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BERNAFAY WOOD	1.12.16		<p>Arrangements made by G.S.O. 2 with Captain Thomas of the Special Brigade R.R. Trenwood for a lecture at the Divisional Infantry School on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Capt. Thomas showed us several forms of "frightfulness" including flame projectors, gas bombs etc.</p> <p>A threatened attack on 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade front was reported. It did not develop and the situation was afterwards reported normal.</p> <p>General Staff Memorandum N<sup>o</sup> 65 issued as to action to be taken by Right Brigade and affiliated Artillery in connection with a suspected relief of enemy forces.</p>	Appendix "A"
	3.12.16		<p>General Staff Memorandum N<sup>o</sup> 66 issued detailing the "S.O.S" Signal.</p> <p>Lt. Colonel Layh, who has been temporarily commanding at the Divisional School, rejoined his Battalion. Major Mason, the Commandant, took over the whole duties, as Commandant of the School.</p>	Appendix "A"
	4.12.16		<p>G.O.C. called on G.O.C. 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Division.</p> <p>General Birdwood called at Headquarters and discussed the conditions as to trench feet.</p>	R. Wellington Capt.

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BERNAFAY WOOD	4.12.16		<p>Brigade Major of the Corps Heavy Artillery called in the afternoon and gave us the distribution of Corps Heavy Howitzer Guns.</p> <p>G. S. O's. 1 and 2 visited the front line.</p> <p>Issued Defence Scheme.</p> <p>Forwarded Works Policy to 1<sup>st</sup> Army.</p> <p>Divisional Order N<sup>o</sup> 94 issued as to re-distribution of camp accommodation</p> <p>Progress report on Right Divisional Sector issued.</p>	Appendix "B"
	5.12.16		<p>Training Memorandum N<sup>o</sup> 68 issued as to Courses of training at Fourth Army Telescopic Sight School.</p> <p>General Staff Memorandum N<sup>o</sup> 67 issued as to the steps to be taken to ensure against the contents of secret documents becoming known to the enemy.</p>	Appendix "B"
	6.12.16		<p>General Hobkirk 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade and G. S. O. 2 examined the new communication trench being dug by the Pioneers and found they had made good progress.</p> <p>Divisional Commander wrote Corps with regard to a suggested attack.</p> <p>G. S. O. 2 went round the front line.</p>	Appendix "A"
			N. Wellington Capt.	

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BERNAFAY	6.12.16		Captain Wellington the new G. S. O. 3 reported for duty.	
WOOTI			Divisional Order N <sup>o</sup> 95 issued as to re-arrangement of Pioneer and infantry labor in order to push on with urgent work on communications.	Appendix "C"
	7.12.16		C. R. O. and G. S. O. 2 visited one of the new communication benches (ETERNAL ALLEY) and found that it was being damaged by Boche shelling after each night's work.	
			Captain Boase G. S. O. 3 promoted to Major and transferred to Corps Headquarters as learner in "Q" Branch.	
			G. O. 6 went up to NEEDLE LINE.	
			Divisional Order N <sup>o</sup> 96 issued as to relief of 8 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in the front line by the 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde.	Appendix "C"
	8.12.16		We drafted the Orders for the attack on "X" "Y" and "Z" days.	
			G. S. O. 1 and D. A. A. & Q. M. G. went up to Needle Line.	
			32 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion 8 <sup>th</sup> Brigade propose to carry out a raid tonight on FINCH TRENCH.	
			General Staff Memorandum N <sup>o</sup> 68 issued impressing upon units the necessity for maintaining a vigorous offensive.	Appendix "A"
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BERNAFAY WOOD	9.12.16		Divisional Order No. 97 issued as to General Christian C.R.A. 5 <sup>th</sup> Australian Div. taking over command of Right Divisional Artillery from General Johnston C.R.A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division.	Appendix "C"
			Training Memorandum No. 69 issued as to courses of training at the Divisional Infantry School.	Appendix "D"
			General Staff Memorandum No. 68 issued as to increasing normal activity in front line.	Appendix "A"
			The raid arranged by the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. 8 <sup>th</sup> Brigade was carried out last night zero hour was originally fixed for 8 p.m. but at the request of the 29 <sup>th</sup> Division who were carrying out a double relief it was postponed until 10 p.m. The party successfully raided FINCH TRENCH but during the attack they were fired on by our own Artillery and several casualties inflicted. The Brigade at first reported that the whole of the raiding party had been accounted for and that none of the party had been taken prisoners. Some confusion appears to have existed because on receipt of a wire from Amalgam Corps that a German wireless claimed	

