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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH,

A U S T R A L I A N C O R P S .

FOR

Month of FEBRUARY, 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

John A. Reynolds

Signature of Officer Commanding

Gen. Ross L. C.
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WAR DIARY

or

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form C. 2118.

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will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references Appendix
ELWITRE	1918 FEB.			
	1st		One prisoner was captured by 3rd Aust. Division: identified as 21st Inf. Regt. of 5th Bavarians. Situation during the day was very quiet. Visibility bad owing to mist. Our artillery carried out one attack. One hostile battery was neutralised. Locations of Formations as at 6 a.m., 3rd February.	App.1
		2nd	Enemy artillery active against back areas of left Division. Visibility greatly improved. Two prisoners captured by 5th Aust. Division. Four shoots were carried out by our artillery, causing 3 fires and 3 explosions (one large). Eleven batteries were neutralised, 4 zone calls answered. One artillery attack was made in conjunction with XV Corps. General Staff Circular No. 6 = Subject - "D.R.L.S."	App.2
		3rd	Enemy sent over gas shells during the night. Their M.Gs. were more active. Enemy artillery active over forward areas of left Div. during the day. Two destructive counter-battery shoots were carried out by our artillery. 70 neutralisations: one zone call was answered.	
		4th	Situation was quiet during the night. During the day our artillery carried out a successful aeroplane shoot on hostile battery, causing 4 explosions and 1 fire. Slight enemy shelling on forward areas of right and centre Divs., also vicinity HILL 60.	
		5th	Enemy artillery and M.Gs. active between 9 p.m. and midnight on right Bde. front of 5th Div. During the day situation was quiet. Vicinity C.7.a., S. of PLOEGSTEERT, shelled with gas between 3 and 4 p.m. Slight artillery activity on support and reserve lines centre Div. front. Aerial activity on both sides. Our artillery carried out 7 destructive shoots, causing 3 fires and 5 explosions. 2 pits were destroyed; 17 enemy batteries were neutralised; 10 zone calls answered. About 10 p.m. one of the posts of 4th Division at MOAT FARM (J.31) was raided. 6 of our men are missing. No previous enemy bombardment. Australian Corps Order No. 13 (Move of 6th Army Bde. Aust.F.A. to 3rd Aust. Div.)	App.3

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FLEIRE	1918 FEB. 6th		During the day there was slight hostile arty. activity on forward area of left Div. and left Bde. of centre Div. 1 enemy aeroplane crossed the line of centre Div. at 2.30 p.m. but was driven off by A.A. fire.	
		7th	During the night there was slight arty. activity on left Div. and Minenwerfer activity on right of centre Div. During the day enemy arty. shelled support lines left Bde. of left Div. Minenwerfer activity on trenches S.W. of WARNETON (U.17.b.) Area S. of LE ROSSIGNOL (U.13.c. & d.) was shelled with 180 rounds of H.V. 10.5 c.m. One prisoner was captured by 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. One successful destructive shoot was carried out by our arty. One large and 3 small explosions were caused.	
		8th	During day hostile arty. lightly shelled HILL 60 and back areas centre Div. Between 2 and 3 p.m. 11 trains entered WERVICQ from East; four trains from WERVICQ to HOUTHEN, three from HOUTHEN to WERVICQ. Continuous movement between WERVICQ & COMINES. Large smoke cloud at 2.30 p.m. observed E. of HOUTHEN. One prisoner was captured by 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. Our arty. carried out two destructive shoots with ground observation, Aust. Corps Order No. 14 (H.A. Moves).	App. 4
		9th	Support area right Bde. of left Div. shelled with 77 mm. about 3.30 a.m. During the day situation quiet. One enemy low-flying plane crossed lines of left Div. during the afternoon. One destructive shoot was carried out by our arty.	
		10th	During night of 9/10th the front system from HOLLEBEKE to River DOUVE intermittently shelled up to midnight. During the day the following areas were lightly shelled: N.W. of MESSINES (O.32), also support area of right Bde. of Left Div.	

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FLETRE	1918 FEB. 10th (Ctd.)		At 10 p.m. raiding party of 3rd Aust. Div. raided the enemy's lines opposite WARNETON, capturing 25 unwounded, and 8 wounded, prisoners. Apart from casualties inflicted by our previous bombardment, the raiding party claim to have killed 102 of the enemy. Dugouts were bombed and 3 were definitely destroyed. The party also captured 3 M.Gs. and 1 "pine-apple" bomb mortar. Enemy's artillery reply was feeble. Enemy counter-attack down WARNETON Road was repulsed. Our casualties = 3 officers slightly wounded; 2 officers missing; 6 O.R. killed; 1 O.R. died of wounds; 5 O.R. wounded; 14 O.R. slightly wounded and 8 O.R. missing. (Of the above, not more than 1 officer and 4 O.R. are believed to have been taken prisoner and then only if severely wounded). A party of 2 off. and 1 O.R. of 4th Aust. Div. encountered party of 8 of the enemy in J.27.a.: five of the enemy were killed and identified.	
	11th		During the day there was slight enemy shelling forward area Right Bde. centre Div., also forward area left Div. Otherwise situation quiet. Congratulatory wire received from Army re 3rd Aust. Div. Raid. Aust. Corps Order No. 15 (H.Q. of Corps Heavy Arty.)	App. 5
	12th		During night slight enemy artillery and M.G. activity on forward area Centre Div. During day intermittent shelling support and reserve lines N. Div., also in vicinity of O.17.a. & c. (S. of HOLLEBEKE). One E.A. crossed our front at 4.15 p.m.	
	13th		During the night some Minenwerfer activity on right of Centre Div. front. Enemy M.Gs. active during early part of night on left of centre Div. Situation quiet: visibility poor.	
	14th		Quiet night. During day slight enemy arty. activity in vicinity BULGAR WOOD (J.32), also forward area left Bde. centre Div. Minenwerfer activity on LA BASSE VILLE (U.17) during the morning. Railway in I.36.c. shelled with gas shells about 2.40 p.m. G.S. Circular No. 7 = Subject "S.O.S." Signals.	App. 6

