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5th Aust Div.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>DECEMBER 1917.</u>				
DRANOUTRE (Ulster Camp)	1.		The Division is holding the Left Divisional Sector of the I ANZAC Corps front (The HOLLEBEKE Sector). This sector was taken over from the 30th and 33rd Divisions on the 15th November. Disposition Reports are attached as Appendix "A"	App "A"
	1st		The B.G.G.S. I ANZAC Corps came today. It was fine in the morning and wet in the afternoon. G.S.O. II went round the reserve line of the 8th Infantry Brigade area. Good progress is being made with strong points.	
	2nd		Very frosty last night. A fine bright day - rather windy.	
	3rd		G.O.C. went with the G.S.O. II and D.M.G.O. to the 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, and discussed the bombardment of certain points on our front, in connection with a proposed raid. The G.O.C. called on the O.C. 29th Battalion, this battalion being at the time in 8th Infantry Brigade Reserve. Staff Captain 8th Infantry Brigade and the Acting Brigade Major of the 14th Infantry Brigade attended a Machine Gun Demonstration at CAMIERS this morning at 11 a.m.	
	4th		The G.S.O. I of the 1st Australian Division called today, and was taken to WYTSCHAETE by the G.S.O. II of this Division. in the afternoon and shewn part of the area. At night the G.S.O. II went round the 59th Battalion outposts and found that there was very little wire out in front of the picquet line. The ground was very swampy down by the picquetline. The Divisional Commander and the G.S.O. I were informed next morning.	
5th		General BIRDWOOD called this morning, and visited Battalion Headquarters of the various Brigades. He was very pleased with the tactical dispositions and the knowledge displayed by Battalion Commanders. At night the G.S.O. II went round the outposts of the 32nd Battalion.		

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BRANOUTRE	5th		<p>It has been a fine bright day, frosty, very cold; splendid weather. WAM FARM, BEEK FARM, FLY BUILDINGS, and RIFLE FARM were bombarded today by the Heavy Artillery as a preliminary to a raid which we hope to carry out on one of these in a day or two.</p> <p>Major D.M.KING D.S.O. M.C. (G.S.O. II) left today to take up appointment of G.S.O. II on XV Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>The G.O.C. and the G.S.O. III went to the SAMER Area and had a look round the area. The G.O.C. discussed the training facilities in the area with the 1st Australian Division, afterwards going on to BOULOGNE to see his A.D.C. off for England where he is having an interview prior to being transferred to the Indian Army. The Corps Commander went round the Reserve Brigade Area. General Staff Memorandum No. 188 with reference to S.O.S. Signals, was issued</p> <p>It rained today. The G.S.O. I went to the 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>A bright day. A fair amount of enemy aeroplane activity. Division Order No. 184, with reference to the move of the Division (less Artillery) to the SAMER AREA, was issued.</p> <p>A fine day. General BIRDWOOD went round the battery guns with General BESSEL-BROWNE (C.R.A.)</p> <p>Our new G.S.O. II (Major G.F.WOOTEN D.S.O., late Brigade Major 9th Aust. Inf. Bde) reported for duty. General WHITE (B.G.G.S. I ANZAC Corps) came today to discuss the new defensive area.</p>			
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	6th					
	7th					
	8th					App. "B"
	9th					
	10th					App. "C"
	11th					
	12th					

G. F. Wooten

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			<p><u>DECEMBER 1917.</u></p>	
DRANOUTRE	13th		<p>The G.S.O. II accompanied the G.O.C. up the forward area during the morning. In the afternoon the G.O.C. had tea with the Corps Commander. The 14th Infantry Brigade was relieved by the 2nd Infantry Brigade (1st Aust. Div) in the Reserve Brigade Area. See Order 184, Appendix "C" Division Order No. 185 was issued, dealing with the moves of the 3rd and 8th Aust. Inf. Bdes. App "C".</p>	
	14th	<i>Training</i>	<p>A smoke demonstration was held at BRANDHOEK today. The Division was represented by the G.S.O. III. The 15th Infantry Brigade was relieved in the Left Brigade Sector by the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. The 15th Brigade then became Reserve Brigade. A great deal of enemy train movement was observed west of COMINES. Between 1 and 3 p.m. 25 trains were seen moving in a north and south direction between MENIN and TURCOING. Most of the movement was North to South, and a few South to North. General Staff Memorandum No. 145 was issued, with reference to the formation of a Demonstration Platoon. App "R"</p>	M
	15th		<p>The 15th Infantry Brigade moved from the Reserve Brigade Area, being relieved by the 3rd Inf. Brigade (1st Aust. Div).</p>	
	16th		<p>The 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade relieved the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade in the Right Brigade Area, the 8th Brigade moving on relief to the Reserve Brigade Area</p>	
SAMER	17th		<p>The 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade relieved the 8th Infantry Brigade in the Reserve Brigade Area, the 8th Brigade entraining on relief for the SAMER AREA. Divisional Headquarters moved from DRANOUTRE to SAMER, command of the sector passing at 12 noon.</p>	W

