

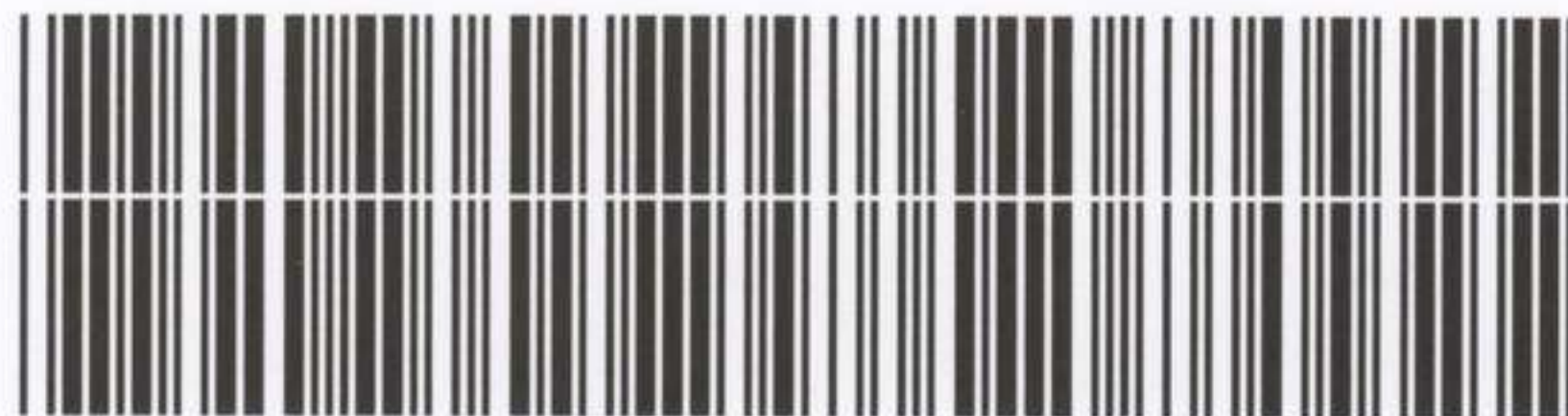
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAZIEUX	1.4.17		Cold weather continues. Church parades in am.	
	2.4.17		1st and 3rd Aves Inf Bdes inspected by Dwl. Commander. Turn out satisfactory, marching good Conference at WOLFE Camp. DA + QMG and A QMG of Corps and all AA + QMGs and DA + QMGs of Division present. Questions of transportation in new area discussed and policy enunciated. Rail head to be at BAPAUME on 7th inst. Decanville RA to be at BEAULENCOURT Ordn for move out (Appx A)	Appx A
	3.4.17		AA + QMG to Corps reference to front area etc. Picked up. Parade of 2nd Inf Bde cancelled on account of weather.	

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BATIEUX	3.4.17	(Contd)	18 th Aus Inf Bde marched out for Montauban en route for new area	
	4.4.17		DAG remains at BATIEUX. 18 th Inf Bde from MONTAUBAN to BAPAUME area. 2 nd Inf Bde from DERNANCOURT to MONTAUBAN AA & Cmb and CRE to BANCOURT (new DHA): Heavy snow and violent wind storm. Troops stood march well, in spite of extremely bad conditions	
WMA.	5.4.17		2 nd Bde to MONTAUBAN. 3 rd Bde to new area HQ to 18 th Bde HQ DELSAUX Fm. All rations satisfactory.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT	6.4.17		GOC arrived at BANCOURT. IAH established there. 2nd Bde coming into new area A.Q. to 3rd Bde HQ at FREMICOULT. All matters satisfactory.	
	7.4.17		3rd Bde in Villers au Flo. Corps messages about Roads having to be repaired. Arrangements made for 1 Coy Inf and half Coy Pioneers on Cambrai Road	
	8.4.17		A.Q. and C.R.E. to BEUVRY - work on roads going on satisfactorily Arrangements made to commence on HAPLINCOULT Road	