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BERNAFAY WOOD	9.12.16		having taken Australian prisoners, further enquiries were instituted as a result of which it was found that some of the raiding party must have been left behind in the German lines. Action is being taken with regard to the Artillery.	
	10.12.16		<p>Two munition workers came to lunch today in the course of their visit to the front line.</p> <p>Corps consented to the relief of the 30<sup>th</sup> Bn: on work under C.R. &amp; Road Circuit. This is a permanent working party and we asked for the relief in order to avoid sending Battalions of the 14<sup>th</sup> Bde. into the line for a third time.</p> <p>We learned from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Bn. that it is quite certain they killed at least 12 Germans in their raid.</p> <p>Colonel Bruche, our new A. A. &amp; Q. M.S. reported for duty.</p>	Appendix "C"
	11.12.16		<p>Divisional Order No. 98 issued as to an artillery demonstration on "X" "Y" and "Z" days.</p> <p>General White B. G. &amp; S. 1<sup>st</sup> Army rang up in the afternoon and asked us to allow Major Beasley Brigade Major 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. Art. to rejoin Gen. Johnston. They consider</p>	

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BERNAFAY WOOD	11.12.16		<p>it better that the C.R.A. out of the line should have his Brigade Major with him. Colonel Tate the Corps M.G. Officer called in on his way up to the Intermediate Line to see what had been done with regard to M.G. positions which he had pegged out. General Birdwood called. Colonel Tate called in the afternoon on his way back to Corps and stated that very little had been done - the reason apparently being that the pegs had been removed by some unauthorised persons and that the M.G. Co. had hesitated to commence work on sites which could only be approximately located by the map.</p>	
	12.12.16		<p>G.S.O.2 inspected all machine gun positions in NEEDLE LINE and ROSE TRENCH We sent out an order to the 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> Brigades instructing them to have machine gun emplacements constructed and camouflaged by the 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
	13.13.16		<p>Divisional Commander visited 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> Brigades. General Birdwood called and told us news of the Kaiser having told neutrals that he was prepared to consider peace terms. No doubt the late successful</p>	

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BERNAFAY WOOD II	13.13.16		<p>advance in RUMANIA has given him rather a unique opportunity of making advantageous terms. The general opinion here is that any terms he is likely to offer will be turned down and that we shall go on fighting.</p> <p>General Birdwood also discussed with us the question of our communications over RAINBOW TRENCH RIDGE and we pointed out the impossibility of driving a tunnel through the ridge since we must work on a single face - a very different proposition to that now being carried out by the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. in which Colonel Nicolson of the Pioneer Bn. has sunk any number of shafts and can therefore make much better progress.</p>	
			<p>Training Memorandum No. 70 issued as to courses of instruction at Corps School. do. No. 71 issued as to courses of instruction at Div. School.</p>	Appendix "D" Appendix "D"
	14.12.16		<p>G.S.O.2. 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Div. called and discussed work proposals on front and intermediate lines with a view to cooperating with us.</p> <p>G.S.O.2 visited Divisional School at MONTONVILLERS.</p>	
	15.12.16		<p>General Birdwood accompanied by D.G., G.S. of 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac visited Div. School &amp; saw class at work. He addressed the school and expressed approval of the work being done</p>	

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BERNAFAY WOODJ	16.12.16		<p>G. S. O. 2 visited the Div. Artillery School at WAGNIERS. This School is for training the Officers and N.C.O.'s of each Brigade in rotation when it is out of the line for a period of 21 days. Classes at present are being held for two periods first of 10 days and second of 5 days and as many officers, Sergeant Majors, Bombardiers signallers &amp; telephonists as possible are put through the courses. Meanwhile the Brigade carries out skeleton schemes and such other training as is possible in the period out of the line.</p>	
	17.12.16		<p>Brig. General Hobbs arrived today with a view to taking over command of the Division from General McBay who is being sent on sick leave tomorrow Major Barwell D.A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. went on leave to England</p>	
	18.12.16		<p>General McBay went to England under medical orders. General White B.G., G.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Army ac. Colonel Bridges G.S.O. 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. &amp; General Holmes called with regard to the relief by 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. The <del>strength</del> question of the strength with which the front line should be held was discussed &amp; decided. Colonel Bridges accompanied by his G.S.O. 3 and G.S.O. 3 of this Div. went round the front line</p>	

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BERNAFAY WOODI	18.12.16		Divisional Order No. 99 issued as to relief of this Div. by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. Administrative Addendum to above Order issued.	Appendix "C" Appendix "C"
	19.12.16		General Staff Memorandum No. 70 issued as to the training to be carried out while out of the line.	Appendix "A"
	20.12.16		General Birdwood and the Archbishop of Perth called and had lunch. G. S. O. 2 and C. R. B. discussed with D. A. Q. M. J. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. the question of the provision of working parties for engineering work. Splendid clear day and observation good for first time for several days. As a result large number of aeroplanes and balloons up.	
	21.12.16		General Staff Memorandum No. 71 issued as to "Addresses & Code Calls" Certain reliefs took place in accordance with Divisional Order. Arrangements were made with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. as to working parties required by the Corps. They have agreed to put 2 lots of 150 men in 3 shifts of 50 men each on the deep dug out near MILLERS SON and the sunken road and 250 men to carry out the buried cable system laid down by the Corps. In connection with this the Corps have decided that the burying will start	Appendix "A"