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SAMER	18th		<p><u>DECEMBER 1917.</u></p> <p>The whole country side is covered with snow, and the weather is very cold. The Brigades are settling down in their new quarters, and light training and recreational have commenced.</p> <p>The G.O.C., A.A. & Q.M.G., and the G.S.O. II visited the 3 Brigade Headquarters. The relief of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and the 6th Army Field Artillery Brigade by the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery and the 12th (Aust) Army Field Arty. Brigade commenced today, the command of the artillery covering the Divisional front to pass at 10 a.m. on the 20th instant.</p> <p>General Staff Memorandum No. 189 with reference to a conference to be held at 2.15 p.m. on the 19th instant at the Chateau SAMER to discuss lessons learnt during the recent tour in the line, was issued.</p>	App "B"
	19th		<p>A conference was held at the Chateau SAMER at 2.15 p.m. today. Notes on the discussions are attached hereto as Appendix "D"</p> <p>General Staff Memorandum No.190 with reference to maps, was issued.</p>	App."D" App."B"
	20th		<p>The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery moved today to the DOULIEU Area. G.O.C and G.S.O. III went on leave to the U.K. The Division will be commanded by Brigadier General E.TIVEY C.B. D.S.O. V.D. (8th Infantry Brigade) during the absence of the G.O.C.</p> <p>G.S.O. I visited the 14th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and the battalions of this brigade during the afternoon. In the afternoon he visited the 15th Brigade Headquarters.</p>	
	21st		<p>The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery moved from the DOULIEU Area to the RENESCURE Area. G.S.O. I visited the 8th Infantry Brigade in the morning, and with General TIVEY went round the billets in the DESVRES Area. The 58th Battalion was also visited.</p>	
	22nd		<p>The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery continued their march, and reached THIEMBRONNE today.</p>	
	23rd		<p>The Artillery concluded their march from the line today, and are now billeted in the ESTREE Area.</p>	

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SAMER	<u>DECEMBER 1917.</u>			
	24)	All three days were proclaimed holidays for the troops.	
	25)	On the 26th there was a very heavy fall of snow.	
	26)		
	27		General Staff Memoranda 191 and 192 were issued.	App "B"
28		General Staff Memorandum No. 193 issued.	App "B"	
			During the days 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, the ground was still covered with snow, preventing regular technical training from being carried out. Recreational training is being gone on with, and where opportunities occur, the ordinary technical training is being commenced.	
			<p>The following are attached as Appendices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix "E" Defence Scheme (with maps) Left Divisional Sector, I ANZAC Corps front. Appendix "F" Summary of Importance correspondence. Appendix "G" Order of Battle, 5th Australian Division. Appendix "H" Works Reports Appendix "J" Summaries of Operations Appendix "K" Intelligence Summaries Appendix "L" Letter to units re "Standing to Arms". 	
1st January 1918.			General Staff, 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	MAJOR,

G. Sweeten

MAJOR,

G. Sweeten

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 8th December 1917.

Reference Sheet 28.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

25th M.G.Co.

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

29th Battalion

30th "

31st "

32nd "

8th M.G.Co.

8th L.T.M.B.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

53rd Battalion

54th "

55th "

56th "

14th M.G.Co.

14th L.T.M.B.

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

57th Battalion

58th "

59th "

60th "

15th M.G.Co.

15th L.T.M.B.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY H.Q.

13th F.A. Bde.

14th F.A. Bde.

6th (Army) F.A. Bde.

5th D.A.C.

6th (Army) B.A.C.

D.T.M.O.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS H.Q.

8th Field Co.

14th " "

15th " "

5th Pioneer Battalion

A.D.M.S.

8th Field Ambulance (M.D.S.)

14th Fld.Amb. (D.R.S. & Gas Centre)

15th Field Ambulance

5th Sanitary Section

No. 2 Dental Unit

No. 23 Dental Unit

No. 32 Dental Unit

ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE

KEMMEL CAMP, N.21.b.1.4

MIDLAND FARM, T.6.c.5.8

O.34.b.2.5

T.6.c.2.3

U.4.c.4.3

T.5.a.2.5

U.3.a.1.1

U.3.a.1.1

KEMMEL CHATEAU

RAMILLES, N.27.a.9.4

KEMMEL

LINDENHOEK, N.33.a.8.5

ROSSI-NOL CAMP N.22.a.2.4

LA POLKA, N.21.d.6.8

KEMMEL

REGENTS DUGOUTS, N.29.c.4.4

O.14.a.2.1

O.20.b.2.3

O.26.d.2.8

O.20.d.2.3

O.20.b.6.6

O.27.a.4.6

ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE.

