has been decided against by the Army but a definite ruling on this subject is coming later on.

11 ON THE RHINE.

During the occupation of German territory each Army, Corps, and Division will be allotted a definite area, which it will organise and administer. The bridgeheads will have a radius of 30 kilometers with 10 kilometers of No-Man's-Land west of the Rhine. The importance of guard and sentry duties being correctly performed was emphasised. Training will consist of Ceremonial, Drills, Reviews and Inspections and Setting Up Drill. Elaborate arrangements should be made for the entertainment of the men and inter-Unit hospitality is to be encouraged.

As the Rhine land provides many places of historic interest it is possible during our occupation to have organised tours for Officers and men to enable them to visit these places. It is hoped to have the Education scheme in full swing at the same time.

12 DEMOBILISATION.

Concurrent with the occupation the demobilisation of the Australian Corps will take place. Staffs are at present in London busy with preliminary arrangements in connection with this. In order to assist them matters are to be organised in every command to ensure that the demands of the demobilisation staff may be met quickly and adequately.

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Capt.

Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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MOVE TO THE RHINE.1. SURPLUS STORES.

All Companies will arrange at once to go through stores and put aside everything that will not be required including men's souvenirs etc. These stores will be left in a Divisional Dump in this Area.

All Technical gear etc., distinct from the preceding paragraph should be returned to the Battalion Quartermaster forthwith. It is most essential that a thorough overhaul of all baggage, equipment, stores etc., should be made with a view to eliminating any article not absolutely essential. Owing to the distance that Companies will be from Railheads and to the necessity for utilising all spare transport for supply purposes, Companies must travel as light as possible.

AMMUNITION.

Companies will move with Echelons full. The necessary ammunition required to complete may be drawn from Battalion Quartermaster forthwith. Rifle men will only carry 100 rounds per man.

3. EQUIPMENT.

Tin hats and gas masks will be carried. Arrangements will be made to carry two blankets for every man either on motor transport or auxiliary horse transport. Special attention must be paid to ensure that all boots, clothing, equipment etc., are in good order.

4. CENSORSHIP.

Censorship may be relaxed. Names of places and Units may be mentioned. Cameras may be taken.

5. TRANSPORT.

Companies will arrange for all transport to be thoroughly overhauled to see that all spare parts, etc., are complete. Extra wheels and swingle trees will be carried. When on the march all transport must be clear of roads between the hours of 1700h and 0500h.

ORDNANCE MATERIAL.

Reserve of Box Respirators need not be carried. Proper reserves of boots and clothing must go forward with Companies. Companies will arrange to carry one extra set of fitted spare shoes per animal in order that cold shoeing may be carried out if necessary.

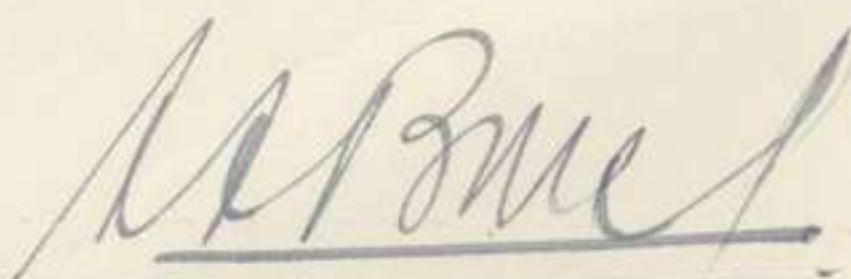
7. PAILLASSES.

Companies will arrange for all paillasses to be stacked at Battalion Quartermaster's Store early on the morning of the day that Companies move from present area. They must be carefully checked and arrangements made with D.A.D.O.S. for their collection. A receipt must be obtained from D.A.D.O.S. for all paillasses returned.

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Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

Capt.



5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER NO. 51.

Reference.  
ATTACHED SKETCH.

Headquarters.  
20-11-18.

1. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion, as part of the 8th A.I. Brigade Group will be inspected on the line of march, by the Divisional Commander, on the 21st instant.

(a) The Battalion will be formed up in accordance with the attached sketch by 10 a.m.

(b) Order of March - Battalion Headquarters, 8th M.G. Company, 14th M.G. Company, 15th M.G. Company and 25th M.G. Company.

(c) Head of the column will be ready to pass the Starting Point marked "A" on attached sketch by 10 a.m. following 31st A.I. Battalion.

