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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE
December 1st 1917.

No.	From	To	Purpose
G3/2127	5th Aust. Div.	Units	Artillery Boards
G13/2164	do	3 Bdes. A.P.M.	Distinguished visitors. Divisional Sector.
I27/2162	do	Distribution	Divisional Summary.
A54/2124	do	Units	Leave to be granted to artists and sculptors engaged in War Office. Competition for memorial plaque.
Q105/2123	do	Div. Train	Re general purpose, barrage and supporting point rations.

A52/90	D.A.G., A.I.P.	5th Aust. Div.	Re Capt. Halkyard 32nd Batta. recommended to be returned to Aust. Request for report as to why he was returned from 31st Batta.
A56/102	1 ANZAC	do	2nd Army Administrative Scheme.
A52/112	6th Bde.	do	Report as requested on Major Sharpe 31st Batta.
A52/142	A.I.P., London	do	List of Officers, Aust. Militia Force of July 1917.
A56/190	5th Pioneer Batta.	do	Re Capt. Jackson's pay a/c. Remarks by Paymaster objected to. Capt. Jackson desires correspondence to be put before G.O.C.
A58/192	1 ANZAC	do	Re Army vegetable farm at De Kennobak. Wagons and parties for ploughing.
07/96	15th Bde.	do	Action of reserve Bde. in case of attack.
07/111	6th Bde	do	Works Instructions.
07/102	1 ANZAC	do	Defences, Defence Scheme. Dugout accommodation.
022/159	15th Bde.	do	Report on enemy raid on No. 2 post 29/30th.
022/139	14th Bde.	do	Report on enemy raid. Identification.
01/164	Arty.	do	Instructions No. 28. Winter training.
08/195	1 ANZAC	do	Engrs. Instructions No. 68
I026/104	1 ANZAC	do	Gentlemen to visit Kennel and Wytchaete on Decr. 2nd 1917.
I029/110	6th Bde.	do	Map showing detail of Bde. area.
Q104/198	1 ANZAC	do	Stone traffic. Horse transport to be utilised for the carriage of metal.

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December 2nd 1917.

No.	From	To	Purport
G15/2221	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes.	Reliefs off 37th Div. front.
G7/2247	do	3 Bdes. Pprs.)	Engineer Arrangements. Organization of
G10/2248	do	C.R.E., C.R.A.)	Div. front. 1917 - 1918.
G15/2272	do	Units	Code correction.
G5/2272	do	8/15th Bdes.)	S.O.S. Signals, 3rd Div. Front.
G6/2275	do	C.R.E., C.R.A.)	
G9/2277	do	Pprs., Sigs.)	
IG27/2293	do	8th Bde.	Re selection of men for specialist units.
A52/2239	do	3 Bdes., C.R.E.	Dugouts.
A56/2246	do	15th Bde.	Re protection against low flying E.A.
A69/2252	do	Distribution	Divisional Summary.
A52/2261	do	3 Bdes.	Nominations required of officers to command 5th Div. Wing at Corps School.
A52/2280	do	Area Comdt.)	Military Service Referendum.
Q104/2298	do	Wulverghem)	ANZAC Adminis. Memo 145. Reorganization of Corps area.
		Kennel)	
		Red Chateau)	
		Beaver)	
		3 Bdes.	Nominations required for Staff Trainees.
		Area Comdts.)	Appointment of Corps Camps Officer.
		Wulverghem)	(Major Mitchell.)
		Kennel)	
		Red Chateau)	
		Beaver.)	
		Div. Train	Re stone traffic.
G15/223	3rd Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Report on raids carried out.
G8/226	1 ANZAC	do	Re tunnelling programmes.
G7/227	8th Bde.	do	Works Instructions.
G22/246	14th Bde.	do	Re Raid, not reported previously, at Post No. 15 at 11.30 p.m. Nov. 20th.
G21/283	G.H.Q. Small Arms School.	do	Report called for from O.C. 56th Battn
G8/286	1 ANZAC	do	Report about Capt. Reid, 14th M.G. Co. undisciplinatory manner.
A57/304	1 ANZAC	do	Engineer Instructions No. 8.
A69/232	1 ANZAC	do	Amendt. G.S. Cir. No. 95. Reinforcement Camp.
A56/257	D.G.R.O. att, 1 ANZAC	do	Admin. Memo. No. 145 re organization of Corps Area.
A53/300	8th Bde.	do	Instructions etc. to D.A.R.O's. re Military Service Referendum.
A56/203	1 ANZAC	do	Summary of evidence in the case of Lt. O'Sullivan 31st Battn. Charge-Drunkness.
Q104/261	C.R.O. 1 ANZAC	do	Admin. Memo. No. 146 re vegetable farm
IG27/308	2nd Army.	do	Re stone traffic (further 1 ANZAC 189/120.)
			Re Daily Army Intell. Summary and Situation maps.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE
DECEMBER 3rd 1917.

No.	From	To	Purport
IG27/2401	5th Aust.Div.	Distribution	Divisional Summary.
A54/2345	5th Aust.Div.	Units	Countess of Harrowby's invitation to Overseas Officers.
A52/2388	do.	3 Bdes.	Request for report on Major Sharpe as Div. Musketry Officer.
A57/2322	do.	3 Bdes Pioneers	Tidworth Special Order 2410 Reorganisation Training Groups.

G23/321	1st Anzac	5th Aust.Div.	Attention directed to "Instructions for Writing Official Telegrams".
G1/352	14th Bde.	do.	Ref. G.S. Memo 187 App. "A" Report on ranges, grounds etc.
G13/353	1st Aust.Div.	do.	Wire. G.S.O.1 and C.R.E. to visit this H.Q. 14th inst and shall stay overnight.
G1/354	14th Bde.	do.	Syllabus of Training 3rd to 10th Dec.
A57/321	1st Anzac	do.	Reorganisation of D.A.C's.
A52/403	D.A.G., A.I.F.	do.	re Recommendations of Officers for Div. Staff appointments.
Q106/323	1st Anzac	do.	Request for list of woods, and localities in area in view of arranging fuel reserve for winter.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
4th DECEMBER 1917.

No.	From.	To.	
G13/2417	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes.) Engrs.) D.D.O.S.)	Re articles made at Second Army Workshops.
G22/2439	-do-	3 Bdes.) C.R.A.) C.R.E.)	Re Artillery schools on 4 targets.
Sg7/2479	-do-	Distn.	Provisional Defence Scheme.
Ig33/2490	-do-	Distn.	Divisional Summary.
A52/2422	-do-	D.A.G. , A.I.F.	Confidential reports on A.A.M.C. Officers.
A52/2423	-do-	D.A.G., A.I.F.	Recommendation re Lieut. T.F.G. FAINE.
A58/2438	-do-	Distn.	Tac. Working Party Table No. 4 Series "B".
Q106/2419	-do-	3 Bdes.) C.R.A.) C.R.E.)	Re "Supporting Point" and "General Purposes" rations. Re Exploitation of fuel reserves.
Q106/2455	-do-	3 Bdes.) Div. Train.) I ANZAC.)	Re "Supporting Point" and "General Purposes" rations.
Q108/2493	-do-	Distn.	Circular Memo. 50 salvage.
G1/441	8th Inf. Bde.	5th Aust. Div.	Re L.G. and Rifle Ranges, Bombing Pits and Assault courses.
G7/442	8th Bde.	-do-	Map showing positions and arcs of fire H.G's., L. and M. T.M. Batts. on Brigade front.
G7/444	8th Inf. Bde.	-do-	Works Instructions.
G5/445	15th Inf. Bde.	-do-	Report on Lieut. MOREY 58th En. as requested.
G3/446	15th Inf. Bde.	-do-	Re Order No. 134 re Artillery work to be carried out.
G7/447	15th Inf. Bde.	-do-	Re Duties Support and Reserve Coys. in line. Nomenclature of Coys. to be adhered to.
G3/450	I ANZAC	-do-	Re "Stop S.O.S." signal for Artillery barrage.
G1/541	I ANZAC	-do-	Re Shooting competition for British Armies in France. The Army Rifle Association offered £2,000 for prizes.

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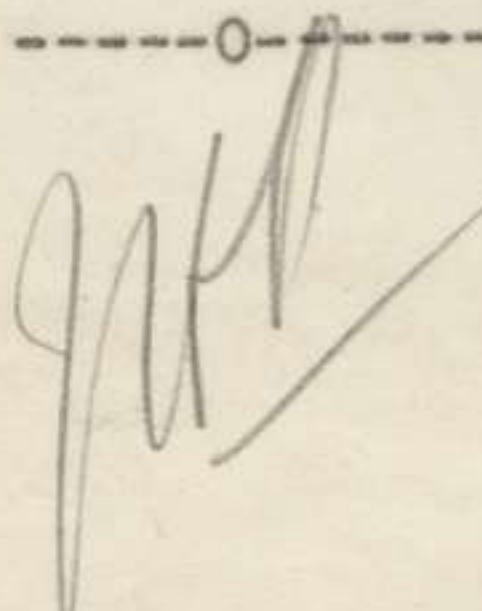
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No.	From.	To.	
Q104/458	I ANZAC.	5th Aust. Div.	Re S.A.A. carts to be replaced by Lumbered G.S. Wagons.
Q103/459	I ANZAC.	-do-	Re storing all surplus tentage now standing.
Q108/542	I ANZAC.	-do-	Re Value of articles handled by salvage.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
5th December 1917.

