

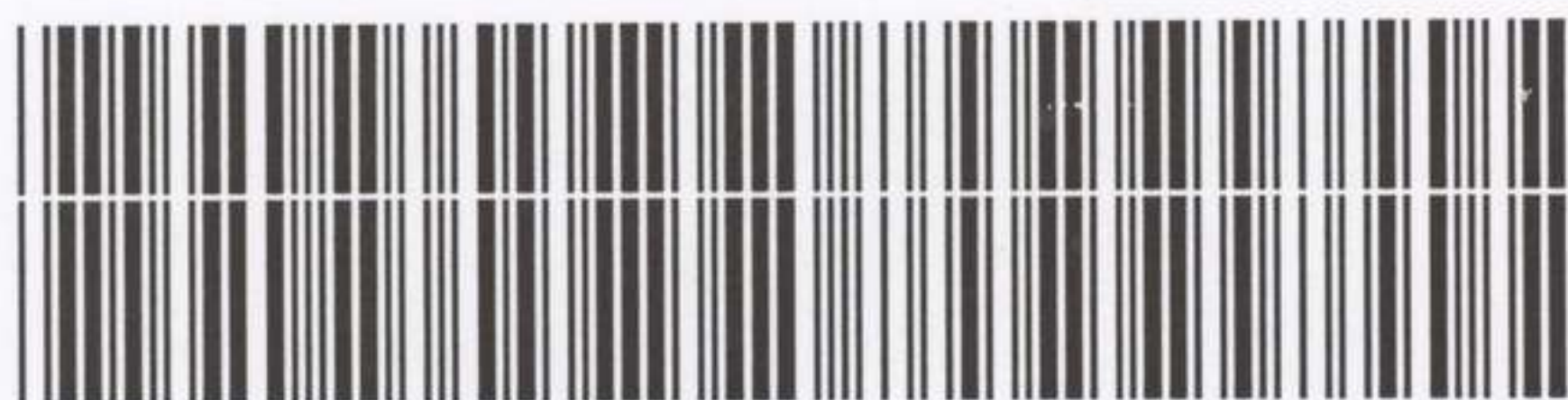
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5TH AUSTRALIAN LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.	
No.....
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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

5th A.L.T.M. Battery

FOR

November 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

G. D. Low

Signature of Officer Commanding

W. E. ... Captain

WAR DIARY

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MORTAR BATTERY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Signacourt	1-11-18	9 PM.	Battery training and route march. Strength 1 off 34 OR's.	Appendix 1.
Co.	9-11-18	Co.	Training carried out during week as per appendix 1. 2. B. Co. Football competition started. Result 6. 3.	15th Batt. 5th ALTMB Co. 1. 2.
Co.	11-11-18	Co.	Armistice signed 11 AM. Holiday throughout district. Joyful demonstrations & processions. B. Co. Strength 1 off 43 OR's.	
Co.	12-11-18	Co.	Thanksgiving service in church at 10 AM. B. Co. Sports as per appendix 1. 3. B. Co. Strength 1 off 43 OR's.	Co. 1. 3.
Co.	13-11-18	Co.	Battery inspection & route march. Afternoon devoted to football & recreational training. B. Co. Strength 2 off 45 OR's.	
Co.	14-11-18	Co.	Evolutional Gymkhana as per appendix 1. 4. B. Co. Strength 2 off 45 OR's.	Co. 1. 4.
Co.	16-11-18	Co.	Battery training in forenoon. B. Co. v 20th Batt. in rugby competition match. Result 9. 0. B. Co. Strength 3 off 48 OR's.	5th ALTMB 20th Batt. B. Co. Strength 3 off 48 OR's.
Co.	17-11-18	Co.	Church service forenoon. Church service in afternoon, landing over the Australian graves in vicinity to care of women & children in Signacourt. Address by Brig General of Artillery Col. G. P. S. O. B. Co. Strength 3 off 48 OR's.	
			through deputies & Generals. Appendix 1. 5.	Co. 1. 5.
Co.	18-11-18	Co.	Orders received for advance to Rhene, relaxation of censorship, ceremonial parade in forenoon. Recreational training in afternoon. B. Co. Strength 3 off 48 OR's.	
Co.	19-11-18	Co.	Shooting competition on range. Rugby competition B. Co. v 14th Batt. Result 3. 6. B. Co. Strength 3 off 48 OR's.	5th ALTMB 14th Batt. B. Co. Strength 3 off 48 OR's.
Co.	21-11-18	Co.	Packing up for movement to concentration area. B. Co. Strength 3 off 49 OR's.	

