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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>CONFIDENTIAL <u>ORIGINAL.</u></p>			<p>WAR DIARY of HEADQUARTERS 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS. For Period January 1st. to January 31st. 1918.</p>	
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Sheet 1.

Headquarters 5th Aust. Divl. Engineers.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																
SAMER. Sheet Calais 1/100000.	Jan.		<p>Strength of Divisional Engineers 23. Officers, 699. Other Ranks.</p> <p>Units located as follows :-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>H.Q.D.E.</td> <td>SAMER.</td> <td>Calais</td> <td>5c.9.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8th.Field Coy.</td> <td>QUESTRECQUES.</td> <td>Calais</td> <td>4.d.0.0.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14th.Field Coy.</td> <td>do</td> <td>"</td> <td>4.d.0.0.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th.Field Coy.</td> <td>WIERRE au BOIS.</td> <td>"</td> <td>5.d.2.8.</td> </tr> </table> <p>At the end of last month 2/Lieut. W.K.MARNIE and 2/Lieut. L.R.HARDINGE reported for duty from O.T.C.</p> <p>2/Lieut. W.K.MARNIE posted to 15th.Field Coy. and 2/Lieut. L.R.HARDINGE posted to 14th. Field Coy.</p> <p>Lieut. R.A.HOLMES reported for duty from Hospital and posted to 8th.Field Coy.</p> <p>Lt-Col. V.A.H.STURDEE, D.S.O. left for U.K. on 31/12/17.</p> <p>Major H.GREENWAY, D.S.O. takes over duties as A/C.R.E.</p> <p>Capt. J.P.CADDY, Adjutant, Divisional Engineers under orders to proceed to Engineers Training Depot, Brightlingsea.</p> <p>Lieut. N.J.NANGLE reported to C.R.E. to take up duties of Adjutant.</p>	H.Q.D.E.	SAMER.	Calais	5c.9.7	8th.Field Coy.	QUESTRECQUES.	Calais	4.d.0.0.	14th.Field Coy.	do	"	4.d.0.0.	15th.Field Coy.	WIERRE au BOIS.	"	5.d.2.8.	
	H.Q.D.E.	SAMER.	Calais	5c.9.7																
	8th.Field Coy.	QUESTRECQUES.	Calais	4.d.0.0.																
	14th.Field Coy.	do	"	4.d.0.0.																
	15th.Field Coy.	WIERRE au BOIS.	"	5.d.2.8.																
	3.		<p>A/C.R.E. visited Army & Corps Headquarters to arrange for supply of material.</p> <p>15th.Field Coy. commenced work erecting 5 Nissen Huts at Rest Station at QUEHEN, Calais 4.b.9.2.</p>																	
	4.		Lieut. R.M.ISAACS returned from leave to U.K.																	
	5.		Three Officers & 4 Other Ranks left for Corps Gas School, BAILLEUL.																	
	6.		Work commenced on Disinfector at DESVRES by 8th.Field Coy.																	
	7.		C.R.E. visited 15th.Brigade. Inter Sub-Group football commenced. Incinerator at SAMER completed.																	
	8.		Lieut. A.T.EWART returned from leave to U.K.																	
9.		Three Nissen Huts completed. Received 1 lorry load of R.E.material from Corps for Training purposes.																		
10.		Grease trap at SAMER baths completed.																		
11.		Syllabus of training submitted to D.H.Q. <i>for period 6/1/18 to 19/1/18 *</i>																		
		Lieut. H.FRY, M.C. reported for duty from Engineer Training Depot, Brightlingsea and is posted to 14th. Field Coy.	* App.1.																	