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BANCOURT	9.4.17		DERMICOVRT	
	10.4.17		Action of BOURSIES and DERMICOVRT. Medical arrangements worked well. For diagram of Evacuations see App B. Instructions from Corps to undertake work on roads. Road reconstruction placed in hands of Co. Pioneers, Labour from Reserve Bde of Infantry.	App. B.
	11.4.17		A.B. round roads under Div. Control with Co. Pioneers	
	12.4.17		Lt Col Coulter M30 7th Bn to England to command M. 1 T. Bn. Health of troops good. weather very cold and changeable	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAIXCOURT	13. 4. 17		Great difficulty is experienced in meeting demands for transport. Report by 3rd Inf Bde that body of No 5049 Pte BOYCE 10th Bn was found with his eyes bandaged, and shot. Further particulars asked for.	
	14. 4. 17		Bright and cold weather. Honours and awards ready for action of 7th, 8th, 9th received from units.	
	15. 4. 17		Enemy attacked in some force on Laguncourt. Herminie line. On this front they captured 3ickers in G. and on L. Div. front they captured some field guns, which were afterwards retaken. Estimated casualties about 10 officers 250 others.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAINCOURT	16.4.17		The extension of the Light Railway is proceeding. Light RH is now at FRENCHCOURT. I A & B mile of Corps with A A & B mile selected sites for: Gun Ammunition RH S. A. A Supply Immediately South of BEUBNY. C.R. Officer was present and concurred. C.R.A. and Ow Train advised.	
	17.4.17		Heavy snow and high wind made conditions very trying for the troops. There was a certain recurrence of trench foot in some units, together with a rise in the sick rate. Hot food containers are in ^{the} possession of all front line units. Trench shelters (tarpaulins) are available in sufficient quantity.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT	19. 4. 17		The wet weather continued. 12th Bn report of Casualties on 15th which had failed to come in, was now received showing 176 missing "believed killed" in most cases. This material increase to the Casualty return makes the figures given on p. 48 quite erroneous. The Dist. Burial Officer (Mr. Edwards 8th Bn) proved unable to cope with the work. 2/Lt. Pitt 8th Bn posted in his stead. Burials proceeding satisfactorily. The railway station at VELU was blown up at noon today. Lt. SYMINGTON 4th Bn Q.M. and 8 O.R. Killed, 9 wounded.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANKOVRT	19.4.17		At Bankovert to MORCIES and BEUGNY to see 2nd Inf Bde To the FREMICOURT to 3rd Bde HQ. BEUGNY heavily shelled. Clear and cold weather. Health of troops good except for a recrudescence of trench foot.	
	20.4.17		No special notes.	
	21.4.17		Orders for move. of Division to SENLIS area, on relief by 11th Div. Messages drafted and approved by Div (dr. to all units in connection with anniversary of the Landing at Gallipoli 1915.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT	22.4.17		11th Div came to DHA re details of move. Capt KERBY and large draft of Yfcts arrived. AQ to 2nd Aus Div in regard to accommodation for 2 Bns 1st Aus Inf Bde	
	23.4.17		To 11th Div HQ and 11th Div Train on administrative matters Corps instructed that the following working parties were to be taken over 2 Shifts, each 250 men. BADAUVIE Railway Station 2 Shifts Each 200 men Car unloading, B.P. railhead 500 men track laying, FREMICOURT 1 of 60 men, heavy ammⁿ railhead	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANQUET	24. 4. 17		AQ to BAPAUNIE to meet DA & Q of Corps re working parties. Arrangements made to take these over from 11 th Division	
	25. 4. 17		Messages from various units and formations in reply to messages from Division in respect to the Anniversary of the Landing - See Appx. C. ...	App "C."
	26. 4. 17		Instructions from Corps that a Divisional Rpt Camp is to be formed. Divisional (as decided that the Divisional Cadet Class would be form part of this. Camp. Capt E. J. T. KERBY 8 th Bn. to command the Rpt Camp. Leave to England re-opened. Inspection of all 1 st Line Transport commenced. The	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAYCOURT	26.4.17	Contd	The condition of horses is improving under the influence of better weather and a certain amount of green feed now obtainable, but in many units there is a lack of knowledge of horse husbandry and stable management.	
	27.4.17		Divisional Commander held a Conference on the matter of shortage of bread-stuffs. Present A.C. Clark, D.A. Clark O.C. Div Train, S.S.O., D.A. D.M.S. A.C. suggested a direct reduction of bread ration, dividing all troops in France into two categories. After some discussion this was adopted and the results of the Conference were formulated into a letter to Corps - vide Appx D. Matter of Salvage Drapery and horse hides discussed (see appx at end of month).	Appx D.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT	28. 4. 17		Assemble under took to supervise generally the Federal Elections within the Division. Circular of instructions issued to all unit Commanders. Appx "E."	Appx "E"
	29. 4. 17		Voting for Federal Elections commenced. All A.R.O's appeared conversant with their duties.	
	30. 4. 17		Voting continued. No hitch appears to have occurred. All share papers returned by units and sent to DCRO (France) Lt. Anzac. Weather conditions greatly improved - warm, dry, sunny days. Health of troops noticeably improved. The following appendices are attached:—	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BATH COURT	30. 4. 17.		Appendices attached Strength of Division on 30. 4. 17 Casualties (Consolidated return) April 1917 Wanting to complete 28. 4. 17 Summary of Honours and Awards, April 1917 (a) Submitted (b) Awarded	"F" "G" "H" "I"
			2. 5. 17 Ch. Foot Colonel as above	