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BERNAFAY WOODI	21.12.16		from the front and if it is possible at the same time from the rear.	
	22.12.16		<p>General Staff Memorandum No. 72 issued as to "Addresses &amp; Code Calls"</p> <p>Wet day. Observation bad.</p> <p>General Holmes 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. took over command of the Right Brigade Sector at 10 am.</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> Brigade moved to BUIRE in "R" Area.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Brigade are at IERNANCOURT with the exception of the 30<sup>th</sup> Bn. which is at MONTAUBAN employed under C.R.C. Corps Circuit on permanent road work.</p> <p>General Elliot 15<sup>th</sup> Bde. remained in command of Left Brigade Sector.</p> <p>General Legge Commanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. arrived about 11 am. and had a talk with General Hobbs as to works policy &amp; scheme of defence in the sector.</p>	Appendix "A"
	23.12.16		<p>General Hobbs saw General White B. G. G. S. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac. and pointed out that Colonel Wagstaff G. S. O. 1 was due to go on leave towards the end of this month and Major King G. S. O. 2 was going to a Staff School and he would require a Staff Officer to take up their work. General White promised to send Major Macrae of the 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. if General Birdwood concurred</p>	

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BERNAFAY WOODII	23.12.16		<p>The first course at the Div. School finished yesterday &amp; the candidates were returned to their units. We propose to start the next course on or about Christmas.</p> <p>When we arrived in this Sector it was in a very bad condition and all supplies had to be taken up to the front line by pack horse or by hand. The conditions in the front line were also very bad and a large number of the men contracted trench feet.</p> <p>Large demands were made on us by Corps for men to be employed on the construction of roads &amp; Decauville line. Our Brigades were also much under strength but notwithstanding these handicaps a large amount of work was done on the front and support lines. When we came into the line the supply of duckboards from the Corps workshops was only 200 per day. We supplied the skilled labor and the output at once jumped to over 1000 per day. These duckboards were pushed up to the front as fast as possible. The decrease in the number of trench feet and the increase in the duckboards supplied was coincident.</p>	
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BERNAFAY WOOD.	23.12.16		On the whole the men have finished up this tour in a very much fitter condition than they did after a tour on the FLERS front. We attribute this almost wholly to duckboards and the increased shelters which we have	
RIBEMONT.	24.12.16		<p><sup>erected</sup> Dw. Headquarters opened at RIBEMONT. Brig. General Hobbs Commanding the Division in the presence of General Christian C.R.A. and Major King G. S. O. 2 read over to Lt. Colonel Lucas Commanding 15<sup>th</sup> P. A. Bde. the contents of 1<sup>st</sup> Army letter No. S. 1297/6 dated 24/12/16 in which General Birdwood modifies his decision with regard to that officer. This officer is to be relieved of his command and sent to A. I. F. Training Depôts Tidworth, England instead of to Australia as at first decided. This matter arose as a result of the faulty artillery barrage on the night of 8/9<sup>th</sup> December when the 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade raided FINCH TRENCH. General Birdwood considered Colonel Lucas was largely to blame.</p>	
			Units are located as follows:- 8 <sup>th</sup> Bde BERNANCOURT - 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde. BUIRE - 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde: RIBEMONT.	
			General Staff Memorandum No. 73 issued as to the markings of contact patrol aeroplanes. Appendix "A"	
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RIBEMONT	25.12.16		Major King advanced to Major Mason Commandant Div. School the sum of £20 pending the arrival of the A/c. from Colonel McGlinn late A.A. & Q.M.G. who has been evacuated sick.	
			Colonel Carey C. R.O. came down from BERNAFAY WOOD and had dinner with us. General Staff Memorandum No 74 issued as to the organization of the fighting specialists in battalions.	Appendix "A"
	26.12.16		G.O.C. visited Artillery School at WAGNIERS. Major King G. S. O. 2 left for Staff School at HESTIN. General Birdwood called and discussed various matters with G. S. O. 1.	
	27.12.16		G.O.C. inspected 15 <sup>th</sup> Brigade at RIBEMONT in the morning and in the afternoon called at 1 <sup>st</sup> Avoyac. G. S. O. 1 went on short leave to England.	
	29.12.16		G.O.C. inspected 14 <sup>th</sup> Brigade at BUIRE.	
	30.12.16		General Birdwood called and saw the G.O.C. Captain Wellington G. S. O. 3 went over to the Corps School to see a demonstration of a new "S.O.S." Signal which is fired by a rifle the signal being 2 red lights	

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RIBEMONT	30.12.16		<p>followed by 2 green. Divisional representatives were asked for their views and all agreed that the new signal was satisfactory. Captain Wellington suggested that the lights should remain longer in the air and that steps be taken to ensure that the shade of the colors is always the same.</p>	
			<p>Divisional Order No. 100 issued with regard to the move to "T" Area.</p>	Appendix "C"
			<p>Administrative Addendum to above issued.</p>	Appendix "C"
	31.12.16		<p>G. S. O. 3 visited various units at training.</p>	
			<p>General Staff Memorandum No. 72 issued as to personnel to be sent to Fourth</p>	Appendix "D"
			<p>Army Musketry Course at PONT REMY.</p>	
			<p>Intelligence Summaries for month appended.</p>	Appendix "E"
<p>R. Wellington Capt.</p>				

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX *A*

## GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No.65.

1. It is expected that the 104th Regiment (Sector in Square N.29.c) will be relieved on the night of 2nd/3rd December.
2. The Divisional Artillery are arranging to:-  
 (a) Keep the known approaches from the north of LE TRANSLOY under fire from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.  
 (b) Keep up short bursts of fire from 8.30 p.m. till midnight.
3. Right Brigade (8th) will arrange for machine gun fire to:-  
 (a) Sweep the ground behind Molten and Finch trenches which is within range.  
 (b) Watch for parties coming up over the open to about Finch Trench.

