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WAR DIARY

OF

HEADQUARTERS 5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS .

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

W. Lang

Lieut. & Adjt.

Signature of Officer Commanding

Howard Green

Major. A.E.

A/ C.R.E.

5th. Australian

Division..

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Sheet 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OISEMONT.	1st.		<p>The C.R.E. and the three Field Company Commanders attended a Conference at Divisional H.Qrs., under the auspices of the Inspector General of Training, Brigadier-General GUGGISBERG, CMG, DSO. The Company Commanders had lunch with the C.R.E..</p> <p>In connection with the inspection by the G.O.C., 5th. Aust. Division of the Divisional Engineers to be held on the 4th. instant, Engineer Instruction No. 54 * was issued.</p>	*App. 1.
	2nd.		<p>A memo. detailing dress etc., for this inspection parade was also issued to the Field Coys.*</p> <p>The syllabus of Training for the Divisional Engineers from the 4th. to 10th. instant was forwarded to the three Field Coys. and Division.*</p> <p>Notification was received from Division that Sgt. JACKSON, 14th. Field Coy. had been awarded the Military Medal.</p> <p>At the Muster Parades held by all Units of the 5th. Aust. Division to-day, the Engineer personnel was found correct.</p> <p>2nd. Lieut. LINDSAY and one 2nd. Corporal of the 15th. Field Coy. left to-day to visit the Salvage Department at Le HAVRE.</p>	*App. 2. *App. 3.
	3rd.		<p>A memo. was received from Division concerning the shortage of Motor Transport.</p> <p>The C.R.E. went out to a Service held in the BLANGY Cathedral in aid of the CROIX ROUGE.</p> <p>At this Service a Guard of Honour was formed by the 14th. Field Coy.</p> <p>The three Field Coy. Commanders were brought back to C.R.E., Headquarters to attend a Divisional Conference in the afternoon.</p> <p>Lessons learnt in the recent operations were discussed.</p> <p>The Adjutant went out to the Review Ground in the afternoon to see that all Coy. transport was correctly drawn up for the Inspection to-morrow.</p>	
	4th.		<p>A copy of a congratulatory letter by the Engineer-in-Chief was forwarded through the Chief Engineer, Aust. Corps to the C.R.E.*</p> <p>The Field Coys. were instructed to hand in 25% of their explosives, and a memo. was sent to the 15th. Field Coy. giving instructions for the N.C.O. in charge of the Divisional R.E. Dump to take delivery of all explosives handed in.*</p> <p>The G.O.C., 5th. Aust. Division inspected the three Field Companies at the 'B' in BUSMENARD 1.H.5.7. at 10 a.m., and congratulated all ranks on the turnout.</p> <p>It was arranged to start work on the 5th. instant on three Brigade Supply Dumps, and also to erect a stable to hold 50 horses for the Machine Gun Battalion.</p>	
	5th.		<p>Lieut. E.V. CLARK, 15th. Field Coy. reported back from the Education Course in England.</p>	

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OISEMONT.	6th.		Engineer Instruction No.55 was issued.*	*App. 5
	7th.		Lieut. J.D. CRAWFORD rejoined the 14th. Field Coy. after illness in U.K.	
	8th.		The Adjutant visited the Review Ground for the coming Inspection of the Divisional Engineers by the C.E., FOURTH ARMY, to make sure that all arrangements were completed.	
			The Syllabus of Training for the Divisional Engineers for the period 11th. to 17th. November, was forwarded to the Field Coys. and Division.*	*App. 6
			The C.E., FOURTH ARMY, the C.R.E., Corps Troops, and the Staff Officer to C.E., Aust. Corps, lunched with the C.R.E., and afterwards the C.E., FOURTH ARMY inspected the Divisional Engineers at the same place as the G.O.C., 5th. Aust. Division had done. Unfortunately it was raining at the time, but the C.E., FOURTH ARMY expressed his great appreciation of the general turnout.	
	9th.		5th. Aust. Divn. Order No. 226, re the move of the 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. to the forward Area on the 11th. instant was received.*	* App. 6a.
	10th.		A Divisional Engineers Dinner was held at BLANGY in the evening.	
			Temp. Capt. R.A. HOLMES, M.C., 14th. Field Coy. was nominated to attend a School at HESDIN for Os.C., and 2nd. in Command.	
	11th.		The C.R.E. paid a visit to the Corps School.	* App. 6b.
			An amendment to 5th. Aust. Divn. Order No. 226, postponing the move of the 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. for 24 hours, was received.	
			One shilling per man (£33-14-0) to be used for Christmas Sheer, was received for the Divisional Engineers from Divisional Headquarters.	* App. 6c.
12th.		A wire was received from Division cancelling the move of the 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.		
13th.		A wire was received from Division that no personnel was to be sent to Corps Schools.		
		The C.R.E. visited the three Field Coys. to discuss Training, and brought back the Os.C. of the 8th. and 15th. Field Coys. to dine with him.		
14th.		Division asked for a nominal roll to be forwarded, of O.R. who embarked from AUSTRALIA in January and February 1915.		
15th.		The C.R.E. was notified that a Divisional Conference ^{would be held} at OISEMONT on the 16th. instant.		
		The Syllabus of Training for the Divisional Engineers for the period Nov. 18th. to 24th., was forwarded to the Field Coys. and Division.*	*App. 7	
		The 8th. Field Coy. held their Company Sports in the afternoon. The C.R.E. and Adjutant attended these Sports, and also visited the other two Coys. to warn them of a possible move.		
16th.		The monthly report of the general working, training, etc., of the A.E.T.D., BRIGHTLINGSEA, for the period 15/10/18 to 15/11/18 was received.		