T.6.c.15.15

N.29.c.5.8

N.17.d.30.75

S.5.b.central

N.32.central

With Div.Arty.H.Q.

ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE

N.33.d.1.5

N.28.c.2.6

N.28.a.8.4

SPY FARM, N.28.c.7.6

ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE.

YONGE St. N.29.a.2.6

LOCRE

DRANOUTRE

N.27.c.9.6

N.27.c.9.6

M.35.d.9.4

M.29.b.5.9

DIVISIONAL TRAIN H.Q.
 10th A.A.S.C. (H.Q.Co.)
 18th A.A.S.C.
 28th A.A.S.C.
 29th A.A.S.C.

DRANOUTRE
 REDVERS Camp N.9.c.4.4
 BULLER Camp M.24.b.2.0
 BULLER Camp M.24.b.2.0
 BULLER Camp M.24.b.2.0

Divisional Salvage Co.
 Divisional Salvage Dump

Rue de Neuve Eglise,
 " DRANOUTRE

D.M.G.O.
 A.P.M.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 5th Mob.Vet.Section
 D.A.D.V.S.
 Divisional Paymaster
 French Mission
 Belgian Mission

ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE
 ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE
 M.36.c.2.8
 M.35.d.6.5
 ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE
 ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE
 ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE
 ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE

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

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 19th December 1917.

Reference C.L. IS
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DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

25th H.G. Co.

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

29th Battalion
30th "
31st "
32nd "
8th M.G. Co.
8th L.T.M.B.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

53rd Battalion
54th "
55th "
56th "
14th M.G. Co.
14th L.T.M.B.

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

57th Battalion
58th "
59th "
60th "
15th M.G. Co.
15th L.T.M.B.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY H.Q.

13th F.A. Bde.
14th "
6th (Army) F.A. Bde.
5th D. Co.
6th (Army) B.A.C.
D.T.M.O.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS H.Q.

8th Field Co.
14th "
15th "

5th Pioneer Battalion

A.D.M.S.
8th Field Ambulance
14th "
15th "

15th Div. H.Q.

SAMER
COND. TTE.
DESVRES
"
"
"
"
"

ROSAMEL Chateau
FRENCH.
MENTZ
FRENCH
HALINGHEM
PANEHEN
NIEMBERG
WIDEHEM

PARENTY
DOUDEVILLE
COURSET
ENQUIN
BEUSSENT
COURSET
PARENTY.

ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE.
T.6.c.15.15
N.29.c.5.8
N.17.d.30.75
S.5.b. central
N.32. central.
with Div. Arty. H.Q.

SAMER
QUESTRIQUES
"
TIERRE AU OIS.
HESDIN L'ABBE.

SAMER
TIR FIGNES
CORMONT
QUENEHON

DIVISIONAL TRAIN B.C.

- 10th A.A.S.C
- 18th "
- 28th "
- 29th "

SAMER.

Movin to SAMER area.
 LONG ESSE
 WIDEHEI
 BEAUCORRY.

Divisional Salvage Co.

- A.P.M.
- D.A.D.O.S.
- 5th Mob. Vet Section
- D.A.D.V.S.
- Divisional Paymaster
- French Mission
- Belgian Mission

CARLY

SAMER
 DISVRES
 Moving to SAMER Area
 SAMER
 SAMER
 SAMER
 SAMER.

** A. Goddard-Lewis*
 for Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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APPENDIX A

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 20th December 1917.

Reference CAL. IS.
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DIVISIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS

25th M.G. Co.

SAMER

COND TTE

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

DESVRES

29th Battalion

30th Battalion

31st "

32nd "

8th M.G. Co.

8th L.T.M.B.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

ROSAMEL CHATEAU,
FRENCQ.

53rd Battalion

54th "

55th "

56th "

14th M.G. Co.

14th L.T.M.B.

MENTY
FRENCQ
HALINGHEM
PANEHEN
NIEBERG
WIDHEM.

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

PARENTY
DOUD AUVILLE
COURSET
ENQUIN
BEUSSENT
COURSE
PARENTY

57th Battalion

58th "

59th "

60th "

15th M.G. Co.

15th L.T.M.B.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY H.Q.

ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE
T.6.c.15.15.
N.29.c.5.8.
N.17.d.30.75
S.5.b. central
N.32 central
With Div. Arty H.Q.

13th F.A. Bde.

14th "

6th (Army) F.A. Bde.

5th D.A.C.

6th (Army) B.A.C.

D.T.M.O.

Sheet 28
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DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS H.Q.

SAMER
QUESTREQUES
"
VIERRE AU BOIS

8th Field Co.