No.	To.	From.	Remarks.
G3/2534	I ANZAC.	5th Aust.Div.	re Anti-tank guns.
G25/2552	3 Bdes.) Sigs.) "Q".) D.B.O.)	"	re Message carrying rockets.
Ig27/2566	Distn.	"	Intelligence Summary.
A52/2530	8th Bde.	"	re Appt. of Capt. Drayton as Adj. 31st Bn., and report on Capt. Fisher.
A54/2561	Units.	"	Instructions personnel going on leave via Calais.
Q105/2531	Baths Officer.	"	re Complaints made by 15th Fld.Amb. against baths and laundry.
Q103/2533	I ANZAC.	"	re Typewriters.
Q108/2549	8th Bde.	"	List of articles with values commonly salvaged.
G3/567	5th Aust.Div.	2nd Aust.Div.	re Special "Stop S.O.S." signal for Art. barrage.
G7/570	"	Div. Art.	Defence Scheme.
G7/575	"	8th Bde.	Works Instructions.
G4/615	"	A.I.F., U.K.	re Noms. for Cadet Battalions in U.K. Suggestions for future method of selection.
G12/634	"	8th Bde.	Warning Order - re Reliefs.
G7/636	"	Div. Art.	Defence Scheme. Counter Preparation.
Q106/576	"	I ANZAC.	Re Reserve Rations. Copy of minute from D.D. S. & T.
A56/578	"	(I ANZAC. (Admin. Circular No. 101A cancelling Circ. No. 101.	
A57/584	"	I ANZAC.	re Cadets proceeding to U.K. not arriving in sufficient time to permit their being granted leave prior to joining Cadet Bn.
A56/585	"	D.A.G., A.I.F.	re Band Instruments from 61st Bn. donated to 56th Bn.
A56/640	"	I ANZAC.	Request copies of Recreational Training programme to be forwarded to Aust. Divs.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
6th December 1917.

No.	From.	To.	
G1/2600	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes. C.R.A. A.D.M.S. 5th A.D.R.W. Pioneers. C.R.E. 25th M.G.Co.	Amendment Corps G.S. Circular No. 95, Corps Reinforcement Camp.
G15/2634	"	3 Bdes.	Report on raid by 3rd Aust. Div.
Ig37/2661	"	I ANZAC "I" I ANZAC I ANZAC H.A. Reinf. Camp Corps School 1/2/3/4 Div. CRA., CRE., Pioneer Bn. Div. Sig. Co. Observers	I.O.) G.O.C.) Intelligence GSO 1.) Summary. ADMS) Gas Off.) 3 Bdes))
A52/2700	"	D.A.G., A.I.F.	Recommendations Staff Appointments and Brigade Commands.
A57/2697	"	3 Bdes, 25th M.G.Co.	Re arrival of Reinforcements.
Q102/2584	"	15th Inf. Bde. "G"	Marking for special identity discs.
Q106/2585	"	1st ANZAC	Reserve Rations.
Q103/2592	"	CRA., CRE., Sig. Co. ADMS., Salv. Co., Div. Train., Pioneers 25th M.G.Co.)) Raid identity discs.))
G12/680	1st Anzac	5th Aust. Div.	Order 233 re "Move of 3rd (Aust) Army F.A. Bde)
G7/681	1st Anzac	"	Amendment 1st Anzac S/3715 of 2/12/ re Defence Policy and Def. Schemes.
G7/682	"	"	Re Policy governing the organisat- ion of the Corps front.
G3/690	1st Anzac H.A.	"	Order 122 re Artillery shoots.
G3/691	"	"	Order 121 "Postponed".
G3/693	15th Bde.	"	re Artillery operations
G7/696	8th Bde.	"	Works report 22nd Nov. to 5th Dec.
G7/706	8th Bde.	"	Order No. 151 "Reliefs".
G3/714	8th Bde.	"	Order No. 152 Artillery Operations.
G13/727	A.P.S.S.	"	3 copies "Notes on inventions and New Stores".

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G7/730	8th Bde.	5th Aust. Div.	Works report.
G3/741	1st Anzac	"	RefG3/2834 Anti-Tank guns unnecessary at present.
G7/753	8th Bde.	"	Works instructions.
G1/766	1st Anzac	"	Proposal to revise "S.S.143 "Instructions for the Training of Platoons for Offensive Action"
A52/674	D.A.G., A.I.F.	"	Lieut. Goodland to proceed to 1st Aust. Div. to take up duty as G.S.O. III.
A52/740	1st Anzac	"	re Major King's appointment. To proceed forthwith.
Q103/686	1st Anzac	"	Ref. A.R.O.1402 -"Cases, Pork & Beans" to be returned to railhead Request for proposal as to how to meet this order.
Q101/697	D.B.O.	"	re Stock of ammunition at KEMMEL DUMP. Suggestion for increase.
Q101/728	A.D.O.S. 1st Anzac	"	Report on further inspection of La POLKA Dump.

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7th December 1917.

No.	From.	To.	Purport.
02/2724	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes.) Engrs.)	re wiring of Posts.
07/2745	"	C.R.A.	Ammunition to be maintained per gun, Howitzer and T.M.
01/2775	"	3 Bdes. Div. Hask. Offr.) D.B.O. 5th Pioneers.)	re Platoon Training O.B./1919/B Demonstration Platoon. Competitions for Platoons.
03/2816	"	3 Bdes.	re Enemy sending out S.O.S. message by Power Buzzer.
01/2822	"	3 Bdes. Pioneers.) Engineers.)	re Revision of :- "Instructions for Training of Platoons for offensive Action" "The Organization of an Infantry Battalion.", "The Normal formation for an attack".
04/2839	"	A.I.F., U.K.	re Nominations of Cadets in England.
1g/31/2823	"	I ANZAC "I".	Panel red and white taken from prisoner; used as to define front line to photo- graphic aeroplanes.
1g27/2835	"	I ANZAC.	Summary of operations, 30/11/17 to 7/12/17.
A53/2747	"	8th Bde.	Summary of Evidence, charge sheet and convening Order. (Lieut. O'Sullivan).
A2756	"	All Units.	Special Order 96/521 by Gen. Birdwood. - Desertion and Absence without leave.
A57/2798	"	I ANZAC.	Reorganization of E.A.C.
A52/2801.	"	D.A.G., A.I.F.	Recommendation Capt. Chapman as Adjt. 30th Bn. vice Major Chapman.
A68/2811	"	14th Bde.	Court of Enquiry re 59th Bn. Officers visiting front line.
A68/2812	"	15th Bde.	-do- -do-
A56/2825	"	/3 Bdes. GRA., GRE., AIMS., Div. Train., DADVS., Sigs. Salvage., Pioneers., APM., DADOS. Camp C., 25th NG Co. Conf. Fund.)	re "comforts" received by units other than from Aust. Co forts Fund.
Q106/2749	"	1st ANZAC	Report by Div. Train on work of supply services 15/9/17 to 15/11/17.
Q101/2767	"	Div. Artillery	re inspection by A.D.O.S. of Divisional Dumps.

No.	FROM	To	Purport
03/795	1st Anzac	5th Aust. Div.	re enemy sending up our SOS signal.
07/796	"	"	Cancel para. 14 of appendix D of 2nd Army 57 (G) and substitute "Expenditure and Maintenance Ammunition".
01/830	"	"	7 Copies O.B./1919/13 "Demonstration Platoon.
021/903.	"	"	re Chapperton Down Art. School programme for the winter for Senior Art. Officers.
07/904	8th Bde.	"	Works Instructions for 7th and night of 7th/8th December.
07/908	I Anzac.	"	Amendments II Army revised Winter Policy 1917-1918.
1527/797	"	"	Memo. from II Army governing "Issue of Maps."
1526/902	"	"	re capture of Stray pigeons.
0106/822	"	"	re Thaw Rations. Ref. A.R.O.1403. Proposals to be submitted as to steps to be taken in preparation.
0103/828	"	"	Copy II Army letter re Haversacks for carrying grenades, in addition to Bucket and Belt carrier.
A52/901	"	"	re slackness in saluting amongst Junior Officers.
A56/829	"	"	Ref. Admin. Instructions No. 145. Proposal to transfer DRANOUTRE AREA from Support Area to Left Div.
A52/838	"	"	Reason Capt. Malkyard 32nd Bn. was returned from 31st Bn.
A56/900	"	"	Wire re Gen. Tivey returning on Monday 10th inst.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

9th December 1917.