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OISEMONT.	16th.		A precis of the Conference held at Divisional Headquarters and attended by the C.R.E., re the march to Germany, was forwarded to the Field Companies.*	*App. 8.
	17th.		Notes on the Conference held at Divisional Headquarters yesterday were received from 5th. Aust. Division. *	*App. 9
			5th. Aust. Division Instruction No. 1 on the Advance to the Rhine was received.*	*App. 10
			The C.R.E. visited the three Field Coys. in the afternoon to discuss details of the coming move.	
	18th.		In the afternoon the C.R.E. and Adjutant attended the Divisional Sports Meeting near HUPPY. 5th. Aust. Division Administrative Memo. No. 105, was received, and extracts issued to the Field Coys.. *	*App. 11.
			5th. Aust. Division Instruction No. 2.* on the Advance to the Rhine was also received.	*App. 12.
	19th.		A memo. was received from Division calling for applications for A.I.F. Education Service classes in Motor Mechanics.	
			5th. Aust. Division Instruction No. 3. on the Advance to the Rhine was also received and was circulated to the Field Coys.*	
	20th.		5th. Aust. Division Instruction No. 4., on the Advance to the Rhine was received.*	*App. 14
			The C.R.E. and Adjutant visited the three Field Coys..	
	21st.		Notification was received from the 5th. Aust. Division that a review of the 8th. Brigade Group including the three Field Coys., would take place near RAMBURELLES on 23rd. instant, and would be rehearsed in skeleton on 22nd. instant.	
22nd.		The O.C. 14th. Field Coy. came into lunch with the C.R.E.		
		The C.R.E., Os. C. Coys., and Adjutant attended the skeleton parade of the 8th. Brigade Group, held in the vicinity of RAMBURELLES. 5th. Aust. Divisional Instruction No. 5. was issued.*	*App. 15	
23rd.		During the afternoon the G.O.C. Division, reviewed the 8th. A.I. Brigade Group, which included the Divisional Engineers. The 5th. Aust. Divl. Signal Coy. also paraded with the three Field Coys.. The orders for this parade are shown in Appendix No. *	*App. 16.	
		A memo. was received from Division stating that one Officer, one Sergeant and two Corporals were to be sent to the A.E.T. Depot, BRIGHTLINGSEA, England, as a relief for the Permanent Cadre.		
		Lieut. H.W. Fry, MC., one Sergeant and one Corporal from 14th. Field Coy., and one Corporal from the 8th. Field Coy. will proceed Overseas on the 30th. instant for this relief.		
24th.		A C. of E Church parade was held at BOUILLANCOURT for the three Field Coys.. Padre H.P. YOUNG took this Service, which the C.R.E. attended.		
		5th. Aust. Divl. Engineer Instruction No. 56 * was issued.	*App. 17	
		The 5 ton German Motor Lorry which had been captured by the 15th. Field Coy. during the		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OISEMONT.	24th.		operations in the vicinity of PERONNE, was returned to the 5th. Aust. M.T. Coy. under orders from Division. The lorry had been overhauled by the 15th. Field Coy. and put in good running order.	
	25th.		The 14th. Field Coy. moved from BOUTTENCOURT to VISMES-au-VAL. Addendum to 5th. Aust. Division Administrative Memo. No. 109 was received, and the Field Coys. notified. 5th. Aust. Division Instruction No. 6. was received from Division. *	*App. 18.
	26th.		The C.R.E. and Adjutant visited the three Field Coys. in order to ascertain if they were fully prepared for the impending move towards the Rhine.	
	27th.		The Adjutant C.R.E. moved to the new Divisional Headquarters at FAVRIL, (I.5.70.20. VALENCIENNES.) Lieut. W.C. GILBERT, 15th. Field Coy. was awarded the Military Cross.	
FAVRIL. I.5.70.20. Valenciennes. 1/100,000.	28th.		The C.R.E. moved to the new Divisional Headquarters at FAVRIL, arriving there in the evening. The 14th. Field Coy. detrained at BERTRY, and marched to billets in MAZINGHIEN arriving at the latter place at 01.00 on the 28th. instant.	
	29th.		The Adjutant visited the 14th. Field Coy. in the morning. This Company moved to ERRUART, Valenciennes I.6.70.95., in the afternoon, and came under the orders of the G.O.C., 14th. Brigade Group.	
	30th.		The 8th. and 15th. Field Coys. detrained at BERTRY (F.5.25.15)., and marched to Billets in BUSIGNY and MAZINGHIEN, respectively. 5th. Aust. Division Instruction No. 7. was received from Division. *	*App. 19.

WAR DIARY APPENDIX

OF

HEADQUARTERS 5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

FOR

NOVEMBER

1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	5th.Aust.Divl.Engineer Instruction No.54.
2.	Memo. ref Dress for Review.
3.	Syllabus of Training 4th. to 10th.November.
5.	5th.Aust.Divl.Engineer Instruction No.55.
6.	Syllabus of Training 11th. to 17th.November.
6a.	5th.Aust.Divl.Order No.226.
6b.	Amendment to 5th.Aust.Divl.Order No.226.
6c.	Wire from Division cancelling move of Pioneers.
7.	Syllabus of Training 18th. to 24th. November.
8.	Precis of Divisional Conference.
9.	Notes on Divl. Conference issued from Division.
10.	5th.Aust.Division Instruction No.1.
11.	" " " Admin. Memo. No.105.
12.	" " " Instruction No.2.
14.	" " " " No.4.
15.	" " " " No.5.
16.	Order for 8th.A.I.Brigade Group Parade.
17.	5th.Aust.Divl.Engineer Instruction No.56.
18.	5th.Aust.Div.Instruction No.6.
19.	" " " " No.7.
20.	Graph shewing Casualties for month.
21.	" " Ration Strength of Officers.
22.	" " " " O.R's.
23.	" " " " Animals.
24.	" of Weather.

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 54.

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1. The G.O.C., 5th. Aust. Division will review the 5th. Aust. Divisional Engineers at the "B" in BUSMENARD, Dieppe @ 1.H.5.7. at 10.00, 4th. November 1918.
2. Field Companies, (8th. Field Coy. on the Right flank), will be drawn up in review order by 09.45 on 4th. instant.
3. DRESS. Drill Order.

1st. November 1918.

(Sgt) H. GREENWAY, Major.
A / C.R.E.,
5th. Australian Division.

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No. 1. - 8th. Field Co.
2. - 14th. Field Co.
3. - 15th. Field Co.
4 - 6. - War Diary.
7. - File.

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- 8th. Field Co.
- 14th. Field Co.
- 15th. Field Co.
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With reference to review by G.O.C..
Officers will wear Caps and Leggings or Field Boots.
Other Ranks will wear Hats turned up ~~on~~ the left side and
puttees rolled up or down, by companies.
Officers Mess Carts and Water Cart will not be included in
transport on Parade, but Cooks Carts must be present.
Pontoon and Trestle Wagons will not be loaded.

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1st. Novr. 1918.

(Sgd) N.J. NANGLE, Lt. & Adjt,
for Major. A/ C.R.E.
5th. Australian Division....

Appendix No 3.

Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

Headquarters,
5th. Aust. Division.

5th. Field Co. A. E.
10th. Field Co. A. E.
15th. Field Co. A. E.

With reference to G.O. 1/1236 of 15th. October 1918, forwarded herewith is Syllabus of Training of the 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers for the period 4th. November to 10th. November 1918.

The morning of each day will be devoted to Training in accordance with attached syllabus, and the afternoon to organised games and sports.

5th. AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
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End. November 1918.

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Major, A.E.,
A/ C.R.E.,
5th. Australian Division ..

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR THE PERIOD 4TH NOVEMBER TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1918.

Date.	Time in hours.	Description of Training.	Remarks.
4th. Nov.		Inspection by the G.O.C., 5th. Aust. Division. at 10.00 at the 'B' in <u>BUSEMARD</u> , shoot <u>DIEPPE</u> 1.H.6.7.	<u>Training Ground.</u> 5th. Fd. Co. in vicinity of <u>BULLANCOURT</u>
5th. Nov.	1.	Physical drill and inspection.	15th. do do
	1	Gas drill.	14th. Fd. Co. in vicinity of <u>BOURNECOURT</u> .
	1	Lecture on Route Marching and Bivouacking.	The syllabus of training of 5th., 6th., & 7th. inst. is interchangeable for Companies so that each has a separate day on the range.
	1	Scheme. Bivouacking of a Field Company.	
6th. Nov.	1	Physical drill and inspection.	
	3	Musketry.	
7th. Nov.	1	Physical drill and inspection.	
	1	Gas drill.	
	1	Company drill.	
8th. Nov.		Inspection by the Chief Engineer, Fourth Army at 14.30 at the 'B' in <u>BUSEMARD</u> , shoot <u>DIEPPE</u> 1.H.5.7.	
9th.	1	Physical drill and inspection.	
	1	Gas drill.	
	1	Lecture on Hasty accommodation, including 'Cut and Cover' dugouts.	
	1	Reconnaissance scheme.	
10th. Nov.		General inspection.	

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 56.
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1. The Chief Engineer, Fourth Army will review the 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers at the 'B' in BUSMENARD, DIEPPE 1.H.5.7., at 14.30. on 8th. November 1918.
2. Field Companies will be drawn up in review order by 14.15. on 8th. instant.
3. DRESS. Drill Order.

David Greenway

Major. A.E.
A/C.R.E.
Division..

8th. November 1918.

5th. Australian

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- Copy No. 1. - 8th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 2. - 14th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 3. - 18th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 4 - 6. - War Diary.
- 7. - File.

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" C.E., Aust. Corps.

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

Headquarters,
5th. Australian Division.