14th " "

15th " "

5th Pioneer Battalion

HESDIGNEUL

A.D.M.S.

8th Field Ambulance

14th " "

15th " "

With Div. H.Q. SAMER
VIRVIGNES
CORMONT
QUEHEN

P.T.O.

APPENDIX. A

DIVISIONAL TRAIN H.Q.
 10th A.A.S.C.
 18th "
 28th "
 29th "

Moving to SAMER
 SAMER Area.
 LONG FOSSE
 WIDEHEM
 BEAUCORRY

Divisional Salvage Co.

CARLY

A.P.M.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 5th Mobile Vet. Section
 D.D.V.S.
 Divisional aymaster
 French Mission
 Belgian Mission

Moving to SAMER
 SAMER
 DESVRES
 SAMER Area.
 SAMER
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 "
 "

W. Robinson

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

NOTE. All previous lists should be destroyed.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 22nd December 1917.

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DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

25th Machine Gun Co.

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

29th Battalion

30th " "

31st " "

32nd " "

8th M.G.Co.

8th L.T.M.B.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

53rd Battalion

54th " "

55th " "

56th " "

14th M.G.Co.

14th L.T.M.B.

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

57th Battalion

58th " "

59th " "

60th " "

15th M.G.Co.

15th L.T.M.B.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY H.Q.

13th F.A.Bde.

14th F.A.Bde.

5th D.A.C.

D.T.M.O.

Moving to ESTREE AREA

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS H.Q.

8th Field Co.

14th " "

15th " "

5th Pioneer Battalion

A.D.M.S.

8th Field Ambulance

14th Field Ambulance

15th Field Ambulance

With Div.H.Q.

SAMER

CONDETTE

DESVRES

"

"

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"

"

ROSAMEL CHATEAU
FRENCQ

MENTY
FRENCQ
HALINGHEM
PANEHEM
NIEMBERG
WIDEHEM

PARENTY
DOUDEAUVILLE
COURSET
ENQUIN
BEUSSENT
COURSE
PARENTY

SAMER
QUESTRECQUES

"
WIERRE AU BOIS

HESDIGNEEL

SAMER
WIRWIGNES
CORMONT
QUEHEN

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 24th December 1917.

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Reference CALAIS
1/100,000

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

25th Machine Gun Co.

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

29th Battalion

30th "

31st "

32nd "

8th Machine Gun Co.

8th L.T.M.B.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

53rd Battalion

54th "

55th "

56th "

14th M.G.Co.

14th L.T.M.B.

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

57th Battalion

58th "

59th "

60th "

15th M.G.Co.

15th L.T.M.B.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS

13th F.A. Bde.

14th F.A. Bde.

5th D.A.C.

D.T.M.O.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS HEADQUARTERS

8th Field Co.

14th " "

15th " "

5th Pioneer Battalion

A.D.M.S.

8th Field Ambulance

14th " "

15th " "

SAMER

CONDETTE

DESVRE

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ROSAMEL CHATEAU
FRENOU

MENTY
FRENOU

HALINGHEM

PANEHEM

NIEBERG

WIDEHEM

PARENTY
DOUDEAUVILLE

CEURSET

ENQUIN

BEUSSENT

COURSE

PARENTY

LONGVILLERS

MON^TCAVREL

ATTIN

TUBERSENT

with Div.Art.H.Q.

SAMER

QUESTREQUES

"

PIERRE AU BOIS

HESDIGNEUL

with Div.H.Q. SAMER

WIRVIGNES

CORMONT

QUEHEN

DIVISIONAL TRAIN HEADQUARTERS

- 10th A.A.S.C.
- 18th A.A.S.C.
- 28th A.A.S.C.
- 29th A.A.S.C.

- SAMER
- BREXENT
- LONG FOSSE
- WIDEHEM
- MUTELETTE

Divisional Salvage Co.

- A.P.M.
- D.A.D.O.S.
- 5th Mobile Vet. Section
- D.A.D.V.S.
- Divisional Paymaster
- French Mission
- Belgian Mission

CARLY

- SAMER
- DESVRES
- SAMER

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K.A. Goodland Lewis

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

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APPENDIX A

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Amendment to DISPOSITION REPORT issued 24th December 1917.

14th Aust. M.G. Co.

For
Read NIEBURG
HUBERSENT.

K. A. Goodland
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
5th Australian Division.

28th Decr. 1917.

SECRET.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 188.