2. Transport will be fully loaded and will move complete, 20 yards in rear of the Battalion, in the same order of march as Companies but not in rear of individual Companies.

3. Following distances will be observed.  
Between Companies - 10 yards.  
" Battalions - 100 yards.

5. Dress. Full Marching Order. Steel helmets to be carried underneath flap of pack.

The S.B.F. will be worn lying on top of the pack with the sling round the neck.

Felt hats to be worn by all ranks.

Officers will wear hats; S.B. Belts; Water Bottles; Haversacks etc.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. B. M.*  
Capt.  
Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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




To Watterbury

To Kambuells

 CHURCH.

~~Saluting Base~~

To Disemont →

Chateau 

Sketch to accompany  
Battle Order 51

RAMBURES

B.H.Q.

15<sup>th</sup> Co Transport. 15<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co Drawn up Right of Road

⊙ Point A

This Road to be kept clear from 9.40 to 10 a.m.

Square

Officers Mess



14<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co Transport.

8# M.G. Co and Transport.

Transport.

1944 Car Persons (1)

Nesle le Hospital

10

All companies to be in position shown  
on Sketch by 10.30 am

NOT to Scale



6.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 52.

Headquarters.  
22-11-18.

1. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion will be reviewed by the Divisional Commander on the afternoon of the 23rd instant.

2. Dress. Drill order with rifles. Officers will wear hats and Sam Browne Belts.

3. (a) Two 4 horse limbers per Company only will parade.

(b) Mounted Officers will parade mounted.

4. Head of the Column (8th Company) will pass the Starting Point (Battalion Headquarters) at 12.45 p.m. and then be followed by Companies in numerical order.

5. 25th M.G. Company carrying midday meal will rendezvous on road opposite 8th Company Transport Lines at 12 noon, where they will be served with hot tea under arrangements to be made by Battalion Quartermaster.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adj., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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14th M.G. Company.  
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M.G. B. 10.	
N.	1/2/62
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APPENDIX 7

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO { 8, 14, 15, 25 608.

Sender's Number. M.C.A. 267	Day of Month 22	In reply to Number.	AAA
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BATTALION	COMPLETE	WITH	TRANSPORT
WILL	BE FORMED	UP FOR	C.O.'s.
INSPECTION	ON	BATTALION	PARADE
GROUND	BY	1015	TO-MORROW
23rd	INSTANT	800	TWO
MARKERS	PER	COMPANY	REPORT
R.S.M.	ON PARADE	GROUND	WITH
PARADE	STATES	1000	800
DRESS	FULL	MARCHING	ORDER
SPECIAL	ATTENTION	TO BE	PAID
FITTING	OF	EQUIPMENT	AND
PACKS	800	PACKS	NEED
NOT	CONTAIN	ALL	ARTICLES
ON ISSUE	TO	SOLDIER	BUT SHOULD
BE WORN	WITH	A VIEW	TO
NEATNESS	AND	UNIFORMITY.	800

From 5th	AUST.	M.C.	BATTALION
Place			
Time 20.00 h			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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

TO:

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M9.3110	23		

5th Div. less artillery  
and accompanied by 1st attached  
troops will move by  
strategic train and by  
road to BOHAIN-BUSIGNY  
area commencing morning  
25th with AAA following  
in the allotment of companies  
to Bde. Frankgada 8th Div  
8th Bde. Group, 14th Bde.  
14th Bde. Group, 15th & 16th  
Bde. Group, HQ to 15th  
Bde. Frankgada details  
later

From	2nd Bde. Div.
Place	
Time	1200h
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							At.....	m.	Service.
							To.....		From.....
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....		

TO

C.P. 2560			

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

*18344	23	-	AAA
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On the 23rd of June the main force will move as a complete unit not with Bde Groups as previously arranged. AAA Bde will probably move on Monday 25th staging through to the ST. MAXENT-MARTINVILLE Area and entraining at either POINT-REMY or ABBEVILLE. AAA On the event of troops receiving orders direct from Bde Groups no action will be taken without reference to this office.

From

Place

Time

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

TO

8	14	15	601
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Sender's Number. M.S.A. 343	Day of Month. 23	In reply to Number. -	AAA
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For the purpose of  
the move by Train  
the Bn will move  
as a complete unit  
not with Bde Groups  
as previously arranged  
aaa Bn will probably  
move on Monday 25 inst  
staging through to the  
STC MAXENT - MARTIANVILLE  
and enbarking at either  
PORT REMY or ABBEVILLE  
aaa In event of  
bns receiving orders direct  
from Bde groups no  
action will be taken  
without reference to this office

From	5 <sup>th</sup> A M S Bn
Place	21.15 L.
Time	

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APPENDIX II  
5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 51.