8th. Field Co. A.E.
14th. Field Co. A.E.
15th. Field Co. A.E.

With reference to G.1/1230 of 15th. October 1918, forwarded herewith is Syllabus of Training of the 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers for the period 11th. November to 17th. November 1918.

The morning of each day will be devoted to Training in accordance with attached Syllabus, and the afternoon to organised games and sports.

C. R. E.
5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
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8th. November 1918.
Date.....

Howard Chambers

Major, A.E.,
a/ C.R.E.,
5th. Australian Division.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR THE PERIOD 11TH NOVEMBER TO 17TH NOVEMBER 1918.

Date.	Time in hours.	Description of Training.	Remarks.
11th.Nov.	1	Physical drill & inspection.	<u>Training Ground.</u> 8th.Fd.Co. in vicinity of BOUILLANCOURT. 15th.Fd.Co. " " " 14th.Fd.Co. " " BOUTTENCOURT.
	1	Lecture on Map Reading, with special reference to the use of 1/100000 scale maps.	
	2.	Reconnaissance Scheme.	
12th.Nov.	1	Physical drill & inspection.	The Syllabus of Training of 11th. 12th. & 13th.Inst., is interchangeable for Companies so that each has a separate <u>day on the range.</u> Daily Classes will be held for instruction in handling Lewis Gunnery by Instructors from Inf. Brigades.
	1	Lecture on Traps & Mines.	
	2	Practical demolitions.	
13th.Nov.	1	Physical drill & inspection.	
	3	Musketry.	
14th.Nov.	1	Physical drill & Inspection.	
	1	Lecture on R.E.Works in Open Warfare.	
	2	Reconnaissance Scheme for Water Supply.	
15th.Nov.	1	Physical drill & inspection.	
	3	Company drill.	
16th.Nov.	1	Physical drill & inspection.	
	1	Lecture on Bridging & Reconnaissance required for same.	
	2	Reconnaissance Scheme illustrating points on lecture.	
17th.		General Inspection.	

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 226

Headquarters
9th November 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Pioneer Battalion will move to the Forward Area by train on 11th November.
2. (a) Three companies and all transport of the battalion will entrain at OISEMONT at 1500 on 11th instant. Detraining Station, ROISEL.
(b) One company (less transport) will entrain at PONT REMY at 1700 on 11th instant, sharing a train with 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion. Detraining station, REPHY.
3. Detailed orders re entrainment will be issued by "G" Branch.
4. On arrival at detraining stations the 5th Australian Pioneer Battalion will come under the orders of G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE. *done*

Col. M. Forbes Major
for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 1830 to:- Copy No.
5th Pioneer Battalion 1

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14th Infantry Brigade	3	1st Aust. Division	16
15th Infantry Brigade	4	2nd Aust. Division	17
5th Machine Gun Battalion	5	3rd Aust. Division	18
Divisional Artillery	6	4th Aust. Division	19
Divisional Engineers	7	A.D.C. for G.O.C.	20
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TO C.R.E. Appendix 6c

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* G. 3655	12		

Ref Div. Order No. 226 AAA Move of 5th Aust. Pioneer Bn. cancelled AAA ACKNOWLEDGE.

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C.R.E.,
 5TH AUSTRALIAN
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From 5th AUST. DIV.

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RECORD OF TRAINING FOR THE PERIOD 18th. NOV. to 24th. NOV. 1918.

Date.	Time in Hours.	Description of Training.	Remarks.
Nov. 18th.	1-2	Physical Drill and Inspection. Route March.	Training Ground. 9th Field Coy. in vicinity of 10th Field Co. do BOUTELLAPOON. 14th Field Coy. do BOUTELLAPOON.
Nov. 19th.	1-3	Physical Drill and Inspection. Lecture on Ceremonial. Squad and Section Drill.	
Nov. 20th.	1-3	Physical Drill and Inspection. Company Drill.	
21st. Nov.	1-3	Physical Drill and Inspection. Lecture on Discipline when Moving. Squad Drill.	The schedule of training of 18th. 19th. & 20th. inst. is interchangeable for companies so that each has a separate day on the range. Daily classes will be held for instruction in Lewis Gunnery by instructors from Inf. Regt.
22nd. Nov.	1-3	Physical Drill and Inspection. Lecture on Ceremonial Drill. Ceremonial Drill.	
23rd. Nov.	1-3	Physical Drill and Inspection. Route March.	
24th. Nov.		General Inspection.	

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PRECIS OF DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE HELD AT OISEMONT 14/11/18.

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SUBJECT - MARCH to GERMANY.

The Army of Occupation will be in order, North to South, represented by:-

- BELGIAN ARMY.
- B.S.F., 2nd. and 4th. Armies.
- FRENCH ARMY.
- U.S.A. ARMY.

OBJECTS.

- (i) To enforce Armistice.
- (ii) To enforce Peace.

British Force will be composed of :-

- On North - 2nd. ARMY.
- On South - 4th. ARMY.

Four Corps each Army, 4 Divisions each Corps.

FRONT.

COLOGNE (inclusive) to MAINZ (exclusive).
Fourth Army will consist of :-

- IV Corps.
- VI Corps.
- IX Corps.
- Australian Corps.

(N.Z. Division in IX Corps, Canadians in Second Army).
Australian Corps will be 1st., 2nd., 4th. & 5th. Divisions.

MARCH.

March to enemy country will be in two Echelons.
VI Corps and IX Corps followed by IV Corps & Aust. Corps.
March commences on November 17th. with 2nd. Cavalry Division in lead.
Army frontage 16 to 18 miles.
Each Corps will have two roads. (These are known to be damaged in early stages).
Marches will be in series of bounds.
Army is to be deployed on frontier by December 2nd.
Each Division will march in three Brigade Groups.
If Railways are repaired in time, 2nd., and 5th. Aust. Divisions will move by rail. (Purely a matter of how Railways are).
All must be prepared to trek.
In any case we will be trained to BUSIGNY - LE CATEAU Area.
Aust. Corps follows IX Corps in order,
1st. & 4th. Divisions.
2nd. & 5th. Divisions.
Ammunition will be carried up to the Establishment, 100 rounds S.A.A. on man.
Steel Helmets and Gas Masks will be carried.
As regards the March, thorough overhaul is required of personnel, as regards :-

- (i) Those not physically fit
- (ii) Those not morally fit. (Units must weed out).

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BENDIX

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Thorough overhaul of all Animals is required as regard those unfit for a trek. Overhaul all vehicles, equipment and gear to be specially rigid.
 Officer's kits must be cut down strictly within limits of regulations. Divisional Kit Store will be formed.
 Strictest March Discipline must be enforced, all ceremonies and pomp of war to be strictly observed.
 Transport to be clear of all main roads between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m..

Amusement, entertainment and sports material will be taken. Comforts Fund, & F.M.C.A. will accompany Troops.
 Advisable to form a permanent Billeting Staff in each Unit, using always same Officer and including the Company German speaker. Billeting and Discipline to be regulated by F.S. Regulations, remembering always that Belgium is a friendly country, and Germany a hostile country.
 Safety of troops and Public peace to be main aim

COMMUNICATIONS - Junior Formations always to notify next higher formation of moves of Headquarters etc. so as to ensure good promulgation of all orders.
 Movement probably begins on 19th. inst..
 It is highly desirable that each Unit should practice its Buglers.

Censorship Regulations are now relaxed as regards PLACES and NAMES.
 Cameras are now permitted.
Leave allotment will continue.

C.R.F. expects Field Companies to further enhance their very high reputation as regards turnout, discipline, drill etc..

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION	
No.	3/105/31
Date	11th November 1918.