*A. J. Boase*  
 Capt

*for*

Lieut-Colonel,

1st December 1916. General Staff, 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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"S. O. S." SIGNAL.

1. From midnight 2nd/3rd December, "S.O.S." Signal will be two red rockets followed by one white rocket *in fired* quick succession.
2. This signal will be repeated until the artillery barrage is commenced.

*A. Boase*  
*Capt**for* Lieut-Colonel,

1/12/16.

General Staff, 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 67.

SECRET DOCUMENTS.

1. Sufficient care is not taken of secret documents, nor are care and discrimination always evidenced in the transmission of secret matter to subordinate commanders. A case occurred recently in which certain action was hopelessly compromised by the loss of secret plans and orders.
2. To guard against this in future, the following rules will be rigidly enforced:-
  - (i) Important secret matter transmitted from one Headquarters to another will be so enclosed as will prevent it being opened by other than an officer of the branch concerned.
  - (ii) The officer to whom any paper of a secret nature is passed will be responsible for its safe custody, and for preserving the secrecy of its contents.
  - (iii) Any information from such documents which it is necessary to transmit in order that executive action may be taken by subordinate commanders will be communicated by an extract and, where possible, verbally. Administrative orders and memoranda will not contain any reference to any impending operations. If it is essential to refer to correspondence on such matters, the correspondence number only will be quoted.
  - (iv) Secret documents will rarely be sent beyond brigade headquarters, and in no case beyond battalion headquarters. Such documents will never be sent by a single orderly or runner. Papers of great importance going towards the front line will be sent by an officer, who will have an escort.
  - (v) Officers in the front line will be continually cautioned against having orders or any paper in their possession containing information likely to be of use to the enemy.

*C. W. G. Staff*

5th December 1916.

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff, 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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- (i) Important reports matter transmitted from the B... to another will be accompanied by a copy of the original document.
- (ii) The officer to whom any report of a special nature is issued will be responsible for its safe custody, and for preserving the secrecy of its contents.
- (iii) Information from such documents which is necessary to be furnished in order that executive action may be taken by subordinate commanders will be communicated by an official and, where possible, verbally. Administrative orders and memoranda will not contain any reference to any financial operations. It is essential to refer to correspondence on such matters, the correspondence number only will be stated.
- (iv) Reports transmitted will rarely be sent beyond brigade headquarters, and in any case beyond battalion headquarters. Reports of great importance will be sent by a special order to the G.O.C. of the division. Reports of great importance will have an extra line at the end of the report, and will have an extra line at the end of the report.
- (v) Officers in the front line will be particularly careful to ensure that reports of great importance are not sent to the G.O.C. of the division unless they are of a special nature.

Major-General  
 5th Division  
 1916

## 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 68.

There <sup>still</sup> seems to be an impression that firing in the front line is to be discouraged. Several men just returned from the line, when asked today (8th) how many Boches they had shot, answered that they had not been allowed to fire at Boches they had seen.

This is very hard to understand, as it had been impressed upon the units concerned before going into the line, that a vigorous offensive in the matter of sniping and firing generally was to be carried out.

I am directed to call attention to this point again. The G.O.C. directs that before going into the line, O's.C. units will personally instruct all officers and N.C.O's who are platoon commanders, as to the necessity for a vigorous offensive policy. All opportunities will be taken of shooting Germans who are visible within rifle range.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken against officers or others who are found to have issued orders to the contrary.

*Cumwarytals*

8th December 1916.

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
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Now that communication with the front trenches is better, and stores can be got up, the G.O.C. wishes the normal activity in the front line to be increased.

G.O's.C. Brigades will make every endeavour to get their Stokes Mortar batteries in action against personnel, or enemy trenches where these are within range.

Rifle Grenades will also be brought into use, and an endeavour made to inflict losses with them among the enemy in his advanced positions.

A report will be submitted by G.O's.C. Sectors on 15th December shewing what has been done in each Brigade Sector under these two heads.

*Cuewogata*

9th December 1916.

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued to:

8th Infantry Brigade,  
14th Infantry Brigade,  
15th Infantry Brigade.

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File,  
War Diary.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 70.

TRAINING WHILE OUT OF THE LINE.

