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WAR DIARY

General Staff,
5th Aust. Div.

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAMER	Jan.		<p>The Division moved to the SAMER Area from the HOLLEBEKE sector on the 15th, 16th, and 17th December 1917.</p> <p>The frequent falls of snow (in some cases very heavy falls) with the subsequent "freeze" and thaw, and the Christmas and New Year holidays have interfered with continuous training, but as much as possible, including sports, has been carried out by all units. Disposition report is attached.</p>	App. 1.
	3rd.		<p>After the first two weeks of January the weather greatly improved, and as a consequence the training was more continuous, and was carried out under better conditions.</p> <p>The Demonstration Platoon reported at Divisional Headquarters, in accordance with Training Memorandum No. 145 of the 14th December 1917. The objects of this platoon are :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To act as a guard to Divisional Headquarters in the event of an enemy attack. To set a standard of efficiency to be reached, and if possible excelled, by all platoons in the Division. To train men as N.C.O's. and officers and instructors. To examine candidates for commissions and Schools, and personnel proceeding to training battalions. To recognise men of good conduct who have distinguished themselves in the field. 	
	19th		<p>Lieut. H.T. CRAIN 32nd Battalion is in command of this Platoon..</p>	
	21st, 22nd, & 23rd.		<p>A forecast of moves of 5th Australian Division to the forward area in relief of the 1st Australian Division was issued.</p>	App. 2.
	22nd		<p>The G.O.C., A.I.F. presented medals and ribbons.</p>	
			<p>The following Corps Orders were received :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. 8 reference relief of 2nd Australian Division by 3rd Australian Division. No. 9 reference relief of 1st Australian Division by 5th Australian Division. No.10 reference moves of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Australian Divisions. 	

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SAMER.	Jan. 23rd		The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade marched past the Divisional Commander. Corps Order No. 11 with reference to the reliefs of Artillery on the Corps front was received.	
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	24th		The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade marched past the Divisional Commander.	
	25th		The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade marched past the Divisional Commander. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade carried out a demonstration of a new incendiary shell for use with the Stokes Mortar, at CALAIS. G.S.O.II, D.A.D.O.S., D.A.Q.M.G. went up to 1st Australian Divisional Headquarters in connection with the relief.	
	26th		Division Order No. 186, dealing with the move of this Division to the forward area was issued.	App.3
	27th		Division Order No. 187 dealing with the move of the 5th Australian Division Artillery to forward areas, was issued. Advance parties of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade left tonight for the forward area. They were accompanied by some administrative personnel for the preparation of camps etc. The Acting D.M.G.O. went up to the forward area in connection with Machine Gun Company reliefs.	App.3
	28th		Advance parties of the following left tonight :- 25th M.G. Co., 29th and 31st Battalions, 8th L.T.M. Battery, 8th M.G.Co. G.S.O.III, Intelligence Officer, and D.A.A.G. went to 1st Division Headquarters area and will remain there.	
	29th		14th Australian Infantry Brigade Group moved by train from SAMER to the KEMMEL-WULVERGHEM Area. Advance party of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade also went in same trains.	
	30th		8th Australian Infantry Brigade Group moved by train from SAMER to RAVELSBERG - NEUVE EGLISE Area. Advance parties of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade accompanied this Group.	
	Night 30th/31st		The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade moved into the line left relieving 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.	

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SAMER	JAN. 31st	Night 31st/Jan/ 1st Feb.	<p>15th Australian Infantry Brigade moved by train from SAMER to KEMMEL - WULVERGHEM Area and relieved the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade in the Reserve Brigade Area.</p> <p>The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade moved into the line Right relieving the 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade.</p> <p>No Brigade tactical scheme with troops was carried out during the period the Division was in the SAMER Area, as approval for the use of training grounds was not received. Brigade Schemes for Staffs, etc. were carried out under Brigade arrangements.</p>	

[Signature]
 MAJOR, G.S.
 5th Australian Division.

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WAR DIARY

OF

General Staff, 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

JANUARY 1918.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 6th January 1918.