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Sigaacourt	22-11-18		Entrained at Sigaacourt 5 AM 22-11-18. Arrived Battery 8 PM 22-11-18. Strength 3 off. 490 OR's.	cliff. 11-6.
Behauw	23-11-18	9 PM.	Attended church service. Resting. Strength 3 off. 490 OR's.	
Ro.	25-11-18	Ro.	Marched to Maaringhen. Arrived 1 PM. raining, roads heavy. Strength 3 off. 480 OR's.	cliff. 11-9.
Maaringhen	26-11-18	Ro.	Marched to Pousches. Arrived 1 PM. roads heavy. Strength 3 off. 480 OR's.	cliff. 11-8.
Pousches	27-11-18	Ro.	Resting, brushing up. Strength 3 off. 480 OR's.	
Ro.	28-11-18	Ro.	Cleaning transport, guns & equipment, weather cold & wet. Strength 3 off. 440 OR's.	
Ro.	29-11-18	Ro.	Lecture on Demobilisation & Repatriation. Educational Scheme started in Battery. Strength 3 off. 440 OR's.	
Ro.	30-11-18	Ro.	Cleaning & brushing up, weather cold & damp. Strength 3 off. 480 OR's.	

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SYLLABUS of TRAINING

.....(Unit)

For week ending1918.

5th ALTA Battery

Date	Hours-					Place of parade	Remarks
	0900 to 1000	1000 to 1100	1100 to 1130	1130 to 1400	1400 to 1500		
Monday 5-11-18	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill	1500 to 1530	Drilling reports
Tuesday 9-11-18	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill		Drill
Wednesday 10-11-18	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill		Drill
Thursday 11-11-18	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill		Drill
Friday 12-11-18	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill		Drill

Place of Parade Street 44^E W 23 Central

of Commanding
5th ALTA Battery

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of 20/11/18

5th ALP M Battalion
 BATTALION - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - Week ending 20-11-18..... 1918.

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Day and Date.	Hours of Parade.					Place of Parade and Remarks
	0900 to 1100	1100 to 1130	1130 to 1200	1200 to 1300	1300 to 1500	
MONDAY 4-11-18	Report writing	Search - Section drill	Saluting drill	Gas drill	Rifle Exercises	Shot 3rd W 25 bullets
TUESDAY 5-11-18	Report writing	Lecture on map-reading	Map-reading	Map-reading	Vertical Salutes	Pr
WEDNESDAY 6-11-18	Report writing	Lecture on map-reading	Gas drill	Half Holiday		Pr
THURSDAY 7-11-18	Report writing	Map-reading	Saluting Squad	Map-reading	Report writing	Pr
FRIDAY 8-11-18	Report writing	Map-reading	Map-reading	Half Holiday		Pr
SATURDAY 9-11-18	Report writing	Map-reading	Map-reading	Half Holiday		Pr

APPENDIX 2

20/11/18
 5th ALP M Battalion

*Thur*APPENDIX *3*

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SPORTS MEETING - ¹² 7.11.18.

BY PERMISSION OF THE G.O.C. - BRIGADIER GENERAL E.F. MARTIN, CMG, DSO.

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

- JUDGES -

Lieut.-Col. G.F. MURPHY, CMG, DSO, Lieut.-Col. W.J. BATHMAN.
Lieut.-Col. W.L. CROWTHER.Major J.H. McDONALD, DSO- MC, Major S.A. MIDDLETON.
Major W.P. MacCALLUM, MC.

Captain C.E. PELLEN, MC, (for Long Jump).

- STARTERS -

Captain C.C. FINLAY, 17th Bn. Lieut. W.F. JONES, M.C. 18th Bn.

- GROUND STEWARDS -

Captain E. HARNETT, 17th Bn. Captain G.M. WHISH, A.A.M.C.
Lieut. W.L. BAIN, 20th Bn. Lieut. J.G. EDMONDSON, Bde.H.Q.
Lieut. L. NOAKE, A.A.S.C. Lieut. N.K. BUSHELL, 18th Bn.

- MEGAPHONE STEWARD -

R.S.M. A. COOKE, 20th Bn.

- RECORDING ANGEL -

Captain F.W. TUGWILL, 17th Bn.

- POINT SCORE STEWARD -

Corporal A. GOODE, 18th Bn.