1. The period to be spent in "R" and "T" Areas will probably be 13 days in "R" Area, and 17 days in "T" Area. Out of these we can rely on 10 working days and 13 working days respectively.
2. while in "R" Area, some time must necessarily be devoted to administrative matters, the care of the men and the improvement of their conditions. But apart from this the work to be done may be classed under the following heads:-
  - (i) The first stages of the process of hardening the men and getting them fit.
  - (ii) The selection and preliminary training of specialists (including that of regimental signallers).
  - (iii) The nomination and preparation of officers and N.C.O.'s for schools.
  - (iv) The complete preparation of the training scheme and programme for "T" Area, and the instruction of subordinate officers in the tasks which fall to them.
  - (v) Musketry Training of recent drafts so far as range accommodation will allow.
3. As regards (i) above. Running must be carried out daily. These are best carried out before bathing parades, but a short run before breakfast helps to start circulation. Exercises should be progressive; the standard to be aimed at is that all ranks shall be able to run 1000 yards in military formation. Cooks, batmen, and all men are to be included in this.
4. Lists have been made out shewing the establishment of specialists to be maintained in units. Units will nominate these, will train men to fill vacancies, and will also earmark and train if possible a 50% reserve of each kind. Regimental signallers will be dealt with as follows:- Men already trained will be exercised under unit arrangements. Men to fill vacancies will be trained in special classes to be formed in Brigades under the brigade section officers. Certain others will be trained as instructors by the Headquarters Section, Divisional Signal Company, in a class to be formed at the Divisional School.
5. The numbers of vacancies available for officers and others at the Army, Corps, and Divisional Schools are notified from time to time. Care should be exercised in the selection of candidates for the vacancies, and the fullest use, as instructors, should be made of those who have come back from Schools.
6. Further instructions will be issued regarding the training in "T" Area, in time to enable programmes to be made out. Conferences of battalion and company commanders will be assembled to compile the programmes.

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7. Each Brigade area has a range on which some instruction can be given. The practices and courses fired will depend on the proficiency of the drafts, and the ranges available. As a general rule, 30 yard practices will not be fired if longer ranges are available.
8. A complete 10 days programme will be drawn up in each brigade for work in "R" Area. A copy will be submitted to Divisional Headquarters on 24th December. These programmes will shew the number of hours spent daily in each kind of instruction. The fullest use of the short hours of daylight will be made, but reveille should not be before 6.45 a.m. A suggested syllabus for a battalion is attached.

*S. H. King Major*

for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

19th December 1916.

## Distribution:

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8th Infantry Brigade	7
14th Infantry Brigade	7
15th Infantry Brigade	7
5th Pioneer Battalion	1
C. R. A.	7
C. R. E.	4
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A.D.M.S.	5
A.D.V.S.	2
D.A.D.O.S.	1
A.P.M.	1
Commandant Div. Inf. School	2
Div. Gas Officer	2
Copy to:	
1st Anzac Corps	1.
"G"	3
"Q"	3.

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ISSUED WITH GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 79.

LIST OF SPECIALISTS TO BE TRAINED IN EACH BATTALION.

LEWIS GUNNERS            2 officers and 10 detachments (this includes 2 spare)

SIGNALLERS.            Battalion. 1 officer, 2 N.C.O's, 15 men.  
                                 Each Company.            1 N.C.O.,    8 men.  
                                 (see para. 4 of G.S.Memo.)

RUNNERS.                32 men (2 from each platoon).

BOMBERS                Battalion. 1 officer, 2 N.C.O's, 8 men.  
                                 Each Company.            4 N.C.O's, 32 men.

GAS.                    Battalion. 1 officer, 1 N.C.O.  
                                 Each Company.            1 N.C.O.  
                                 (Under Div. Gas Officer in "T" Area).

SCOUTS.                Each Company. 1 N.C.O. 4 men.

PIGEON MEN            Battalion. 3 men. (Under Divisional Signal Co,  
arrangements at the left in "R" Area.).

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SUGGESTED SYLLABUS OF TRAINING IN "R" AREA (RIBEMONT, etc)

P L A T O O N   T R A I N I N G

Day	7.15 a.m. to 7.45 a.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Evening.
1st Day	Physical Training	Foot inspection, and massage with whale-oil.	Reorganization of Companies, platoons, selection of specialists, and cleaning up.	Platoon route march under Platoon Commanders.	Lectures by Platoon Commander every evening on subjects such as:- Orders. Duties in billets. Dress. Equipment. Prevention of Trench Feet. Sanitation. Saluting. etc. etc.
2nd Day	Physical Training including running	do	<u>PLATOON TRAINING.</u> Suggested subjects:- Drill, Extended order work. Patrols and information. Musketry (Visual Training and fire control, etc.) Bayonet fighting, Bombing.	do	
3rd Day	Physical Training including running	do		do	
4th Day	Physical Training including running.	do		do	
5th Day	Physical Training including running.	do		do	

All specialist training in abeyance. They will join their platoons for the first six days.

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SUGGESTED SYLLABUS OF TRAINING IN "R" AREA (RIBEMONT, etc.)

C O M P A N Y T R A I N I N G.