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FLETRB	1918 FEB.			
	15th		During the night a few gas shells on right brigade area of left division. Otherwise quiet. The support line left brigade centre division was lightly shelled during the morning. Railway in I.36.c. shelled with gas shells about 1 p.m. LOCK 8 (I.32.a.) shelled with 4.2" and shrapnel from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m.	
	16th		During the night there was increased activity on left sector of centre division. Enemy gas alarm sounded 7 p.m., 9 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. Trench mortar and M.G. activity on right sector of centre Div. General M.G. activity throughout the night. During the day there was increased enemy arty. activity. MOLEN DUMP (I.34.c.) and the Canal in the vicinity of the BLUFF (I.34.c.) were shelled during the morning. Support area, centre Div., lightly shelled with 5.9". High velocity gun active against vicinity DE SEULE (B.16.) One low-flying enemy plane over centre Div. front 3 p.m. One enemy plane brought down near METEREN about midday. 8 hostile btys. were successfully neutralized with aeroplane observation: 12 explosions and four fires were caused.	
	17th		During the night there was slight M.W. activity E. of MESSINES. Slight enemy arty. activity on forward areas during the day. Low-flying E.A. over centre and left Divs. between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Our planes were active during the afternoon. One of our planes was brought down in O.15.central, N.E. of WYTSCHAETE. Eight hostile btys. were successfully engaged with aeroplane observation. Two pits were destroyed. 10 explosions and 5 fires were caused. G.S. Circular No. 8 = Subject - Signal units-Establishments.	App.7
	18th		Enemy gas grenade bombardment of front line of right Bde. centre Div. between 10 p.m. & 10.20 p.m. on 17/2. M.W & M.G. activity on front and support lines centre Div. during the night. Right Div. encountered strong enemy patrol of 50 about 8.30 p.m. on 17th. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy, but no identification obtained. N. of HOLLEBEKE both our and enemy arty. fairly active during the day. At 11 a.m. enemy planes flew low over centre and Northern Div. fronts.	

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FLETRE	1918			
	FEB. 18th	48th (Ctd.)	Three hostile btys. successfully engaged with aeroplane observation. 2 explosions and one fire were caused. 2 concentrations were carried out on 1 hostile bty. 22 enemy btys. were neutralised. Aust. Corps Order No.16 = Transfer of Arty. to Fifth Army. Aust. Corps Order No.17 = Move of 13th Light Horse back to Corps.	App. 8 App. 9
	19th		Situation during the day was quiet. One low-flying E.A. over centre Div. front driven off by A.A. fire. One E.A. brought down in flames on 4th Aust. Div. front O.4.b. Concentrations were carried out on 17 hostile btys. 14th Bde., 5th Aust. Div. raided an enemy post at O.17.c.6.8, capturing 7 prisoners.	
	20th		During the night slight increase in T.M. activity on left Div. front. During the day there was light enemy shelling vicinity HILL 60 and ONRAET WOOD (O.14.c). Our artillery neutralised 20 hostile batteries.	
	21st		During the night enemy arty. shelled O.20.b. Hostile T.M.'s active on right group of posts of left Div. Situation quiet during day. One E.A. over support area left Div. about 1.30 p.m. 8 hostile batteries were successfully engaged by counter-batteries with aeroplane observation, resulting in 1 pit destroyed, 7 explosions and 1 fire.	
	22nd		During night there were short intense bursts of hostile arty. fire on Bde. front opposite WARNETON, also slight arty. and M.W. activity on centre Div. front. One E.A. crossed lines of left Div. about 8 a.m.: driven off by M.G. fire. Otherwise situation quiet. Aust. Corps Order No.18 = 1st Aust. Division relieves 4th Aust. Division. G. S. Circular No. 9 = Formation of Aust. Corps Signal Coy.	App.10 App.10A
	23rd		E.A. were over the lines of left Div. during the afternoon. Slight gas shelling of left Bde. sector, left Div., at 12.30 p.m. On night of 22/23rd two prisoners were captured by 14th Bde. Our arty. carried out concentration on 3 hostile btys. 5 enemy btys. neutralised. Aust. Corps Order No.19 = 1st Div. Arty. to reinforce 4th Div. Arty. 1st Amendment to Aust. Corps Order No.18.	App.11 App.12

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLETRE	FEB. 24th		Corps Commander temporarily assumed command 4th Army. Major-General Sir H.B.WALKER, K.C.B., D.S.O. temporarily assumed command Australian Corps. Enemy arty. slightly active on forward areas of centre and right Divs. Several short concentrations were carried out by enemy arty. on support line left Bde. right Div. At 4 a.m. this morning enemy attempted to raid 2 of the 4th Div. posts at J.31.d.80.45. Both raids repulsed with losses to the enemy. Our casualties nil. During the day there was slight increase in enemy arty. activity. 110 5.9s. fell in vicinity OOSTTAVERNE WOOD (O.14) during morning. & One hostile bty. engaged with aeroplane observation, causing 2 explosions, 1 large fire. Pits badly damaged, 22 hostile btys. were neutralised. Aust. Corps Order No. 20 = 6th Army Bde. Aust.F.A. to assist in 3rd Div. Operation. " " " No. 21 = 2nd Div. relieves 3rd Div. " " " No.22 = Artillery reliefs.	App.13 App.14 App.15
	25th		Enemy arty. active up till midnight on areas E. of WYTSCHAETE & W. of MESSINES. During the day there was scattered shelling vicinity IMAGE AVENUE (J.25.c.). Prisoners during last 24 hours 2 (captured by 4th Div.).	
	26th		Light scattered shelling of forward areas, with little M.W. & M.G. activity. During the day there was slight enemy arty. activity on forward areas left Bde. centre Div. also the vicinity of VERBRANDENMOLEN (I.28). 5 hostile btys. engaged by counter-batteries with aeroplane observation. 3 pits were damaged. 6 explosions & 5 fires caused. Aust. Corps Order No. 23 = Artillery transfers.	App.16
	27th		Slight enemy shelling forward area right Bde. centre Div. and left Bde. left Div. Enemy plane flying low over right Div. front 11 a.m. driven off by our planes.	
	28th		During night there was scattered hostile shelling on reserve and support area left Bde. left Div. Slight increase in enemy arty. on forward areas centre Div. Enemy fired 30 Rds. of 5.9 H.V. in MESSINES between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Hostile low-flying plane over right Div. front at 1.15 p.m.	

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GENERAL STAFF BRANCH,

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

FOR

FEBRUARY, 1918.

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SECRET

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

HEADQUARTERS OF FORMATIONS

6 A.M., - 3RD FEBRUARY, 1918

FORMATION

HEADQUARTERS

Australian Corps

ILLUSTRATION

Aust. Corps Heavy Arty.

WESTHOF FARM

T.19.a.3.1

1st Aust. Division

MERRIS

Convent

1st Aust. Div. Arty.