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 16.Divisional Headquarters.
1st April 1917.

1. The 1st Australian Division (less artillery and units detached) will relieve the 5th Australian Division in the line in accordance with the attached Movement table.

2. The divisional sector will be divided into two brigade sectors. The dividing line will be cross roads I.27.c.10.95 - DEUSAUX FARM (inclusive to Right Brigade) - Cross Roads I.23.b.25.15 - HELMETZ (inclusive to Right Brigade.)

A map showing routes etc., is issued herewith to formations concerned.

3. Each brigade sector will be held as an outpost section with one battalion in the advanced line of resistance.

4. The Corps "Main Line of Resistance" will be the line O.5 Central - I.27 Central - I.14.d. - H.12 Central - H.4.d. This line will be held in each brigade sector by a nucleus garrison of 1 Battalion from the brigade and two sections of No. 21 Machine Gun Coy.

5. On taking over command the following troops come under the orders of G.O.C. 1st Australian Division.

5th Aus. Div. Artillery)
3rd Aus. (Army) L.P.A. Brigade) in their present position.

One Squadron 15th Light Horse)
1/2 Company ANZAC Cyclist Battalion) in HAPLIN COURT.

6. The following intervals will be maintained on the roads.

200 yards between Battalions.
200 " " Transport and troops or between transport
of different units.

100 yards between companies.

7. Representatives of relieving units will be sent into each post and position in the advanced line on the night prior to the relief.

8. Advanced parties will be sent forward to take over quarters.

9. Brigade Commanders will arrange details of the relief direct subject to the provisions of this order.

10. The machine guns of the 2nd Infantry Brigade detached for anti-aircraft duty will remain as at present.

11. Instructions for the distribution of Field Companies and for Medical arrangements consequent on the relief will be issued separately. The Mobile Veterinary Section will remain in its present location.

12. Right Brigade Headquarters will be established at DEUSAUX FARM, and Left Brigade Headquarters at EUGNY. Divisional Headquarters will be established at H.35.c.5.7. on the evening of 6th instant.

G.O.C. 1st Australian Division will take over command at 9 a.m. on 7th instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. Blamey

Lieut-Colonel. G.S.
First Australian Division.

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1st Australian Division.
Lieut-Colonel. G.S.

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MOVEMENT TABLE to ACCOMPANY 1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 15 dated 1/4/17.