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~~Headquarters 5th Aust. Divl. Engineers.~~

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAMER. Sheet Calais. 1/100,000.	12.		9 Riders and 15 L.D. received by Divisional Engineers from Remount Depot.	
	14.		Major.W.G.Farquhar, DSO. and Capt.J.P.Caddy returned from leave, in France.	
	15.		Capt. J.P.Caddy proceeded to Engineer Training Depot, BRIGHTLINGSEA.	
	16.		Major.H.Bachtold, DSO, MC. returned from leave. <i>Syllabus of Training period 20/1/18 to 26/1/18 submitted to DHR</i>	* App. 1.a.
	17.		Lieut.E.O.K.Green departed to U.K. on leave. 2/Lt.Shaw reported for duty from O.T.C. and is posted to 14th.Field Company. 2/Lt.Gilbert reported for duty from O.T.C. and is posted to 15th.Field Company. G.O.C. visited Field Companies. Orders received for move of 8th.Field Coy. to 1st.Divisional Area; transport to move on 18th. instant to ELNES thence to RENESCURE and STRAZEELE.* Dismounted personnel will probably move on 20th.instant by motor lorry. Major.H.Greenway, DSO. is relieved of duties as Acting C.R.E. by Major.H.Bachtold, DSO, MC.	* App. 2.
	18.		8th.Field Company transport left QUESTRECQUES at 8 am..	
	19.		Final orders for move of 8th.Field Company received.* 10 motor lorries reported to 8th.Field Company at QUESTRECQUES this evening.	* App. 3.
	20.		Dismounted personnel of 8th.Field Company left QUESTRECQUES at 8 am. for R.E.FARM, Sheet 28. N.15.c.0.5..	
	21.		Acting C.R.E. visited 14th.Brigade Baths.	
	22.		Acting C.R.E. visited 8th. Brigade Baths and Disinfector at DESVRES. He also visited D.A.D.O.S. to arrange for site for a Dump of R.E. Material to be moved from WIERRE au BOIS. <i>Syllabus of Training period 27/1/18 to 29/1/18 of 14th Field Coy. and 15th Field Coys submitted to D.H.R.*</i>	* App. 3.b.
	23.		The G.O.C., A.I.F. presented ribbons and medals to Officers & Other Ranks of 14th.Field Coy. & 15th.Field Coy. in Samer Square at 9.15 a.m. * Disposition of 8th.Field Coy. is as follows :- 2 Sections at DAYLIGHT CORNER, sheet 28, N.33.c.9.9.; 2 sections at Sheet 28, N.28.a.8.5. ; Hd.Qrs. & Transport at R.E.FARM, sheet 28, N.15.c.1.5..	* App. 3a.
	24.		A/C.R.E. visited Camouflage Depot at WIMEREAUX, sheet Calais, 3.b.2.2.	
	25.		C.R.E's No.3/173/33 issued by A/C.R.E. *	* App. 4.
	25.		C.R.E's No.3/173/34 issued by A/C.R.E. *	* App. 5.
	26.		A/C.R.E. visited 1st.Aust.Div. C.R.E. to arrange for taking over of Field Coy's and Pioneers. He then visited C.O. 1st.Pioneer Bn. & C.E., Aust. Corps.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AMER	Jan.		Engineer Instructions No. 1a. issued by Acting C.R.E.*	*App. 6.
heet	27.		Transport 14th. Field Coy. commenced move to Forward Area.	
alais	28.		Acting C.R.E. attended Conference at Chateau SAMER.	
100,000.			Acting C.R.E. issued No. 202/5 "Rough Precis of G.O.C's. Conference".*	*App. 7.
			Acting C.R.E. issued No. 47/42/17 "Notes on visit to Camouflage Works WIMEREUX.*"	*App. 8.
	29.		Acting C.R.E. left for Forward Area by train from SAMER Headquarters.	
			15th. Field Coy. transport commenced move with Brigade column to Forward Area.	
	30.		Headquarters 5th. Aust. Divl. Engineers left SAMER at 5 a.m. by motor lorry and proceeded via DESVRES, AIRE, HAZBROUCK, BAILLEUL and DRANOUTRE to present location at 14th. Field Coy. transport lines Sheet 28. N.28.a.9.4.. A stop of half an hour was made at AIRE to obtain breakfast.	
			Capt. S.E. EVANS visited Camouflage Depot, WIMEREUX with G.O.C. 5th. Aust. Division.	
heet 28.	31.		Companies located as follows:-	
20,000.			8th. Field Coy. DAYLIGHT CORNER Sheet 28. N.33.c.8.8.	
28.a.94.			14th. Field Coy. " " N.28.a.3.3.	
			15th. Field Coy. SPY FARM " " N.28.c.8.5.	
			From 1/1/18 to 28/1/18, 14th. and 15th. Field Coys. were engaged in training as per attached training syllabi.	
			The 8th. Field Coy. were training from 1/1/18 to 20/1/18 when they moved to Forward Area and were under orders of C.R.E. 1st. Aust. Division	
			Strength of Divisional Engineers:-	
			26 Officers. 688 O.R.	