No.	To.	From.	Purpose.
024/2870	3 Bdes. & D.B.O.	5th Aust.Div.	re standard of training of Reinforcements listed as Rifle Grenadiers and Snipers.
012/2916	3 Bdes. Engrs.	25th E.G. Co. Pioneers. Div. Art.) Sigs. Div. Train. A.D.H.S.) D.A.D.V.S. D.A.D.O.S. A.P.H.) Salvage Co. Area Comdts. Beaver,) Wilverghem, Redateau & Kennel.)	Forecast of probable dates of relief.
03/2962	3 Bdes. Sigs. D.M.G.O. D.B.O. "q".	Pioneers. Div. Art. Engrs.) "q".)	G.S. Memo. No. 188 "S.O.S." signal.
A/52/2933.	C.R.S.		re Nomination of a Major competent to command Engineers Training Depots in England.
Q106/2883	I ABZAG.		re Salvage of Pork and Bean boxes.
Q106/2884	"		Exploitation of shattered wood for fuel.
03/933	5th Aust.Div.	I ABZAG.	specific arrangements for "S.O.S." signal in future.
07/934	"	"	Ref. map issued with II Army 27/1 (G) 2.12.17. Names given to the various areas.
07/937	"	8th Bde.	Map of wire defences on bde. front.
07/938	"	"	Copies of Defence Scheme.
07/940	"	"	Works Instructions.
011/941	"	I ABZAG.	Addendum to G.S. Circ. No. 112 "Protection of Quarters against E.A."
03/1013	"	15th Bde.	re Art. raid to be carried out to-night.
A56/931	"	I ABZAG.	re Royal Art. Band. to perform at Branoutre on 15/12/17.
Q106/932	"	"	Issue of commercial Glycerine for the winter for the prevention of freezing of Box Respirator valves.

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No.	From.	To.	Purport.
G22/1048	I ANZAC.	5th Aust. Div.	Precautions against identification of units taking part in raids.
G17/1059	"	"	Additional anti-gas precautions.
G3/1062	I ANZAC H.A.	"	Order No. 123 re Art. Schools.
G7/1067	8th Bde.	"	Works Instructions.
G1/1105	D.B.O.	"	Report on inspection of Training Grounds.
G3/1106	I ANZAC.	"	Art. Instructions No.200.
G7/1120	Div. Art.	"	Defence Scheme.
G23/1125	I ANZAC.	"	re Defective message carrying rockets.
G17/1136	I ANZAC.	"	II Army letter No. G.S.39/4 attached. re Gas poisoning. Request for proposals to prevent casualties.
Q103/1102	"	"	re Aust. boots.
Q106/1127	"	"	re Hot meal for men proceeding on leave.
Ig38/1123	37th Div.	"	Probable enemy reliefs on Div. front.
G12/3042	3 Bdes.	-----	-----
G12/3042	5th Aust.Div.	3 Bdes. 25th M.G.Co. Pioneers) C.R.A. C.R.E. Sigs. Div.Train) A.D.M.S.,D.A.D.V.S., D.A.D.O.S.) A.P.M. Salvage, C. Comdt.) H. Area Comdt.)	Relief of 5th Aust. Div. continuation of G12/2916.
G23/3044	"	3 Bdes. C.R.A. C.R.E.) Pioneers, Sigs.)	re capture of stray pigeons.
G23/3059	"	I ANZAC.	re Message carrying rockets.
Ig37/3029	"	"	Works report and Map 27/11/17 to 7/12/17.
A56/3003	"	All Units.	Admin. Memo. 43 in connection with forecast of moves.
A52/3046	"	3 Bdes.	Nominations Required rank of Captain to command 5th A.D.R.W.
Q101/3022	"	C.R.A.	Amendment ANZAC Admin. Inst. 101A re Gun and Howitzer Ammunition.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
11th December 1917.

No.	From.	To.	Purport.
G23/3192	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes. Pnrs.) Div. Art. Engrs.)	re Defective message carrying rockets.
G3/3201	"	G.R.A.	re Anti-tank guns.
G22/3204	"	8th Bde.	re Loss of a man of 30th En.liaison patrol 5th/6th Inst.
G23/3221	"	3 Bdes. A.D.M.S.	-----
G24/3222	"	3 Bdes.	re Standard of training of Bfts. listed as Rifle Grenadiers & bombers.
M.G5251	D.M.G.O.	8th, 14th, 15, & 25th M.G. Cos.	Forecast reliefs.
A55/3248	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes. Pnrs. C.R.A.) C.R.E. Sigs. Train.) A.D.M.S. G.O.C. C.C.)	re slackness of saluting by junior officers.
A57/3268	"	G.R.E. G.R.A. Sigs.) 3 Bdes. A.D.M.S. Pnrs.)	Admission of N.G.O's. and men to Indian training colleges with view to permanent commissions in Indian Army.
Q104/3 87	"	"G", "Q" C.C. A.D.M.S.) A.P.M. D.A.D.O.S. F. Mission) Belg. Mission C.R.E. G.O's. G. BDES.) Liaison Off. D.A.D.V.S.)	Use of Divisional Motor Cars.
G 2/1262	I ANZAC.	5th Aust. Div.	Report of raid by 3rd Aust. Div.
G13/1263	"	"	Request recommendations for cutting down correspondence.
G25/1283	15th Bde.	"	Order No. 135 re move.
G7/1289	Div. Art.	"	re Anti-tank guns detailed for each Group.
G1/1520	I ANZAC .	"	re Certifs. for Instructors at Army and Corps Signal Schools.
G7/1347	15th Bde.	"	Defence Scheme.
A56/1290	II Army.	"	II Army Recreational Trng. Committee.
A63/1293	"	"	Conference on Provost work at A.H.Q.
A66/1298	I ANZAC.	"	Medical Instructions No. 45.
A66/1345	"	"	" Arrangts. -Operations No.7.
Q104/1265	"	"	re Conference to be held to discuss roads in Corps Area to be used by lorries.
Q104/1297	"	"	re Superstructures on water carts.
Q105/1349	"	"	Extract from D.D.M.S. report re Baths at Devres cement works.

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11th December 1917.

No.	To.	From.	Purpose.
A69/1153	5th Aust. Div.	I ANZAC.	re Typhoid cases at Sanghem (in new area).
A52/1176	"	D.A.G., A.I.F:	re Appts. Lieut-Col. Ralph and Capt. Jennings.
A52/1172	"	"	Appts. Major Wootten and Major Close.
A56/1237	"	II Army.	Conference on Administrative matters at A.H.Q. on 7/12/17.
Ig35/1158	"	I ANZAC	re Issues of Aero. photos.
G17/1148	"	"	re Additional anti-gas precautions.
G23/1149	"	"	re Signal test points being interfered with by unauthorised persons.
G17/1151	"	"	re Demonstration of Verdier Smoke Appar. at Brandhoek.
G1/1163	"	14th Bde.	Syllabus of training.
G15/1233	"	37th Div.	Div. Order No. 153.
G7/1252	"	Div. Art.	Allotment of positions for Defence of Army line.
G22/3082	3 Bdes.) Pioneers. Engrs.)	5th Aust. Div.	Precautions to be observed by raiding parties.
G3/3164	I ANZAC. Div. Art.	"	re Anti-tank guns.
A60/3136	C.R.A. C.R.E.) Pioneers. C.C.) Div. Train.)	"	re changing periodically stations of Chaplains with the Division.
Q106/3139	8th Bde. 15th Bde.) S.S.O. Div. Train.)	"	"Supporting Point rations" "General Purpose Reserve" stored in Divl. areas.

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12th December 1917.

No.	To.	From.	
G15/3322	3 Bdes. C.R.A., C.R.E.)	5th Aust. Div.	Relief of 3rd Aust Div. by 2nd Aust. Div.
Ig26/3315	3 Bdes. C.R.A. C.R.E.) Sigs. Pnrs. A.D.M.S.) " A.D.V.S. Salvage Co.)	"	re Employment of German individuals in British uniforms for interrogating British prisoners.
D.M.G.O. MG3307	8th M.G. Co.	DMGO. M.G. Intrs.	with Order 184.
A56/3297	3 Bdes. C.R.A. C.R.E.) Pnrs. A.D.M.S. Train)	5th Aust. Div.	re Permanent Divl. Officers Club.
G7/1373	5th Aust. Div.	8th Bde.	Works Instructions.
G23/1409	"	D.B.O.	Report on message carrying signals.
G25/1424	"	14th Bde.	Order No. 122. Reliefs.
G12/1424	"	I ANZAC.	re Possible alterations in Move.
G7/1426	"	"	Defence Policy and Schemes.
G17/1426	"	Gas Offr.	Report on Gas Shell bombardments.
G1/1474	"	Pnrs.	Training Memo.
A56/1387	"	D.A.G., AIF.	re Pay for men proceeding on leave.
A69/1428	"	I ANZAC.	re Accommodation for 37th Div.
A56/1457	"	15th Bde.	Admin. Instrs. with Order No. 136.
Q101/1439	"	I ANZAC.	re Issues of Guns, Howitzers, carriages and Arty. Technical vehicles.