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Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
Apr. 3rd.	(1st Inf. Bde. (No. 21 M.G.C.	RIBEMONT.	MONTAUBAN Bde. Camp. Sq. S. 28. d.	BUIRE - DEMANNCOURT - MEAULTE - FRICOURT.	No. 21 M.G. Coy will move under orders of G.C.C., 1st. Inf. Bde.
Apr. 4th.	(1st. Inf. Bde. (No. 21 M.G.C.	MONTAUBAN Camp.	FRELICOURT HAPLIN COURT	Infantry via duckwalks and across country. Transport via BAZENTIN and BAPAUME.	
	3rd Inf. Bde.	BRESLE.	MONTAUBAN Bde. Camp. Sq. S. 26. d.	Cross Roads D. 27. central - BUIRE - DEMANNCOURT - MEAULTE - FRICOURT.	
Apr. 5th.	1st. Inf. Bde.	Relieves portion of 14th Aust. Bde.			Relief of advanced line will be carried out by night.
	3rd. Inf. Bde.	MONTAUBAN Camp.	FRELICOURT - BEUGNY Area.	Infantry via duckwalks and across country. Transport via BAZENTIN and BAPAUME.	Orders will be issued for the further move of 2nd. Inf. Bde.
	2nd. Inf. Bde.	BUIRE.	MONTAUBAN Bde. Camp. Sq. S. 26. d.	DEMANNCOURT - MEAULTE - FRICOURT.	
Apr. 6th.	3rd. Inf. Bde.	Relieves portion of 14th Aust. Inf. Bde.			Relief of advanced line will be carried out by night.
	Div. H. Qrs.	BAIZIEUX.	H. 35. c. 5. 7.		

Appendix No. A

SECRET.ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS in CONNECTION WITH 1st. AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 18.1. AMMUNITION.

Ammunition vehicles will march empty to MONTAUBAN Bde. Camp, where they will refill from D.A.C. on the day of arrival.

Brigades are to demand on D.A.C. for ammunition and grenades forthwith.

After arrival in new Area, the 5th Aust. D.A.C. will be the source of supply until further orders.

2. BLANKETS.

Only one blanket per man will be carried. The second blanket will be returned to Ordnance, ALBERT, now. These will be rolled in bundles of 10, properly labelled.

3. TRANSPORT.

Only the authorised loads are to be carried, vide Circular dated 22/3/17.

4. SPARE KITS & SURPLUS STORES.

Brigades will arrange with Town Majors to leave spare Kits (other than authorised equipment) in a billet under guard. As opportunity offers these will be moved forward later.

5. BILLETS & CAMPS.

Billets and Camps are to be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Units will arrange to obtain statements in duplicate from Area Commandants or Town Majors, showing the condition in which billets, etc., are left. One copy of each statement is to be sent to Divisional Headquarters on the day the Unit moves.

6. ADVANCE PARTIES.

Brigades will send Advance Parties under an Officer, to take over Camps, twenty four hours before each move.

7. STOKES MORTARS.

O.C., Div. Train will detail one G.S. Wagon per Brigade for carriage of Stokes Mortars. The Stokes Mortars hand carts will travel empty, except for the packs of the L.T.M. personnel.

8. SUPPLY.

Supply Railheads as follows, for all except Artillery -

3/4/17.	EDGEHILL.
4/4/17.	BAZENTIA.
5/4/17.	BAPAUME.

Supply Officers will inform Quartermasters of place and time of issue. Artillery Supply Railhead will remain at ALBERT for the present.

9. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

A.P.M. will make necessary arrangements for Traffic Control.

10. TRENCH STORES.

All trench stores in possession of the 5th Aust. Division will be handed over to the 1st Aust. Division. Gun boots will not be handed over.

A list of trench stores taken over will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters.

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11. QUARTERING.

1st Aust. Division will take over all standing tented camps in R.F. Area.