- FANCY COSTUME COMPETITIONS -

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- JUDGES -

Lieut.-Col. G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O. Lieut.-Col. W.J. BATHMAN.

Lieut.-Col. W.L. CROWTHER.

Major J.H. McDONALD, D.S.O., M.C.

***** E V E N T S *****

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Time. No of Event.

1100 1 HEATS of 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP
(1st and 2nd. in each heat to start in final).

1st Heat -

LEES (17th), SLATTERS, (18th), Sgt. SIMPSON (20th). Sgt. CROOK (T.M.), ALCORN (A.S.C.), Sgt. MELVILLE (A.M.C.),

.....() 1.....() 2nd.

2nd Heat.-

SMITH (17th), KNIGHT, (18th), Lieut. AYLING (20th), Cpl. SUTTOR (A.S.C.), L/C. HARPER, (A.M.C.),

.....() 1.....() 2.

3rd Heat -

NUNNS (17th), Sgt. COULTHART (18th), Lieut. LOHAN (20th), BUTLER (A.A.S.C.) Sgt. GRIFFITHS (A.M.C.).

.....() 1.....() 2.

1110 2 TUG-O-WAR (Semi-finals).

(Best of three pulls - - 6 feet base).

18th Bn.	V	20th Bn.....	}
Bde.H.Q. & T.M.Bty.	V	A.A.S.C.....		
A.M.C.	-	Bye.....	}
17th Bn.	-	Bye.....		

1130 3. HEATS 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(1st, 2nd. and 3rd. in each Heat to start in final).

1st Heat.-

LEES (17th), NUNNS (17th), GUMBERFORD (18th), TAYLOR (20th), FRASER (20th), BUTLER (A.S.C.) Sgt. MELVILLE (A.M.C.), L/Cpl. HARPER (A.M.C.).

.....()1.....()2.....()3.

2nd. Heat -

SMITH (17th), Sgt. COULTHART (18th), KNIGHT (18th) Sgt. SIMPSON (20th), ALCORN (A.S.C.), SUTTOR (A.S.C.) Sgt. GRIFFITHS (A.M.C.)

.....()1.....().....()3.

1140 4. FOUR LEGGED RACE - 75 yards.

(Centre man reversed).

Two teams of three from each Unit.

Bde. H.Q. & T.M. Bty., 17th. Bn., 18th. Bn. 20th Bn., A.A.S.C. and A.A.M.C.

.....()1.....()2.

ATHLETIC EVENTS (Continued)

Time.No of Event.

1150 5. OFFICERS 100 Yards CHAMPIONSHIP - Post Entries.

(1st In each heat to start in final)

1st Heat.....1.

2nd Heat.....1.

3rd Heat.....1.

1200 6. FINAL 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

.....()1.....()2.....()3.

1205 7. SECOND ROUND TUG-O-WAR.

Winner of 18th Bn. V 20th Bn..... } Winner.
V
Winner of Bde.H.Q. V A.A.S.C..... }

A.A.M.C. V 17th Bn.....Winner.

1225 8. FINAL OFFICERS' 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

.....()1.....()2.....()3.

LUNCH - 1230 - 1330.

1330 9. RELAY RACE

100 Yards each man. Teams of 4. Flag to be carried over course.

17th Bn., 18th Bn., 20th Bn., Bde. H.Q. & T.M. Bty.
A.A.S.C. & A.A.M.C.

.....1.

1340 10. SACK RACE - 75 Yards. - 3 Entries per Unit.

.....()1.....()2.....()3.

1350 11. BOAT RACE - 50 Yards each way.

(Each man must straddle pole) 1 team - 8 men & cox per Unit.

Bde.H.Q., 17th Bn., 18th. Bn., 20th Bn., A.A.S.C., A.A.M.C.

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1400 12. FINAL 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

.....()1.....()2.....()3.

SPORTS MEETING - 7.11.18.

By permission of the G.O.C. - Brigadier General E.F. MARTIN, CMG, DSO.

HORSE EVENTS.

(Under direction of Capt. E.J. McNABB, M.C. & Capt. A. BLINE).

JUDGES - Capt. H. G. BUSBY, 17th Bn. Lieut. E.G. McCOLL, 20th Bn.

STARTERS - Captain G.W.J. BLACKMAN (A.A.S.C.).

STEWARD - Lieut. T. McGill, 20th Bn.

JUDGES - Draught Pair.

Captain H.O. BUSBY, 17th Bn. - Lieut. J.G. EDWARDS
Bde. H.Q.