Ref. FRANCE.  
DISPPS. 16.  
ADREUILLE 14.

Headquarters.  
24-11-18.

1. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion will move from its present location by march route to the ST. MAXIME Area morning 25th instant.
2. Starting Point - Battalion Headquarters.
3. Head of the Column (Battalion Headquarters) will pass the Starting Point 1000h, 25th instant, then followed by Companies in numerical order.
4. Dress - Full Marching Order. Felt hats to be worn. One blanket to be carried on the man. Second blanket will be rolled in bundles of 10, distinctly labelled and stacked at Battalion Quartermaster's Store by 0830h.
5. Paillasses and Area Stores will be stacked at Battalion Quartermaster's Store by 0830h and receipts obtained.
6. Rear Party - One other rank per Company, except 25th M.G. Company, to be instructed to report to an Officer (to be detailed by O.C., 8th M.G. Coy) at 0900h at Battalion Headquarters. This will constitute the Rear Party who will remain behind and thoroughly inspect the Battalion Billets after the Unit has moved out. O.C., 15th M.G. Coy. will detail one empty limber to remain with this party.
7. Companies will hold marching out parades at 0900h when Company Commanders will thoroughly inspect their billets.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

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

TO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
M.S.A. 357	24	-	

Detail 2 IV Cos with  
24 hours Rations  
Blankets and Bikes  
to meet H. J. EATER  
at Port H. 2 4/5 pm  
to-day to proceed to  
the S. M. AXENT  
area for purpose  
of collecting for  
night of 25/26 inst.

From	5 <sup>th</sup> Bn. 8 Bn
Place	
Time	14.20h
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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	

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

TO

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

Location Report. Aaa.  
Br. H. 2. at Chakan  
le-Phouy. Aaa. Please  
send a runner to  
remain at Br. Signal office  
with Bike and 24  
horns Rations and  
Blankets.

From

Place

Time

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							By	
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By		

TO

5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M.G.A. 334	25 <sup>th</sup>		

Location Report	AAA	BHQ
Chateau LE PLOUY	8 <sup>th</sup> Coy	GREBAULT-
MESNIL 14 <sup>th</sup> Coy	ONICOURT	15 <sup>th</sup> Coy
TOURS - EN - VIMEU	25 <sup>th</sup> Coy	HAMICOURT

From	5 <sup>th</sup> Aust M. G. B.
Place	<del>Le Plouy</del>
Time	1400
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form **A 2121**  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message

Prefix.....		Code.....		m.....		Words.....		Charge.....		No. of Message.....			
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at.....		m.....			
<p>10018</p>						Sent		Date.....		15			
						At.....		m.....		Service.....		From.....	
						To.....							
						By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....			
TO		<p>8. 14. 15 and 23. 60</p>											
Sender's Number.				Day of Month.				In reply to Number.					
MSA 338				35				-					
AAA													

ben vince at	H. 2.	off
Miss	he-Phouy	gam
6. moment morning		aaa
Following will attend		
boy	6bmanaus	and
boy	Transport officer	
aaa	Batth	will not
more	fill	night of
27 <sup>th</sup>	inst	and onlain
morning of	28 <sup>th</sup>	inst.
aaa	acknowledge	

From	5. 12 A 1178 Br		
Place	15. 40 R		
Time			
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APPENDIX 16

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

Army Form **A 2121.**  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Date.....	
At.....			m.			Service.....	
To.....						From.....	
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....		
TO { 8 14 15 and 25 bnp							
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
MSA 341		25		-			

The 60 desues  
60/ commanders  
to forward report on  
the state of the  
Billetts on  
taking over.

From	5" A.M. 8 Bn		
Place	16.20		
Time			
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SECRET.  
Reference FRANCE.  
BEEVILLE. 14.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters.  
26-11-18.