Day	7.15 a.m. to 7.45 a.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Evening
6th Day	Physical Training including running	Foot inspection, and massage with whale-oil	(COMPANY TRAINING. Suggested subjects: Drill, Advanced Guards Outposts, Company in attack, Patrols and information, Musketry, Bayonet Fighting and Bombing. Night Operations, Advancing under a barrage to a time table.	Company route march under Company Commanders.	Lectures by Company Commanders every evening on subjects such as:-
7th Day	Physical Training including running	do		do	March discipline.
8th Day	Physical Training including running.	do		do	Company in attack.
9th Day	Physical Training including running.	do		do	Prevention of Trench Feet.
10th Day	Physical Training including running.	do		do	Field Cookery. Patrols,
					Cooperation with Aircraft. "S.O.S." calls

All specialists, such as Platoon Bombing Teams, Lewis Gunners, and Company Signallers will be trained separately during the morning. In the afternoon they will join their platoons for the Company work.

A FURTHER SUGGESTED PROGRAMME WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE TRAINING AREA.

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GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 71.

"ADDRESSES AND CODE CALLS"

1. In continuation of General Staff Memoranda Nos. 52, 53, 55, 58, and 64.

The following are cancelled:-

APPENDIX "F" 29th Divisional Artillery. G.S.Memo. No.52  
dated 21/10/16.  
(See also G.S.Memo. No.56, para. 2).  
APPENDIX "P" XIV Corps H.Art. G.S.Memo. No.56  
dated 30/10/16.

The following will be taken into use:-

APPENDIX "S" 29th Divisional Artillery.  
APPENDIX "B" 48th Divisional Artillery.  
APPENDIX "P" XIV Corps Heavy Artillery.  
APPENDIX "K" 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.  
APPENDIX "X" H.Q. XIV Corps and Guards Division.  
APPENDIX "X" Guards Divisional Artillery.  
APPENDIX "W" 20th Divisional Artillery.

*S.M. King*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,

20th December 1916.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution:-

8th Infantry Brigade	All
14th Infantry Brigade	All
15th Infantry Brigade	All
C.R.A.	All
Divisional Signal Co.	All
"G"	All
"A" and "Q"	All

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29th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

REGISTERED ADDRESS	CODE CALL	UNIT.
REDOUBT	M.F.9	Divl. R.A. Headquarters
REIN	F.31	15th Brigade, R.H.A.
RUDDER	G.21	B Battery, R.H.A.
RELATION	G.39	L Battery "
RELAY	G.47	Warwickshire Batt. R.H.A.
ROOK	G.T.13	460th Batt. How. (attd).
RETRIEVER	F.25	17th Bde, R.H.A. ×
REUNION	G.41	13th Battery
REVIEW	G.49	26th Battery
REVEILLE	G.57	92nd Battery
REVENGE	G.73	D/17 " (How). ×
RIDE	F.21	147th Brigade R.F.A.
RIVER	G.31	10th Battery
RIVET	G.59	97th Battery
ROAST	G.83	D/147 " (How.)
ROEBUCK	L.90	29th Div. Amm. Col.

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48th DIVISION.

Royal Artillery	RT
240 Bde R.F.A.	CU
A Battery	QF
B Battery	LV
C Battery	SC
D Battery	RH
241 Bde R.F.A.	RO
A Battery	SA
B Battery	SF
C Battery	LS
D Battery	CY
242 Bde R.F.A.	ES
A Battery	TP
B Battery	QD
C Battery	EC
D Battery	SK
48th Div. Amm Col.	SN
<u>Trench Mortar Batteries.</u>	
Z/48 T.M. Battery	TU
Y/48 T.M. Battery	TS
X/48 T.M. Battery	SW.

## XIV CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

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REGISTERED ADDRESS	CODE CALL	UNIT
FLASH	FW	H.Q. XIV Corps H.A.
COUNTER FLASH	F.W.C.	Counter Battery Officer.
<u>LEFT DIVISIONAL GROUP</u>		
CROWN	CRO	28th Heavy Artillery Group
FIZZ	FIZ	148th Siege Battery
COBALT	CT	49th "
CALCIUM	KL	105th "
BUBBLE	BL	114th "
<u>RIGHT DIVISIONAL GROUP.</u>		
COPPER	CR	----
PEWTER	PTR	136th Siege Battery
GIN	GN	142nd "
PORT	PRT	147th "
BRAND	AD	199th "
<u>COUNTER-BATTERY HOWITZER GROUP</u>		
SILVER	SR	49th Heavy Artillery Group
RAILWAY IRON	RWI	83rd Siege Battery
SLAVE	SV	12th "
BITTERS	BTS	145th "
WHISK	WS	4th "
NOBLE	LE	9th "
<u>COUNTER-BATTERY GUN GROUP.</u>		
FLORIN	FRN	57th Heavy Artillery Group
ZINC	CI	12th Heavy Battery
HELIUM	EL	31st "
ALUM	AL	115th "
PEPPER	PER	155th "
LEAD	LD	1/1st Lancs. Heavy Battery
<u>REINFORCING GROUP.</u>		
GOLD	LJ	64th Heavy Artillery Group
BABS	BS	3rd R.M.A. Howitzer
VIM	VM	121st Siege Battery
BRASS	RS	25th "
MUSTARD	MTD	151st Heavy Battery
SALT	SLT	159th "
<u>LONG RANGE GROUP.</u>		
COUNTER FLASH	F.W.C.	29th Heavy Artillery Group.
CARBON	CBN	35th Siege Battery
STEEL	SL	198th "