DRANOUTRE

ULSTER Camp

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

METTEREN

X.16.c.0.7

2nd " " "

LOCHE

M.23.c.4.4

3rd " " "

RAVELSBERG

S.18.d.2.1

2nd Aust. Division

NIEULLES-LEZ-BLEQUIN (LUCBRES Area)

2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

BAILLEUL

50 rue de LILLE
(Rov. to BOUVELINGHEM)

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

SAINTES

HANNUVEUX Area

6th " " "

VELINGHEM

NOTTINGHAM Area

7th " " "

ALINGHON

LUCBRES (sub-Area)

3rd Aust. Division

RAVELSBERG

S.17.cent.

3rd Aust. Div. Arty.

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"

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Reserve

T.20.c.5.5 (TROIS ROIS)

10th " " "

Line Left

Z.4.c.3.9 (POMARIE)

11th " " "

Line Right

B.10.a.6.7 (BRUNE GAYE)

4th Aust. Division

SCHERPENBERG

M.17.b.80.55

4th Aust. Div. Arty.

"

"

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Line Right

I.32.a.8.5 (LOCK 8)

12th " " "

Reserve

N.7.c.7.8 (LA CLYETTE)

13th " " "

Line Left

I.32.d.0.7 (SPOIL BANK)

5th Aust. Division

DRANOUTRE

ULSTER Camp

5th Aust. Div. Arty.

KEMESCORE Area

6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Line Right

T.6.c.6.6 (MIDLAND IRON)

14th " " "

Line Left

N.29.c.4.5

15th " " "

Reserve

N.27.b.1.5 (RAMILLES CAMP)

Aust. Corps School

AVELUY

X.1.c.7.3 (Sh.57.d)

Aust. Corps Gas School

WILSON Camp

S.15.d.1.2 (Sh.28)

Aust. Corps School for

Medical Officers BAILLEUL

rue St. Jacques.

J. A. Chapman Major.

Brigadier-General
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

G. 175/402.

Australian Corps.
3rd February 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 6.

SUBJECT - D.R.L.S.

1.- Attention is drawn to General Staff Circular No. 111 of 25th Nov 1917, and specially to paragraph 2 (b) thereof.

2.- With a view to economy in man-power in the Signal Service steps are being taken -

- (a) to reduce the number of messages sent over the wires:
- (b) to reduce the number of despatch riders.

3.- To carry these steps into effect throughout the corps :-

- (i) Only telegrams upon which action has to be taken within 24 hours of the time of writing the message will be sent over the wires. All other messages will be sent under cover of D.R.L.S. Correspondence will be sent by the Army Postal Service.
- (ii) In the case of multiple addresses, the action portion only will be sent over the wires, the information portion being sent by D.R.L.S.
- (iii) The Postal lorry services at present in existence will be used for all except urgent correspondence. Special despatch riders will only be used in the conditions laid down in General Staff Circular No. 111 of 25th November 1917.
- (iv) The Postal Services are as already detailed. Alterations made in the time table will be notified by D.A.D.P.S. These services are from post office to post office only and therefore delivery to units depends solely on postal orderlies. Steps will be taken at once to ensure that the post is collected and distributed promptly by means of an organised system of orderlies.

4.- A staff officer will be detailed periodically to check messages and see that the above instructions are being complied with.

W. Ross
for Brigadier-General,

General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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1st Aust. Division.	50.	Corps Armourers' Shop.	1.	
2nd " "	50.	'K' Corps Siege Park	1.	
3rd " "	50.	G.O.C.	1.	F. T. O.
4th " "	50.	"	1.	-----
5th " "	50.	"	1.	
A.D. Signals.	50.	"	1.	S.O. D.S., A.I.F.
Corps Heavy Artillery	8.	Ig	1.	O.O. Fil
Corps Mounted Troops.	4.	G.O.C. R.A.	1.	War Diary
'K' Corps Arm Pk.	5.	C.E.	1.	3rd Army Bde AFA
'K' Corps Supply Col.	4.	A.D.O.S.	1.	6th " " "
Corps Reinforcement Cp	1.	S. T.O.	1.	12th " " "
Corps Depot Corps Rft Cp	1.	D.D.M.S.	1.	thro' G.O.C., R.A.
French Mission	1.	D.A.D.P.S.	1.	6th Balloon Coy.
Belgian Mission	1.	A.P.M.	1.	3rd Sqn A.F.C.
1st Aust. Div. Supply Col.	1.	A.D.V.S.	1.	All troops att Corps.
2nd " " "	1.	D.A.D.L.	1.	Corres. File
3rd " " "	1.	Corps Roads Officer	1.	
4th " " "	1.	Corps Horse Adviser	1.	
5th " " "	1.	Chemical Adviser	1.	
O.O. Corps Troops.	1.	Camp Commandant	1.	
Corps Salvage Officer	1.	D.A.G., A.I.F.	1.	

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First ANZAC Corps.
25th November 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 111.

SUBJECT:- D.R.Letter Service.

1.- First ANZAC General Staff Circular No. 83, dated 21st August 1917, is cancelled.

2.- The following are the rules for the D.R.L.S. so long as the Corps is in the 2nd Army Area :-

- (a) It is for official correspondence only.
- (b) It is not to be used for correspondence for which the Army Postal Service is sufficient.
- (c) No packet will be carried which cannot be contained in a normal sized envelope, i.e. not larger than (9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "). The carrying capacity of a D.R. is limited, and larger packets can only be carried by the Signal Service when other packets do not constitute a full load.
- (d) The address must include the name of the formation from whose signal office the packet is to be delivered to addressee.
- (e) All envelopes must be handed in to a signal office and must be marked D.R.L.S. on the right hand top corner, supported by the signature of an officer. Each envelope should also have an identification number and, if possible, the office stamp of the office sending it out.

The above normal D.R.L.S. should meet the requirements for all except the most urgent correspondence.

In cases where a special despatch rider must be sent with correspondence, the envelope must be endorsed "Special Despatch Rider", and signed by an officer having authority to frank a "Priority" message.

Envelopes marked "pressing" or "urgent" will be sent by ordinary D.R.L.S., but will be specially delivered from the signal office to which addressed.

REGISTRATION. The following rules apply only to D.R.L.S. between units in the Second Army area :-

- (i) The signal service will only register important letters. All secret or confidential letters come under this category.
- (ii) All letters to be registered will be marked by the sender with a large "R", red in colour, at least $\frac{3}{8}$ " in height, on the outside envelope, and will be signed by an officer. Letters not so marked will not be registered by the signal office.
- (iii) Rubber stamp or heliographed signatures will not be accepted.