12. DUMPS.

All S.A.A., Grenades, Rockets, etc., in dumps in possession of 5th Aust. Division will be handed over to the 1st Aust. Division.

The 1st Aust. Division will arrange to bring forward all such dumps into forward positions.

13. BATHS.

Arrangements will be made by 1st Aust. Division with Corps Baths Officer to close down all baths at present in use by the Division, and to dispose of the stocks of clothing.

14. WORKING PARTIES.

Working parties will remain as at present disposed.

Colonel,
A. A. & Q. I. G.,
1st Australian Division.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8th April, 1917.

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Station.Advanced Dressing
Station.Wagon
loading
Post.Relay
Post.Entraining
Post.

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FREMICOURT.
(I.19.c.5.1.)LABUCQUIERE.
(I.30.b.1.9.)From R.A.Ps. to A.D.S. by hand, by wheeled stretchers
and by Ford Ambulances Car.BAPAUME.
(H.27.d.8.1.)

J.25.a.5.6.

From A.D.S. :-
Right Sector through Relay Post at LABUCQUIERE.Left Sector, through Relay Post at BOIS DE
CHAUFOURS.BEUGNY.
(I.21.b.2.2.)VILLERS AU
FLOS.
(O.7.c.7.3.)BOIS DE
CHAUFOURS.
(I.12.a.9.1.)

BAZENTIN.

From A.D.S. to M.D.S. by Motor Ambulance.

From M.D.S. to C.C.S. or D.R.S. by M.A.C. or by empty
lorries.D I S P O S I T I O N.

O.2.a.8.0.

1st Aust. Fl'd. Ambulance. BAZENTIN Entraining Centre.
 2nd " " " Advanced Dressing Station, FREMICOURT & BEUGNY.
 3rd " " " Main Dressing Station, BAPAUME.
 Dental Units :- Nos. 3 & 5 at M.D.S., BAPAUME.
 No. 18 at Entraining Centre, BAZENTIN.
 A.D.M.S. Office at H.35.c. Central.

(Sgd.) R. B. HUXTABLE,
 Colonel, A.D.M.S.
 1st Australian Division.

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 Messages from various Units and formations in reply to messages from Division in respect to the Anniversary of the Landing on GALLIPOLI, 25/4/15 :-

1st Australian Division.

General WALKER and all ranks 1st Australian Division send greetings to General BIRDWOOD and all ranks 1st Anzac Corps Headquarters who participated in the historic landing on this day.

1st Anzac Corps.

General BIRDWOOD and all ranks Anzac Corps Headquarters thank the 1st Aust. Division for their message.

29th Division.

Your message gave us great pleasure. 29th Division return greetings to all comrades of 1st Aust. Division on Anniversary of DARDANELLES landing.

New Zealand Division.

Best Wishes from New Zealand Division Anzac Day.

2nd Australian Division.

Your Greetings are warmly reciprocated inspired by the memory of the landing we look with confidence to the future.

3rd Australian Division.

All participate in the historic landing now with this Division warmly reciprocate your kind greetings.

4th Australian Division.

General HOLMES and all ranks 4th Aust. Division send greetings Anzac Day.

5th Australian Division.

The greetings of General WALKER and the Div. Staff of the 1st Aust. Division on the anniversary of the glorious day we celebrate is most heartily appreciated and reciprocated by the 5th Aust. Division.

C.R.A., 5th Aust. Division.

This the second anniversary of the landing the C.R.A. and all Anzac members desires to convey their sincere congratulations and best wishes.

1st Aust. Div. School.

The staff and students of 1st Aust. Div. School thank General WALKER and the Divisional Staff for their kind message of greetings on the 2nd anniversary of Anzac Day.

1st Aust. Div. Base Depot.

Your message is greatly appreciated by the troops.

D.A.D.O.S., 1st Aust. Div.