- E V E N T S -

Time.	Event No.	
1330	1	<u>6 FURLONG TROT</u> - 17th Bn. 2; 18th Bn. 2; 20th Bn. 2; Bde.H.Q. 1.1.....2.....3.
1400	2	<u>MULE RACE - "DIGGERS' PLATE"</u> - 3 Furlongs. 17th Bn. 4; 18th Bn. 2; 20th Bn. 3; T.M.Bty. 2.1.....2.....3.
1415	3	<u>BEST FRENCH DRAUGHT PAIR IN BRIGADE AREA.</u> Post Entries.1.....2.
1430	4	<u>3 FURLONG OFFICERS' RACE.</u> 17th Bn. 3; 18th Bn. 4; 20th Bn. 2.1.....2.....3.
1500	5	<u>FLAG RACE ON MULES (Without Saddles.)</u> Conditions on Ground. 17th Bn. 4; 18th Bn. 6; 20th Bn. 4; T.M.Bty. 2.1.....2.....3.
1530	6	<u>WRESTLING ON MULE BACK (Without Saddles).</u> Team of four. 17th Bn. 1; 18th Bn. 1; 20th Bn. 2.1.

All Prizes will be presented at conclusion of Sports at Luncheon, HANGAR.

For the Committee,
Roy. Handy, 2nd.Lieut.
Hon. Secretary, 3th. A.I.Bde. Sports.

To be held on Thursday, 7th. Nov. at AERODROME GROUNDS.

Programme to commence at 1100.

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

<u>Race.</u>	<u>Conditions.</u>	<u>Prizes.</u>		
		<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
1. Heats 100 yds. Champ.	3 men per Unit.	-	-	-
2. Tug-o'-War, semi-final	1 team of 8 & Coach per Unit.	-;	-	-
3. Heats, 220 yds. champ.	3 men per Unit.	-	-	-
4. Four-legged race.	2 teams per Unit.	20 frcs.	10 frcs.	-
5. Relay race, each 100 yds.	1 team of 4 men per Unit.	40 frcs.	-	-
6. Final 100 yds. champ.		30 frcs.	15 frcs.	10 fr.
7. Sack race,	3 men per Unit.	15 frcs.	10 frcs.	5 fr.
8. Long jump,	Post Entries.	30 frcs.	15 frcs.	10 fr.
9. Officers' 100 yds. champ.	All comers.	-	-	-
10. Boat Race, 50 yds. each way.	1 team per Unit, 8 men and cox.	45 frcs.	-	-
11. Final, 220 yds. Champ.		30 frcs.	15 frcs.	10 fr.
12. High jump,	Post entries.	30 frcs.	15 frcs.	10 fr.
13. Band race,	Handicap,	15 frcs.		
14. 440 yds. champ.	3 men per Unit,	30 frcs.	15 frcs.	10 fr.
15. Tug-o'-War, final,		90 frcs.		
16. 1 mile walk,	Post entries,	30 frcs.	15 frcs.	10 fr.
17. 880 yds. Champ.	Post entries,	30 frcs.	15 frcs.	10 fr.

CIVILIAN EVENTS.

1. 100 yds. race for children, Boys under 14,	10 frcs.	5 frcs.	-
2. 100 yds. race for children, Girls under 14,	10 frcs.	5 frcs.	-

HORSE EVENTS.

1. Best French Draught pair in Brigade Area,	60 frcs.	20 frcs.	-
2. 6 furlong trot,	25 frcs.	10 frcs.	-
3. Wrestling on Mule Back, without saddles.	Teams of 4 per Unit.	40 frcs.	-
4. Flag Race on Mules, without saddles.	Conditions on ground	30 frcs.	-
5. Officers' Horse Race,	3 furlongs,	-	-
6. Mule race, (for men),	3 furlongs,	25 frcs.	10 frcs.

COMIC EVENTS.

1. Most Original Character,	20 frcs.	10 frcs.	-
2. Best Sustained Character,	20 frcs.	10 frcs.	-
3. Best Sustained Group,	40 frcs.	-	-
4. Best Sustained Couple,	20 frcs.	-	-

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Appendix No 4

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OFFICERS' GYMKHANA.

To be held on 14th November, 1918, Starting at 1200

(Sheet 57.E., v.29.b.2.8).

Open to all Officers of the Second Australian Division.

Entries to be in Secretary's Hands not later than the 7th Nov.
No Entries will be accepted unless accompanied by Entrance Fee.