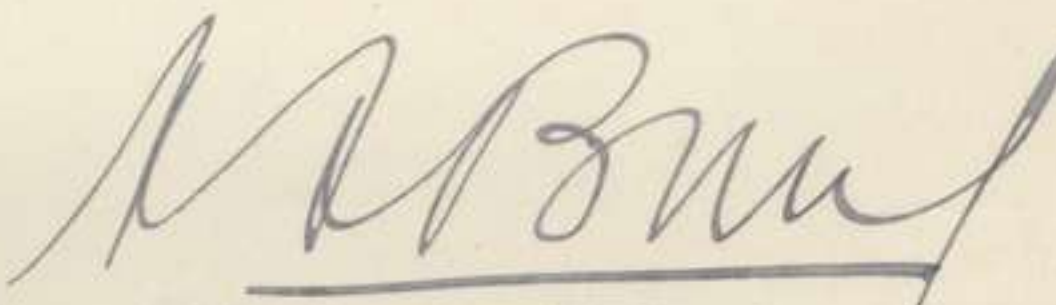
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 10.

1. ALLIED SKIN DISEASES. No Stables in the Forward Area marked "RAUDE" "SCHABE" or "KRATZE" are to be used as these terms denote mange or Allied skin disease.  
Company Commanders will take the necessary steps to ensure that all ranks are informed.
2. UNIT ENTRAINING OFFICER. Ref. Administrative Instruction No. 9, Para. 5. Lieut. H.S. CLEARY, 8th M.G. Company is appointed Unit Entraining Officer.
3. TIMES OF DEPARTURE OF TRAINS. Ref. Administrative Instruction No. 9, Para. 2 (b) and Para. 3.  
Trains will depart at the following times.

Train No.	Date.	Hour.
16	28-11-18.	1255h.
17	28-11-18.	1655h.
18	28-11-18.	2055h.
4. TRANSPORT - CARRYING OF PERSONNEL. No man will be allowed to ride on the Unit's Transport when on the line of march, unless he is in possession of a chit, from the Medical Officer, authorising him to do so. (This does not apply to men falling out on the line of march, when they will be given a chit by their Company Officer).
5. BILLETING PARTIES. Each Company will detail and hold in readiness 1 officer and 4 N.C.Os. to proceed with Train No. 16 on the 28th instant. This party will do Companies' billeting in the New Area.
6. DISTRIBUTION OF COMPANIES TO BRIGADE GROUPS. On arrival in the New Area, if the Unit has to march, Companies will be attached to Brigade Groups as follows:-

En. Headquarters, 15th and 25th M.G. Coys.	15th Brigade Group.
8th M.G. Company.	8th " "
14th M.G. Company.	14th " "

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

  
Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION.  
As for Admin. Inst. No. 9.



SECRET.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 54.

COPY NO...

APPENDIX 18

Headquarters.

27-11-18.

Reference FRANCE.  
ABBEVILLE 14.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion will proceed by march route from its present location to the PONT REMY Railway Station for the purpose of entraining for the BOHAIN-BUSIGNY Area on the day of 28th instant.  
(b) The move will be made by Companies in accordance with the attached March Table. Companies will move independently.
2. Dress - Full Marching Order. Felt hats to be worn. Water bottles filled. Unconsumed portion of the day's ration carried on the man. One blanket also will be carried on the man, the second blanket being carried on auxiliary transport under arrangements to be made by Battalion Quartermaster.
3. All Companies billets will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Company Commanders will arrange inspections prior to marching out.
4. Company Commanders will arrange that hot meals are supplied as late as possible prior to marching out and that a hot drink is served before entrainment. Arrangements must also be made for hot meals during the train journey.  
On completion of the move, as soon as possible a report will be submitted showing what arrangements were made for the comfort of the men etc., during the journey.
5. Picquets will be detailed by Companies to ensure that no men leave the train when halted.
6. Companies will prepare and hand to the Unit Entraining Officer on arrival at the Station, entraining states as per following pro forma.

Number of							Axles.	
Officers.	Other Ranks.	Riders	H.D.	L.D.	4 Wheel.	2 Wheel.		

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Mr. Brumf*  
Capt.  
Adj't., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued at 1700h to

8th M.G. Company.	Copy No. 1.
14th M.G. Company.	2.
15th M.G. Company.	3.
25th M.G. Company.	4.
War Diary.	5.
File.	6.
Spare Copy.	7.



MARCH TABLE FOR PERSONNEL. TO ACCOMPANY BATTALION ORDER No. 54.