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13th December 1917.

No.	From.	To.	Purport.
G1/3383	5th Aust.Div.	Sigs.	G.H.Q. Letter O.B. 1626 re Instructors Certificates at Army and Corps Sig.Schools.
G17/3373	"	I ANZAC.	Dugouts to be provided with gas filters.
A52/3439	"	D.A.G.AIF.	Recommendation Capt. Williamson as Adjutant 56th Battalion.
G7/1490	8th Bde.	5th Aust.Div.	Provisional Defence Scheme.
G25/1491	"	"	Order No. 135.
G3/1496.	15th Bde.	"	re Art. Bombardment on 13/12/17.
G1/1497	1st Aust.Div.	"	Map. Training facilities SAMER Area.
G22/1498	I ANZAC.	"	re Issue of Bombers badges to be abolished
G13/1582	II Army.	"	Amdts. S.S.561 "The Principles of Command in the Defensive Battle in Position Warfare".
G11/1586	I ANZAC.	"	G.S. Circ. No. 114 re Anti-aircraft Defences.
G7/1589	8th Bde.	"	Works Instructions.
G25/1591	"	"	Order No. 154.
A56/1504	15th Bde.	"	Admin. Instrcts. with Order No. 136.
A56/1505	I ANZAC.	"	Addendum to Admin. Instrcts. No. 147.
A66/1569. A56/1539	A.D.M.S.	"	A.A.M.C. Order No. 5.
A56/1539	I ANZAC.	"	Admin. Memo. No. 148.
A52/1545	14th Bde.	"	re Lt.Col. recommended to command 54th Bn.
A56/1569	I ANZAC.	"	Admin. Memo. No. 148.
A66/1570	"	"	Medical Instructions No. 46.
A56/1600	15th Bde.	"	Addendum Admin. Instrns. to accompany Order No. 136.
Ig26/1502	I ANZAC.	"	re Intell. lecture to be held during winter months.
Ig38/1592.	37th Div.	"	Probable enemy reliefs.
Q104/1503	28th A.A.S.C.	"	Transport order for 15th Bde. Move.
Q106/1557	II Army .	"	re Thaw rations.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE
14th December 1917.

No.	From.	To.	Purport.
G13/3456.	5th Aust. Div.	I ANZAC.	re salvage of Hotchkiss guns. Enemy Field Guns and aeroplane engines.
G11/3525.	"	3 Bde. 25 M.G. Co.) Pnrs. C.R.A. C.R.E.) Sigs. Train. ADMS.) DADVS. DADOS. C.C.) APM. DMGO.)	Corps G.S. Circular reference E.A. bombing and enemy shelling.
G12/3553	"	3rd Inf. Bde. DMGO.) Pnrs. 1st Aus. Div.)	re Relief of anti-aircraft Lewis Guns.
Ig26/3559	"	I ANZAC.	Report on work done other than reported in weekly works report.
Ig27/3541	"	"	Summary of Operations 7th/14th Decr.
A52/3483	"	D.A.O., A.I.F.	Recomm. Lt-Col. McConaghy to command 54th Bn.
G7/1629	8th Bde. 5th Aust. Div.		Works Instructions.
G3/1632	I ANZAC.	"	Order No. 237 re Arty. relief.
G9/1635	15th Bde.	"	Orders 135 and 136.
G3/1680	I ANZAC.	"	re Anti-tank guns for sector.
G25/1700	5th Pioneers.	"	Order No. 32.
Ig37/1636	8th Bde.	"	Works reports.
Ig26/1632	I ANZAC.	"	Distinguished visitors for Div. Area.
Ig34/1703	"	"	re Successful German C/A at Gouzeaucourt on Nov. 30th.
G17/1704	"	"	Copy XV Corps letter re German Gas attack 11/12/17.
A56/1638	II Army.	"	"A" & "Q" Notes.
A56/1708	I ANZAC.	"	re Recreational Committee.
G105/1679	A.D.M.S.	"	re Bathing facilities at STAPLES.

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15TH December 1917.

No.	From.	To.	Purport.
G3/3567	5th Aus.Div.	2nd Bde. 3rd Bde.) Div. Art. 3 Bdes.)	S.O.S. Signal.
G17/3575	"	3 Bdes. 2nd Bde.) 3rd Bde. C.R.A.) C.R.E. Fms. 25 M.G.Co.)	re Enemy using projectors for throwing gas drums.
G7/3590	"	I ANZAC. 37th Div. 1st Bde. Div.) 3 Aus. Div. 8th, 2nd, 15th Bdes.) C.R.A. C.R.E. A.D.H.S.)	New Sheets Provl. Defence Scheme.
G7/3591	"	-do-	Amendment -do-
G23/3601	"	I ANZAC	Report- Message carrying rockets.
G17/3602	"	3 Bdes. Pars. Sigs.) ADMS. 25th M.G.Co.) GRE. GRA. Gas Offr.)	Copy XV Corps letter re enemy gas attack.
G1/3614	"	3 Bdes.	Maps & List of Trag. facilities in new area.
G3/1728	8th Bde.	5th Aust. Div.	re Hostile G/Qty. shelling on Bde. sector.
G25/1729	"	"	Amrds. and Addn. Order No. 154.
G3/1733	I ANZAC.	"	re Change of S.O.S. Signals.
G17/1734	"	"	re Enemy method of gas attack.
G7/1757	8th Bde.	"	Works Instructions.
G25/1769	14th Bde.	"	Order No. 123 re Move.
G101/1748	I ANZAC.	"	Defects in L.G. magazines.

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No.	From.	To.	Purport.
G7/3643	5th Aust.Div.	I ANZAC, 1st Aus.Div. 2nd Bde.3rd Bde.8th Bde.)	List of Dugout Accommodat- ion. Appendix "O" Defence Scheme.
G17/3667.	"	3 Bdes.25th M.G.Co.Pnrs.) C.R.A. C.R.E. Sigs. ADMS) Gas Officer.	Copy I ANZAC letter G90/329. Further report on enemy gas attacks and use of projectors.
G18/3667.	"	3 Bdes.25th M.G.Co.Pnrs.) C.R.A. C.R.E. Sigs.	re Vacancies for Schools of Instruction not taken by units.
Ig38/3673.	"	I ANZAC.	Works Report and Map.
G17/1825.	I ANZAC	5th Aus.Div.	re German method of gas attacks; projectors used.
G12/1831	"	"	Order No. 238 - Artillery move.
G7/1870.	2 Aus.Div.	"	Copy of Defence Scheme.
G11/1870.	I ANZAC.	"	Recognition of Aircraft at night. Lights and Code Letters.
G3/1878.	Div. Art.	"	Order No. 154.
A52/1809.	I ANZAC.	"	Capt. Hunn Appmt. to GII I ANZAC and Capt. Goodland GIII 5th Aust.Div.
A52/1821.	D.A.G., A.I.F.	"	Approval appmt. Lieut.Col. Ralph D.A.A.G.

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No.	From	To	Purport.
18th Decr. 1917.			
G15/1662	1 ANZAC	5th Aust.Div.	Order No. 239 - Warning re relief.
G3/1662	1 ANZAC	do	Instruction to Artillery.
G3/1664	Hy.Art. 1 ANZAC	do	Composition and Location of Groups.
A56/1670	Arty.	do	Admin. Instrctts. No. 22.
A66/1712	A.D.M.S.	do	Circular No. 3. Instrs. to M.O's.
19th Decr. 1917.			
G1/3803	5th Aust. Div. Units.		Request for Training Syllabus.
G3/3841	do.	3 Bdes.) Pioneers) Arty.)	"Instructions to the Artillery."
G7/3842	do	1 Aust.Div.	Plans of strong points, support lines and reserve lines.
A56/3822	do	Distribution.	Admin. Memo No. 50. re leave to Boulogne.
A57/3826	do	Pioneers	Re-organization of Pioneer Battalions.
A56/3847	do	Distribution.	General Routine orders.
A59/3850	do	Units.	Request recommendations for awards to be granted by H.M. the King of Belgium.
Q103/3818	do	14th Bde.	Re equipment, rifles and clothing left by units at Rossignol and Norfolk Camps.
G23/1739	1 ANZAC	5 th Aust.Div.	Re Firework signalling.
G23/1761	1 ANZAC	do	Signal Communications.
A66/1717	A.D.M.S.	do	Establishment of Prophylactic rooms in Boulogne.
A57/1731	A.I.F., U.K.	do	re "Fixed reliefs."
A57/1734	1 Training Battn.	do	Re-organization of Pioneer Training Battalion.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