"S.O.S. SIGNAL"

1. Until further notice the following will be the specific arrangements for S.O.S. signals:-
- (a) Rifle Grenade signal, viz:- the RED over GREEN over YELLOW grenade signal will remain operative both by day and night. In order to ensure the efficient working of this signal a chain of signal posts will be organised from the front line back to the artillery. These posts, which will be manned by special lookouts, will be clearly shown on defence scheme maps and each post will be furnished with definite orders.
- (b) The red smoke mortar signal will not be used as a daylight S.O.S. signal. This particular type of signal is intended for use on special occasions only.
- (c) There will be no "STOP S.O.S." signal, but the duration of the artillery fire, when called for, on S.O.S. line, will be regulated by the following method:-
- (i) When S.O.S. signal or message is received, the barrage will be put down at the rates of fire of -
- | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|---|----------|
| 3 rounds | per | gun | per | minute | for | 5 | minutes. |
| 2 | " | " | " | " | " | 5 | " |
| 1 round | " | " | " | " | " | 5 | " |
- and then cease.
- (ii) If the S.O.S. signal or message is repeated after the opening of fire, the initial rate of fire will be reverted to at once and the whole procedure carried out as in paragraph (i).
Each successive signal or message will be answered by 15 minutes fire.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Peck
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

8th December 1917.

Distribution:

8th Infantry Brigade.
14th Infantry Brigade.
15th Infantry Brigade.
5th Pioneer Battalion.
Divisional Artillery.
Divisional Engineers.
Divisional Signal Co.
D.M.G.O.
D.B.O.

Copy to "Q"

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 189.

1. The following extract from a signal report has been brought to the notice of the Corps Commander :-

" Interference with and destruction of test points around NEUVE EGLISE by unauthorised persons. I give below diary of events during the last fortnight.
 24/11/17. N.E. Box (T.15.b.9.1) locked door prised open, plugs disarranged.
 28/11/17.
 30/11/17. ZR Box (N.33.d.0.3.) Plugs disarranged.
 4.12.17. ZH Box (T.8.c.0.8.) Boards and cables burnt out, presumably due to candle left burning after 9 a.m., though as far as can be traced no linesman of Corps, Division or Area Detachment visited the test point after dark.
 4/12/17. B Box (T.14.d.5.3). Concrete roof and entrances smashed in by pick axe and wooden logs removed. One wooden support of test board cut down and strips containing plugs and sockets wrenched off and split.
 3/12/17. B box. Remaining two supports for test panel cut down and plug and sockets boards left in the mud on the floor of pill box.
 While inside this test point about 3.30 p.m. this afternoon I caught a man of 7th Bde. M.G. Co. on top of pill box hacking away with an axe at the timber on the roof and reported the matter at once to the O.C. Coy. "

2. Arrangements have been made by the Corps for those test boxes to be marked at once.
3. The Divisional Commander directs that troops in the areas concerned be informed of these irregularities, and that signal communications must be respected. In future a guard will have to be furnished by the unit in whose area any such irregularity occurs.

H. Peak
 Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th Australian Division.

10/12/17.

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A.D.M.S.	5
A.P.M.	2
Divisional Signal Co.	1
Divisional Train	1.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 190.

MAPS.

1. GALAIS 1/100,000 will be the standard map for use and reference throughout the Division while in the present area. No maps of a larger scale are available.
2. Accurate map references can be given on this map by use of the 1/100,000 map reference card in conjunction with red letters and figures on the map margin, e.g. BERQUIERIE is at GALAIS 5 C 5539.
3. As much practice as possible should be given to all ranks in the use of this map (e.g., in finding positions, giving co-ordinates, reading contours etc.). It is pointed out that maps on larger scales belong essentially to stationary warfare while the 1/100,000 map is especially designed for warfare under mobile conditions.

K. A. Goodland *Lieut*
 for Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th Australian Division.

19th December 1917.

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Divisional Train	1
A.D.M.S.	4
D. .D.V.S.	1
A.P.M.	1
D.A.D.O.S.	1
D.M.G.O.	1
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 191.

DISTANCES TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE MARCH.

1. The following minimum distances will be maintained between units on the march in the Fourth Army area:-

Between Batteries of Artillery	100 yards
" Sections of D.A.C. or B.A.C.	100 "
" Artillery Brigades	500 "
" Companies	100 "
" Unit and its Transport	100 "
" Battalions	500 "
" Transport of Units when Brigaded	100 "
2. In addition, vehicles of all kinds, whether mechanical or horsed, must leave gaps of 25 yards between each section of six vehicles and 50 yards between columns to enable traffic to pass.
3. Forward of the line Le CIZET - PLOEGSTERT - WULVERGHEM - VIERSTRAAT - VOORMEZELE - YPRES-COILLONS CANAL - VLAMERTINGHE - ELVERDINGHE - MOESTEN - MORTENKEER, and on roads where vehicular traffic is heavy, infantry will march in file. On the main VLAMERTINGHE-YPRES road infantry may march in fours as far as YPRES (exclusive).
4. Columns of troops and transport will not be allowed to halt on the following sections of road:-
 - (a) Roads in BAILLEUL.
 - (b) BAILLEUL - MOORE - SCHERPENBERG - LA CEYTHE - DICKENBUSH - CAP BELGIE Road - VLAMERTINGHE (halting places off the road have been made at S.3.3; CANADA CORNER (M.17.c.central); HALLEBAST).
 - (c) Roads through POPERINGHE and YPRES.
 - (d) Main VLAMERTINGHE-YPRES Road between GOLDISH CHATEAU and YPRES ASYLUM.
 - (e) POPERINGHE Switch Road.
 - (f) BRIELLEN - C.25.a.3.8 - TOUAVE VILLA (C.20.c.6.2) road.
 - (g) Between E.21.a.9.7 and E.16.b.8.2, on road connecting the HOUTMERQUE-WATOU road with the main WATOU-ROUSBRUGGE road.