Howard Greenway
 Major. A.E.
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 5th. Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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NOTES ON THE DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE AT OISEMONT 16/11/18.

1. General Situation.

The Divisional Commander, 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 day's 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 ^{main} two functions:

- (a) To enforce strict compliance with the terms of the Armistice.
- (b) To enforce the terms of Peace.

This will probably necessitate the maintenance of the army of occupation for some considerable time, but it is too early yet to fore-shadow how this will affect the Australian Corps.

2. The Organization 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 4th, 6th and 9th 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 Australian Divisions. The inclusion of the 3rd Australian Division is still under discussion; otherwise it will become attached to the 17th British Corps.

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It will be seen from the above that of the 32 divisions forming the Army of Occupation, nine 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 echelons, the 6th and 9th Corps leading, in that order from north to south, followed by the 4th and Australian Corps in similar order.

The march will commence on the 17th November by 2nd Cavalry Division (allotted to 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 first few 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 one artillery group. It may, however, prove necessary to split up the artillery group owing to water difficulties.

4. Action by Australian Corps.

The 9th Corps is at present around LE CATEAU, and will commence its move on the 16th and 17th instant. It is the present intention (if railway conditions permit) to rail up the 2nd 3rd and 5th Australian 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 Belgian frontier. The distance from LE CATEAU is roughly 150 miles. All four divisions must, however, immediately prepare for marching by road as the decision for the latter may be hurriedly given, and at little notice.

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The Australian Corps will follow the 9th Corps - the 1st Australian 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. Organization of Groups.

Instructions for the formation of Brigade groups will be issued.

6. Details of movement affecting roads and railways.

(a) Ammunition and equipment.

No ammunition will go forward other than the establishment in horse-drawn shelters. Field Artillery will have the normal ammunition that is carried in wagons and D.A.C. 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 obtaining 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.

100 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on the man, and a proportionate reduction should be made in the amounts carried by machine gun battalions and Lewis guns. Light Trench Mortar Batteries and a proportion of ammunition are to be taken. With regard to Newton Mortars it has not yet been decided whether they will go. If they do, motor transport will be provided for them.

(b) Censorship.

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

(c) Reinforcements

A.I.F. Reinforcements go on as usual.

(d) Leave

All arrangements for leave will go on without change and Brigade and other commanders will see that every facility for obtaining leave is given to those to whom it is due.

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(e) Personnel.

A thorough overhaul of personnel should be made in order to weed out those whom it is undesirable to take on the march.

These may be classified under two headings:

- (i) Physically unfit. A medical examination should decide straight away those who are physically unfit for a march. This examination should be strict as the march will be a severe test of the fitness of the men.
- (ii) 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" Divisional and Corps Depots will be provided. These depots will in addition take surplus baggage and animals. Details as to location of these depots will be issued later.

(f) Animals.

Only fit and sound animals are 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. We shall probably be able to draw on other Armies.

(g) Blankets.

Two blankets for every man will be carried either on M.T. or auxiliary H.T.

(h) Baggage.

For reasons stated, in the march forward much paraphernalia must be scrapped. Until we arrive 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.

Transport generally.

The Divisional Commander emphasized the difficulties 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 to replace them.

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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; good staff arrangements for billeting advance parties to prevent unnecessary delay in getting into billets at the end of the day's march. The Divisional Commander emphasised the importance of showing every consideration to the inhabitants of Belgium during our march through their country. These people have for four years had 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 Divisional Commander 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 abilities. Bands will accompany troops, and an ample supply of music should be secured previous to the march. All amusement, entertainment, and sports gear should be taken, also cinemas, Australian Comforts Fund and Y.M.C.A. Stores. In connection with sports, the Army Commander has ordered that no money prizes should be given - only medals and trophies. This, however, has always obtained in the Australian Corps. The M.M.P. to be strengthened to 100 per division.

8. Battalion messes.

The opportunities will be greater in the future for the establishment of battalion messes and it is not only desirable but absolutely essential that these be formed.

9. 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 that there will be no trouble.

10. Communications.

These present one of the biggest difficulties in connection with the move. The more important messages will be sent by motor despatch riders, and throughout the division the principle 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 day's march may reach them promptly, and steps should be taken in all units to ensure that orders are promulgated. The Corps is also organising an aeroplane service for communication between heads of columns and Corps H.Q.

11. General Remarks.

Staffs should be overhauled and strengthened by the addition to them of regimental officers of experience. The restriction with regard to cameras has been removed. The Divisional Wings of the Corps School will be disbanded forthwith. The only classes remaining will be the P. and B.T. Scattered personnel on extra regimental duty will be recalled at once. German speakers should be organised to ensure that each unit will have an interpreter with it. Clipping of horses has been decided against by the Army, but a definite ruling on this subject is coming later on. There are to be no more promotions in the A.I.F. but it is not certain if this refers to replacing of casualties.

12. 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 km. with 10 km. 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, inspections and setting up drill. Elaborate arrangements should be made for the entertainment of the men, and inter-unit hospitality is to be encouraged.

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As the Rhineland 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.

13. Demobilization.

Concurrent with the occupation, the demobilization 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 Demobilization Staff may be met quickly and adequately.

17th Novr. 1918.

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ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

- The advance of the Allied Forces will commence on the 17th instant.
- The British forces detailed for the advance are being organised into two Armies, the 2nd and 4th, each of 4 Corps and 16 Divisions. The 4th Army will consist of -
2nd Cavalry Division, 6th Corps, 4th Corps, Australian Corps, 9th Corps, each of four divisions.
The Australian Corps will consist of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions. Detailed Order of Battle will be issued later.
The advance of the 4th Army will be carried out in accordance with the following table (vide map issued separately to each brigade).

Stage	From	To	Date of Starting	Date of Arrival	Remarks
1	Present Line	Line No.1	17th Nov.	18th Nov.	
2	Line No.1	Line No.2	21st Nov.	24th Nov.	The Belgian-German frontier will not be crossed pending further orders.
3	Line No.2	Line No.3	27th Nov.	2nd Dec.	

- The enemy is to be clear of each of the three zones referred to in the above table on the date preceding our advance into that zone. Any enemy encountered on the march will be made prisoner.
- The advance of the 4th Army is to be covered by the 2nd Cavalry Division. The 9th Corps on the right and the 6th Corps on the left will be the two leading Corps.
It is not yet determined whether the Australian Corps or 4th Corps will move by train or by road.

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5. The following general instructions apply to movement by march route:-
- (a) During the advance all military precautions against surprise will be taken.
 - (b) The comfort of the troops will be the first consideration during the march. Bands will be taken and colours may be taken where available.
 - (c) Helmets and box respirators will be carried.
6. For the march, the 5th Australian Division will be organised into 3 brigades and 1 divisional artillery group. Details for the composition of these Groups will be determined later.
7. The 3rd Australian Division will be transferred to 17th Corps at a date to be notified later.
8. All references and orders will be on map scale 1/100,000.
9. Divisional Artilleries for the move will be reinforced by the addition of one Army Field Artillery Brigade to each Division.
10. The allotment of Army Brigades to Divisions will be as follows:-
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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3rd Aust. Army Brigade | to 1st Australian Division |
| 86th Army Brigade | to 2nd Australian Division |
| 104th Army Brigade | to 4th Australian Division |
| 12th Aust. Army Brigade | to 5th Australian Division |
- (b) Australian Army Brigades will come under the orders of the respective Divisions forthwith. Instructions will be issued later for the move of 86th and 104th Army Brigades.
11. Personnel and horses of 5th Aust. Army Brigade will be transferred to other Australian Brigades under the orders of the G.O.C., R.A. Australian Corps, who will ensure that:-
- (i) A sufficiently strong care is left with the brigade in view of the possibility of it being required to relieve later on.
 - (ii) In selecting men for transfer, those with the longest service are given an opportunity of going into GERMANY with the Corps on this occasion.
12. Administration in regard to personnel of Army Brigades with the Corps will continue to be under G.O.C., R.A. as at present.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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EXTRACTS FROM 5TH. AUST. DIVL. ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 105.