All those with the 1st Australian Divisional Ordnance who had the privilege of participating in the glorious landing at Anzac wish me to thank the Divisional Commander and the Divisional Staff for their kind message received on Anzac Day and to express their greetings in return. The message has been forwarded to the other Divisions where some of the original members of the 1st Australian Divisional Ordnance are now serving, and to Colonel J.G.AUSTIN, C.M.G., C.O.O.HAVRE.

1st Aust. Div. Train.

On behalf of those members of this Train who participated in the landing on 25/4/15 the Commanding Officer desires to thank General WALKER and the Divisional Staff for their message of greetings and begs to reciprocate.

1st Aust. Inf. Brigade.

On behalf of the Officers and men of 1st Australian Infantry Brigade who participated in "THE LANDING" two years ago to-day I beg to thank you and the Divisional Staff most sincerely for the kind greetings sent by you to them and also for the kindly consideration you have always shewn to them.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.CONFIDENTIAL.Divisional Headquarters,
27th April, 1917.1st A. N. Z. A. C.
-----Shortage of Foodstuffs.

In accordance with the wishes of the Corps Commander, expressed in his letter to me dated 26th inst, I beg to submit the following recommendations, suggestions, and remarks.

Conference. These are the outcome of a Conference held this morning at which were present my A.A.&Q.M.G., D.A.Q.M.G., D.A.D.M.S., O.C., Divisional Train, and S.S.O.

"A." RECOMMENDATIONS.

Categories. 1. It is recommended that the troops to whom supply has to be made be divided into two categories, viz:-

- (a) Troops in First Line, comprising the troops in the fighting area, actively engaged, except Divisional Headquarters.
- (b) Troops in Second Line, comprising Divisional, Corps, and Army Headquarters. All resting Brigades and Divisions, Labour Battalions, M.T.Units. All L. of C. Troops, but EXCLUDING all hospitals and Rest Stations, etc.

Bread Ration. 2. It is recommended that the dailt bread rations for the above named categories be as follows :-

- (a) Troops in First Line. Bread 14 oz. Oatmeal or Rice 1 oz.
- (b) Troops in Second Line. " 12 oz. " " " 2 oz.

Reasons. 3. It is considered by the D.A.D.M.S. that the above scales of ration will be sufficient for the troops.

The difficulties of cooking oatmeal, rice, or similar cereal foods which require preparation, militate against their extended use in the front line. The substitution of a small quantity of such cereal foods for a greater weight of bread is not objectionable, as Unit adjustments can be made, whereby the more advanced parties can get all the bread, and parties in rear get less bread and more of the uncooked food.

4. On the same principle, formations in rear have, or can devise, methods of cooking a still greater quantity of these cereals, to the excision of a correspondingly greater part of the bread ration.

Constitution of Bread. 5. It is recommended that a greater proportion of the by-products of wheat be included in the bread-flour, i.e., that "Standard" bread be produced.

It has been noticed that the bread sold in the French villages, a "brown" bread, is appreciated by the troops.

"B" SUGGESTIONS.

6. It is suggested that, if the supply of oatmeal is sufficient, some form of oatmeal cakes could replace the bread, at least where the distance to be carried is not great. The principal objection to these at present is their brittleness; they break up in transit. Possibly experiments could be made, with a view to producing a more portable article.

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- Other Cereals etc. 7. It is suggested that there are many other cereals and grains, the use of which might be extended if the supply is sufficient, e.g., Dhourra, Maize, and Barley, all of which are known to be useful foods. It should be possible to experiment with these.
- Field Bakeries. 8. It is a subject for consideration, whether the Field Bakeries might not be moved nearer to the front, thus lessening the distance over which bread has to be carried, but it is realised that there are many points which must also be considered in this relation.
- Forage Oats. 9. With a plentiful hay ration, and in view of the possibility of grazing, the matter of reducing the forage ration by 1 lb. of oats, is worth consideration.
The oats thus released would be of use in other directions.
- Meat Ration. 10. It is not considered desirable to recommend a reduction of the meat ration, including the bacon ration, as enquiry shows that the Australians can eat all the meat ration and more.

"C" REMARKS.