27th December 1917.

G. J. Wooster Major
 Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Signal Co.	1
Divisional Train	1
A.D.M.	4
D.A.D.V.S.	1
A.P.	1
D.M.G.O.	1
Div. Salvage Co.	1

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3. In addition to the copies of this report mentioned in paragraph 1, the following copies are to be made:-

(a) 7 copies to the 8th, 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades.

(b) 1 copy to the 25th Machine Gun Company.

(c) 1 copy to the 5th Pioneer Battalion.

(d) 4 copies to the Divisional Artillery.

(e) 4 copies to the Divisional Engineers.

(f) 1 copy to the Divisional Signal Company.

(g) 1 copy to the Divisional Train.

(h) 4 copies to the A.D.M.

(i) 1 copy to the D.A.D.V.S.

(j) 1 copy to the A.P.

(k) 1 copy to the D.M.G.O.

(l) 1 copy to the Div. Salvage Co.

General Staff,
The Australian Division.

27th December 1917.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 192

TRAINING OF BATTALION SNIPERS, OBSERVERS AND SCOUTS.

1. The training of the Battalion Snipers, Observers and Scouts will be organised and supervised by Brigade Intelligence Officers, but Battalion Intelligence Officers should do as much as possible of the actual training and tuition of their men.
2. Attention is called to:-
 - (a) I ANZAC "Notes on Intelligence Organisation during Recent Operations and Hints on Training during the coming Winter" dated 18th November 1917.
 - (b) 5th Australian Division General Staff Memorandum No. 149 of 23rd June 1917.
In regard to the latter, the full numbers as laid down therein will be trained.
3. Lectures on various subjects in connection with Intelligence, Observation, Topography, Aeroplane Photographs etc. will be given by Corps and Divisional Staff Officers, and it is expected that an Officer from Army Intelligence will also deliver a lecture.
4. A Syllabus of suggested subjects for training and lectures for Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Officers is attached to this memorandum.

K. A. Fordham
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

27th December 1917.

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25th Machine Gun Co.	1
5th Pioneer Battalion.	1
Divisional Artillery	4
Divisional Engineers	1
Divisional Signal Co.	1
A.D.M.S.	1

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ANNEXE TO GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 192.

SUBJECTS FOR TRAINING & LECTURES - INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

The following Syllabus is not exhaustive but indicates the MAIN BRANCHES in which training of Battalion Intelligence Personnel is required.

It is recognised that the whole of the Battalion Intelligence Personnel cannot always be got together, and therefore, many of the headings which follow suggest subjects for instruction to any small number of men and which can be dealt with in an odd quarter of an hour. The essential thing is for the Intelligence Officer to realize the whole scope of the training involved, and to always have a complete syllabus before him.

1. MAP READING and SKETCHING.
 - Conventional Signs (the value of uniformity).
 - Setting and Reading a map.
 - Identifying positions on the map and ground.
 - Map co-ordinates.
 - Scales.
 - The meaning of contours.
 - Reading Contours and Hachures.
 - Describing Country from map alone.
 - The ESSENTIALS of any SKETCH.
 - SKETCHING from (a) a map (b) the ground (c) memory.
 - TRENCH or ROAD REVERSE.
 - ENLARGING - Convenient sizes - The use of squared paper A.B. 152.
 - RESECTION.
2. COMPASS and PROTRACTOR.
 - Mechanism and use of PRISMATIC Compass.
 - Magnetic and True North.
 - Taking bearings.
 - Reading angles.
 - Plotting angles.
 - Making scales.
 - Compass at night.
 - Marching on a given bearing.
3. ON THE GROUND.
 - (a) SCOUT and SNIPERS.
 - Use of land marks.
 - Judging Distance.
 - Cover and background - Concealment and Camouflage.
 - Formations in which to move. - Patrol Tactics.
 - German Speakers on Patrol.
 - Telescopic Rifle.
 - (b) OBSERVATION.
 - What to look for, and how and what to report.
 - Siting an O.P.
 - Equipment of an O.P.
 - Uses of equipment - Field Glasses, Telescope, BARR & BENOUD
Rangefinder, Directors, Alidades.
 - Zones of Visibility. - (preparing maps).
 - Quick establishment of O.P.'s in conquered territory.
 - (c) RECONNAISSANCE.
 - Military Terms.
 - Roads, Rivers, railways. - What to report on.