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DETAIL	FROM	TO	DATE.	TIME OF DEP. FROM COY. BILLETS	TIME OF ARRIVAL	TIME REQ. FOR MARCH INCLUDES 10 MINS. HALT AT CLOCK HOUR & ALLOWS FOR ARRIVAL 1½ HRS. PRIOR TO ENTRAINMENT.	DISTANCE.	REMARKS.
BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.	LE PLOUY.	PONT REMY RAILWAY STATION.	28-11-18.	0725h.	1125h.	5 hrs. 30 mins.	11 miles.	Route via HUPPY - ERONDELLE.
8TH M.G. COMPANY.	GREBAUTT- MESNIL.	" "	"	0810h.	1125h.	4 hrs. 45 mins.	9 miles.	"
14TH M.G. COMPANY.	ONICOURT.	" "	"	1610h.	1925h.	4 hrs. 45 mins.	9 miles.	"
15TH M.G. COMPANY.	TOURS-en- VIMEU.	" "	"	1110h.	1525h.	5 hrs. 45 mins.	11½ miles.	"
25TH M.G. COMPANY.	HAMICOURT.	" "	"	1125h.	1525h.	5 hrs. 30 mins.	11¼ miles.	"

TRANSPORT WILL DEPART 1½ HOURS PREVIOUS TO TIME SHOWN FOR COMPANIES.

APPENDIX 8



5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters.  
27-11-18.

24th M.G. Company.  
24th M.G. Company.  
15th M.G. Company.  
25th M.G. Company.  
Bn. Quartermaster.

The Commanding Officer desires Company Commanders to take all possible steps to ensure that the comfort and feeding of the troops is provided for during the train journey to-morrow.

It is impossible to state times of arrival of trains at destination but it is anticipated that each journey will take between 16 and 24 hours. The following points are suggested by the C.O. to Company Commanders regarding feeding arrangements.

- (1) Hot breakfast to be provided as late as possible before departure.
- (2) Hot tea or soup to be served on arrival at station prior to entrainment.
- (3) Hot tea available to the men during train journey by utilising Company cooks while on the train, due precautions being taken to ensure that no fires occur.
- (4) Hot meal if possible on detrainment.

*NAT Bunn*  
Adj't., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion. Capt.



Post Rem 20  
28-11-45

To The CO, 5<sup>th</sup> Aus. M.G.B.

From further information gained it is more than likely that the first train for the Battalion will be even later than I reported this morning.

I have seen the Area Commandant, and he can give us billets for two hundred and probably more. I mention this in case you think it advisable to move HQ and 8<sup>th</sup> Coy forward to enable the rest of the Battalion to get nearer the Station. Also it would save men being kept waiting about at night in the rain in case there should be any further delay.

Contra

20.

The entraining arrangements are completely out of order, and nothing at all can be guaranteed.

If you propose making a move would you please let me know your movements so that I may make billeting arrangements with the Area Commandant.

Hobbs Lt.  
Bn. Entraining Officer



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b.O.  
5<sup>th</sup> Aug. M. G. Rm.

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APPENDIX

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# A Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form (C. 211).  
(in pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on s/e of:	Recd. at.....m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date.....
						At.....m.	Service.....
						To.....	From.....
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO

15.25. 14 608.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA.
M*P.A. 357	28	-	AAA

It	is	understood that	
train	the 16	will	not
move	before	20	o'clock
to night.	AAA.	Times	of
train	17	and	18
will	be	put	forward
please	by hours	AAA	Company's
be	stand	by	and
unless	otherwise	ordered	will
advance	starting	times	be
07	hours.	AAA	Initial
in	following	order	
15			
25			
14.			

From	5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.S. Bn.
Place	
Time	09.40h

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APPENDIX 21



"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Art. (L. 100.)

No. of Message 22

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/s of:  Service.  (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Date.....
August			At..... m.			From.....
			To.....			By.....

TO	J. 25 to		
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number.	AAA
MSP. 7.358	28	—	

More for boy on  
receipt of this order  
to HAPPY on arrival  
you will receive  
further orders.

From	5th A. M. G. Bn		
Place	HAPPY		
Time	13.35h		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on n/s of:	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Date <b>23</b>
			At.....			m.
			To.....			Service.
			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO **20 14<sup>th</sup> 60**

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<b>MSA 359</b>	<b>20</b>		

The times of entainment  
are indefinite and  
do not mean from  
your present location  
until you receive  
definite orders.

From	<b>HAPPY 5<sup>th</sup> AM SPB</b>
Place	
Time	<b>13.35L</b>
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)	
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APPENDIX **23**



Form. **MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** Army Form C. 212. (In pads of 100.) No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/s of:  Sent At.....m. To..... By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Date.....
						Service.....
						From.....
					By.....	By.....