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Lt-Col. A.E.
C.R.E.

5th. Australian Division.

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8th Field Company.

6/1/18.	9 am to 12 noon. 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.	QUESTREQUES (Calais 1/100,000). do	Check Parade and Inspection Recreation and Indoor games.
7/1/18.	9 am to 12 noon. 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.	do do	Squad & Rifle Drill Competitions. Div'l. Group football Competitions.
8/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon. 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.	do do	Fall in & Morning Inspection. Physical Exercises. Section & Coy. Drill. Recreational Training, football etc..
9/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon. 1.30 p.m. 3.30 pm.	do do	Fall in & Morning Inspection. Route March, full marching Order. Recreational Training.
10/1/18.	9 a.m. to 12 noon 1.30 p.m. 3.30 p.m.	do do	Fall in & Morning Inspection. Physical Exercises. Rifle, Squad, & Coy. Drill. Recreational Training.
11/1/18.	9 a.m. to 12 noon 1.30 p.m. 3.30 pm.	do do	Fall in & Morning Inspection. Physical Exercises. Rifle, Squad & Section Drill. Recreational Training.

Questreques - Wirwignes-Cremaret
-and back via Moncrocq - 8 miles.
Lecture to NCO's on "Timber Structures"
by Lt. R.M. Isaacs.

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8th. Field Company.

12/1/18.	9 am to 12 noon. 1.30 p.m. 3.30 pm.	QUESTRECQUES. (Calais 1/100,000).	Fall in & Morning Parade. Route March full marching Order. Recreational Training. do	Questrecques-Pt. Houret - Samer Boulogne Rd. - Questrecques.
13/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon. 1.30 p.m. 3.30 p.m.	do	Check Parade and Inspection. Recreational Training. do	
14/1/18.	9 a.m. to 12 noon. 1.30 pm. 3.30 pm.	do	Fall in & Morning Inspection. Physical Exercises. Section & Coy. Drill. Recreational Training. do	<i>Night Lecture to NCO's on "Revetments & Material" by Lt. W. C. Poston.</i>
16/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon. 1.30 pm. 3.30 pm.	do	Fall in & Morning Inspection. Route march through* Recreational Training. do	*Secques to Samer - Desvres Rd. back through Tourinethen to Wirwignes to Questrecques.
17/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon 1.30 pm. 3.30 pm.	do	Fall in & Morning Inspection. Physical Exercises. Section & Coy. Drill. Recreational Training. do	<i>Night Lecture to NCO's "Sponsorship Regulations" by Lt. CA. Hopton.</i>
18/1/18.	9 a.m. to 12 noon. 1.30-3.30	do	Similar to 17/1/18. Recreational Training. do	
19/1/18.	9 a.m. to 12 noon. 1.30-3.30	do	Similar to 17/1/18. Recreational Training. do	

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14th. Field Company.

6/1/18. 9.15-10am. QUESTRECQUES. Section Inspection by Officers at Billets.

7/1/18. 10 am. do Ceremonial Parade.
 10.10 to do March to Training Area. At 1st.U in Questrecques.
 10.25 am.
 to 10.40 do Section Drill & Lecturettes by Sect.Officers.
 to 12.15 do Coy. Drill & Ceremonial.
 to 12.30 do March back to Coy.Parade Ground.
 2pm to 4pm. do Recreational Training, football, Sports.