3.- All letters and packets not complying with the above instructions will be refused acceptance at the signal office at which they are handed in.

(sd) A.M.ROSS, Lt.Col.
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

APPENDIX. 3HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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SECRET

Copy No. 16

Australian Corps,

5th February, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 13

1. The 6th Army Brigade Aust.F.A. will be placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division from midnight 6th/7th February for such employment as may be considered necessary. The orders for movement and action will be issued by G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division.

2. On completion of its period of employment, the 6th Army Brigade Aust.F.A. will be withdrawn into Corps Reserve, under orders to be issued by the 3rd Aust. Division.

3. The return of the 6th Army Brigade Aust.F.A. to Corps Reserve will be notified to Corps Headquarters.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Am. Ross 1/16

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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8 G.O.C.
9 A.Q.
10 A.
11 Q.

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APPENDIX

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Copy No. 34

Australian Corps,
8th February, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 14

- 1.- The following moves of heavy artillery will take place:
- (i) The 12th Brigade R.G.A. (8" How.) from G.H.Q. Reserve in the NOORDPEENE Area to the Australian Corps Area on the 12th and 13th Feb.
- (ii) The 51st Brigade R.G.A. (mixed) from the Australian Corps Area to G.H.Q. Reserve in the ARQUES Area on the 14th and 15th Feb.

2.- The above moves will be carried out in accordance with the following table:-

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE
Feb.				
12th	12th Bde. R.G.A.	NOORDPEENE Area	STRAZEELE Area	EBBLINGHEM - BORRE
13th	- do -	STRAZEELE Area	AUST. Corps Area	(d)
14th	51st Bde. R.G.A.	RAVELSBURG & LA OLYTTE Areas	STRAZEELE Area	Any
15th	- do -	STRAZEELE Area	ARQUES Area	BORRE - EBBLINGHEM

- (d) Detailed orders concerning this move will be issued by the E.G.H.A.
- 2.- (i) On arrival in the Australian Corps Area, 12th Bde. R.G.A. will come under the orders of E.G.H.A., Australian Corps.
- (ii) 51st Bde. R.G.A., whilst in the ARQUES Area, will be administered by X Corps.

4.- The following minimum distances will be maintained on the march :-

Between batteries = 100 yards
Between each section of 6 vehicles = 25 "

- 5.- (i) Billeting parties will proceed 24 hours in advance of each move.
(ii) Accommodation will be arranged with area commandants concerned. Wagon lines being vacated by batteries will be taken over by area commandants.

6.- Supplies.

(a) 12th Bde. R.G.A.

- (i) Brigade will move into STRAZEELE Area rationed for 14th inst. inclusive.
Rations for 15th inst. will be drawn on 13th inst. from R. S. Q., CAESTRE.

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Rations for 16th inst. and subsequently, will be drawn from S.S.O., 5th Aust. Division, commencing 14th inst.

(11) Ration strength will be wired to R.S.O., CAESTRE on 11th inst. and to S.S.O., 5th Aust. Div. on 12th inst.

(b) 51st Bde. R.G.A.

(1) Brigade will move into STRAZELLE Area rationed for 16th inst. inclusive.

Rations for 17th inst. will be drawn on 15th inst. from R.S.O., CAESTRE.

Rations for 18th inst. and subsequently, will be drawn under X Corps arrangements, commencing 16th inst.

(11) Ration strength will be wired to R.S.O., CAESTRE on 13th inst. and to X Corps "Q" on 14th inst.

7.-

Ammunition.

(i) Heavy batteries will move with full echelons, except in the case of attached M.T., which will move empty.

(ii) Siege batteries will move with full echelons, except that batteries of similar calibre may arrange to exchange ammunition and move empty.

8.-

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Australian Corps,
14th February, 1918.

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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 7SUBJECT - "S.O.S." Signals.

1. Beginning at midday February 20th, the "S.O.S." Signal throughout the Army will be a rifle grenade signal breaking into two red, two green, stars simultaneously.
2. Australian Corps "Q" will arrange to issue to each the 3rd, 5th, and 4th Australian Divisions 250 of the above rifle grenades by midday on February 19th.
3. All "S.O.S." Signals now in use will be collected for return by the 3rd, 5th, and 4th Australian Divisions after February 20th. These divisions will inform "X" Corps Ammunition Park where to collect.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Corps,

17th February, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 8Subject = Signal Units - Establishments.

The following changes in establishments of Signal Units have been approved and will be introduced forthwith:

1. One subaltern with one motor-cycle, and one electrician for the care and charging of accumulators, will be added to each Corps H. A. signal Section.
2. Cable Sections on a slightly reduced establishment are being allotted on a scale of two per Army and two per Corps. The two sections allotted to this Corps are "F" and "WW". These are at present with the Corps and will be converted to the new establishment.
3. From the Cable Sections rendered surplus under para. 2, and from the existing 34 motor airline sections, 56 motor airline sections on a reduced establishment are being formed. These are being allotted nominally on a scale of three per Army and two per Corps, with 8 in G.H.Q. pool for allotment as required. The two motor airline sections allotted to this Corps are 18 and 88. 18 Motor Airline Section is at present with this Corps and will be converted to new establishment. 88 Motor Airline Section (new establishment) is expected to arrive shortly.
4. One subaltern for Wireless duties will be added to the Headquarters of each Divisional Signal Company. In Australian Companies this officer will therefore be borne on the establishment of the Company in lieu of the supernumerary officer for wireless duties authorised by paras. 2 and 8 of I ANZAC G. S. Circular No. 80 of 4th August, 1917.
One riding horse will be allotted to this officer from the existing establishment of horses. An additional batman will not be allowed.
5. One limbered G. S. wagon, with one driver and two draught horses, will be added to the establishment of each Signal Sub-section with a Divisional or Army F. A. Brigade.

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6. A 3-ton lorry will be substituted for a 30-cwt. lorry on the establishment of a Divisional Signal Company, and one box-car with one driver A.S.G. (M.T.) will be added for the carriage of wireless equipment. 15-cwt. box-cars are, however, not available at present, but will be issued later.

7. The following reductions will be made : -

2 sappers and pioneers from each Area Signal Detachment.

1 shoeing and carriage smith corporal from each Corps Signal Company.

2 horses from each Divisional Signal Company. (i.e., one riding horse from each cable section).

8. Telegraph operators and certain other trades set free by the above re-organisation will be added to the establishment of G.H.Q., Army, and Corps Signal Companies. In the case of a Corps Signal Company, the following increase in establishment of trades is involved : -

Telegraph Operators "A" ... 12.