APPENDIX B

4. IDENTIFICATIONS and ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

The German Army Organisation.

Essentials of an IDENTIFICATION.

(Regiment, Company, Rank, Time, Date, Location & circumstances.)

German Pay Book and Disc (for Identification).

Necessity for speed in reporting Identifications.

Enemy Order of Battle.

Enemy Papers - How to search and how to send papers back.

Ciphers, Codes, Maps.

Handling of Prisoners.

Leakage of information.

Enemy equipment (required for intelligence purposes.)

5. MESSAGES and REPORTS.

Essentials of any Message or Report.

Use of BLOCK LETTERS.

Practice in writing messages.

Pigeon messages.

Signalling - Morse Code and Semaphore.

6. AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Their value and how to study them.

Overhead and Oblique.

7. ARMS OF THE SERVICE.

Different Arms of the Service and how Intelligence can help them.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 193

1. In numerous cases lately there has been a failure on the part of several units to submit names for Schools and other returns by the times and date stated in the Divisional memoranda relating to the subjects in question, and consequently numerous wires and "reminders" have had to be sent to the offending units. This not only causes a great deal of extra traffic on signal wires and despatch riders, but is in itself an admission of badly run offices or of carelessness and lack of system - a state of affairs which should not exist.
- As the actual notice to units concerning schools and the dates by which names are required is very often necessarily short, it is essential that in all units a list of the various schools should be kept, and for each school a list should be kept in advance of the officers, N.C.O's, and men who are to go to the next course.

It should never be necessary for units to have to search for candidates for a school after the nominal rolls have been asked for. More than the actual number of candidates likely to be required should be chosen in advance so that a small wastage from sickness and casualties will not cause any delay.

To obtain the best results from schools the most suitable candidates must be selected, and this cannot be done unless the choosing of candidates is properly systematised and carried out very carefully and without hurry. This is not possible unless the above system or a similar one is adopted.

2. All Brigadiers and Commanding Officers will ensure that some such system is carried out in their command.

G. J. Wootten Major
 Lt Lieut-Colonel.
 General Staff,
 5th Australian Division.

28th December 1917.

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Divisional Engineers	1
Divisional Signal Co.	1
Divisional Train	1
A.D.M.S.	1

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 184.

Ref: Sheets 28, 1/40,000
and CALAIS 13, 1/100,000.

Headquarters,
10th December/17.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 1st Australian Division in the left Divisional sector between the 13th and 17th December 1917.
2. The distribution of Artillery will remain as at present until completion of the infantry relief.
3. Upon relief, the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will move to the SAMER Area in accordance with the attached move table.
4. Instructions for the relief of Engineers and Pioneers will be issued separately by the C.R.E.
5. Separate instructions, including detailed arrangements with regard to moves by rail, and the moves of surplus transport by road, will be issued by the Administrative Branch.
6. Subject to the terms of this order, detailed arrangements in connection with the relief will be made direct between Brigade Commanders concerned.
7. Defence Schemes, etc. and all available information concerning brigade areas will be handed over on relief.
8. Command will pass on completion of the relief at 10 a.m. on the 17th December, when Divisional Headquarters will close at DRANOUTRE and re-open at the same hour in the south-western corner of the Market Square at SAMER (Map square C.5.).
9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. Heck
Lieut-Colonel, Gen. Staff,
5th Australian Division.

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MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 184.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
1.	Dec 13th	"C" Inf. Bde. Group, 5th Aust. Div. 14th Inf. Bde 14th Field Co. 14th Field Amb. 1 Co. A.A.S.C.	KEMMEL Area	FRENCO PARENTY Brigade Area - SAMER Area.	By train, detraining at DESVRES.
2	13th	"A" Inf. Bde. Group 1st Aust. Div. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde	SAMER Area	KEMMEL Area	By train, detraining at KENNEBAK.
3	Day 14th Night 14/15	"B" Inf. Bde. Group 5th Aust. Div. 15th Inf. Bde 25th M.G. Co. 15th Field Amb. 15th Field Co. 1 Co. A.A.S.C.	Forward area - on relief	KEMMEL Area	As much of the relief as possible to be completed during daylight.
4	Day 14th Night 14/15	"A" Inf. Bde. Group 1st Aust. Div.	KEMMEL AREA	Forward area relieving "B" Inf. Bde. Group, 5th Aust. Div.	-do-
5	15th	"B" Inf. Bde. Group 5th Aust. Div. and 1 Bn. 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	KEMMEL AREA	FRENCO PARENTY Brigade Area - SAMER Area.	By train, detraining at DESVRES. 1 Bn. 8th Inf. Bde to DESVRES Area.