8/1/18. do do do
 9/1/18. do do do
 10/1/18. do do do
 11/1/18. do do do
 12/1/18. do do do

13/1/18. 9.30 am. do Section Inspection by Officers at Billets.
 14/1/18. Same as January 7th.
 16/1/18. Same as January 7th.
 17/1/18. Same as January 7th.
 18/1/18. Same as January 7th.

19/1/18. 10 am. QUESTRECQUES. Inspection of Coy. less Transport. In Marching Order.
 2 to 4pm. do Recreational Training. Foot ball. Sports.

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15th. Field Co.

6/1/18.	9-12 noon	WIERRE au BOIS	General Inspection.	
	2-4 p.m.	Calais (1/100,000).	Recreational Training.	
7/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill.</u>	
	2-4 p.m.	do	R.E. Reconnaissance of Roads etc. Recreational Training.	
8/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> Route March.*	Wierre au Bois to 5.D.2.7. to Long Fosse to Desvres to Mauroy
	2-4 p.m.	do	Recreational Training.	5.D.4.9. to Wierre au Bois.
9/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> Map Reading & Field Sketching.	
	2-4 p.m.	do	Recreational Training.	
10/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> Writing messages. Lecture on value of Messages & Reports.	
	2-4 p.m.	do	Recreational Training.	
11/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> Lecture on S.P's. & Wiring.	
	2-4 p.m.	do	Recreational Training.	
12/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> R.E. Reconnaissance of Roads etc..	
	2-4 p.m.	do	Recreational Training.	
13/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> General Inspection.	
	2-4 p.m.	do	Recreational Training.	
14/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> Lecture on R.E. Work in Defensive Operations.	
	2-4 p.m.	do	Recreational Training.	

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16/1/18.	8-12 noon	WIERRE AU BOIS	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> ^{Rathings parade} Map Reading.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
17/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> Route March.*
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
18/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> Siting of O.P's. and Defensive Works.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
19/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	<u>Similar to 7/1/18.</u> R.E. Reconnaissance of Roads etc..
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.

* Wierre au Bois to Samer to 5C78.
to Questrecques to Virwignes to
4D32. to 5D49. to Wierre au Bois.

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8th. FIELD COY.

15/1/18. 9 am. to QUESTRECQUES. Fall in Morning Inspection. Inspection of
 12 noon. Gas equipment, Gas Drill & Instruction.

1.30 pm to do Recreational Training, football etc.
 3.30 pm.

14th. Field Co.

15/1/18. 9 am to QUESTRECQUES. Section Drill. Inspection of Anti-Gas
 12.30 pm. Equipment and Gas Drill.

2 pm to do Recreational Training, football etc..
 4 pm.

15th. FIELD COY.

15/1/18. 9-12 noon WIERRE au BOIS. Rifle Exercises, Company Drill, Gas Drill.
 Bathing Parade.

2-4 pm. do Recreational Training.

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8th. FIELD COY.

20/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon 1.30 to 3.30 pm.	QUESTRECQUES. (Calais 1/100,000). do	Check parade & Inspection. Recreation & Indoor Games.	
21/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon. 1.30 to 3.30 pm.	do do	Fall in & morning inspection. Physical Exercises. Section & Coy. Drill. One Section Gas Drill & Instruction. Recreational Training.	
22/1/18.		Holiday for	Divisional Sports.	
23/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon. 1.30 to 3.30 pm.	do do	Fall in & morning Inspection. Route March. Gas instruction & drill to one Section. Recreational Training.	* Questrecques-Wirwignes-Cremaret & back via Moncrocq. 8ml
24/1/18.	9 am. to 12 noon. 1.30 to 3.30 pm.	do do	Fall in & morning Inspection. Physical Exercises. Section A Coy. Drill. Anti-Gas Drill & Instruction to one Section. Recreational Training.	Night lecture to N.C.O's. "Anti-Gas" by 2/Lt. C.A. Hopton.
25/1/18.	9 am to 12 noon 1.30 to 3.30 pm.	do do	Similar to 21/1/18. Recreational Training.	
26/1/18.	9 am to 12 noon. 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.	do do	Similar to 21/1/18. Recreational Training.	