The Programme of Events is subject to alteration unless sufficient Entries are received.

PROGRAMME.

No.	Event	Entrance Fee	Particulars
1.	Rescue Race	Francs 10 (pair)	Once round short course over 3 hurdles, rider dismount clear at partner, pick up partner, return same course without hurdles bareback.
2.	Bending Race	5	5 posts in 24 yards, 54 yards over all, thread through posts circle last post, return same course to winning post. One post knocked, one point lost.
3.	Obstacle Race	5	(a) Gridiron (6 small hurdles close together) (b) Box jump, (c) Water Jump (d) Pole 7 feet high. climb over pole. Conditions: No whips or spurs. Usual conditions.
4.	Tilting the Ring	5	
5.	Flat Race (5 Furlongs)	10	Horse to be ridden by an Officer to which unit horse belongs. Officers' pattern saddle to be used - no pads.
6.	High Jump	5	Same conditions as Flat Race. Start at 4'6" - 3in. rises - 2 tries.

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No.	Event	Entrance Fee.	Particulars.
		Francs	
7.	Wrestling on Horseback	5 (Each)	Teams of 4 to be selected Group to which unit belongs Groupings may be obtained from Units representative on Div Committee.
8.	Hunters Plate.	10	Ordinary Hunters obstacles. Same conditions as Flat Race
9.	Thread Needle Race	5	Over 3 hurdles 2'6" high, dismount at partner, thread needle, kick thread, return over jumps to winning post.
10.	Tent Pegging	5	Usual conditions. Lance supplied on ground.
11.	Flag Race	5	4 barrels abreast at starting point. Competitors to be mounted behind each barrel, first flag 5 yds away, and then intervals of 20 yds in line up each flag and place in barrel at Winning Post.
12.	1 Mile Trot	5	Usual trotting and same Flat Race conditions.
13.	Lemon Cutting	5	Usual conditions. Swords supplied on ground.

(Sgd) E.R. COX, Lieut.,
Hon Secretary,
2nd Aust. Div. Train H.Q.

29th October, 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION HORSE SHOW.

To be held on November 14th, in conjunction with Officers' Gymkhana.

Entries to be in Secretary's Hands not later than 7th November.

P R O G R A M M E.

1. Officer's Charger - To be ridden by owner - Service Pattern Saddlery Entrance Fee - 5 Francs.
2. Best turned out G.S. Limber and pair complete.
3. " " " " Wagon " " "
4. " " " " Cooker " " "
5. " " " " Water Cart " " "
6. " " " " Maltose Cart.
7. " " " " Pack Animal
8. Driving competitions for G. S. Limbers.

In Events Nos.2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 no Entrance Fee will be charged, but entries are limited to one per event from each unit.

Conditions for Events 2 to 7 will be as usual: Service Equipment, Grooming and condition of horses or mules, etc., will be taken into account.

Programme of Events is liable to alteration in the event of insufficient entries being received.

(Sgd.) E.R. COX, Liout.,
Hon. Secretary,
2nd Aust. Div. Train H.Q.

29th October, 1918.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
16th November, 1918.17th., 18th., 20th. Bns.
5th. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
5th. Aust. Field Amb.

The Maire of VIGNACOURT has arranged for a Commemoration Ceremony to be held at the British Military Cemetery, VIGNACOURT tomorrow afternoon at 1430.

The children of the village will place wreaths and flowers on the graves of English and Australian soldiers buried there, and the graves are to be handed over to the care of these children for the future.

Delegates from the French Government and French Army will be present and will address the gathering.

As many men as possible from all units will parade and march to the Mairie by 1415.

Dress - Belts and sidearms.

From the Mairie to the Cemetery the following will be the order of the procession :-

Australian Troops (17th., 18th., 20th Bns.
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty., Bde. H.Q. and
Field Amb.)

School Children.
Massed Bands.
Military and Civil Authorities.
French Soldiers.
Civil Population.

At the Ceremony the funeral march will be played while the school children place flowers on the graves. The authorities will make speeches after which the massed bands will play the Marseillaise and the National Anthem. Then the "Last Post" will be sounded.

At the close of the ceremony Units will march back independently to their private parade grounds.