No.	From	To	Purport.
Decr. 20th 1917.			
G15/3870	5 Aust. Div.	1 Aust. Div.	Probable enemy reliefs.
G17/3882	do	Units	New German method of Gas attacks.
IG29/3856	do	Distribution	G.S. Memo 190 re maps for area.
IG31/3936	do	3 Bdes.	Re disposal of German material forwarded to 2 Army. Captured by 8th Bde.
A52/3876	do	D.A.G., A.I.F.	Re Lt. Col. Beardsmore 5th A.D.B.D. cannot be abs. in Div.
A52/3923	do	15th Bde.	Capt. Lay to be S.C. Trainee 15th Bde.
A56/3927	do	C.R.A.	Re remarks passed on parade by Lt-Col Hughes on Referendum.
A52/3928	do	14th Bde.	Capt. Merkel to be GIII Trainee D.H.Q.
A52/3929	do	8th Bde.	Re Capt. Bridgeford to be B.M. Trainee and Capt. Goldwell-Smith to be S.C. Trainee.
A53/3932	do	All Concerned	Special order by G.O.C. re G.C.M. Lt. O'Sullivan.
G3/1902	2nd Army	5th Aust. Div.	Encouragement of Reconnaissance Officers to aim at Recon. Officers of higher formations.
G3/1903	1 ANZAC	do	Duty of Heavy Artillery.
Decr. 21st 1917.			
G24/3953	5th Aust. Div.	1 ANZAC	Re badges for bombers.
G9/3964	do	1 ANZAC	Re pistols for M.G. Corps. Issue considered necessary.
G5/4006	do	3 Bdes.) Pionrs. "Q".)	Re Corps Schools during Winter.
G23/4025	do	Sig. Coy.	Copy of 1 ANZAC Defence Scheme. Communications.
G19/4027	do	3 Bdes.	Request views as to value of Bell sets for L.T.M.B's.
G17/4038	do	3 Bdes. Arty.	Re Smoke screens observed on 2 Army front.
A52/3966	do	8th 14th Bdes.	Request for confidential reports on Staff trainees.
G9/2002	G.H.G. S.A. School.	5th Aust. Div.	Demonstration at Camiers of M.G. Barrage Fire. 2nd Jany. 1918.
G23/2004	1 ANZAC	do	Secret. Signal Instrs. No. 7.
IG31/2006	2nd Army I.	do	Examination of German Prisoners.

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G1/4059	5 Aust.Div.	3 Bdes. 25th M.G.Co. D.M.G.O.	M.G. Demonstration at Camiers.
G11/4060	do	Units.	Aircraft Codes- Lights & Letters shown on French 'planes.
G3/4097	do	3 Bdes., Arty.	Notification of Arty. fire (From 1 ANZAC).
A56/4042	do	Distribution	A.I.F. Lists.
A56/4086	do	Dist.	Gen. Birdwood's Xmas Compliments.
A56/4088	do	Dist.	Xmas Compliments. from G.O.C.
Q101/405	do	1 ANZAC	re L.G. magazines.
Q103/4103	do	1 ANZAC	Recd. scale of issue of Torches, electric for each Divn.
A56/4089	do	Dist.	Circ. Memo re G.O.C. inspection of Transport.
G6/2119	1 ANZAC	5 Aust.Div.	Secret. Notes on recent operations.
G10/2124	1 ANZAC	do	Code correction.
G23/2126	1 ANZAC	do	Corps Signal Instructions.
G6/2139	1 ANZAC	do	Conference held by Corps Commander on defences.

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23rd December 1917.

No.	From	To	Purport.
G12/2190	Div.Arty.	5th Aust.Div.	Arty. Order 155 re move from Renescure Area.
G10/2194	1 ANZAC	do	Alterations in Position calls in this area.
Ig29/2226	1 ANZAC	do	Re Maps. Particulars to be forwarded to Corps.
A54/2217	1 ANZAC	do	Increase on leave allotment
Q101/2264	C.R.A.	do	Report on No.85 fuses.
A56/4137	5 Aust.Div.	14th Bde.	Re A.I.F. magazine to be published by Capt.Bean. Request for journalists.
A56/4144	do	3 Bdes.Arty.	Distances to be observed on the march.
A56/4156	do	Distribution	Corps R.O's. 536-545.
G1/4147	do	A.P.&S.S. Boulogne	Re S.S. 182. Instructions on bombing part 11. Employment & training of Bombers.
Q105/4117	do	44 San.Sect. Staples.	Arrangements for disinfect of blankets.
Ig26/4131	do	3 Bdes.	Translation of German Document.
Ig33/4193	do	Dist.	Disposition of Units.

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26th December 1917.

No.	From	To	Purport.
G17/2457	1 ANZAC	5 Aust.Div.	Report on Verdier Smoke Producers.
G6/2458	1 ANZAC	do	Defence Policy and Defence Schemes.
G1/2501	15 Bde.	do	Brigade School of Instruction assembles 27th inst.
A56/2482	4 Army	do	Adminis. Scheme for Mens' Comfort for Winter.
A56/4321	5 Aust.Div.	Distribution	G.R.O's. 3031 - 3041.
A56/4330	do	3 Bdes., Arty. Pioneers	Apps. & Promotion approved by G.C.C., A.I.F., U.K.
A56/4331	do	Dist.	Special Order by Gen. Birdwood.
A56/4339	do	Arty., Engrs. A.D.W.S., "G"	4th Army Adminis. Scheme.
A56/4353	do	Group Repres. Rec. Coma.	Report on Committee meeting held at D.H.C.

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No.	From	To	Purport.
28th Decr. 1917.			
G3/2602	1 ANZAC	5 Aust.Div.	Normal rates of Arty. fire Communication between Aircraft and Infantry. Pub. Gen. Staff Memo. 192 and Annexe.
G13/2678	1 ANZAC	do	
G13/2525	5 Aust.Div.	Distribution	Re Bells sets for L.T.M.B. G.S. Memo. No. 193. Re Yukon Packs.
G19/4533	do	1 ANZAC	Re Yukon Packs.
G13/4562	do	Distbn.	
Q103/4556	do	1 ANZAC D.A.D.O.S.	
29th Decr. 1917.			
G11/4641	5 Aust.Div.	3 Bdes.	Request suggestions for signalling between aeroplanes and Infantry.
Q102/4640	do	Distbn.	Instructions re clearing roads of snow and ice.

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51st December 1917.

No.	From	To	Purport.
68/4740	5 Aust. Div.	3 Bdes. Engrs. Bns. 25th M.G. Co.	Re future supplies of Camouflage to Infantry.
31/4775	do.	Units.	Training during Winter Corps Commanders instrs.
Q106/4793	do	Div. Train	Railhead to be at Staples.
A56/4768	do	Units	Supplies of stores available for recreat- ional training.
A56/4772	do	Distbn.	Adminis. Memo No. 51.

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56th Bn. Lieut-Col. A.J.G. Simpson
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5th Aust. Div. Signal Co. Major R.A. Stanley

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3rd December 1917.

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30th Bn. Lieut-Col. J.W. Clark D.S.O.
31st Bn. Lieut-Col. F.W. Toll D.S.O.
32nd Bn. Lieut-Col. C.S. Davies D.S.O. (The Leicestershire Regt.)
8th M.G. Co. Capt. A.K. Flack M.C.
8th L.T.M.B. Capt. H. Walker

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brig-Gen. C.J. HOBKIRK D.S.O. (The Essex Regt.)
Brigade Major-Major R.G. Legge M.C. A.I.F.
Staff Captain - Captain A.H.L. Godfrey M.C. A.I.F.
53rd Bn. Lieut-Col. W.J.R. Cheeseman M.C.
54th Bn. Lieut-Col. D.M. McConaghy C.M.G. D.S.O.
55th Bn. Lieut-Col. P.W. Woods M.C.
56th Bn. Lieut-Col. A.J.G. Simpson
14th M.G. Co. Lieut. G.T. Montague
14th L.T.M.B. Capt. A.H. Brook.

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brig-Gen. H.E. ELLIOTT C.M.G., D.S.O. A.I.F.
Brigade Major - Major G.A. Street A.I.F.
Staff Captain - Captain H.R. Gollan A.I.F.
57th Bn. Lieut-Col. J.C. Stewart D.S.O.
58th Bn. Lieut-Col. C.A. Denehy D.S.O.
59th Bn. Lieut-Col. C.C. Mason D.S.O.
60th Bn. Lieut-Col. R. Marshall D.S.O. M.C.
15th M.G. Co. Captain G.F. Fitzgerald
15th L.T.M.B. Captain W.E. Freeman M.C.

DIVISIONAL TROOPS

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Brigade Major - Major H.H. Hulton R.F.A.
Staff Captain W.H. deB. Dickinson R.F.A.
Staff Lieut. for Reconnaissance - Lieut. M.H. Booth M.C. A.F.A.

18th F.A. BRIGADE

Lieut-Col H.O. Caddy D.S.O.
49th Battery. Major C.H. Catliff
50th Battery. Major F. Thornethwaite M.C.
51st Battery. Major E.G. Lister
118th How. Batt. Major C.A. Callaghan D.S.O.

14th F.A. BRIGADE.