NOTE:- ALL PREVIOUS LISTS SHOULD BE DESTROYED.

Reference CALAIS
1/100,000.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS
25th Machine Gun Co.

SAMER
CONDETE

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
29th Battalion
30th "
31st "
32nd "
8th Machine Gun Co.
8th L.T.M.B.

DESVERES
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14th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
53rd Battalion
54th "
55th "
56th "
14th Machine Gun Co.
14th L.T.M.B.

ROBABEL CHATEAU FRENGO
MENTY
FRENGO
HALINGHEM
PANEHEM
RUBERSENT
WIDHEM

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
57th Battalion
58th "
59th "
60th "
15th Machine Gun Co.
15th L.T.M.B.

PARENTY
DOUBEAUVILLE
COURSET
ENQUIN
BEUSSENT
COURSE
ROLET

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS
13th F.A. Bde.
14th F.A. Bde.
5th D.A.C.
D.L.M.O.

LONGVILLERS
MONTCAVREL
ATTIN
TUBERSENT
with Div. Art. H.Q.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS HEADQUARTERS
8th Field Co.
14th "
15th "

SAMER
QUESTREQUES
"
WIERRE AU BOIS

5th Pioneer Battalion

DESDIGNEUL

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

with Div. H.Q. SAMER
WIRWIGNES
CORMONT
QUEHEN

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

SAMER
BREMONT
LONG FOSSB
WIDHEM
MUTELETTE

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Divisional Salvage Co.

CARLY

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

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SAMER

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

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ANNUAL REPORT TO DISPOSITION REPORT issued at 6 a.m. 6th Jan. 1917.

Reference: 4 COAIS
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14th L.T.M.B.
56th Battalion
5th Pioneer Battalion

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TINGRY
RESDIGNEUL

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

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DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 12th January 1918.

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Reference CHAIRS
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DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS
25th Machine Gun Co.

SAMER
CONDETTE

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
29th Battalion
30th Battalion
31st "
32nd "
8th Machine Gun Co.
8th L.T.M. 3.

DEVIRES
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14th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
53rd Battalion
54th "
55th "
56th "
14th Machine Gun Co.
14th L.T.M. 3.

ROSABEL CHATEAU IRONCO
HENRY
FRENCO
HALINGHAM
TUNGRY
AU LERSANT
LE BOUX

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
57th Battalion
58th "
59th "
60th "
15th Machine Gun Co.
15th L.T.M. 3.

PARENTY
DOUDEAUVILLE
COURSET
EMOUID
BOUSSENT
COURSE
ROLET

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS
10th F.A. Bde.
14th F.A. Bde.
5th D.A.C.
D.T.M. 0.

LONGVILLERS
MONTCAVEL
ATTIL
TUBERSENT
with Div. /rt. H.Q.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS HEADQUARTERS
8th Field Co.
14th Field Co.
15th Field Co.

SAMER
QUESTREQUES

5th Pioneer Battalion

MIERRE AU BOIS

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

HEEDIGUES
with Div. H.Q. SAMER
WIRIQUES
CORMONT
QUEHEN

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

SAMER
BREMENT
LONG FOSSE
VIDEREM
MUTELLETTTE

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Divisional Salvage Co.

CARLY

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

SAMER
 DESVRES
 SAMER

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Michael Barry

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

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DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 19th January 1918.

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II VISIONAL HEADQUARTERS
25th Machine Gun Co.

SAMER
FLORINGTHUN 5B98.

8th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
29th Battalion
30th "
31st "
32nd "
8th Machine Gun Co.
8th L.T.M.B.

DESVRES
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14th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
53rd Battalion
54th "
55th "
56th "
14th Machine Gun Co.
14th L.T.M.B.

ROSAMEL CHATEAU FRENCQ.
MENTY
FRENCQ
HALINGHEM
TINGRY
HUBERSENT
LE FEUX

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
57th Battalion
58th "
59th "
60th "
15th Machine Gun Co.
15th L.T.M.B.