MOVE TO THE RHINE.

1. SURPLUS STORES. All Units will arrange at once to go through Stores and put aside everything that will not be required, including men's souvenirs etc.. These surplus stores will be left in a Divisional Dump in this Area. Particulars re Units supplying guards will be notified later.
2. CENSORSHIP. Censorship may be relaxed. Names of places and Units may be mentioned. Cameras may be taken.
3. TRANSPORT. Units will arrange for all transport to be thoroughly overhauled to see that all spare parts, etc, are complete. The extra wheel and swingle trees will be carried. When on the march all Transport must be clear of roads between hours of 1700 and 0500.
4. TENTS AND SHELTERS. No tents are to be taken. 25% of shelters to be carried in order to supplement billeting accommodation which will be scanty in places.
5. BAGGAGE. All extra baggage that will not be required will be left at the Divisional Dump which will be formed in this Area. Inspection of all kits to be made. Owing to the distance that Units will be from Railheads and to the necessity for utilising all spare transport for supply purposes, Units must travel as light as possible. In addition to a Divisional Dump, a Divisional Depot Camp will be formed near Railhead where the remaining surplus baggage and animals will be left.
6. CLAIMS ^{AND} AREA STORES. In accordance with Administrative Memo. No. 102, Commanding Officers will arrange to receive and discharge all legitimate claims against their units before vacation of billets. Claims relating to damage for fair wear and tear are to be fully reported upon and forwarded to the Divisional Claims Officer, D.H.C. as early as possible. All Area Stores will be collected into one spot and arrangements re disposal of same will be communicated later.
7. PRISONERS OF WAR ARRIVING IN OUR LINES. The following are the instructions as to how escaped prisoners of War arriving in our lines are to be dealt with :- (a) 'British'. To be despatched at once to CALAIS and a wire reporting name and Unit sent at once to Fourth Army 'A', Headquarters through the usual channels. Each man to be provided with blankets and train rations.
(b) 'Italian & Russian Prisoners'. Collecting centre ROUEN, and a similar wire as in (a).
(c) 'Portuguese'. To Portuguese Headquarters, AINS., and a similar wire as in (a).
8. ORANGE MATERIAL. Reserves of Box Respirators need not be carried. Proper Reserves of Boots and Clothing must go forward with Units. Units will arrange to carry one extra set of fitted spare shoes per animal in order that cold shoeing may be carried out if necessary.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No. 2

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Headquarters,
18th Nov. 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE.

- In order to ensure representation of the 3rd Australian Division in the Australian Corps during the advance to the Rhine and the occupation of hostile territory, one section of each battery of 3rd Divisional Artillery will be attached to divisional artilleries and Australian army brigades in the Corps. Six sections of 18-prs and two 4.5" Howitzer sections of 3rd Divisional Artillery in all will be allotted.
- The allotment of sections will be as follows:-
 - 1 section 4.5" Hows. to 1st Australian Divisional Artillery
 - 1 section 4.5" Hows. to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery
 - 1 section 18-prs. to each of 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Australian Divisional Artilleries.
 - 1 section 18-prs. to each of 3rd and 12th Australian Army Brigades.
- Detailed orders for the attachment will be issued by G.O.C. R.A. All details will be worked out and preparations completed, but sections will not move to join the brigades to which they are detailed until further orders.
- The 2nd Cavalry Division commenced ^{to march to} Line 1 on the morning of the 17th instant, and reaches Line 1 today. The IX and VI Corps are to march at such an hour as will ensure that the leading divisions reach the line approximately PHILLIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE - THY-LE-BAUDUIN - TARCENNE - LOVERVAL - COUILLET - CHARLEROI - JUMET (all inclusive) by 1200 20th November.
- In the event of the Australian Corps being required to march, the 4th Australian Division will march on the right road, and the 1st Australian Division on the left road. The 4th and 1st Australian Divisions will establish a liaison with the 32nd and 6th Divisions respectively. These are the two rear divisions of the IX Corps. Divisions will arrange direct for a staff officer provided with a car to move with the advance of the 32nd and 6th Divisions, to report on roads, billeting accommodation, billeting plans of the divisions to which attached and any other information which may be of value to their own divisions. Headquarters are at present:

32nd Division	SAINS NORD
6th Division	FRISCHES.

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6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARCH.

- (a) Divisions detailed to march will establish divisional depots, each under the command of a senior officer. These depots will be located in a place convenient to a railway station. Preparations for the establishment of depots should be made and everything should be ready to establish the depot on receipt of orders to march. In the event of the divisions moving by train, it will be unnecessary to establish these depots.
- (b) The S.A.A. to be carried on the march will be reduced to 60 rounds.
- (c) A.A. Lewis guns of infantry battalions will not be carried on the march/will be left at divisional depots. A.A. guns of batteries of artillery will be carried on the march.
- (d) Notes for staff and regimental officers on the rules of march discipline will be issued shortly at the rate of 1 copy per officer.
- Commanding officers will take all possible steps to ensure that blocks on the roads, delays in the issuing of orders, unnecessary waiting about by parading too early, etc., do not occur.
- The issue of instructions alone is not sufficient; staff officers must be detailed to ascertain by personal supervision that instructions are carried out.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No. 4.

Headquarters,
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In the event of the division moving by route march to the German frontier, the following will be the order of march and composition of Brigade Groups:-

"A" (14th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 14th A.I. Brigade
 14th A.I. Brigade
 14th A.L.T.M. Battery
 1 battery A.F.A. (to be detailed by C.R.A)
 5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion
 14th Company 5th Machine Gun Battalion
 14th Field Company A.E.
 28th Company A.A.S.C.
 14th Aust. Field Ambulance (less detachment with "D" Group)
 Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

"B" (15th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 15th A.I. Brigade
 15th A.I. Brigade
 15th A.L.T.M. Battery
 1 battery A.F.A. (to be detailed by C.R.A)
 H.Q. and 2 companies 5th Machine Gun Battalion.
 15th Field Company A.E.
 29th Company A.A.S.C.
 15th Aust. Field Ambulance
 Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

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"C" (8th A.I. Brigade) Group.

- H.Q. 8th A.I. Brigade
- 8th A.I. Brigade
- 8th A.L.T.M. Battery
- 1 battery A.F.A. (to be detailed by C.R.A.)
- 8th Company 5th Machine Gun Battalion
- 8th Field Company A.E.
- 18th Company A.A.S.C.
- 8th Aust. Field Ambulance
- Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.
- 5th Aust. Divl. Salvage Company.

"D" (5th Aust. Divisional Artillery) Group.

- H.Q. 5th Aust. Divl. Artillery
- 13th A.F.A. Brigade)
- 14th A.F.A. Brigade) Less 3 batteries.
- 12th Army Brigade A.F.A.)
- 3 sections 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery
- 9th and 10th M.T.M. Batteries
- 5th Aust. D.A.C.
- 5th Aust. Mobile Vet. Section.
- 10th Company A.A.S.C.
- Detachment 14th Field Ambulance.
- Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

2. REAR GUARDS.

"A", "B", "C" Groups will each detail an infantry rear guard and "D" Group will detail a mounted rear guard. Each rear guard will be commanded by a senior officer who will be mounted. For duties see Sect. 74 F.S. Regulations, Part I.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No. 5

Headquarters
22nd November 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE1. MOVE

- (i) The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will move by strategical train and by road commencing morning 25th instant to the BUSIGNY-BOHAIN Area.
- (ii) Entraining stations - OISEMONT and PONT REMY.
Detraining station - BUSIGNY.
- (iii) Brigade groups will move in the order laid down in 5th Australian Division Instruction No. 4.