Lieut-Col. F.P. Berham D.S.O.
53rd Battery. Major C.A. Kelly
54th Battery. Captain E.B. Archibald
55th Battery. Major P.J. McCormack
114th How. Batt. Major N.L. Dreyer

DIVISIONAL TRENCH MORTAR OFFICER - Capt. W.D. Wallis

MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS:

X5A T.M. Batt. Lieut. H.J. Filshie
Y5A T.M. Batt. Lieut. A.G. Macallister
Z5A T.M. Batt. Lieut. E.J. Ferguson M.C.

HEAVY TRENCH MORTARS:

V5A T.M. Batt. Capt. W.H. Hinds

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN - Lieut-Col. F.A. Hughes D.S.O.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS

8th Field Co. A.E. Major W.G. Farquhar
14th Field Co. A.E. Major H. Bachtold D.S.O. M.C.
15th Field Co. A.E. Major H. Greenway D.S.O.
5th Aust. Div. Signal Co. Major R.A. Stanley

5th PIONEER BATTALION - Lieut-Col. H.G. Carter.

25th AUST. MACHINE GUN CO. - Capt. S.S. Berry

DIVISIONAL TRAIN

Lieut-Col. F.H. Francis D.S.O.
S.S.O. Major C.W. Robinson
10th A.A.S.C. (H.Q. Co.) Major J.A. Brazener
18th A.A.S.C. Capt. L.K. Stevenson
28th A.A.S.C. Capt. C.B. Grieve M.C.
29th A.A.S.C. Capt. A. Matheson

MEDICAL UNITS

8th Field Ambulance - Major A.R. Clayton
14th Field Ambulance - Lieut-Col. C.W. Thompson M.C.
15th Field Ambulance - Lieut-Col. J.M.Y. Stewart
5th Sanitary Section - Capt. V.M. Coppleson .

DIVISIONAL SALVAGE COMPANY

Captain C.M. Viner

VETERINARY

5th Mob. Vet. Section - Capt. R. Grant.

Divisional Machine Gun Officer - Major T.R. Marsden D.S.O.
Divisional Bomb Officer - Capt. A.D. Ellis
Divisional Gas Officer - Lieut. R.M.K. Wilson.

19th December 1917.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WORKS REPORT for period 24th November to 7th December 1917.

1. WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS.

- (a) COMPLETE. Strengthening existing wire in front of the outpost line and the front line, and filling up gaps. 1850 yards of double apron fence and 650 yards of single fence, erected but still to be thickened on the Support, Reserve and Corps line of Right Brigade. 5050 yards double concertina fence wire erected on Left Brigade front. All old existing wire has been made use of, strengthened and placed into tactical use.
- (b) IN HAND. Strengthening and adding to wire covering outpost line and the front line. The completion of Support, Reserve and Corps Line.

2. TRENCHES.

General maintenance has been kept up. A good deal of drainage, duckboarding, ^{revetment} and sandbagging has been completed. Splinter proof shelters and accommodation have been placed in the occupied trenches.

STRONG POINTS.

(a) COMPLETE.

SP 435	-	U.5.b.50.25
SP3035	-	0.35.a.9.0
SP5034	-	0.34.b.90.35
SP3034	-	0.34 central
SP2022	-	0.22.c.45.70
SP3028	-	0.28.a.90.25
SP5022	-	0.22.a.3.9.
SP1016	-	0.16.c.5.5.
SP2.016	-	0.16.c.7.9.
SP1.027	-	0.27.d.35.36.
SP2.027	-	0.27.d.40.55.
SP3.027	-	0.27.d.35.90.
SP4.027	-	0.27.b.15.20.
SP5.027	-	0.27.b.10.60.
SP1.021	-	0.21.d.05.00
SP4.021	-	0.21.a.70.40

(b) INCOMPLETE.

SP1.U5	-	U.5.e.9.2.	75% completed
SP5.U5	-	U.5.b.4.6.	75% "
SP1.035	-	0.35.d.2.0	75% "
SP2.035	-	0.35.c.85.35	70% "
SP4.035	-	0.35.c.30.95	75% "
SP2.U5	-	U.5.d.3.6	Traced out.
SP3.U5	-	U.5.e.20.65	50% completed
SP4.U4	-	U.4.b.75.40	70% "
SP6.U4	-	U.4.b.2.7	Traced out.
SP1.034	-	0.34.d.05.15	75% completed
SP2.034	-	0.34.d.0.6	75% "
SP1.028	-	0.28.c.6.0	80% "
SP2.028	-	0.28.c.75.80	75% "
SP4.028	-	0.28.a.65.90	70% "
SP1.022	-	0.22.c.8.0	Traced out.
SP3.022	-	0.22.a.40.00	60% completed
SP4.022	-	0.22.a.30.50	40% "
SP3.016	-	0.16.a.9.4	30% "
SP4.016	-	0.16.b.0.6	Traced out.
SP1.010	→	0.10.d.10.35	" "
SP2.010	-	0.10.d.1.5	60% completed

SP3.0.10	-	0.10.d.3.7	Traced out.
SP4.0.10	-	0.10.b.4.4	85% completed
SP1.U.4.	-	U.4.d.2.3	75% "
SP2.U.4.	-	U.4.d.0.45	60% "
SP3.U.4.	-	U.4.a.8.0	30% "
SP5.U.4.	-	U.4.a.4.8	40% "
SP4.0.34	-	0.34.c.10.65	Traced out.
SP4.0.33	-	0.33.b.8.2	" "
SP2.0.21	-	0.21.e.90.45	75% completed
SP3.0.21	-	0.21.a.40.05	70% "
SP1.0.15	-	0.15.c.9.2	50% "
SP2.0.15	-	0.15.d.0.5	60% "
SP3.0.15	-	0.15.b.1.3	20% "
SP4.0.15	-	0.15.b.1.6	Traced out
SP1.0.9	-	0.9.d.7.2	20% completed
SP1.U.9.	-	U.9.a.9.7	Traced out
SP1.U.3	-	U.3.c.9.2	" "
SP2.U.3.	-	U.3.a.95.30	" "
SP3.U.3	-	U.3.b.25.80	" "
SP1.0.33	-	0.33.d.35.25	" "
SP2.0.33	-	0.33.d.0.95	" "
SP3.0.33	-	0.33.a.8.5	" "
SP1.0.14	-	0.14.c.85.25	" "
SP2.0.14	-	0.14.d.15.65	" "
SP3.0.14	-	0.14.b.5.1	" "
SP4.0.14	-	0.14.b.90.45	" "
SP5.0.14	-	0.14.b.95.75	" "
SP5.0.9.	-	0.9.c.0.2	" "
SP6.0.9	-	0.9.c.0.5.65	" "
SP7.0.9	-	0.9.a.75.15	" "
SP8.0.9	-	0.9.a.55.50	" "
SP1.0.9	-	0.9.d.7.2	" "
SP2.0.9	-	0.9.d.6.8	" "
SP3.0.9	-	0.9.b.5.1	" "
SP4.0.9	-	0.9.b.3.4	" "
SP1.0.26	-	0.26.d.85.40	" "
SP2.0.26	-	0.26.d.30.55	" "
SP3.0.26	-	0.26.b.1.0	" "
SP4.0.26	-	0.26.a.9.9	" "
SP1.0.20.	-	0.20.c.75.35	" "
SP2.0.20	-	0.20.c.7.7	" "
SP3.0.20	-	0.20.a.65.20	" "
SP4.0.20	-	0.20.a.8.9	" "

3.

OVERLAND ROUTES.

(a) DUCKWALKS.

Tracks laid from:-

T.6.d.6.9 to U.1.c.50.45 to U.1.c.55.60 to U.8.a.98.20.

From U.2.c.15.30 to U.5.a.80.30 .

From U.3.d.45.55 along road to U.4.c.2.7 to U.4.a.80.65.

From 0.32.c.85.50 to 0.33.b.8.2.

From U.2.c.2.3 to U.1.d.7.1.

From 0.19.b.6.1 to 0.20.b.3.2.

From H.29.c.45.35 to H.29.a.45.20.

From H.20.d.2.3 to H.26.b.2.9.

(b) ROADS.

Clearing of the forward area roads of mud, debris etc.,
 1565 yards cleared, 281 loads of metal spread, drains
 cut and improved, roads widened and shell holes filled
 in on WYTSCHAETE to STABNYZER Cabt., NESSINES Road,
 GORDON Road, St. ELOI Road and DUD CORNER.