- Weighting Effectuated. 11. Assuming that there are in France 2,500,000 British Troops, and that these may be divided into equal numbers of Category (a) and Category (b) it is evident that the nett daily saving in weight of breadstuffs will be $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. per man, or say 115 tons a day of breadstuffs alone.
- Vegetables. 12. The reduction of the bread ration above recommended would be still less felt if it were possible to increase the vegetable, and particularly the potatoe ration.
13. The adjustment of the varied scale recommended in para. 2 should present no difficulties; my O.C. Divisional Train and S.S.O., are quite prepared to undertake it, provided that the pack train is made up to the scale.

(Sgd.) H. B. WALKER.
Major-General,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
27th April 1917.

Commonwealth Elections.

The following Routine Order will be published shortly:-

"All Assistant Returning Officers for the purpose of the Commonwealth Elections for the Senate and House of Representatives are specially requested to see that 'Instructions for the conduct of the Polling in France' are carefully adhered to and in particular -

(1) that the D.C.R.O. 1st Anzac is sent the following message on the completion of the polling for his unit -

"SABLEMATE; followed by

- (a) Number of votes recorded
- (b) Name of Unit

(2) that all surplus voting material on the completion of the poll is immediately forwarded to the C.R.O., 130 Horseferry Road, London, S.W."

2. At the same time, I wish to call your attention to the special points mentioned in the above quoted order.

3. Have you received, and have you made yourself and your A.R.O's acquainted with, the Special Memorandum for A.R.O's dated 23rd inst?

4. If you require further stocks of voting papers, will you please wire to the D.C.R.O., Corps Headquarters, at once, and advise me of the fact that you have done so.

C. A. F. 11

Colonel,
A. A. & Q. M. G.,
1st Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
28th April 1917.

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With reference to Special Order from Corps, dated 25th April, and to previous instructions, please note that later urgent instructions have been received, and that now ALL SURPLUS VOTING MATERIAL on completion of the Poll is to be sent to Divisional Headquarters, and NOT to LONDON.

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Colonel,
A. A. & Q. M. G.,
1st Australian Division.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.STRENGTH OF DIVISION AS AT 30th APRIL 1917.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Div. Headquarters.	30	276	306
Div. Artillery.	83	2558	2641
Div. Engineers.	28	664	692
Div. Signal Coy.	10	307	317
Pioneer Battalion.	40	1136	1176
1st Inf. Bde. Hqrs.	7	47	54
1st Battalion.	33	789	822
2nd Battalion.	26	732	758
3rd Battalion.	29	886	915
4th Battalion.	21	674	695
1st A.L.T.M.Bty.	4	61	65
1st A.M.G.Coy.	7	177	184
2nd Inf. Bde. Hqrs.	13	118	131
5th Battalion.	42	923	965
6th Battalion.	41	1095	1136
7th Battalion.	38	865	903
8th Battalion.	37	1047	1084
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	4	74	78
2nd A.M.G.Coy.	12	199	211
3rd Inf. Bde. Hqrs.	5	63	68
9th Battalion.	26	825	851
10th Battalion.	22	715	737
11th Battalion.	24	643	667
12th Battalion.	24	701	725
3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.	3	64	67
3rd A.M.G.Coy.	6	182	188
1st Div. Train.	27	461	488
1st Field Amb.	11	259	270
2nd Field Amb.	13	264	277
3rd Field Amb.	11	285	296
Div. Salvage Coy.	1	79	80
Mob. Vet. Sect.	2	35	37
21st A.M.G.Coy.	9	173	182

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

CASUALTY REPORT.From 1st April to 30th April 1917.