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14th. FIELD COY.

9.30/12.30¹⁰ am. QUESTRECQUES. Section Inspection by Officers at Billets Fatigue Dress.
 (Calais
 1/100,000).

21/1/18. 9.30 am to do Section inspection by Officers. Coy Parade. Road fork N of "W" in Wierre au Bois
 12.30 pm. do Reading of Orders. March to Training Area*. *At first U in Questrecques.
 Rifle Exercises. Section Drill. Lectures. See back of sheet for lectures
 Coy. Drill & Ceremonial. March back to which will be given indoors in
 Coy. Parade Ground. bad weather.

22/1/18. 2-4 pm. do Recreational Training. Football, Sports.
 Divisional Sports.

23/1/18. do Same as for 21/1/18.

24/1/18. 9.30 am to do Section Inspection by Officers. Coy. parade.
 12.30 pm. do Reading of Orders. March to Training Area.
 Exercise games, physical Training & lectures.
 Coy. Drill & Ceremonial. March back to Coy.
 Parade Ground.

2-4 pm. do Recreational Training. Football, sports.

25/1/18. do Same as for 21/1/18.

26/1/18. 9.30 am to do Section inspection by Officers. Company
 12.30 pm. do Parade. Reading out Orders. Route March.* (Dress-Fighting Order). Questrecques
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 -La Watitte-Questrecques.

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LECTURES.

- 21/1/18. 11.20 March Discipline-Method of "falling in" etc.
11.40am. by O.C's. Whistle.
Loading of Coy. Transport(see Coy.Order b6
- 23/1/18. 11.20 Use of Explosives with calculations used.
11.40am.
- 24/1/18. 11.20 Map reading-location of North Star, etc.,
11.40am. Map references.
- 25/1/18. 11.20 Description & Recognition of Targets.
11.40am.
- 26/1/18. 11 am Mills Grenade - Stokes Gun etc..
11.40 am.

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15th. FIELD COY.

20/1/18.	9-12 noon	WIERRE au BOIS	General Inspection.
	2-4 pm.	(Galais 1/100,000).	Recreational Training.
21/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill. R.M. Reconnaissance of Roads, tracks etc..
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
22/1/18.			Divisional Sports.
23/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill. Map Reading & Field Sketching.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
24/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill. Musketry.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
25/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill. Bathing Parade.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
26/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill. Organisation of R.E. Works.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.

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Appendix 2

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

Army Form G. 2121.

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	No. of Message	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on a/o of:		Recd. at _____ m.	
Appendix. 2.			Sent		Date _____	
			At _____ m.		From _____	
			To _____		By _____	
			By _____		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO			8th. Field Coy.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month		In reply to Number		
* N.75.		17th.				AAA

Transport of 8th. Field Coy. will move by road to 1st. Aust. Div. area commencing tomorrow AAA staying 18/19th. at ELNES AAA 19/20th. at RENESCURE AAA 20/21st. at STRAZEELE AAA Horseman and cyclist will proceed ahead of column to arrange billeting AAA Personnel will probably proceed by motor lorries on 20th. inst. AAA Supply arrangements for transport column being made AAA Wagon rejoining today.

From	C.R.E.		
Place	8th. Aust. Div.		
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	Lieut. & Adj.
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		

* This line should be erased if not required.

(6691) Wt. W5148-M701. 50000. 8/16 Sir J. C. & S. E292.

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Appendix 3.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. Army Form C. 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	No. of Message.....		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent		This message is on a/c of:		
Appendix 3.			At.....		Reed. at..... m.		
			To.....		Date.....		
			By.....		From.....		
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....		
TO {		8th. Field Coy.					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
*N.88.		19th.					
<p>Ten motor lorries will report at QUESTRECQUES to-night 19th. Inst. AAA These will convey your personnel and stores leaving at 8 am. 20th. Inst. to R.E.FARM Sheet 28. N.15.c.0.5. AAA Rations for 21st. inst. inclusive will be carried. AAA Rations for 22nd. will be arranged by S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div. AAA Capt. Stradwick has been wired re your location AAA Acknowledge.</p>							
From C.R.E.							
Place n 5th. Aust. Div.							
Time 12.30 p.m.							
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z)			
Censor.		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.					
		Lt. & Adj.					