4. ACCOMMODATION.

The following accommodation has been completed:-

0.27.d.3.3 & 0.27.d.4.9	-	2-4 man shelters.
0.27.b.1.6	-	4-man shelters
0.21.d.0.0	-	3-4 " "
0.21.c.9.5.	-	4-4 " "
0.21.a.4.1	-	2-5 " "
0.21.a.7.4	-	3-4 " "
0.21.c.8.2	-	repairs and drainage
0.27.b.0.8	-	bunking, pill boxes.
0.27.c.1.8	-	clearing pill boxes.
0.23.c.2.7 &)		
0.23.c.2.9)	-	10 - 4 man shelters
0.14.d.8.3	-	pill box cleared.
0.14.d.4.6	-	pill box cleared.
0.11.b.1.3	-	pill box cleared.
0.27.d.1.7	-	62 bunks erected.
0.22.c.4.7	-	7 - 6 man shelters
0.28.c.6.0	-	1 - 5 " "
0.28.c.8.8	-	1 - 5 " "
0.28.a.9.3	-	2 - 5 " "
0.27.d.3.3	-	3 - 4 " "
0.27.b.1.6	2	1 - 4 & 1 - 5 man shelter.
0.21.d.1.00	-	1 - 5 man shelter
0.27.c.1.8	-	28 bunks
M.28.c.2.6	-	36 bunks & 1 shelter.
U.4.c.4.3	-	concrete shelter for Right BAb.H.Q. with bunking.

150 bunks have been erected in reclaimed German concrete structures in and forward of MESSINES.

Accommodation for one company made in pill boxes in COSTAVERNE WOOD .

5. BURIED CABLE.

900 yards of cable buried from U.1.b.7.2 to U.2.d.4.5.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (a) SCREENINGS. Maintenance of existing screens kept up.
58 yards of hedge at 0.27.d.3.8 thickened.
Screen erected along ROSE WOOD to DERRY'S WOOD .
57 yards hedge camouflaged erected at 0.27.d.1.8.
- (b) SIGN POSTS.
Unserviceable and useless signposts have been taken out of the area and 103 new ones erected. Each post contains as much information as possible to avoid unnecessary sign posts.
- (c) BRIDGE.
A Bridge erected across the DOUVE 3 feet wide at U.10.b.10.95.

(Sgd) J. H. Peck Lt Col

Major-General,
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WORKS REPORT for period 7th December to 16th December 1917.

1. WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS.

(a) COMPLETE. A double row of concertina wire strengthened with barbed wire has been placed in front of existing wire in front of the outpost line as follows :-

From U.5.d.7.5. to U.5.b.9.4.

" 0.35.d.9.0 to 0.35.d.9.2.

" 0.35.d.6.5. to 0.35.a.7.6.

A double row of French concertina wire from U.11.a.7.9, U.5.d.4.7, U.5.b.5.4. to 0.34.b.5.9.

A double row of French concertina wire strengthened with barbed wire as follows :-

From U.5.c.3.0 to U.5.c.2.4 to U.5.a.1.0.

" 0.34.b.0.0 to 0.34.b.2.3. to 0.34.b.0.6.

" 0.34.a.1.7. to 0.34.b.9.2.

" U.4.a.4.7. to U.4.a.9.4. to U.4.a.80.05.

Left Brigade Reserve line completely wired with double concertina and strengthened with barbed.

The wiring of Corps Line with double concertina has been completed.

All existing wire been added to and strengthened and maintained.

2. STRONG POINTS.

(a) COMPLETE.

SP4. 0.16, 0.16. a.9.3.

SP1. 0.15, 0.15.c.9.2.

SP4. 0.28. 0.28.a.65.90.

SP3. 0.21. 0.21.a.40.05.

SP3. 0.10. 0.10.d.25.70.

(b) INCOMPLETE.

SP1. U.5. U.5.c.9.2. 75% completed.

SP2. U.5. U.5.d.3.6. 80% completed.

SP5. U.5. U.5.b.4.6. 75% "

SP1. 0.35. 0.35.d.2.0. 80% "

SP2. 0.35. 0.35.c.85.35. 75% "

SP4. 0.35. 0.35.c.30.95. 75% "

SP3. U.5. U.5.c.20.65. 75% "

SP4. U.4. U.4.b.75.40. 70% "

SB1. 0.34. 0.34.d.05.15. 75% "

SP2. 0.34. 0.34.d.0.6. 75% "

SP1. U.4. U.4.d.2.3. 85% "

SP2. U.4. U.4.d.00.45. 60% "

SP3. U.4. U.4.a.8.0. 75% "

SP5. U.4. U.4.a.4.8. 50% "

SP4. 0.34. 0.34.c.10.65. 75% "

SP4. 0.33. 0.33.b.8.2. 75% "

SP6. U.4. U.4.b.2.7. 75% "

SP1. U.9. U.9.a.9.7. Traced out.

SP1. U.3. U.3.c.9.2. "

SP2. U.3. U.3.a.95.30. "

SP3. U.3. U.3.b.25.80. "

SP1. 0.33. 0.33.d.35.25. "

SP2. 0.33. 0.33.d.00.95. "

SP3. 0.33. 0.33.a.8.5. "

SP1. 0.28. 0.28.c.60.00 50% completed.

SP2. 0.28. 0.28.c.75.80 85% "

SP3. 0.22. 0.22.a.4.0. 75% "

SP4. 0.22. 0.22.a.3.5. 75% "

SP2. 0.21. 0.21.c.90.45 85% "

SP1. 0.26. 0.26.d.85.40. Traced out.

SP2. 0.26. 0.26.d.30.55.

SP3.	0.26.	0.26.b.1.0.	Traced Out.
SP4.	0.26.	0.26.a.9.9.	"
SP1.	0.20.	0.20.c.75.35.	"
SP2.	0.20.	0.20.c.7.7.	"
SP3.	0.20.	0.20.a.65.20.	"
SP4.	0.20.	0.20.a.8.9.	"
SP3.	0.16.	0.16.a.9.3.	80% completed.
SP1.	0.10.	0.10.d.10.35.	80% "
SP2.	0.10.	0.10.d.1.5.	85% "
SP4.	0.10.	0.10.b.4.4.	80% "
SP2.	0.15.	0.15.d.0.5.	80% "
SP3.	0.15.	0.15.b.2.3.	70% "
SP4.	0.15.	0.15.b.1.6.	80% "
SP1.	0.9.	0.9.d.7.2.	75% "
SP2.	0.9.	0.9.d.6.8.	75% "
SP3.	0.9.	0.9.b.5.1.	80% "
SP4.	0.9.	0.9.b.3.4.	70% "
SP1.	0.14.	0.14.c.85.25.	Traced out.
SP2.	0.14.	0.14.d.15.65.	"
SP3.	0.14.	0.14.b.5.1.	"
SP4.	0.14.	0.14.b.90.45.	"
SP5.	0.14.	0.14.b.95.75.	"
SP5.	0.9.	0.9.c.0.2.	"
SP6.	0.9.	0.9.c.95.65.	"
SP7.	0.9.	0.9.a.75.15.	"
SP8.	0.9.	0.9.a.55.50.	"

3. TRENCHES.

Cleaning, revetting and reparing of existing trenches has been kept up, and a considerable amount of drainage has been carried out.

4. OVERLAND ROUTES.

ROADS. Maintenance and repairs, filling in of shell holes has been carried out.
 A good deal of metalling and drainage has been done on GORDON Rd.
 WYTSCHAETE Road has been widened from 12' to 18' throughout.
DUCKWALKS. 300 yards laid in WULVERGHEM Camp.
MESSINES North duckwalk has been continued to 0.33.b.8.6.

5. ACCOMMODATION.

SP1. 0.28. 2/5 man splinter proof shelters.
 SP2. 0.28. 4/5 man " " "
 SP3. 0.28. 2/5 " " " "
 SP4. 0.28. 2/4 " " " "
 SP1. 0.27. 3/5 " " " "
 SP3. 0.22. 2/4 " " " "
 0.27.a.4.6.1/5 and 1/4 man splinter proof shelters.
 0.29.c.3.8. 6/5 man splinter proof shelters.
 0.33.a.25.20. Artillery O.P. completed.
 SP1. 0.35. 2/4 man splinter proof shelters
 SP2. 0.22. 3/5 " " " "
 SP1. 0.16. 7/3 " " " "
 SP2. 0.16. 9/3 " " " "
DEEP DUGOUTS. RAVINE WOOD 0.10.d.2.8, concreting almost finished.
 MESSINES U.2.d.2.5, 112' driven.
 HOW FARM 0.27.b.1.0. Tubbing shaft down 49'.

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VERNE ROAD 0.21.3.5, shaft near dugout complete, shaft started.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

SCREENINGS. 0.21.b.2.2. 16 yards camouflage erected 7' high.

ROSE WOOD - DENYS WOOD, 100 yards erected.

SIGN POSTS. A considerable number of sign posts have been made and erected at completed strong points.

Major-General,
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

REPORT ON WORK DONE IN THE DIVISIONAL AREA OTHER
THAN THAT REPORTED IN WEEKLY WORKS REPORT FOR
PERIOD 15th NOVEMBER to 15th DECEMBER.