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SECRET.Appendix "K".1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

The Registered Addresses and Code Calls of 5th. Divisional Artillery are transferred to 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Unit.	Registered Address	Code Call.
1st Australian Divisional Artillery H.Q.	Best	RG
1st Australian Brigade A.F.A.	BEARD	RH
1st Battery	BECK	RHA
2nd Battery	BEG	RHB
3rd Battery	BEAK	RHC
101st Battery	BELL	RHD
2nd Australian Brigade A.F.A.	BARRELZ	RM
4th Battery	BALL	RMA
5th Battery	BAND	RMB
6th Battery	BACK	RMC
102nd Battery	BELAY	RMD
3rd Australian Brigade A.F.A.	BASKET	RP
7th Battery	BEVEL	RPA
8th Battery	BUNTING	RPB
9th Battery	BLOW	RPC
103rd Battery	BOARD	RPD
21st Australian Brigade A.F.A.	BOBS	RL
22nd Battery	BUNGS	RIA
23rd Battery	BED	RLB
24th Battery	BARS	RLC
X.1 A.T.M. Battery A.F.A.	BUFF	RPE
Y.1 A.T.M. Battery A.F.A.	BOTTLE	RPF
Z.1 A.T.M. Battery	BOTTOM	RPG.
1st Australian Divisional Amm. Col.	CANE	RPI

SECRET.Appendix "X".REGISTERED ADDRESSES AND CODE CALLS.GUARDS DIVISION.

<u>Registered Address</u>	<u>Code Call</u>	<u>Unit.</u>
GREAT	M.3	<u>Guards Division H.q.</u>
GRAPH	M.3.S	Guards Divn. Signals.
GRAZE	L.30	" " Ammn. Col.
GRAVEL	D.3	4th. Bn. Coldstream Gds.

GUARDS DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

GRANITE	M.F.3	<u>Headquarters.</u>
GENTLE	F.2	<u>74th. Bde. R.F.A.</u>
GUAGE	G.10	A/74 Battery.
GALA	G.22	B/74 do.
GALE	G.12	C/74 do.
GRIT	G.18	D/74 do. (Hows.)
GUEST	F.10	<u>75th. Bde. R.F.A.</u>
GUN	G.24	A/75 Battery.
GUESS	G.14	B/75 do.
GATE	G.6	C/75 do.
GIBE	G.26	D/75 do. (Hows.)
GEAR	F.16	<u>76th. Bde. R.F.A.</u>
GIGOT	G.30	A/76 Battery.
GIBBET	G.28	B/76 do.
GLEAM	G.16	C/76 do.
GLIDE	G.4	D/76 do. <i>Hows</i>
GLARE	F.14	<u>61st. Bde. R.F.A.</u>
GORE	G.2	A/61 Battery.
GOWN	G.20	B/61 do.
GRADE	G.8	C/61 do.

TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES.

GRUNT	G.T.20	Heavy W/Gds.
GOTH	G.T.16	Medium X/Gds.



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"EXTRACTS FROM XIV CORPS "REGISTERED ADDRESSES & CODE CALLS".

	<u>REGISTERED ADDRESS</u>	<u>CODE CALL</u>
XIV Corps Headquarters	NERVE	O
G.O.C. R.A. XIV Corps	RANGE	ORA
C.E.	GLORY	ORE
H.Q. XIV Corps H.A.	FLASH	F W
<u>GUARDS DIVISION H.Q.</u>	GREAT	M. 3
Divisional Artillery H.Q.	GRANITE	M F 3/
1st Guards Brigade H.Q.	GAIN	Z 2
2nd Bn. Gren Guards	GALLANT	D 23
2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards	GABLE	D 25
3rd Bn. Coldstream Guards	GLAND	D 27
1st Bn. Irish Guards	GIVE	D 29
2nd Guards Brigade H.Q.	GAUNTLET	Z 6
3rd Bn. Gren Guards	GENIUS	D 63
1st Coldstream Guards	GAPE	D 65
1st Scots Guards	GORSE	D 67
2nd Irish Guards	GAMBLE	D 69
3rd Guards Brigade H.Q.	GOOD	Z 8
1st Bn. Gren Guards	GRAND	D 83
4th Bn Gren Guards	GLOSS	D 85
2nd Scots Guards	GLENGARRY	D 87
1st Welsh Guards	GLEE	D 89

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<u>Registered Address</u>	<u>Code Call.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>
TEA	M.F.2	<u>20th. Divl. Arty. H.Q.</u>
TEETH	F.9	91st. Bde. R.F.A.
TERRIER	G.77	A/91 Battery.
THAW	G.71	B/91 "
THIEF	G.65	C/91 "
THORN	G.63	D/91 "
THROAT	F.13	<u>92nd. Bde. R.F.A.</u>
TUBBY	G.45	A/92 Battery.
TICKET	G.55 .	B/92 "
TONGUE	G.35	C/92 "
TIMBER	G.35 51	C/92 "
TODDY	F.7	<u>93rd. Bde. R.F.A.</u>
TONSIL	G.1	A/93 Battery.
TOOTH	G.43	B/93 "
TOUT	G.33	D/93 "
TOURIST	G.T.14	<u>Trench Mortar Bat's.H.Q.</u>
TOBASCO	G.T.15	Heavy Battery - V/20.
TOW	G.T.8	Medium " -X/20.
THUNDER	G.T.9	" " - Y/20.
TALLOW	G.T.10	" " - Z/20.
TAPIOCA	L.20	20th.Divl.Amm.Col.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 72