2. ATTACHMENTS

The undermentioned units will be attached to the 5th Australian Division for the move to the above area, viz:-

- No. 5 Australian M.T. Company
- 1st Australian A.T. Company
- 2nd Australian Tunnelling Company
- 1st Australian Veterinary Evacuation Station
- Australian Corps Salvage Section.

3. Administrative instructions and entraining time tables are being issued separately.

4. Instructions for the disposal of brigade groups in the forward area will be issued later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE

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8th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 212.

Ref. Sheet
DIEPPE, 1/100,000.

22nd November 1918.

1. Ref. Brigade Order No. 211 and 5th Aust. Div. No. G1/4329 issued herewith, 8th Brigade Group will be reviewed by Divisional Commander on the RIMBURELLE-TRANCLAY Road about half a mile W. of RIMBURELLE at 1445 on 23rd inst.
2. Troops to be on the ground by 1415 and to form up on their flags. Companies will be limited to 100 other ranks.
3. DRESS: Drill Order. All Officers will wear C.E. belts and hats.
4. Transport will march and be formed up in rear of its own unit. Not more than 8 vehicles per Battalion or other unit will parade.
5. Review will be in accordance with 5th Aust. Div. G1/4329.
6. Order of March as per table on reverse.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Note = 5th Aust. Div. G1/4329 issued only to 30th, 31st and 32nd Bns. 8th L.P.M.B., 5th M.G. Bn. and 8th Fld. Amb.

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30th Battalion	1
31st "	2
32nd "	3
8th L.P.M.B.	4
5th M.G. Bn.	5
C.R.C. 5th Div.	6
8th Fld. Coy. A.E.	7
14th " "	8
15th " "	9
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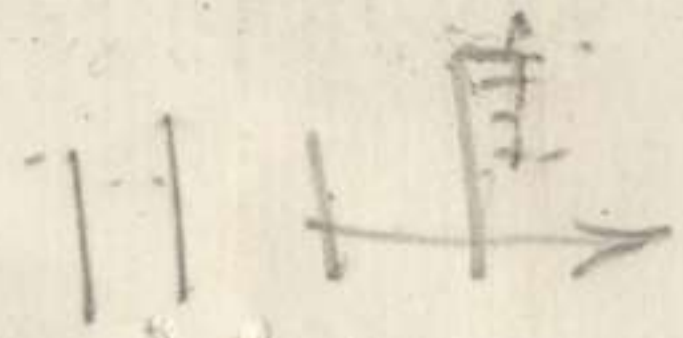
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MARCH TABLE

Unit	Starting Point	Pass Starting Point	Route	Remarks
30th Bn.) 31st Bn.)	Road junction I 1 52 18	13 25	RAMBURE Rd. junct. I 1 50 42.	Move in one column 30th Bn. leading.
5th M.G. Bn.	RAMBURE X Rds. I 1 48 36	13 55	Road junction I 1 50 42	Move in rear of 30th and 31st Bns.
8th, 14th and 15th Fld. Coys.	Junction I 1 07 50	13 40	via FRANCICOURT	
32nd Bn.	=	=	Most Direct	Be on ground by 14 To be clear of RAMBURELLES by 135
8th LIME	=	=	Most direct	Be on ground 14 15
5th Pnr. En.	=	=	Most direct	Be on ground 14 15 Not to reach RAMBURELLES before 13 55.
8th Fld. Amb.	=	=	Most direct	Arrive on ground by 14 15

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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 56.

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1. The 5th Aust. Division is moving to the Forward Area, commencing 25th instant.

The Divisional Engineers will move in accordance with the attached Table.

2. On arriving at the Forward Area, Field Companies will come under the orders of their respective Brigade Group Commanders.
3. Forward Billeting party from each Company will travel by No. 1. train, leaving ABBEVILLE at 12.40 on 25th instant.
4. Extracts from 5th Aust. Divn. Administrative Memo. No. 109 are issued in conjunction with this order.

Howard Greenway

Major. A.E.
A/C.R.E.,

5th. Australian Division.

24th. Novr. 1918.

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| 2. | - | 14th. Field Coy. |
| 3. | - | 25th. Field Coy. |
| 4. | - | 8th. A.I. Bde. |
| 5. | - | 14th. A.I. Bde. |
| 6. | - | 15th. A.I. Bde. |
| 7. | - | 5th. Aust. Divn. 'G' |
| 8. | - | 5th. Aust. Divn. 'Q' |
| 9 - 11. | - | War Diary. |
| 12 - 13. | - | File. |

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Unit.	Present Location.	Move to.	Date.	Entrain at POWI- SSMY in train No. 1-	Time of departure of train.
8th. Fd. Co. AB.	BOUILLANCOURT.	85th. Sn. billets at VIMES-SU- VAL.	27/11/18.	10.	16.55 on 28/11/18.
14th. Fd. Co. AB.	DOUZEBOUCOURT.	do.	25/11/18.	13.	6.55 on 27/11/18.
15th. Fd. Co. AB.	BOUILLANCOURT.	do	27/11/18.	13.	12.55 on 28/11/18.

Units will detrain at BEHRY.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS No. 6

Headquarters
25th November 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

Ref:- Administrative map attached. (issued to 3 Inf. Bdes and C.R.A. only)

1. The concentration of the 5th Australian Division in the Australian Corps area will be carried out in accordance with attached move table.
2. The 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. will move with the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery under the orders of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.
3. (a) Roads shewn in RED on map will not be used between the hours of 0500 and 1030 and between 1230 and 1630.
Roads shewn in BLUE will not be used between 0500 and 1030.
Roads shewn in GREEN will not be used between 1230 and 1630.
(b) Where not otherwise provided for in the move table, marching units will vacate billets by 1000 daily and will not arrive at new billets before 1100.
4. Location of Divisional Headquarters will be notified to all concerned by wire.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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76/11/18**J. M. G. O'Connell*Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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15th Infantry Brigade	3
5th Machine Gun Battalion	4
5th Pioneer Battalion	5
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Divisional Engineers	7
Divisional Signal Co.	8
Divisional Train	9
A.D.M.S.	10
D.A.D.V.S.	11
D.A.D.O.S.	12
D.A.P.M.	13
Camp Commandant	14
Divisional Salvage Co.	15
5th Aust. M.T.Co.	16
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MOVE TABLE ISSUED WITH 5th AUSTRALIAN INSTRUCTION N
 Note: Owing to delay in train Time Table the move table will need modification.