W. Barner

Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Captain,

System of Training

5th ALTM Battery

for week ending 23-11-18

5th AUSTRALIAN
LIGHT TRENCH
MORTAR BATTERY.
No. 112
Date

Enter	0900 to 1000	1000 to 1100	1100 to 1130	1300 to 1400	1400 to 1500
<u>Monday</u> 18-11-18	Physical Drill	Rifle Exercises	Squad Drill	Recreational Training	
<u>Tuesday</u> 19-11-18		Range Practice			50
<u>Wednesday</u> 20-11-18	Physical Drill	Squad Sentry Duty	Section Skatoon Drill		50
<u>Thursday</u> 21-11-18		Route March			50
<u>Friday</u> 22-11-18	Physical Drill	Gun Drill	Bayonet Exercise		50
<u>Saturday</u> 23-11-18	50.	Rifle Exercise Squad Drill	Gun Drill		50

APPENDIX

Parade Grounds Skat 54° W 1.8 Central

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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ADVANCE TO THE RHINE.INSTRUCTION No 1.

1. The AUSTRALIAN Corps is to be concentrated in the LE CATEAU area before the move forward to the RHINE.
2. Units will be prepared to move by train to the LE CATEAU area at any time after 19th instant (inclusive).
3. No dumps will be left in the present area. A dump will be formed under Div. arrangements in the LE CATEAU area for all personnel it is not desired to take forward, sick and unground animals and extra baggage.
4. Should the move forward from LE CATEAU be by Road the Brigade Group ("B" Group under G.O.C., 5th. A.I.Bde.) will consist of :-

5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 17th " " Battalion.
 18th " " "
 20th " " "
 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
 2nd Aust. M.G. Bn. (less 6th & 7th M.G. Coys.).
 5th. Aust. Field Coy., A.E.
 5th. Aust. Field Amb.
 15th Coy. A.A.S.C.

It is possible that one Field Artillery Battery may be attached to the Group.

5. The following general instructions apply to movement by route march :-

- (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. Two blankets per man will be carried on transport to be provided.
- (c) Steel helmets and box respirators will be carried.
- (d) Roads will be left clear for supply vehicles between the hours of 1700 and 0500.
- (e) It will not be possible to establish telephone communication. Communications will therefore be by D.R.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. A. Chapman Major,
 Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 17th Battalion. | 6. 5th Field Ambulance. |
| 2. 18th Battalion. | 7. 5th Field Coy. A.E. |
| 3. 20th Battalion. | 8. 15th Coy. A.A.S.C. |
| 4. 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. | 9/11. War Diary. |
| 5. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Bn. | 12. File. |

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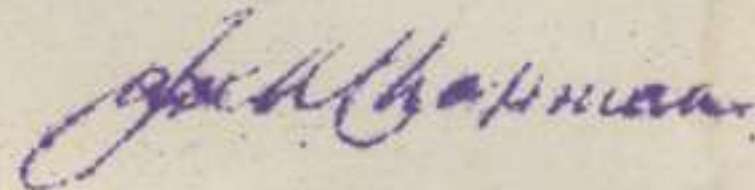
SECRETFIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
-----Headquarters,
18th November 1918ADVANCE TO THE RHINEInstruction No. 2

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1. The Brigade Group will be prepared to move from present area by rail at 36 hours notice.
2. Arrangements for the march from LE CATEAU forward :-
 - (a) The S.A.A. to be carried on the man on the march will be reduced to 60 rounds.
 - (b) A.A. Lewis Guns of Battalions will not be carried but will be left at the Divisional Dump.
 - (c) Notes for Staff and Regimental Officers on the rules of march discipline will be issued shortly - one copy per officer.

Commanding Officers will take all steps possible to ensure that blocks on the roads, delay 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.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued to -

17th, 18th, 20th Bns.,
5th A.L.T.M.Bty. ✓
2nd A.M.G.Bn.
5th Field Ambulance
5th Field Coy. A.E.
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 223.

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Headquarters,
20th November, 1918.

Reference Maps
VA. LENCIIENNES & ST. QUENTIN
1/100,000.