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650.000 Pals. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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 Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

Appendix 3a

C. R. E.,
 8th AUSTRALIAN
 DIVISION.
 4/18/30

14th. Field Coy.
 15th. Field Coy.

The G.O.C., A.I.F. will present ribbons to the following personnel on the 23rd. inst. at 10 a.m. in the Square, SAMER :-

MILITARY - CROSS.

Capt. S.E.EVANS, M.C. 15th. Field Coy.
 Lieut. C.K.OLIVER, M.C. 15th. Field Coy.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 101 Sapper J.H.MOORE 14th. Field Coy.

MILITARY - MEDAL.

61	Sergeant	S.HOWLETT	14th. Field Coy.
151	"	E.MURRAY	14th. do
2606	"	J.T.WALLIS	14th. do
2039	T/Cpl.	H.S.MASTERS	14th. do
6743	L/Cpl.	A.C.WOOLLEY	14th. do
15235	2nd.Cpl.	C.CHEETHAM	15th. do
67	L/Cpl.	R.W.LAWSON	15th. do
7123	Sapper	A.J.WILSON	15th. do
2833	Sapper	R.S.WELSON	15th. do

Each Field Coy. will detail a party of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt., 2 Cpls
 40 Sappers and 10 Drivers to attend the presentation.

Lieut.H.W.FRY, M.C. is detailed to command the parade.

The parade will be formed up in line. 14th. Field Coy. on the
 Right, Drivers of each Coy. on the Left of the Coy. Sappers.

The recipient of ribbons will be formed up in front of the
 parade in the order in which their names appear the above list.

Markers will report to Lieut. H.W.FRY, M.C. at the Square,
 SAMER at 9.45 a.m.

Parade will be formed up by 9.55 a.m.

C.R.E. to be informed by 8 a.m. on the 23rd. inst. if any
 recipients will be absent.

DRESS - Felt Hats, belt, side arms and rifles.

Recipients will not carry rifles.

Officers - Same - brown belts and spurs.

A. E. [Signature]

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

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PERIOD

29th. January 1918.

14th. FIELD COY.

27/1/18.	9.30 am	QUESTRECQUES.	Section inspection in full marching order	
		(Calais	by Section Officers.	
	10 am.	1/100,000).	Company Parade in full marching order.	
	10 am to	do	Route march.	Route. Questrecques-Wirwignes-
	12.30 pm.			Yourlinethun-La Wattite-Questrecques
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.	
28/1/18.	9.30 am	do	Section inspection by Officers.	
	10 am.		Company Parade.	
	10-11 am		Section Drill.	
	11am-12.30p		Polishing Equipment etc.	
	2-4 pm.		Polishing Equipment etc & Loading wagons.	

15th. FIELD COY.

27/1/18.	9-12 noon.	WIERRE au BOIS	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill.
		(Calais	General Inspection, Ceremonial etc.
	2-4 pm.	1/100,000).	Recreational Training.
28/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill.
			R.R. Reconnaissance of Roads etc.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.
29/1/18.	9-12 noon	do	Rifle Exercises. Coy. Drill. Gas Drill.
			Map Reading & Field Sketching.
	2-4 pm.	do	Recreational Training.

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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

- 8th Field Co.
- 14th Field Co.
- 15th Field Co.
- 5th Pioneer Bn.
- G.R.E. 1st Aust. Division.
- "G" Branch 5th Aust. Division.



Reference Map No 1. Sheet 28. 1/40,000.