1. ACCOMMODATION. N.28.c.2.6. Cookhouse, harness shed and stable erected.
- T.6.a.20.25. 6 Huts.
- Buller Camp. Cookhouse, fodder shed, farrier shed, horse trough and pump.
- Donegal Camp. 9 N.B. Huts, 4 cookhouses, 4 ablution sheds, 1 feed store and stables.
- Daylight Camp. 6 N.B. Huts and stables for 70 horses.
- Hillside North Camp. Stables for 70 horses.
- Redvers Camp. Ablution shed and cookhouse.
- KEMMEL CAMP. Ablution shed, stables and incinerator.
- T.6.c.2.2. 10 N.B. huts erected.
- T.8.d.7.6.8 Huts erected.
- U.1.a.35.15. Soup kitchen erected.
- H.18.o.9.4. 82 Bunks fitted.
- O.14.c.45.55. Drying shed erected.
- DRANOUTRA. Water heating plant for Field Ambulance erected.
- Elevated tankstand for 3/400 gallon tanks erected and tanks placed in position.
- Divisional clipping shed erected and 2 pumps fitted.
- SOLVERGHEM Camp. 5 Keys Huts and 4 N.B. Huts erected.
- 3 Kitchens and drying room erected.
- O.14.c.45.85. Drying shed completed.
- Pipe Burying. 11,600 yards 4" water main have been buried in the Divisional Area.

General maintenance and duckboarding of Camps has been kept up.

Revetment in camps and Divisional Headquarters has been commenced and partly completed, but has been stopped on account of lack of material.

J. J. Hobbs

Major-General,
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS for period from 12 noon 30th November to
12 noon 7th December 1917.

1. GENERAL.

Enemy has been much quieter than previous weeks.
Only one patrol encounter has taken place during the week.

2. OPERATIONS.

- (a) No minor or major operations have been carried out by this Division during the week.
(b) No operations have been carried out by the enemy during the week.

3. PATROLS.

- (a) Our patrols have been very active along the whole front during the period.
The main object of our patrols has been to ascertain enemy dispositions, defences, and the result of our artillery and T.M. shoots on enemy strong points. Several working parties were detected and effectively fired on by Lewis Guns and Machine guns and on one occasion by Stokes guns.
On the 5th instant, a patrol from the right Brigade was fired on by a hostile patrol at U.5.b.95.60, apparently lying in wait for them. One man is reported missing and one wounded.
On the 6th instant, a fighting patrol of 2 officers and 20 other ranks went out with the object of reconnoitring RIFLE FARM and rounding up enemy posts. On reaching a position at O.23.d.1.9 they came under heavy rifle fire. The enemy were engaged with hand grenades, rifle and Lewis gun fire. The enemy retaliated with machine gun fire. Our patrol extended and endeavoured to surround the position, and succeeded in penetrating two belts of wire which appeared to be in good order, but the remaining two belts prevented any farther advance. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, estimated at 15 to 20.
(b) Enemy patrols have been very quiet during the week, only one patrol encountered as mentioned in para. 3 (a).

4. MACHINE GUNS.

- (a) Enemy tracks, roads and "active areas" were kept under intermittent M.G. fire during the period.
At dawn on 4th instant a party of 8 was caught by our fire on road at O.18.b.6.05 and casualties inflicted.
At 10.30 a.m. on 2nd instant, a man moving from enemy trenches at O.18.c.4.8 was killed by a burst of M.G. fire.
83,400 rounds were fired during the period.
Lewis guns have effectively dispersed enemy parties reported by patrols.
(b) Enemy machine guns have been fairly active during the week, particularly early in the morning.

5. ARTILLERY.

- (a) Registrations have been continued both by balloon and ground observation, and harassing fire maintained on occupied areas and enemy routes; bombardments of hostile strong points, machine gun and Trench mortar positions have been carried out. A raid by the right flank Division was supported both by simulated raid and participation in the barrage.
Two concentration shoots have been carried out, and bursts of fire on areas where much night movement was reported.
Trench systems have been bombarded; and wire cut by 4.5" Hows. and 5" Newton T.Ms. in vicinity of RIFLE FARM.
Hostile guns have been engaged and silenced.

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(b) Hostile artillery has been noticeably quiet ^{er} during the period, and confined to light bombardments of front line and supports and communication trenches, and harassing fire on routes and occupied ~~forward~~ positions forward of the ridge. No concentration shoots have been carried out. A large percentage of the batteries on the Southern sector continued to use buildings in MESSINES as datum points. Gas shelling has decreased, very little being reported. Calibre confined to 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. and 77 mm., with occasional 4.2 H.V. on Southern Brigade front. Percentage of 77 mm. to other calibre appears to be increasing.

Direction of fire - COMINES, 4.2 and 5.9 chiefly.
 - WARNETON and KORTIWILDE 77mm and 4.2 How.

Some fire has been from the direction of TENBRIELEN. A number of batteries have been observed between COMINES and WERVICQ shooting north. The enemy has carried out ~~not~~ no definite counter-battery shoot.

6. TRENCH MORTARS.

(a) Our Heavy Trench Mortars have carried out bombardments on enemy strong points, T.M. positions, and trench systems with good effect. Stokes Guns have been very active, shooting on enemy strong points, Machine Gun positions, and occupied areas. Several machine guns have been silenced.

In one case a hostile working party was dispersed by Stokes Guns.

Enemy aircraft have been successfully driven off.

(b) Enemy Trench Mortars have been fairly active especially on the right brigade front. On one occasion a hostile minenwerfer bombarded a portion of the right brigade front line, doing considerable damage to wire and parapet.

7. There have been no changes on the Divisional front during the period.

One prisoner has been captured during the week.

8. CASUALTIES.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing.
Officers	1	1	-
Other Ranks	12	38	2
TOTAL	13	39	2

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7/12/17.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS for period from 12 noon 7th December to 12 noon 14th December 1917.

1. GENERAL

Enemy has again been quieter than in previous weeks.

2. OPERATIONS

(a) No operations have been carried out by this Division during the week.

(b) The enemy has not carried out any offensive operations for the week.

3. PATROLS

Our patrols have been active along the whole front throughout the week.

The main object has been to ascertain enemy defences, and examine the result of our artillery shoots on strong points and defended localities.

Special fighting patrols have been sent out to "round up" hostile patrols and endeavour to mop up small posts.

A considerable amount of information has been obtained of the enemy defences and dispositions.

Several working and wiring parties have been located and fired on by Lewis guns with good results.

(b) Enemy patrols have been very inactive, none have been encountered, only one small patrol seen returning to their line.

4. MACHINE GUNS.

(a) During the period the usual harassing fire programme on enemy tracks and roads was adhered to.

Selected points were kept under intermittent fire after destructive artillery shoots to prevent repair work being carried out.

A small party of enemy apparently repairing a telephone wire at O.L.C. 80.75 was fired on early in the morning of 10th inst and casualties inflicted.

Enemy aeroplanes were driven off by machine gun fire on 5 occasions during the period.

Total rounds expended 112,500.

(b) Enemy Machine Guns. Active on back areas of right Brigade, particularly at dusk and dawn.

5. ARTILLERY.

(a) The artillery has carried out a series of bombardments of hostile strong points, combined with registration and calibration, maintained harassing fire on centres of activity and enemy routes, and performed three dummy raids. *known* Concentration bombardments have been executed against occupied positions with excellent results, and trench mortar emplacements engaged and destroyed.

Fleeting opportunities have been engaged and casualties inflicted; harassing fire has been maintained on known enemy dumps and Headquarters; on two occasions when reliefs were expected special programmes of searching fire and bombardments were fired.

A gas bombardment was employed against area where Headquarters was known to exist, and in the vicinity of which were many enemy posts, and sweeping bursts of fire have been put down on centres of activity.

Trench mortars have been very active, 9.45" H.T.M. carrying out destructive shoots, and 6" Newton wire cutting, bombarding, and engaging and silencing hostile minenwerfer.

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(b) Hostile Artillery. This has been generally quiet during the period, with no apparent change in number of guns operating against the front. Slightly greater activity has been reported on the Right Group Sector from Field Howitzers and 5.9" Hows. in vicinity of TENHRINLEN, and two batteries of 4.2" H.V. guns have been active within the last three days from the direction of WERVICQ. The COMINES Group is apparently unchanged. No counter-battery shoots have been carried out against us, and no concentrations have been fired. RAVINE WOOD and MESSINES have been most actively shelled. Slight gas shelling is still reported, with no apparent changes in intensity - this is normally 77 mm. from the direction of BAS - WARRETON. Hostile Minenwerfer have shown decreased activity. The enemy still makes use of smoke screens to hide his flashes, particularly for Heavy Guns firing North and North-west from before WERVICQ.

6. TRENCH MORTARS.

6" Trench Mortars have effectively fired on enemy strong points, several direct hits being recorded and considerable damage done. Stokes Mortars have been mainly engaged in firing on hostile machine guns and trench mortar positions, several of which have been silenced and in some cases destroyed. Working parties and movement observed have been successfully fired on. Hostile minenwerfer have been active on the Right Brigade front, and fairly quiet on the Left Brigade front. Pigeon bombs and medium calibres have been mainly used on our forward posts with little effect.

7. CASUALTIES.

	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
Officers	-	1	-
Other Ranks.	15	65	-

Major-General,
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.