Instrument Repairers ... 4.

9. Instructions as to the disposal of personnel of "K" Corps Signal Company, and attached sections involved by this re-organisation, will be issued by D.D. Signals, Army, through A.D. Signals, Corps.

10. Detailed arrangements regarding horses, and surpluses and deficiencies of transport will be notified in due course by "Q" Branch.

11. Revised establishments for Cable and Motor Airline Sections are being issued separately to those concerned.

12. War Establishments will be amended in accordance with the changes notified in para. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 above.

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13. Authority:- W.O. letter 121/France/1435 (S.D.2) dated 21st January, 1918, and G.H.Q. letter O.B./1026 dated 2nd February, 1918.

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Australian Corps,

18th February, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 16

1. Artillery units will be transferred by rail from the Australian Corps to Fifth Army as shown below :-

Serial No.	DATE	UNIT	Entraining Station	Detraining Station
1.	FEB. 21st & 22nd	51 Div. R. G. A. (Mixed)	ALQTES	ELLEVY-LE-MARTEL
2.	(6)	63 Siege Bty. 12" How. Mk. I. (less 1 How.)	BAILLEUIL	PERONNE

(6) Between 20th and 25th Feb. Date to be notified later).

2. 51 Div. R. G. A. (mixed) as composed as follows :-

Nos. 137 & 138 Heavy Btys. (60-pdr.)
Nos. 255 & 283 Siege Btys. (6" How. 6-gun)
Nos. 169 Siege Bty. (8" How. 6-gun)
No. 161 Siege Bty. (9.2" How. 6-gun)

3. Lorries, steam tractors, and T.W.D. tractors will move by road, staging night in the ARRAS Area.

4. Australian Corps "Q" will issue detailed orders for above entrainments and for moves by road.

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Australian Corps,
18th February, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 17

- 1.- The 13th Australian Light Horse Regiment arrives in the MORBECQUE Area on February 28th, en route from the Fifth Army Area to the Australian Corps Area.
- 2.- On March 1st, 13th Aust. L. H. Regt. will move by road from MORBECQUE Area to LOCRE and DRANOUTRE Areas via HAZEBROUCK - STRAZELLE - BAILLEUL.
- 3.- The following minimum distances will be maintained between units on the march :-

Between squadrons	...	...	100 yds.
Between unit and transport	...	...	100 yds.
Between each section of 6 vehicles	...	...	25 yds.
- 4.- (i) On arrival in the Corps Area, the regiment will be quartered as follows :-

UNIT	AREA	LINE
Headquarters	LOCHE	LOCHE Village
1 Squadron	"	LOCHE Lines
1 "	"	TRALEE "
1 "	DRANOUTRE	WHY & THOMPSON Lines
- (ii) Billeting parties will proceed 24 hours in advance.
- 5.- (i) Rations for consumption 2nd March will be drawn en route from R. S. O., CAESTRE on 1st March.
Commencing March 2nd, rations will be drawn from S. S. O., 5th Aust. Div., as follows :-
 - (a) On March 2nd = 2 days rations to be drawn.
 - (b) Commencing March 3rd, rations will be drawn daily for consumption on March 5th and subsequently.

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(if) Ration strength will be wired to R.S.O., CAESTRE on 27th Feb. and to S.S.O., 5th Aust. Div. on 28th Feb.

6.- Motor transport for the conveyance of horse-rugs, etc., from MORBESQUE Area to the Corps Area will report at MORBESQUE on the evening of the 28th inst.

Requirements will be wired direct to S.M.T.O. by 5 p.m. 27th inst.

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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15 W.O. 3 Sqn. A.F. C.	49 " " RAVENSBURG
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MARCH TABLE issued with AUST. CORPS ORDER NO. 18

Serial No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	FEB. 27th	"A" Inf. Bde. 1st Aust Div.	MERRIS Area	DE ZON & LaCLYTTE Areas	(s) LA-MANCHE-MONT NOIR-SCHERP-ENBERG.	(i) By march route (ii) To be clear of billets by 10a.m.
2	"	"C" Inf. Bde. 4th Aust Div.	DE ZON & LA CLYTTE Areas	MERRIS Area	LOCRE-BAILLEUL	
3	28th & night Feb 28/MAR 1st	"A" Inf. Bde. 1st Aust Div.	DE ZON & LA CLYTTE Areas	Line		
4	"	"A" Inf. Bde. 4th Aust Div.	Line	LOCRE Area		
5	FEB. 28th	"C" Inf. Bde. 1st Aust Div.	LOCRE Area	DE ZON & LaCLYTTE Areas		
6	FEB 28, MAR. 1st & night MAR. 1/2nd.	"B" Inf. Bde. 1st Aust Div.	RAVELSBERG & NOUVE EGLISE Areas	Line	By march route assisted by M.T. Vide para. 5 (b).	
7	"	"B" Inf. Bde. 4th Aust Div.	Line	RAVELSBERG & NOUVE EGLISE Areas	do.	

(s) Transport will move via BAILLEUL - LOCRE.

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Australian Corps.
22nd February 1918.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No.18.
1. (i) The 1st Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 4th Australian Division (less artillery) in 'C' (the Northern) divisional sector and area of the Corps Front between February 28th and March 2nd.
(ii) Command of 'C' divisional sector and area will pass from the G.O.C., 4th Australian Division to the G.O.C. 1st Australian Division on completion of relief in the line at 10 a.m. on 2nd March, when headquarters of divisions will be established at MERRIS and SCHERPENBERG respectively.
2. (i) Moves in connection with the above will take place in accordance with the attached table.
(ii) The 4th Australian Division, on relief, will be concentrated and accommodated in the support division area.
3. (i) Prior to this relief, the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will reinforce the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery in covering the front of the 4th Australian Division, under orders to be issued separately.
(ii) Command of the field artillery covering the front of the 4th Australian Division will pass from C.R.A. 4th Australian Division to C.R.A. 1st Australian Division simultaneously with the command of the divisional sector and area (Vide para.1 (ii) above).
4. The instructions contained in Fourth Army No.G.S.148 dated December 15th, 1917, re "Distances to be observed on the march etc" will be strictly adhered to.
5. The following means of conveyance will be available to assist in the movement of troops :-
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(a) Light Railways (within 'C' divisional area) Arrangements to be made direct with C.L.P.O., Aust. Corps by 4th Aust. Division, in consultation with 1st Aust. Division.