The following personnel will proceed by train to BAILLEUL on the 26th inst., by train leaving SAMER at 8.30 am. (5th Pioneer bn. from HESDIGNEUL at 7.45 am). to take over work as shown in the following table:-

14th. Fd. Co.	1 Off. 2 NCO's.	Take over from 2nd. Field Co.	Will report on arrival to 2nd. Fd. Co. H.Q., SPY FARM.
15th. Fd. Co.	1 Off. 2 NCO's.	Take over from 1st. Fd. Co.	Will report on arrival to 1st. Fd. Co. H.Q., O. 13. a. 3. 0.
5th. Pioneers.	2 Off. 4. NCO's.	Take over from 1st. Pioneers.	Will report on arrival to 1st. Pioneer H.Q., SPY FARM.

3. Movement orders will follow later.

4. 8th. Field Co. will detail 1 Off. 2 NCO's. to take over from the 3rd. Field Co. on the 27th inst..

5. G.R.E., 1st. Aust. Division will arrange transport for kits from BAILLEUL Station.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major. A.E.
A/ G.R.E.
Division.

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Appendix 5

SECRET

Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

C. R. E.	
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	3/173/33
Date	

8th. Field Co.
 14th. Field Co.
15th. Field Co.

1. Redistribution of Field Companies.

- 14th. Field Coy. will relieve the 1st. Field Coy. in the left Sector.
- 15th. Field Coy. will relieve the 2nd. Field Coy. in the centre Sector.
- 8th. Field Coy. will relieve the 3rd. Field Coy. in the right Sector, as already ordered.

2. Method of holding the Line.

- 14th. Brigade will hold the Left Sector on a two Battalion front throughout the stay of the Division in the Line.
- 8th. Brigade will hold the Centre and Right Sectors with four Battalions in the Line for the first half of the stay of the Division and will then be relieved by the 15th. Brigade.

3. C.R.E. No. 3/173/33 of 25/1/18 will be amended accordingly.
 4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Henry Back

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

25/1/18.

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

8th. Field Coy.
14th. Field Coy.
15th. Field Coy.
8th. Pioneer Bn.
C.S.S. 1st. Aust. Div.
"a", 5th. Aust. Div.

ENGINEER INSTRUCTIONS
No. 1a.

1. 14th. Field Coy. will relieve the 1st. Field Coy. in the Left Sector on the 29th. instant.
2. 8th. Field Coy. will relieve the 3rd. Field Coy. in the Right Sector on the 30th. instant.
3. 15th. Field Coy. will relieve the 2nd. Field Coy. in the Centre Sector on the 31st. instant.
4. 8th. Pioneer Battalion less 2 Companies will relieve the 1st. Pioneer Bn. less 2 Companies on the 30th. instant. Headquarters and 1 Company to move into SPY FARM and 1 Coy. to move into IRISH HOUSE, ^{Sheet 28} C.S.S. Company at Spy Farm to take over work of 1st. Pioneer Bn. company employed on NEW GARDEN STREET Communication Trench etc. Company at IRISH HOUSE to take over work of 1st. Pioneer Bn. company now living in PEGANAN CAMP and employed on ROADS, PEGANAN LANE Communication Trench etc.. 2 companies 8th. Pioneer Bn. will move into PEGANAN CAMP vacated by 2 companies 1st. Pioneer Bn. on the 31st. instant.
5. 8th. Pioneer Bn. will take over from 8th. Field Company, work on 808 STREET Communication Trench on the 1st. prox.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Henry Back told.

Major, A.P.,
A/C.S.S.

5th. Australian Division .

27.1.18.

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

C. R. E., 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	702/5
Date

8th. Field Coy.
 14th. Field Coy.
 15th. Field Coy.

Rough precis of G.O.C's conference held to-day.

Boche has only 2nd. and 3rd. rate Divisions to attack us with and cannot concentrate on any part of the front a greater concentration than 3 to 1.

Provide we keep our present air superiority we have nothing to be frightened about.

Only thing we have to fear about is surprise.

Units must keep improving their discipline, saluting, organization and discipline of working parties.

Communications to be improved.

Defence Scheme in as much as it concerns persons is to be communicated to them in writing.

Movement restrictions in daylight.

Preventable casualties.