TO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.

out department let I AAA of arrange

approximate time of my run before 16 or 17

this please AAA

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

"A" Form. **MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** Army Form C. 212. (In pads of 100.) No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/s of:  Sent At.....m. To..... By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Date.....
						Service.....
						From.....
					By.....	By.....

TO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.

HQ Coy's HUPPY of I Contrary leave or REMY Sub/altern morning 8<sup>00</sup> Accommodation for plus would

8<sup>00</sup> closed up in AAA. weather would until unless the well 16. Port as this and would remain 21 of 256 on AAA find

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

APPENDIX 24



MESSAGE AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message	
Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on a/s of:		Recd. at m.
			Sent		Date 25
			At m.		Service.
			To		From
			By		By
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		
TO					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
*				AAA	
regulate their movements accordingly					
From					
Place HAPPY 5 AM 28th					
Time 1400h					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					
(Z)					
Censor.					
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.					
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message	
Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on a/s of:		Recd. at m.
			Sent		Date 25 270
			At m.		Service.
			To		From
			By		By
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		
TO					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* MS A362		25		AAA	
Times of Enchainment					
are indefinite. RHP.					
On H.2 and 8.00 will					
probably move from HAPPY					
at 16.00h when a					
runner from 15.00 will					
be taken forward and					
will be sent back					
to report 00.15.00					
when the time of					
Departure of the train					
will be known RHP.					
OCS 14 and 25					
both will Rep in					
back with 00.15					
at HAPPY					
From					
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					
(Z)					
Censor.					
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.					
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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/s of:  Service.  (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Recd. at.....	m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date 26	
						At.....	m.	
						To.....		
					By.....	From.....		
					By.....			

TO

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

11\* 54363.

28

—

Do not move at  
4 pm as previously  
instructed and  
stand by and  
await orders

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/s of:  Service.  (Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Date	
			At			m.	From
			To				By
			By				

TO

OC 25 600

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

MSA 364

28

—

More for long through  
to ERONDELLE by  
9.30pm to night-  
Bills have been  
arranged for you  
by in the event  
of you having to  
stay. AAA. a Bill

From		
Place		
Time		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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

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Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.

TO				

will meet for  
at the X Roads  
at the entrance.

<p>The above may be forwarded as now corrected.</p>	<p>(Z) <i>[Signature]</i></p>
<p>Censor.</p>	<p>Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.</p>

\* This line, except **AAA**, should be erased if not required.



MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message	
Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on s/s of:		Recd. at 28 m.
Sent			Date 28		
At m.			Service.		
To			From		
By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By

TO			
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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to report at 6 am  
at the Station at  
once who will be  
upon have more  
definite orders

Front	20.00	20.00
Place	20.00	20.00
Time	20.00	20.00
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message	
Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on s/s of:		Recd. at 28 m.
Sent			Date 28		
At m.			Service.		
To			From		
By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By

TO	OCs 15 and 25 Col.		
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Tom Train will  
probably depart  
about 12 am  
in the morning it  
will be necessary to  
be here about 11 pm  
if that is so.  
Aaa Send 1 Runner

From		
Place		
Time		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)
Censor.		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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A Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In pads of 100.)  
No. of Message.....

Pref. ....	Code.....m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Date.....	23
Sent						
At.....m.						
To.....				Service.....	From .....	
By.....				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....	

TO	8TH	M.G.	COMPANY.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M.G.A. 367	30		

YOU WILL MOVE FROM YOUR PRESENT  
LOCATION TO THE BUSIGNY AREA THIS AFTERNOON  
aaa ON ARRIVAL YOU WILL BE IN THE 8TH  
BRIGADE GROUP aaa THE DISTANCE IS  
APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES aaa SEND  
BILLETING OFFICER, FORWARD TO MAKE NECESSARY  
BILLETING ARRANGEMENTS aaa REPORT DEPARTURE  
AND LOCATION ON ARRIVAL AT BUSIGNY aaa  
REMAINDER OF BATTALION AND BATTALION,  
HEADQUARTERS REMAINING AT MAUROIS aaa  
ACKNOWLEDGE.

From	5TH	AUST. M.G.	BATTALION.
Place	11.55h		
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	(Z)	Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of : .....	Recd. At.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Service.....
<u>DR 23</u> <u>urgent</u>		Sent			
		At .....m.			
		To .....		From .....	
		By .....		By.....	
		(Signature of "Franking Officer")			

TO { '9' 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.