(b) Buses (to and from 'C' divisional area) : -

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To
1	FEB. 28th	1 Bn., 1st Aust. Div.	NEUVE EGLISE	VOORMEZEELE
2	"	1 " , 4th Aust. Div.	VOORMEZEELE	NEUVE EGLISE
3	MAR. 2nd	As for Serial No. 1		
4	"	As for Serial No. 2		

Further instructions are being issued by Corps "Q".

6. Defence schemes, works policy, maps, and all information concerning the divisional sector and area will be handed over on relief.

4th Aust. Division, on relief, will take over from 1st Aust. Division the Defence Scheme for the support division.

7. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.

8. Separate instructions concerning the relief of engineer and medical units will be issued by the C.E. and D.L.M.S. respectively.

9. All further arrangements regarding this relief will be made direct between divisional commanders concerned.

10. Acknowledge.

W. H. Hubert, Capt.
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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Australian Corps,
23rd February, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 19

1.- (a) On the 26th and 27th February, the 1st Aust. Div. Arty. will reinforce the Northern (4th Aust. Div.) front, and will superimpose the 4th Aust. Div. Arty. at present covering that front.

(b) Move will be completed by midnight 27/28th February.

2.- Detailed instructions concerning the above will be issued by G.O.C.R.A., Australian Corps.

3.- Wagon lines for the accommodation of the brigades of the 1st and 4th Aust. Div. Arty. will be available as shown in attached table. The allotment of these lines to brigades will be made by 4th Aust. Div.

4th Aust. Div. will draw from G.O.C., Corps Troops the tents required (vide table attached) and will issue through area commandants concerned.

4.- Railhead for 1st Aust. Div. Arty. (less D.A.C.), will change from STEENWERCK to BRULOOZE, taking effect on 26th Feb.

Railhead for 4th Aust. Div. Arty. will remain on 4th Aust. Div. pack at BRULOOZE.

1st Aust. D.A.C. will continue to draw from 1st Aust. Div. pack at STEENWERCK.

5.- Acknowledge.

W. W. Cuthbert Capt.

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Bde.	No. of Btys.	LOCATION	Existing accommodation		Tents to be supplied	Horses on pic- net line
			M.	H.		
A	4	DETTINGEN Lines	1 Bde.		-	-
B	2	KIMBERLEY Line	120	350	14	-
	1	(N.8.d.6.8 (N.8.d.8.8	-	-	14	172
	1	N.35.o.3.3	50	125	8	47
C	4	POMPIER Lines	1 Bde.		-	-
D	1	N.20.a.3.1	60	170	6	-
	1	ALLEN N.11.o.7.9	70	50	-	94
		COVERTRY N.11.o.5.4	209	29	-	
	1	DEVON N.7.o.7.3	50	20)	2	12
		FERMDY N.13.a.2.9	-	90)		
		DEVIZES N.17.o.7.7	50	50)		
	1	HEZENWALDE N.36.o.4.5	80	50	4	122

NOTE: 1st and 4th Aust. D. A. Cs. will retain present wagon lines.

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Australian Corps,

23rd February, 1918.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 18
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Delete sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph 3 "Command of the
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Unsubscribed Capt.
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Australian Corps,
24th February, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 20

1. The 6th Army Brigade Aust.F.A. will be placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division from midnight 26th/27th February for such employment as may be considered necessary. The orders for movement and action will be issued by G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division.
2. On completion of its period of employment, the 6th Army Bde. Aust.F.A. will be withdrawn into Corps Reserve, under orders to be issued by the 3rd Aust. Division.
3. The return of the 6th Army Bde. Aust.F.A. to Corps Reserve will be notified to Corps Headquarters.
4. Acknowledge.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 21.

1.- (1) The 2nd Australian Division (less artillery) will relieve the 3rd Australian Division (less artillery) in "A" (the right) divisional sector and area of the corps front between the 4th and 8th March, 1918.

(ii) Command of "A" divisional sector and area will pass from the G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division to the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division on completion of relief in the line at 11 a.m. on 8th March, when headquarters of divisions will be established at NIELLES-les-BLEQUIN and TAVELSBERG respectively. *2 Pioneers*

(iii) The 3rd Aust. Div. (less arty.) on relief from the line will move into corps reserve in the LUMBERS Area.

2.- The above will be effected in accordance with the movement table attached.

3.- (1) That portion of the transport of Inf. Bde. Groups for which train accommodation is not provided, will move by road in accordance with the march table attached.

(ii) Accommodation in staging areas will be obtained on application to area commandants concerned.

(iii) Transport staging through army areas will be clear of billets by 10 a.m. daily.

4.- The instructions contained in Fourth Army No.G.S. 148 dated 15th Dec., 1917, re "Distances to be observed on the March &c." will be strictly adhered to.

5. (1) For the purpose of this order, an Inf. Bde. Group will be composed of :-

- 1 Infantry Brigade
- 1 Field Company
- 1 Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 1 Field Ambulance

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(ii) Div. Machine Gun Coys. will be attached to infantry brigade groups under divisional arrangements.

6.- Defence schemes, works policy, maps, and all information concerning the divisional sector and area will be handed over on relief.

7.- Separate instructions, including detailed arrangements as to movement by train, are being issued by the administrative branch.

8.- Instructions for the relief of engineer and medical units will be issued by the C.E. and T.D.M.S. respectively.

9.- All further arrangements not herein specified will be made direct between divisional commanders concerned.

10. Acknowledge.

for *W. H. K. Arthur, Capt.*
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

Serial No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	T O	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	MAR. 2nd	"A" Inf. Bde. Group Transport (Marching portion) 2nd Aust Div.	LUMBRES Sub-area	RENESECURE Area	LUMBRES-WIZERNES -ARQUES	By march route
2	3rd	As in 1.	RENESECURE Area	STRAZELE Area	HAZEBROUCK - PRADELLES	By march route
3	"	"C" Inf. Bde. Group Transport (Marching portion) 3rd Aust Div.	3rd Aust. Div. Area	STRAZELE Area	BAILLEUL	By march route. Not to enter METEREN.
4	4th	"A" Inf. Bde. Group 2nd Aust. Div. (less 1.)	LUMBRES Sub-area	KORTEPYP Area	By train; 1 tactical set (2 personnel: 1 omnibus.)	Entrain: Personnel: LUMBRES Omnibus: WIZERNES Detrain: Personnel: STEENWERCK Omnibus: BAILLEUL
5	"	"C" Inf. Bde. Group 3rd Aust. Div. (less 3.)	KORTEPYP Area	LUMBRES Sub-area	- do -	Entrain: Personnel: STEENWERCK Omnibus: BAILLEUL Detrain: Personnel: LUMBRES Omnibus: WIZERNES
6	"	As in 1. & 2.	STRAZELE Area	3rd Aust. Div. Area	BAILLEUL	By march route. Not to enter METEREN
7	"	"B" Inf. Bde. Group Transport (Marching portion) 2nd Aust Div.	LOTTINGHEM Area	ELNES Sub-area	Any	By march route.
8	"	As in 3.	STRAZELE Area	RENESECURE Area	PRADELLES - HAZEBROUCK	- do -
9	5th	As in 7.	ELNES Sub-area	RENESECURE Area	WIZERNES - ARQUES	- do -
10	"	"B" Inf. Bde. Group Transport (Marching portion) 3rd Aust Div.	3rd Aust. Div. Area	STRAZELE Area	BAILLEUL	By march route. Not to enter METEREN