Front line garrison to be kept down to absolute minimum only required to observe the whole of the front efficiently and to repel small raids.

Local Reserves.

Local Reserves to be practised in moving forward.

Every man to have complete confidence in his rifle.

Cooks, batman etc. to use their rifles.

As much shelter as possible to be provided for everyone.

Flank protection to be carefully looked after.

Distribution of Lewis Guns rests with Battalion Commanders.

Distribution of Machine Guns rests with Brigadiers.

Brigadiers responsible for siting of defences.

~~Indicous~~ criticism by junior officers and N.C.O's.

Units must be more alert than they have been in the past.

Extra precautions are to be taken when mist and fog is about.

Patrols to be pushed forward but must not lose touch with their rear.

Headquarters of units to have small permanent guards.

Stuff of value at headquarters to be ready to be taken away at a moments notice.

Batman, cooks to be drilled and organized.

Better to be secure than sorry afterwards.

Efficient liason between Infantry and Artillery.

Special S.O.S. signal for raids.

Definite orders to be given to patrols.

Plenty of common sense required when organizing raids.

Anti Aircraft defences.

Protection for all working parties.

Preparations to be made against probable tank attacks.

Roads to be mined ready to be sprung at any moment, range boards fixed where mines are located.

Engineers are to take in hand the fixing of range marks all over the area.

Visual Signalling to be frequently tested.

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 G.O.C. desires to try dummy attacks.
 Camps to be protected against bombing.
 G.O.C. orders senior officers "not to play the fool" but keep themselves live and fit men.
 C.T's. to be well maintained.
 Men to be able to get into the front system with dry feet.

ADMINISTRATION.

Early morning inspections.
 Rusty rifles.
 Junior officers to get up early.
 G.O.C. has no time for officers who breakfast later than 9 am.
 Requisition for boots to get in early.
 Racks for water cans to be fitted to vehicles.
 When G.O.C. orders a "marching order" parade he expects the parade to be complete as if the unit were moving away straight away.
 Frequent surprise inspections.
 Order re feeding of men after moving.
 Complaints from men to be quickly dealt with.
 Adverse reports on officers to be always shewn to the officer for him to put his remarks on.
 Order re publication of deserter's names.
 No applications from men to return to Australia to be forwarded unless it is a very special case.
 No pay to be drawn from Boulogne Paymaster.
 Marking of rifles.
 1st. ANZAC Corps salvaged £3,250,000 of stores during the last 9 months, so it pays us to salvage.
 Saving fat.
 March discipline.
 Inspection before starting.
 Early halt.
 Officers to be constantly on the alert.
 Troops when marching through towns and villages to march at attention.
 Officers Club at KEMMEL.
 Rifles carried on vehicles to be easily got at in case of a surprise attack by Boche aeroplanes.
 Stop irregular methods of saluting.
 Possibility about gas attacks

Henry Beach told

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

28/1/18.

5th. Australian Division .

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

8th. Field Coy.
14th. Field Coy.
15th. Field Coy.
"G" Branch 5th. Aust. Division.

C. R. E., 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	47/42/17
Date	

NOTES ON VISIT TO CAMOUFLAGE WORKS WIMEREUX.

1. Best method of concealing guns, shafts of deep dugouts etc. is by using a level piece of camouflage supported on posts, amount of camouflage in the centre being nearly opaque and then commencing from about 8' from the edge to gradually thin out. The shadow cast by such camouflage has no definite lines and is very difficult to distinguish from shadows cast by natural objects.

The old principle of having a square of canvas with edges sloping down towards the ground is now obsolete.

A square of camouflage constructed on the above principle size 30' x 30' is a stock article.

2. Canadian Corps successfully camouflaged a cable trench by pegging over the trench at ground level 30' wide scrim, out of edges of which were cut large portions making the edges serrated. Scrim is manufactured in about 100 yard lengths of various widths.

3. Special Raffia grass camouflage size 12' x 10' are a stock article for concealing Machine Gun Nests.

28/1/18.

Henry Bauld Major. A.E.
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