"ADDRESSES AND CODE CALLS"

1. In continuation of previous General Staff Memoranda, the following list is cancelled:-  
 APPENDIX "B" in so far as it relates to 1st (British) Divisional Artillery.
- The following will be taken into use:-  
 APPENDIX "I" 8th (British) Divisional Artillery.
2. The following "Addresses and Code Calls" should be in possession of Artillery Headquarters, Infantry Brigades, and Divisional Signal Company. These will be kept in a separate file as SECRET documents. They are not to be handed over on relief:-

APPENDIX "A" 5th Australian Division (less Artillery)

"B" III Corps Artillery )  
 9th Division )  
 15th Division )  
 50th Division )

"C" 41st Divisional Artillery.  
 "E" 30th Division.  
 "H" 33rd Division (less Artillery)

"I" 8th Division )  
 6th Division (less Artillery) )

"J" 17th Division (less Artillery)  
 "K" 1st Australian Division

("L" 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery)  
 ("M" 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

"N" 48th Division.  
 "O" 1st Division.  
 "P" XIV Corps Heavy Artillery  
 "Q" 4th Australian Division (less Artillery)  
 "R" 1st ANZAC Corps.  
 "S" 29th Division  
 "T" 4th Australian Divisional Artillery  
 "U" 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.  
 "V" 17th Divisional Artillery  
 "W" 20th Division.  
 "X" Guards Division.

*Stacey*

Lieut-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

21st December 1916.

## Distribution:-

8th Infantry Brigade,  
 14th Infantry Brigade,  
 15th Infantry Brigade,  
 C. R. A.  
 Divisional Signal Co HQ.

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8th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX "I"

REGISTERED ADDRESS	CODE CALL	UNIT
HERCULES	M.F. 1	Headquarters.
HURRY	F.5	5th Bde. R.H.A.
HEAP	G.11	O Battery
HEARKEN	G.32	2 "
HECTOR	G.29	D/S "
HARLEQUIN	F.8	45th Bde R.F.A.
HEEL	G.37	1st Battery
HELMET	G.42	3rd "
HEMP	G.48	5th "
HENCHMAN	G.54	57th "
HARMONY	F.12	33rd Bde. R.F.A.
HERALD	G.58	32nd Battery
HERO	G.82	33rd "
HICKORY	G.56	36th "
HELOT	G.75	55th "
HARSH	L.10	Div. Amm. Col.
HAZEL	F.24	Right Group
HINDU	F.32	Centre Group
HIPPO	F.41	Left Group
HONEY	G.T.31	2/8 T.M. Battery
HOOK	G.T.27	Y/8 do
HOLLY	G.T.18	Z/8 do

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 73.

"MARKINGS OF CONTACT PATROL AEROPLANES"

1. From January 1st, 1917 the distinguishing markings of contact patrol aeroplanes of the 5th ARMY will be as follows:-

One black rectangular flag 2' by 1' 3", attached to the centre and in prolongation of the trailing edge of both lower planes.

2. The distinguishing markings of contact patrol machines of the 4th ARMY are as follows:-

A broad black band under both lower planes, and streamers flown from the inner struts.

*Quayle*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

24th December 1916.

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8th Infantry Brigade	7
14th Infantry Brigade	7
15th Infantry Brigade	7
5th Pioneer Battalion	1
C.R.A., 5th Australian Div.	7
C.R.E.	4
Divisional Signal Co.	5
Divisional Train	1
A.D.M.S.	1
Camp Commandant	1
A.P.M.	1
Commandant Div. Inf. School	2
Div. Bomb Officer	1
Div. Gas Officer	1
"G"	3
"Q"	3.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 74.

1. Particular attention is invited 1st Anzac Corps General Staff Circular No. 38 of 16th December, regarding the organization of the fighting specialists in battalions.
2. It will be seen that these specialists (bombers, rifle bombers, and, as a rule, Lewis gunners) will form an integral part of platoons, and will not be collected in a separate platoon, as is done in the companies of some battalions. This point will be borne in mind during the present reorganization.
3. It will be noticed also that rifle bombers form a distinct service. Special care will be taken during this training period to select and train sufficient of these specialists, both in attack and defence tactics. Arrangements will be made for the necessary dummy and live ammunition. The Divisional Bomb Officer will supervise this training.

*Clive*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

5th December 1916.

Distribution:-	Copies.
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14th Infantry Brigade	7
15th Infantry Brigade	7
5th Pioneer Battalion	1
Commandant, Divisional Infantry School	2
Divisional Bomb Officer	1

Copies to:	
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"G"	3
"C"	3.

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