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Serial No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	T O	ROUTE	REMARKS
11	MAR. 5th	As in 3 & 8	RENESECURE Area	LUMERES sub-area	ARQUES-WIZERNES - LUMERES	By march route
12	5th & 6th	As in 4	KORTERPYP Area	Line	-	-
13	"	1st Inf. Bde. Group and Aust. Div.	Line	KORTERPYP Area	-	-
14	6th	1st Inf. Bde. Group 2nd Aust. Div. (less 7)	LOTTINGHAM Area	KORTERPYP Area	By train; 1 set tactical. (2 personnel 1 omnibus)	Entrain: Personnel: LOTTINGHAM Omnibus: DESVRES Detrain: Personnel: STEINWERCK Omnibus: BAILLEUL
15	"	1st Inf. Bde. Group 3rd Aust. Div. (less 10)	KORTERPYP Area	LOTTINGHAM Area	- do -	Entrain: Personnel: STEINWERCK Omnibus: BAILLEUL Detrain: Personnel: LOTTINGHAM Omnibus: DESVRES
16	"	As in 7 & 9	RENESECURE Area	STRAZELE Area	HAZEBROUCK - PRADAILLES	By march route
17	"	1st Inf. Bde. Group Transport (Marching Portion) 2nd Aust. Div.	RENESECURE Area	ELMES Sub-area	Any	- do -
18	"	As in 10.	STRAZELE Area	RENESECURE Area	PRADAILLES - HAZEBROUCK	- do -
19	7th	As in 7, 9 & 16	STRAZELE Area	3rd Aust. Div.	BAILLEUL	By march route. Not to enter METZ.
20	"	As in 17.	ELMES Sub-area	RENESECURE Area	WIZERNES - ARQUES	By march route
21	"	As in 10 & 18	RENESECURE Area	ELMES Sub-area	ARQUES - WIZERNES	- do -

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Serial No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	T O	ROUTE	REMARKS
22	MAR. 7th	WAF Inf. Bde. Group Transport (Marching portion) 3rd Aust Div	3rd Aust. Div. Area	STRAZEELE Area	BAILLEUL	By march route: Not to enter METEFEN
23	7th & Night 7/8th	As in 14.	KORTPEYP Area	Line	-	-
24	"	WAF Inf. Bde. Group 3rd Aust. Div.	Line	KORTPEYP Area	-	-
25	8th	WAF Inf. Bde. Group 2nd Aust. Div. (less 17)	HENNEVEUX Area	KORTPEYP Area	By train: 1 set tactical (2 personnel 1 omnibus)	Entrain: P.= DESVRES T.= DESVRES Detrain: P.= STEENWERCK T.= BAILLEUL
26	"	WAF Inf. Bde. Group 3rd Aust. Div. (less 22)	KORTPEYP Area	HENNEVEUX Area	- do -	Entrain: P.= STEENWERCK T.= BAILLEUL Detrain: P.= DESVRES T.= DESVRES
27	"	As in 17 & 26	RENESECURE Area	STRAZEELE Area	HAZEBROUCK - PRADELLES	By march route.
28	"	As in 22	STRAZEELE Area	RENESECURE Area	PRADELLES - HAZEBROUCK	- do -
29	"	As in 10, 18 & 21	ELNES Sub-area	LOTTINGHEM Area	Any	- do -
30	9th	As in 22 & 28	RENESECURE Area	ELNES Sub-area	ARQUES - WIZERNES	- do -
31	"	As in 17, 20 & 27	STRAZEELE Area	3rd Aust. Div. Area	BAILLEUL	By march route. Not to enter METEFEN
32	10th	As in 22, 28 & 30	El nes Sub-Area	HENNEVEUX Area	Any	By march route

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- 1-2 Fourth Army
- 3 XV Corps
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- ~~6-7~~ 2nd " "
- ~~8-9~~ 3rd " "
- 10 4th " "
- 11 5th " "
- 12 B.G.H.A.
- 13 Corps Rct. Camp
- 14 3rd Sqn. A.F.C.
- 15 6th Ball. Coy.
- 16 K. Corps Supply Col.
- 17 K. Corps Sig. Coy.
- 18 Topo. Sec.
- 19 Corps School
- 20 Branch Ig. A.F.C.
- 21 G.O.C.
- 22 A.Q.
- 23 A.
- 24 Q.
- 25 A.D.S. & T.
- 26 Ig.
- 27 G.O.C.R.A.
- 28 C.E.
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- 30 A.D. Signals
- 31 A.D.O.S.
- 32 S.M.T.O.
- 33 D.D.M.S.
- 34 D.A.D.P.S.
- 35 A.P.M.
- 36 A.D.V.S.
- 37 Chemical Adviser
- 38 C.L.R.O.
- 39 French Mission
- 40 Belgian Mission

- 41 Area Comdt. KORTERPYP Area
- 42 " " ELNES sub-Area
- 43 " " RENESCURE Area
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SECRET.

Copy No.

Australian Corps.
24th February, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 22.

1.- The following field artillery reliefs will take place on the corps front:-

(a) After the completion of the divisional infantry relief the C.O.C. 1st Australian Division will arrange to interchange the 1st and 4th Australian Divisional Artilleries covering "C" (the left) divisional front. This interchange will be completed by 10 a.m. 4th March.

(b) (i) The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery on "A" (the right) divisional front between the 11th and 13th March. Relief will be completed by 10 a.m. 13th March. (ii) On relief the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will concentrate in the WERRIS area.

(iii) Detailed orders concerning the above will be issued by the C.O.C.P.A. Australian Corps.