Serial No.	Date	Group	From	To	Route	Remarks
1	1918 25th Nov.	2 Bns. "A" Bde	HUPPY Area	BERTRY		Rail; arriving 26th.
2	26th/27th	"B" Bde	-do-	-do-		-do-
3	26th/27th	1 Bn, "A" Bde	-do-	-do-		-do-
4	27th Nov.	2 Bns "A" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN	St.SOUPLET	Not to reach St.SOUPLET before 1000
5	27th Nov.	5th Div. Art.	ATHIES	FRESNOY	VERMAND - BELLENGLISE - SEQUEHART.	
6	28th Nov.	2 Bns "A" Bde	MAZINGHEIN	FAVRIL	CATILLON - Pt.VERSAILLE	To clear corner S.W. of BOIS de TAGILLON by 1130.7
7	28th Nov.	"B" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN		
8	28th Nov.	1 Bn, "A" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN		
9	28th Nov	"C" Bde	HUPPY Area	BERTRY		By rail.
10	28th Nov	5th Div. Art.	FRESNOY	St.SOUPLET		Billets in St.SOUPLET area.
11	29th Nov	"B" Bde	MAZINGHIEN	La GROISE	CATILLON	Billets in La GROISE area.
12	29th Nov	1 Bn "A" Bde	MAZINGHIEN	FAVRIL	CATILLON - Pt.VERSAILLE	Billets in FAVRIL area.
13	29th Nov.	"C" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN	St.SOUPLET	Billets in MAZINGHIEN area.
14	29th Nov.	Pioneers "A" Bde	HUPPY	BERTRY		By rail.
15	29th Nov.	Corps Troops Tunnellers &c	HUPPY	BERTRY		By rail. Billets arranged by Corps.
16	30th Nov	Pioneers "A" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN	St.SOUPLET	
17	1st Dec.	Pioneers "A" Bde	MAZINGHIEN	FAVRIL	CATILLON - Pt.VERSAILLE	Billets in "A" Bde Group area.

* Billets in FAVRIL area.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. 6902
Date 20/11/18

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS No. 7

Headquarters
30th November 1918ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

1. With reference to 5th Australian Division Instructions No. 1 dated 16th November - Advance to the RHINE - The Allied Forces will cross the German Frontier in accordance with the terms of the armistice and will occupy the German territory east of the RHINE and establish bridgeheads on the bank of that river at MAYENCE, COBLENZ and COLOGNE.
2. British troops are to hold the COLOGNE bridgehead. The American Army will hold the territory on our right and the Belgian Army the territory on our left.
The British sector of the German territory will be occupied by the British Second Army consisting of four Corps (11 divisions) and 1 Cavalry Division.
3. The sector between the German frontier and the line AVESNES - MAUBEUGE - CHARLEROI - BRUSSELS will be occupied by the Fourth British Army consisting of 3 Corps (14 divisions) and Cavalry Corps (less 1 Cavalry Division).
Order of Battle will be issued later.
4. The Australian Corps, for the present, will occupy the south-western portion of the Fourth Army area. Portion of the Corps will relieve the Canadian Corps in the occupied territory at a later period.
A map is attached showing the distribution of divisional areas of the Australian Corps. This map is subject to modification after reconnaissance has been completed; its issue is therefore limited to Brigade Headquarters only.
5. A reconnaissance of the area allotted to the 5th Australian Division is being undertaken and the subdivision into brigade areas will be published later.
6. The date for the eastward move into the new area has not yet been determined but it will not take place before 4th December.

J. M. G. Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Casualties

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5th Australian Divisional Engineers