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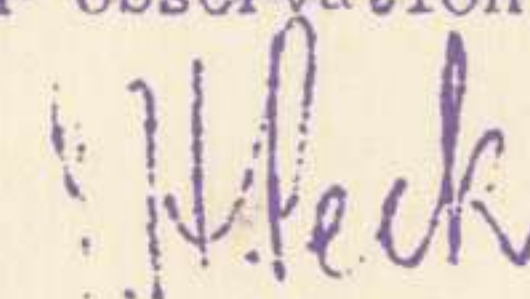
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Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
6	15th	"B" Inf. Bde. Group 1st Aust Div. (3rd Aust. Inf. Bde)	SAMER Area	KEMMEL Area	By train, detraining at KENNEBAK.
7	Day 16th Night 16/17	"A" Inf. Bde. Group 5th Aust. Div. 8th Inf. Bde (less 1 Bn) 8th Field Co 5th Pioneer Bn. 8th Field Amb. 1 Co. A.A.S.C. Salvage Co.	Forward Area - on relief	KEMMEL Area	As much of the relief as possible to be completed during daylight.
8	Day 16th Night 16/17	"B" Inf. Bde. Group 1st Aust. Div. (3rd Aust. Inf. Bde)	KEMMEL Area	Forward Area, relieving "A" Inf. Bde Group, 5th Aust. Div.	-do-
9	17th	"A" Inf. Bde. Group 5th Aust. Div.	KEMMEL Area	DESVRES Brigade Area - SAMER Area	By train, detraining at DESVRES.
10	17th	"C" Inf. Bde Group 1st Aust. Div. (1st Aust. Inf. Bde)	SAMER Area	KEMMEL Area	By train, detraining at KENNEBAK.

NOTES: 1. The following distances will be maintained between units on the march:-

Companies	100 yards
Unit and transport	100 yards
Battalions	500 yards
When transport is Brigaded - between each Bn. transport	100 yards

- The usual precautions for dealing with enemy aeroplanes will obtain.
- Incoming units will be warned against unnecessary movement in areas under observation by the enemy.
- Train timings will be notified by the Administrative Branch later.



Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 185.

Headquarters,
13th December 1917.

1. Moves of Brigades will be carried out as under:-

- 15th inst. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 On detrainment the units of the 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade will move as under:-
 Brigade H.C. to KEMMEL CHATEAU.
 10th Battalion to BRISTOL CASTLE AREA.
 9th Battalion to WULVERGHEM
 11th Battalion to LINDENHOEK CAMP.
 12th Battalion to RAMILLIES CAMP.
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 I Reserve Battalion to KEMMEL AREA
 I Reserve Battalion entrain with "B" Group.
- 16th inst. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 Brigade H.C. to NORTH MIDLAND FARM
 10th Battalion to right sub-area of Right Brigade Area.
 9th Battalion to left sub-area of Right Brigade Area
 11th Battalion to BRISTOL CASTLE AREA
 12th Battalion to WULVERGHEM AREA.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. Peck
 Lieut-Colonel,
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 5th Australian Division.

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CONFERENCE NOTES. 19th DECEMBER 1917. 2.30 p.m.

1. Necessity for conference - to get interchange of ideas.
2. G.O.C. A.I.F. is very pleased with the efforts of the Division.
3. Avoid "eye-wash" - Reports should be accurate, occasionally checked.- does not mean that Senior officers are to risk themselves unnecessarily to do this - employ their staff.
4. Work done approximates to an outpost work. Some mis-conception as to the line of resistance - that Commanders must make up their mind what their object is and commit their ideas and instructions to writing and issue same in the form of a brief defence scheme. This must be brief.
5. Method of defence.
 - (a) Active patrolling.
 - (b) Necessity for reporting all incidents of importance.
 - (c) Methods of sending out patrols.
 - (d) Definite orders in writing to be given to the officers, N.C.O's or men in charge of posts and commanders should see that they understand them.
6. Work. Necessity for method.
7. Salvage.
8. Raids. Reason for raids.
9. Care of men. Necessity for caring for junior officers. Cheerfulness - officers to visit men more frequently - Complaints are to be carefully investigated and explanations given when cause is just.
10. Care of officers as well as men - Divisional club.
11. Billet discipline - disposal of kits - fires care of - fire inspector - Unit commanders are responsible for fire precautions - fire drill - thaw water -
12. Saluting - explain reason - men don't know significance of flags.
13. Bathing - Haircutting.
14. Leave - dress - inspection - prophalactic treatment.