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

S.S.O	advises	that	Rations
for	consumption	on	
the	1st	proc.	by
H. 2.	15	and	25
M.S. 603	are	on	the
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bde	Dump	at
FAVRIK	AAA	as	these
Rations	are	urgently	
required	may	be	
sent	to	Br.	H. 2.
at	the	Mill	in
MAUROIS	as	soon	as
possible	please	AAA	It
would	be	impossible	
to	collect	the	rations
in	time	by	the
units	Transport		

From MAUROIS 5<sup>th</sup> A. M.S. Br.

Place 21.25h

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addresser or person authorised to telegraph in his name

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions	This message is on #/		Read
Sent	Date		
At m.	Service		
To	From		
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By

TO 8 14 15 25 M G Coy

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

\* M.G. 11365 30

Following from 5th Aust Div  
 announced in  
 London armistice signed with  
 Austria Sunday by General  
 Dumas was late  
 effect from 1500h Monday  
 armistice to  
 published

From 5th Aust M G Bn  
 Place  
 Time 2150

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form U. 21  
 (In pads of 100.)  
 No. of Message.

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Read at m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date
						At m.	Service
						To	From
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO 5th 14th 15th 25th  
 H.O. COMPANIES

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

\* M.C.A. 347 1

The following from 5th  
 Australian Division announced in  
 from G.H.Q. was late  
 armistice has been signed  
 by Austria with Italy.

From 5th Aust. Bn. Battalion.  
 Place  
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.

APPENDIX 31



# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form 100  
(In parts of 100)

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	No. of Message
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					
This message is on a/c of:					Recd. at m.
Sent					Date
At m.					Service
To					From
By					By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")					

TO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1000	12		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			
(Z)			
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# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form 100  
(In parts of 100)

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	No. of Message
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					
This message is on a/c of:					Recd. at m.
Sent					Date
At m.					Service
To					From
By					By
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")					

TO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M.G.A. 369	4		

REFERENCE	SYLLABUS	OF	TRAINING
FOR	DAY	OF	INSTANT
PERIOD	1000h	to	1230h
aaa	COMPANIES	WILL	RENDEZVOUS
WHERE	RAILWAY	LINE	CROSSES
RAMBURES	OISEMENT	ROAD	APPROXIMATE
500	YARDS	EAST	OF
8TH	BRIGADE	HEADQUARTERS	IN
RAMBURES	CHATEAU	BY	0955h
aa	DRESS	DRILL	ORDER
WITH	GAS	HELMETS	aaa

From	5TH	AUST.	M.G.	BATTALION
Place				
Time	2010			

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.				Sent		Date	
				At		m.	
				To		Service.	
				By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO				8		14	
Sender's Number.				Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* MGA 755				12		AAA	
Reference		Route		order		42	
dated		12th		instant		Para	
2		re		Route		march	
aaa		Route		will		be	
Rambures		to		Blangy - Abbeville		TRANSLAY	
road		thence		to		RAMBURELLES	
thence		to		starting		Point	
RAMBURES		aaa		function of		roads	
will		be		broadly		from	
at		Battalion		head		of	
RAMBURES		aaa		pan		starting	
column		will		aaa		Acknowledge	
point		0900h					
by		will					
From		5TH		A.M		G. B. 7	
Place							
Time		2040					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) [Signature] Capt. [Name]			
Censor.				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.			
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.				Sent		Date	
				At		m.	
				To		Service.	
				By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO				14th		M.G. Company	
Sender's Number.				Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* MGA 7 253				12		AAA	
Please		arrange		eight		men	
your		Company		to		report	
thelst		No 3		0500h		to Inman	
morning		to		assist		in	
thorough		of		corn		and	
employing		of		barn		aaa	
select		men		suitable		for	
this		work		and		arrange	
for		them		to		be	
relieved		of		all		other	
duties		till		job		is	
completed							
From		5TH		A.M		M.G. BATTALION	
Place							
Time		2040					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) [Signature] Capt. [Name]			
Censor.				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.			
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Prefix OR 18 Code 25 m. 60 Words. Charge. 15 This message is on a/c of: Recd. at 5 m. Date 15 Service. AAA Sent At 15 m. To OR 25 60 By OR 25 60 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO OR 25 60