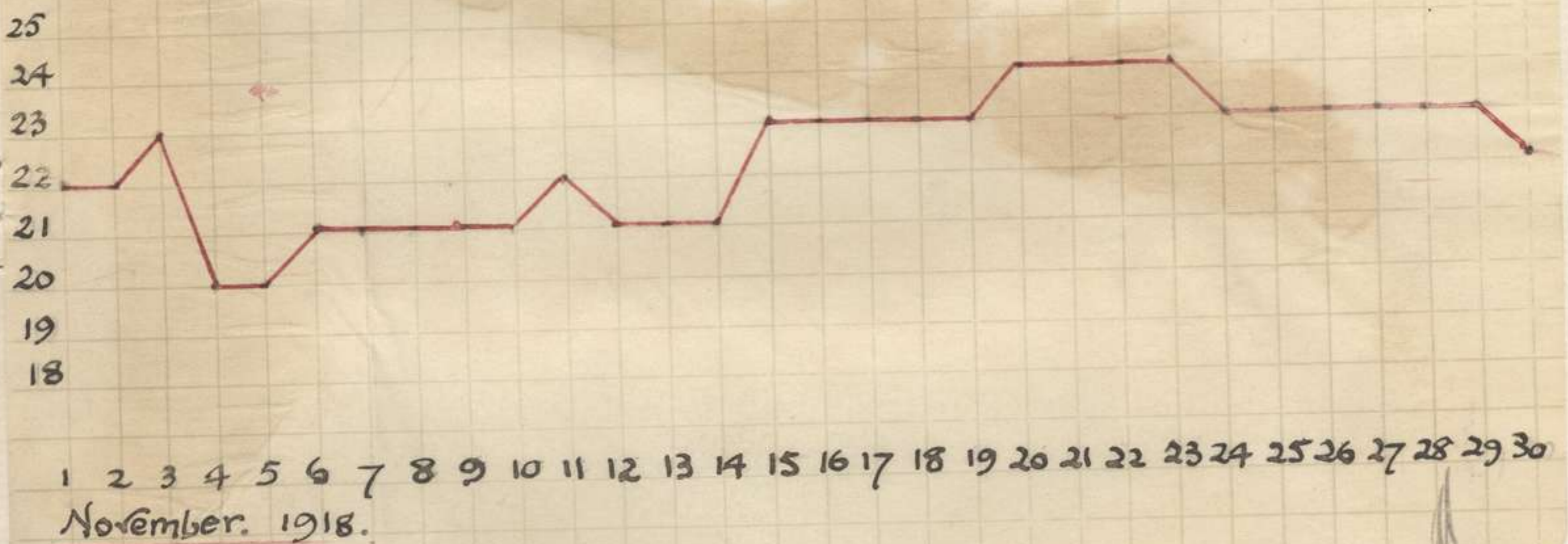
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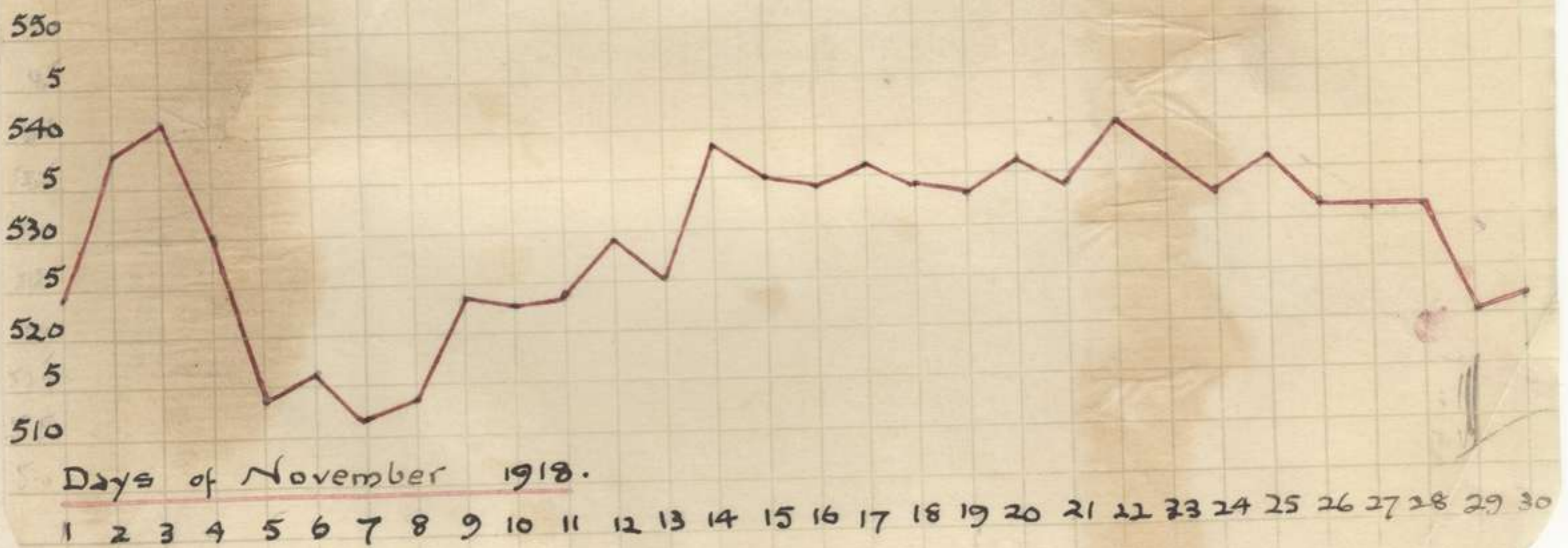
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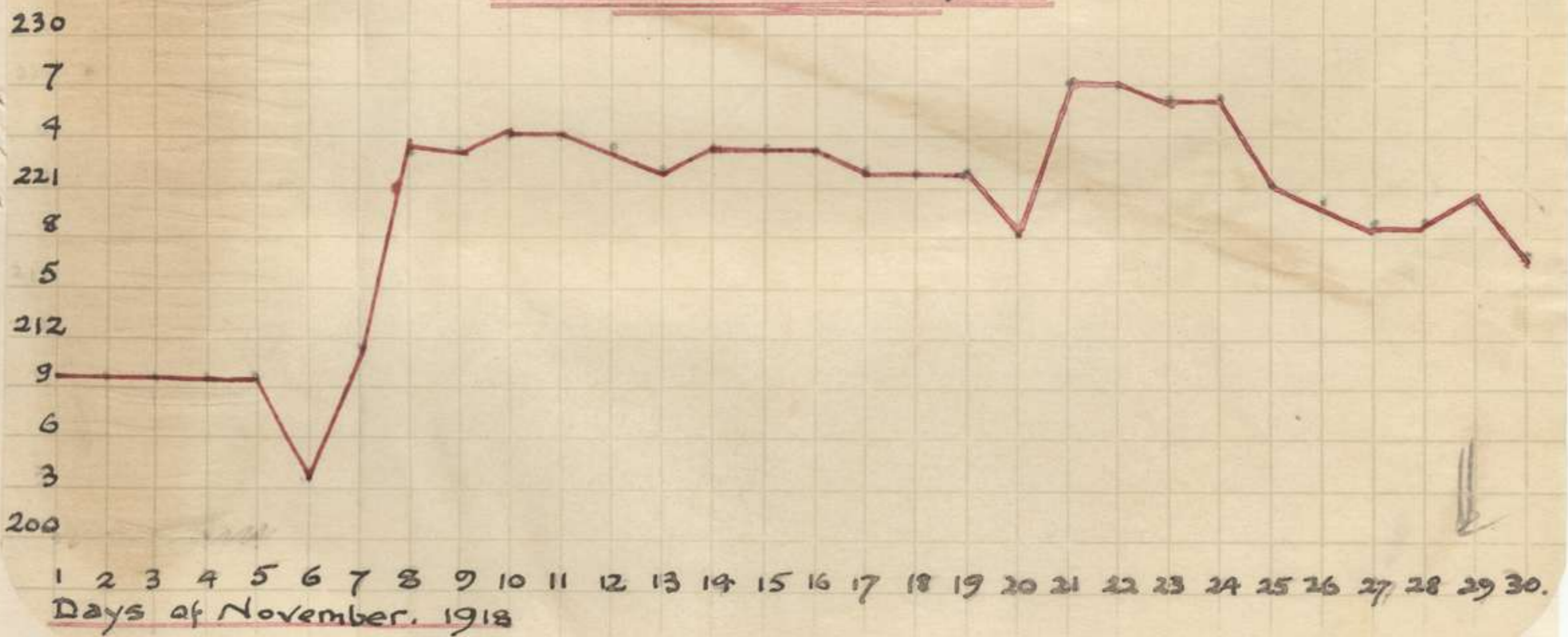
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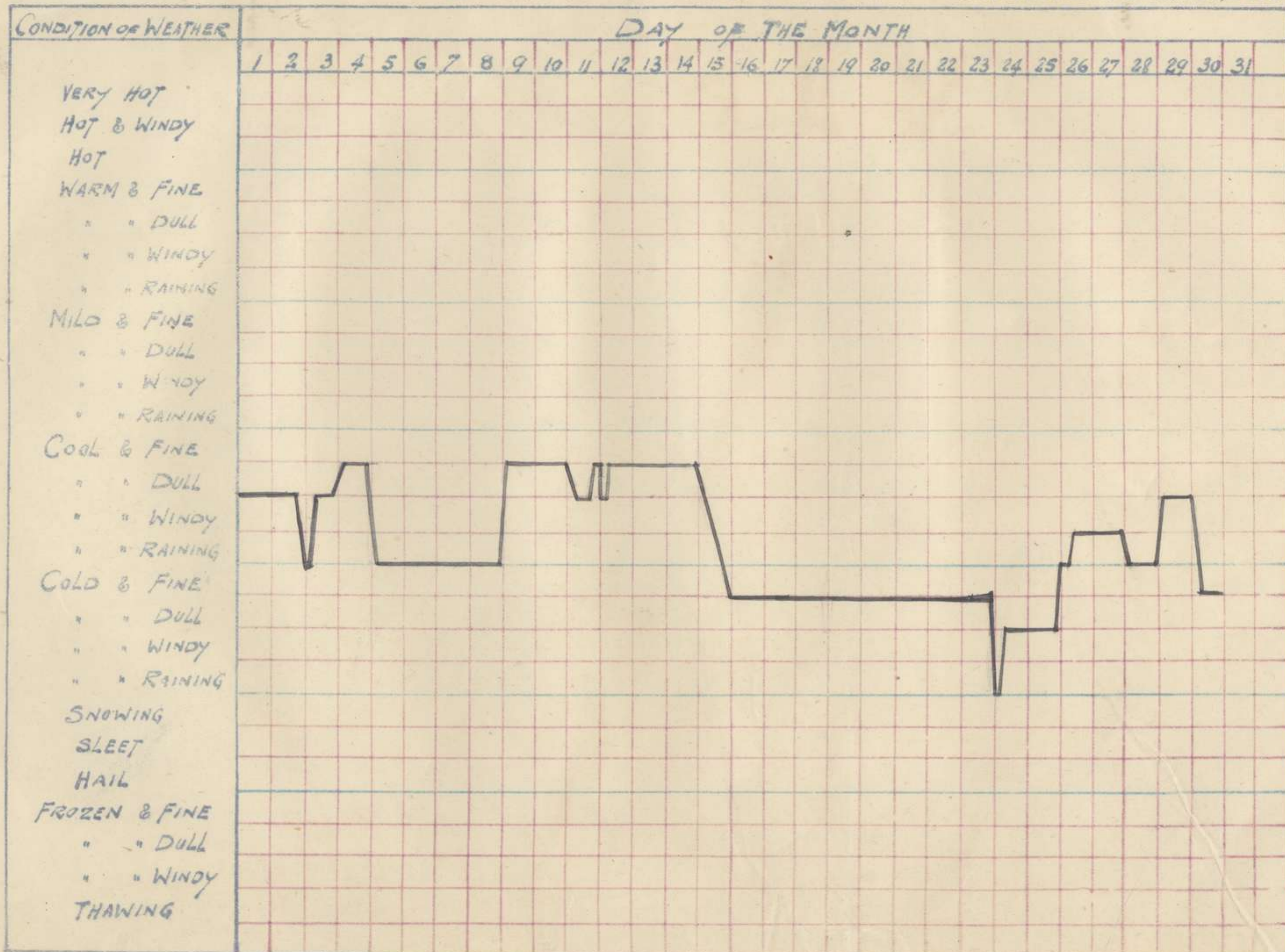
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Graph Showing Ration Strength
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• GRAPH OF WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER 1918 •



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