1. (a) The 5th Infantry Brigade Group will move by strategical train from YZEUX area to FRESNOY area, commencing at 1311 on 21st November, in accordance with train table attached.
- (b) On arrival at detraining station units will move direct to billets.
2. For this move the Group will be composed as under :-
 - 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade
 - H.Q. and 5th Coy. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
 - 7th Field Coy. A.E.
 - 5th Field Ambulance
 - 1/3rd Section S.A.A., D.A.C.
 - 15th Coy. A.A.S.C.
 - 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet Section
 - 2nd Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.
 - 2nd Aust. Div. Baths personnel
3. Entraining Station - VIGNACOURT. Detraining Station BUSIGNY.
Approximate length of journey - 8 hours.
4. (a) Loading party is being supplied by the Pioneer Bn. The 20th Bn will detail an unloading party of 100 (including a proportion of Officers & NCOs.) This party will act as unloading party for the Brigade Group.
- (b) 17th and 18th Bns. will each detail an officer of the rank of Captain to act as Group Entraining and Detraining Officers respectively. Names to be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. Entraining Officer to report to Div. Entraining Officer at VIGNACOURT Station 3½ hours before departure of first train. Detraining Officer will go by the first train, ontraining Officer by the last train of the Group.
5. Billeting parties have already proceeded by lorry.
6. Administrative Instructions are being issued by the Staff Captain.
7. (a) Brigade H.Q. will close at VIGNACOURT at 2100 on 21st instant and reopen on arrival in new area. Exact location will be given to billeting parties.
- (b) Units will notify Brigade H.Q. of their locations as soon as possible after arrival in the FRESNOY Area.

B. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Issued at 1300
through Signals

J. A. Chapman
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TRAIN TABLE - TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 223

Train No.	Date	Time of Departure	UNIT	Strength		Horses -		Axles
						H.D.	L.D.	
1	Novr. 21st	1311	20th Battalion	34	486	13	46	40
			2nd Aust. Div. Baths	1	30	-	-	-
			2nd Div. Salv. Coy.	1	50	-	3	2
2	Novr. 21st	1711	17th Bn (less 2 Coys)	24	246	9	46	36
			1/3rd S.A.A. Section	1	58	2	61	26
3	Novr. 21st	2111	18th Battalion	36	577	13	46	40
			2nd Mob. Vet. Sect.	-	25	2	18	5
			Bde. Concert Party	-	-	-	-	-
4	Novr. 22nd	0111	Brigade H.Q. & Signals	10	133	4	39	14
			5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	3	48	-	6	6
			2 Coys., Cookers & Teams of 17th Bn	12	200	4	2	4
			H.Q. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.	5	53	1	24	6
			2 G.S. Wagons of S.A.A. SECT.	-	-	4	-	4
5	Novr. 22nd	0511	7th Field Coy. A.E.					28
			5th Field Ambulance					32
6	Novr. 22nd	0911	5th A.M.G.Coy.					33
			15th Coy. A.A.S.C.					20 ***

*** 4 Covered trucks to be reserved for supplies.

Transport to be in station yard 3 hours before departure of train.

Personnel to be in Station Yard 1 hour before departure of train.

Units will detail a unit entraining Officer to report to Group Entraining Officer before their unit commences to entrain.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 224.

Copy No. 4

Reference Maps
Valenciennes & St. Quentin.
Sheet 1/100,000

Brigade Headquarters,
24th November, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th. A.I.Bdo. Group will move to MAZINGHIEN on 25th instant in accordance with march table attached.
(b) The march will be continued on 26th instant to the PRISCHES area. March table will be issued later.
2. For this move the Brigade Group will be composed as under -
- 5th. Aust. Inf. Bdo.
 - H.Q. & 5th. Coy., 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.
 - 7th Field Coy. A.E.
 - 5th. Aust. Field Amb.
 - 2nd. Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.
 - 2nd. Aust. Div. Salvago Coy.
 - 1/3 S.A.A. Section, 2nd D.A.C.
 - 15th Coy., A.A.S.C.
3. On arrival in the PRISCHES area, Brigade Groups will be re-arranged and the following moves will take place under orders to be issued later:-
- 27th instant - 7th. Field Coy., A.E. rejoins 7th. A.I. Bdo. Group.
 - 28th instant - 2nd. Aust. Div. Salvago Coy. and 2nd. Aust. Mob. Vet. Section rejoin 5th. A.I. Bdo. and 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery Groups respectively.
 - 5th. Field Coy. and 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. will join this Brigade Group on 27th and 28th instants respectively.
 - 1/3 Section D.A.C. will remain with this Brigade Group.
4. During marches right of way will always be given to supply vehicles.
5. All points of march discipline must be strictly observed. Attention is called to 4th Army "Notes on March Discipline" G.S. 128 of 15th November.
6. (a) For the march on 25th instant the 17th Bn. will detail a party of one officer 2 N.C.O's and 18 men to march behind 15th Coy. A.A.S.C. to bring on any stragglers.
(b) On 26th instant this party will be detailed by 18th Bn.
7. (a) Captain F.R. CORNEY, M.C. will proceed on the 24th instant to MAZINGHIEN and take over particulars of billets.
(b) Particulars of billeting parties will be included in the Administrative Instructions being issued by the Staff Captain.
8. Two cyclists will march in rear of each Infantry Battalion for purposes of communication.
9. O.C., Brigade Sig. Section will arrange to synchronise time with units by 1800 on 24th instant.
10. Brigade Headquarters will close at BOHAIN at 0845 on 25th instant.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 0900

John Chapman
Major,
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bdo.