Sender's Number. OR 25 60 Day of Month. 15 In reply to Number. AAA

Submit original Nominal Roll other ranks who embarked from Australia during January and February 1915 who have not since returned there and who are now overseas of full length to Australia

From OR 25 60 Place OR 25 60 Time 15

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. The message is on a/c of: Recd. at 5 m. Date 15 Service. AAA Sent At 15 m. To OR 25 60 By OR 25 60 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO OR 25 60

Sender's Number. OR 25 60 Day of Month. 15 In reply to Number. AAA

Referenced Route to-day Route 14th and 15th will follow route RAMBURES BLANGY ABBEVILLE TRANSLAY RAMBURES to RAMBURES Company will not march for three hours independently over route to selected by you and Submit report on completion of your march.

From OR 25 60 Place OR 25 60 Time 15

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No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of	Recd. at	m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date	
							At	m.
							To	
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	

TO { 8 14 15 605

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Battn Parade  
cancelled as boys  
at Disposal of boys  
Commanders who will make  
Special efforts regarding  
Turnout for tomorrow  
Special Thanksgiving  
Service

From	5 <sup>th</sup> RTRBn
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO { 8 14 15 605

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Submit urgently Nominal  
Roll other Ranks  
who embarked from  
Rushaba during January  
and February 1915 who  
have not since returned there  
and who are now desirous  
of furlough to  
Rushaba

From	5 <sup>th</sup> RTRBn
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In pads of 100.)  
No. of Message

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

TO

8 14 15 60

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

M 9 A 294

18

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Having order add  
5<sup>th</sup> A M 8 P M will  
be prepared to move  
forward by Rail  
at 30 hours notice  
add Acknowledged

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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(In pads of 100.)  
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at	m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date	
							At	m.
							To	
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	

TO

10 25 60

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

M 9 A 283

14

—

Battn Parade for to day  
cancelled add Corp  
at Disposal of  
Corp Commander who  
will make special efforts  
regarding Limousine  
for to morrow special  
Thanksgiving Parade

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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**"A" form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

ARMY 101  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.								
						Sent		
						At		m.
						To		
						By		
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By		

TO { 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
MSA 343	25	-	

Units Paillasse and  
Aia Stores are stacked  
at Billest opposite  
MAIRE in RAMBURES.  
on East side of Road  
aaa may these be  
collected please.

From	5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.S. Bn
Place	
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
(Z)	(Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.)

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(In pads of 100)  
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.								
						Sent		
						At		m.
						To		
						By		
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By		

TO { 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
MSA 315	20	-	

2 balls of FOOT  
and MOUTH Duvak  
reported Bullet No  
41 Monsieur GONTIER  
RAMBURES are  
all precautions are  
being taken and G.R.O.<sup>5</sup>  
No 1058 and 1118  
are being completed  
with

From	5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.S. Bn
Place	
Time	1700h
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
(Z)	(Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.)

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Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							Date	
D.R.L.S.					Sent			
URGENT.					At		m.	
					To			
					By			
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	
TO					5TH		HUST	
					Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
Sender's Number.					27		AAA	
* MEF. 356.								
8th					fixed		Ambulance	
not					yet		evacuated	
15th					Company		at	
EN-VIMEV.					and		instructed	
you					in		memo	
to					them		10-day	
On					the		last	
morning					early		10-morning	
may					these		sick	
evacuated					at		once	
							please.	
From					5TH		A.M.G. Bn	
Place								
Time								
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					(Z)		K. B. M. G. Bn	
Censor.							Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	
							should be erased if not required.	

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.								(In pads of 100)
Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:		Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							Date	
Important					Sent			
					At		m.	
					To			
					By			
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	
TO					8. 14. 15. 25 m. l.			
Sender's Number.					Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
M.P.A. 352					25th		AAA	
Reference Administrative Instruction								
No. 9 M.B.Os. for advanced								
battering party								
M.B.O. details will								
report Lt. Leslie 1100h								
R.T.O's Office ABBEVILLE 25th								
inst. 300								
They will carry								
full marching order								
48 boys' rations and								
one blanket each								
Each unit will be								
have a bicycle								
From					5		A.M.G. Bn.	
Place								
Time					1510h			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					(Z)		R. B. M. G. Bn	
Censor.							Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	
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Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

TO	Capt	KEYES.	1st Hurl. Bns.
	Law	RTOS OFFICE	POINT
			ARMY

From			
Place	CHAULNES	5 <sup>th</sup>	Point M. G. Baston
Time	1205h		

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(Z)

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