2.- (i) The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will move by road to the corps area in accordance with the following table:-

Serial No.	Date	From	To	Route
1	March 8th	ALOUINES area	WERRIS Bde. Sub-area	Any
2	9th	WERRIS Bde. Sub-area	WERRIS area	WERRIS-ARQUES.
3	10th	WERRIS area	WERRIS area	HAZEBROUCK & TRADRELS.

(ii) Billeting parties will proceed 24 hours in advance of each move.

(iii) Accommodation in staging areas will be obtained on application to area commandants concerned.

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4.- Separate instructions are being issued by the administrative branch.

5.2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

you Brigadier-General,
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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Col. No.	To.	Col. No.	To.
1 - 2	Fourth Army	34	P. A. D. Posts
3	XV Corps	35	A. D. S.
4	XXII Corps	36	A. D. V. S.
5/6	1st Australian Division	37	Chemical Adviser
7 - 8	2nd Australian Division	38	C. E. R. O.
9 - 10	3rd Australian Division	39	French Mission
11 - 12	4th Australian Division	40	Belgian Mission
13	5th Australian Division	41	Area Command. REINFORCES
14	E. C. H. A.	42	" " REINFORCES Eda.
15	Corps Rict. Camp		Sub-area.
16	3rd Sqn., A.F.C.	43	Area Command. REINFORCES
17	6th Balloon Coy.		area.
18	"K" Corps Amun. Park	44	C. O. File
19	"K" Corps Supply Col.	45	Corres File.
20	"K" Corps Sig. Coy.	46	War Diary
21	Topo. Section	47	do.
22	Branch Ig., E. T. C.	48	do.
23	C. O. C.	49)	Retained.
24	A.	to 55)	
25	C.		
26	A. D. S. & T.		
27	Ig.		
28	C. O. C. R. A.		
29	C. F.		
30	A. D. Sigs.		
31	A. D. O. S.		
32	S. F. T. O.		
33	D. D. S.		

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Australian Corps.
26th February 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER NO. 23.

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1.- Artillery units will be transferred from the Australian Corps by rail to Third Army, as shown below :-

Serial.	Date.	Unit.	Entrain- ing.	Detrain- ing.
1.	27th Feb.	45th S.B. 9.2" Gun (Mk.VI).	YPRES GONNAUGHT Siding.	ACHET.
2.	28th Feb.	H.Q. 31st H.A.G.	BAILLEUL.	ARRAS.
3.	-do-	55th S.B. 6" Gun (Mk.VII).	BAILLEUL.	BOISLEUX- AU-PORT.

2.- Lorries and steam tractors will move by road.

3.- Australian Corps 'Q' will be issuing detailed orders for above moves.

4.- Third Army will issue orders for detrainment.

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Australian Corps.

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G.
Australian Corps.
22nd February 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO.9.

SUBJECT:- Formation of Australian Corps Signal Company.

1.- An A.I.F. order is about to be published, authorising the formation of an Australian Corps Signal Company, composed as follows:-

- Company Headquarters.
- Signal Section, Corps Heavy Artillery.
- Two Motor Airline Sections.
- Two Cable Sections.

on approved establishments which have been issued separately to those concerned.

2.- The Company will be designated the "Australian Corps Signal Company", the two Motor Airline Sections "1st and 2nd Australian Motor Airline Sections" respectively, and the two Cable Sections "1st and 2nd Australian Cable Sections" respectively.

3.- The Wireless Section, "E" Corps Signal Company will be transferred to Australian Corps Signal Company, and will form part thereof, at a date to be notified later.

4.- The formation of the units mentioned in para 1 above will be undertaken forthwith and will be effected in the following manner.

5.- The personnel will be found partly by transfers from Divisional Signal Companies, and partly from Signal Reinforcements. A number of the latter have been ordered from England to supplement those now in the country.

6.- The O.C. Australian Corps Signal Company will be selected from amongst officers of Divisional Signal Companies, and other officers will be selected from the same source as required to fill the establishment of the unit. Orders for posting will be issued by D.A.G., A.I.F.

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7.- Such members of other ranks as are of suitable trades and can be spared from Divisional Signal Companies will be selected by arrangement between A.D.Signals and O.C. Divisional Signal Companies and posted to Australian Corps Signal Company, their places being filled by Signal reinforcements. Orders for transfer and posting will be issued by D.A.G., A.I.F. from time to time.

Orders for posting of Signal Reinforcements gradually to complete the establishment of the unit will be issued by D.A.G., A.I.F. on advice of A.D.Signals.

8.- The Headquarters of the Australian Corps Signal Company will be formed at once and located at Corps Reinforcement overflow Camp near CAESTRE. All personnel transferred or posted to the unit will go in the first instance to these Headquarters, whence in the case of Company Headquarters, Corps Heavy Artillery Section, and two Cable Sections, they will gradually be drafted to the corresponding units of "K" Corps Signal Company, in relief of present personnel. All A.I.F. personnel while with "K" Corps Signal Company will work under the orders of that unit, but will be administered by O.C. Australian Corps Signal Company.

In the case of the two Australian Motor Airline Sections, these will be formed and trained at CAESTRE, and in due course relieve corresponding Sections of "K" Corps Signal Company as complete units.

9.- Personnel of "K" Corps Signal Company released in accordance with paragraph 6 will be disposed of in accordance with instructions to be issued by A.D.Signals to O.C. "K" Corps Signal Company.

10.- Australian Corps Signal Company will eventually relieve "K" Corps Signal Company as a unit in the line. Instructions as to when this will be effected, and the taking over of equipment, transport, etc., involved will be issued later.

11.- Arrangements will be made by A.D.Signals for the provision of the necessary instructors, equipment and vehicles for the training of the two Motor Airline Sections mentioned in paragraph 8.

Am Ross
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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1st Australian Division.	6.
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3rd " "	6.
4th " "	6.
5th " "	6.
B.G.H.A.	2.
Corps Reinforcement Camp.	1.
G.O.C.	1.
AQ.	1.
A.	1.
G.O.C.R.A.	1.
3rd Army Bde A.F.A.	1.)
6th " " "	1.) thro' G.O.C., R.A.
12th " " "	1.)
C.E.	1.
A.D.Signals.	25.
A.D.O.S.	1.
D.D.M.S.	1.
D..D.Posts.	1.
D..G..A.I.F.	2.
Aust. Corps Cyclist Bn.	1.
O.O. Corps Troops.	1.
Camp Commandant.	1.
A.I.F.Amd. H.Q. London.	1.
Aust.Sec. 3rd Echelon.	1.
O.O.File.	1.
Corres. File.	1.
War Diary.	3.