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Brigade Headquarters
24th November, 1918.

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(a) The following copies of this order are to be issued to the 17th Bn. will detail a party of one officer, one sergeant and 10 men to march behind 18th Coy. ...

(b) The 18th Bn. will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(c) The 20th Bn. will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(d) The 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(e) The O.C. Bde. Sig. Section will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(f) The 2nd. A.M.G. Bn. will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(g) The 2nd. Aust. Mob. Vet. Section will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(h) The 15th Coy. A.A.S.C. will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(i) The 1/3 S.A.A. Section D.A.C. (attached Bde. Group) will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(j) The 5th Field Ambulance will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(k) The 7th Field Coy. A.E. will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

(l) The 2nd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy. will be detailed by 18th Bn. ...

BY ORDER OF THE BRIGADE COMMANDER

Major ...
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

*** MARCH TABLE ***

To accompany Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 224.

Serial No	Date	Unit.	From	To	Route	Starting Point	Time	Remarks.
1	25th Nov.	Brigade H.Q.	BOHAIN.	MAZINGHIEN	Via VAUX - ANDIGNY, MOLAIN, ST. MARTIN.	Cross Roads S. of O in BOHAIN.	0910	Officers & N.C.O's. will march in the sections of fours.
2	"	5th. ALTM. Bty.	"	"	do	do	0911	Distances to be maintained in rear of Coys. 10 yards. in rear of Bns. 50 yards. in rear of other units 25 yards.
3	"	17th Bn.	"	"	do	do	0913	
4	"	18th Bn.	"	"	do	do	0918	
5	"	20th Bn.	"	"	do	do	0923	
6	"	H.Q. & 5th Coy. M.G. Bn.	"	"	do	do	0928	
7	"	2nd. Aust. Mob. Vot. Section.	"	"	do	do	0932	
8	"	1/3 S.A.A. Sect.	"	"	do	do	0933	
9	"	15th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"	do	do	0933	
10	"	5th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	"	"	do	do	0935	
11	"	7th Field Coy., A.E.	BUSIGNY					
12	"	2nd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	"					

APPENDIX 7

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Appendix

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 225

Headquarters,
25th November

1. In continuation of para. 1 (b) of Brigade Order No. 224. The attached march table is issued for the march on 26th instant.

2. Billeting parties will report to Capt. CORNEY, at Brigade Headquarters at 0800.

3. Brigade Headquarters will close at MAZINGHIEN 0045 on 26th instant. On arrival Headquarters will open the main Square at PRISCHES.

4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 1700.
25/11/18

John Chapman
Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. B.

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9	S.A.A. Sect. DAC.
10	5th Fld. Amb.
11	7th Field Coy.
12	Div. Salv. Coy.

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 225

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Starting Pt.	Route	Time of passing S.P.	Moving to
1	26th	Bdo. H.Q. & Sig. Sect.	200 yds along right road from forked roads N. of <u>J.</u> in <u>REJET.</u>	LA LOUVIERE - CATILLON - SE corner of BOIS du TOAILLON - PRISCHES	0905	
2	26th	5th ALTM Bty	do	do	0908	
3	"	18th Bn	do	do	0910	
4	"	20th Bn	do	do	0919	
5	"	17th Bn	do	do	0920	
6	"	HQ & 5th Coy. M.G.Bn.	do	do	0937	
7	"	Div. Salvage Coy.	do	do	0944	
8	"	Mobile Vet. Section	do	do	0946	
9	"	1/3rd SAA Section	do	do	0949	
10	"	15th A.A.S.C.	do	do	1000	
11	"	5th Field Amb.	do	do	1005	
12	"	7th Field Coy. A.E.	do	do	1010	

PRISCHES

REMARKS - Units will march in sections of 3's instead of 4's.
 Distances to be maintained :-
 Between Infantry Battalions 150 yards
 Between Infantry Coys. 40 yards
 Between other units and between unit and transport 100 yards
 Between each section of 6 vehicles 50 yards

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