	<u>Officers.</u>			<u>O. Ranks.</u>		
	<u>K.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>K.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>M.</u>
Div. Artillery.		3		18	34	1
Div. Engineers.	1			1	5	
1st Pioneer Bn.					1	
1st Field Amb.					4	
2nd Field Amb.					2	
1st Battalion	1	4		24	103	
2nd Battalion.	2	6		63	141	1
3rd Battalion.	1	2		45	79	5
4th Battalion.	1	7	1	46	108	63
1st A.L.T.M.Bty.					1	
1st A.M.G.Coy.		1			13	
5th Battalion.		1		15	51	
6th Battalion.		3		4	29	
7th Battalion.		2		7	34	
8th Battalion.		5		18	78	1
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.					1	
2nd A.M.G.Coy.				2	6	
9th Battalion.	2	2		15	59	1
10th Battalion.	2	4		37	85	8
11th Battalion.	2	5	4	25	94	176
12th Battalion.	2	9		84	214	110
3rd A.M.G.Coy.		1		1	6	6
21st A.M.G.Coy.			1	8	4	20
	14	55	6	408	1152	392

Killed 422
Wounded 1207
Missing 398

Total 2027.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AS ON 28th APRIL, 1917.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>
Div. Headquarters.	-	3
Div. Art. Hqrs.	-	-
1st F.A.Bde.	3	16
2nd F.A.Bde.	-	16
1st D.A.C.	1	-
T.M.Batteries.	-	-
Div. Engineers.	-	12
Div. Sig. Coy.	-	7
1st Inf.Bde.Hqrs.	-	-
1st Battalion.	3	58
2nd Battalion.	5	59
3rd Battalion.	3	-
4th Battalion.	13	158
1st A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	-
1st A.M.G.Coy.	1	-
2nd Inf.Bde.Hqrs.	-	-
5th Battalion.	-	35
6th Battalion.	-	-
7th Battalion.	1	91
8th Battalion.	2	-
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	-
2nd A.M.G.Coy.	-	-
3rd Inf. Bde.Hqrs.	4	6
9th Battalion.	-	87
10th Battalion.	9	175
11th Battalion.	7	212
12th Battalion.	10	258
3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.	1	-
3rd A.M.G.Coy.	1	-
1st Pioneer Bn.	-	-
1st Div. Train.	-	-
1st Field Amb.	-	3
2nd Field Amb.	-	-
3rd Field Amb.	-	14
Mobile Vet. Sect.	-	2
Div. Salvage Coy.	-	3
21st A.M.G.Coy.	1	23
	65	1238

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SCHEDULE of HONOURS and AWARDS DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1917.

UNIT	Officers			Other Ranks.				REMARKS.
	V.C.	D.S.O.	M.C.	V.C.	M.C.	D.C.M.	M.M.	
Av. Artillery								
A.			2				5	
B.			1				4	
Av. Engineers								
A.			1				5	
B.			1				5	
1st Battalion.								
A.			3				7	
B.			-				7	
2nd Battalion								
A.			1	1		6	8	
B.			-	-		-	8	
3rd Battalion								
A.			4			4	10	
B.			-			-	10	
4th Battalion								
A.		1	4			3	11	
B.		-	-			-	11	
5th A.M.G. Coy.								
A.						1	3	
B.						-	3	
6th Battalion								
A.							1	
B.							1	
7th Battalion								
A.		1	2			2	2	
B.		-	-			-	2	
8th Battalion								
A.			3			2	5	
B.			3			2	5	
9th Battalion								
A.			3				13	
B.			3				12	
10th Battalion								
A.	1		4		1	1	17	
B.	-		-		-	-	17	
11th Battalion		(Bar)						
A.	1	1	4	1	-	9	22 & 1 Bar.	
B.	-	-	4	-		3	24 (2 submitted for	
12th A.M.G. Coy.							(D.C.Ms. & awarded	
A.			2				(M.Ms.	
B.			-				3	
13th A.M.C.								
A.			5			2	4 (Two submitted for	
B.			3			-	5 (D.C.M. & Awarded	
14th Captains.							(M.M.	
A.			1					
B.			-					

Note :-

A. Recommended.
B. Awarded.

A number of the above recommendations, which have been submitted, are still under consideration by higher Authority.

D.H.Q.
1/5/17.