PARENTY
DOUDEAUVILLE
COURSET
EQUIN
BEUSSENT
COURSE
ROLET

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS
13th F.A. Bde.
14th F.A. Bde.
5th D.A.C.
D.T.M.O

LONGVILLERS
MONTCAVREL
ATTIN
TUBERSENT
with Div. Art. H.Q.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS HEADQUARTERS
8th Field Co.
14th Field Co.
15th Field Co.

SAMER
Moving to forward area.
QUESTRECQUES
PIERRE AU BOIS.

5th Pioneer Battalion

HESDIGNEUL

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

with Div. H.Q. SAMER
WIRRIGNES
COR MONT
QUEHEN

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

SAMER
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

AMENDMENT TO DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. ¹⁹⁴ 21st January .

25th Machine Gun Co.
8th Field Co.

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

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8th Infantry Brigade.
 14th Infantry Brigade.
 15th Infantry Brigade.
 5th Pioneer Battalion.
 25th Machine Gun Co.
 Divisional Artillery.
 Divisional Engineers.
 Divisional Signal Co.
 Divisional Train.
 A.D.M.S.
 D.A.D.V.S.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 A.P.M.
 Divisional Salvage Co.
 Camp Commandant.

Forecast of Move and Relief.

1. General The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 1st Australian Division (less Artillery) in the Centre Divisional Sector of the Corps front between the 29th January and 1st February. Relief to be completed by 11 a.m. 1st February. The 1st Australian Division after relief will be billeted in the MERRIS Area.

2. Artillery. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will move to MERRIS Area on January 31st, February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, staging as follows:-

Jan 31st/ Feb. 1st	VERCHOCQ Area
Feb. 1st/ 2nd	ELNES Area
Feb. 2nd/ 3rd	RENESECURE Area

The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery between February 4th and February 6th.

The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery after relief will be located in the MERRIS Area.

3. Train Summary of Train arrangements:-

Date	Inf. Bde. Group	Entrain		Detrain	
		Personnel	Transport (less marching portion)	Personnel	Transport (less marching)
Jan. 29th	14th Bde.	SAMER	DESVRES	DE KENNEBAK	BAILLEUL WEST
Jan. 30th	8th Bde.	DESVRES	DESVRES	"	"
Jan. 31st	15th Bde.	SAMER	DESVRES	"	"

4. Marching Transport. Marching portion of transport of Infantry Brigade Groups will move off two days in advance of their Group and will stage as follows:-

1st night	ELNES
2nd night	RENESECURE
3rd night	STRAZEELE

5. Reliefs and Moves. Table of Reliefs and Moves.

Date.	Inf. Bde. Group	From	To
Jan. 29th	14th Bde.	SALER	KEMMEL
Jan. 30th	14th Bde. 8th Bde.	KEMMEL DESVRES	LINE - LEFT RAVELSBERG
Jan. 31st	8th Bde. 15th Bde.	RAVELSBERG DOUDEAUVILLE	LINE - RIGHT KEMMEL

6. Pioneers. The actual date of the move of the 5th Pioneer Battalion is not yet known.

Lt. Colonel

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

19th January 1918.

Date	Inf. Bde. Group	From	To
Jan. 29th	14th Bde.	SALER	KEMMEL
Jan. 30th	14th Bde. 8th Bde.	KEMMEL DESVRES	LINE - LEFT RAVELSBERG
Jan. 31st	8th Bde. 15th Bde.	RAVELSBERG DOUDEAUVILLE	LINE - RIGHT KEMMEL

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 186.

Reference:

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 and S.E.
 Sheet CALAIS 1/100,000
 Sheet HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000.

Headquarters,
 26th January/18.

The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 1st Australian Division (less Artillery) in "B" (the centre) Divisional Sector and area of the Corps front, between the 30th January and 1st February 1918 - to be completed by 11 a.m. 1st February 1918.

2. Command of "B" divisional sector and area will pass to G.O.C., 5th Australian Division on completion of relief, when Headquarters 5th Australian Division will be established at DRANOUTRE.
3. The move to the forward area will be carried out in accordance with move table attached. Transport proceeds part by train and part by road.
 Administrative Instructions and detailed train arrangements have been issued by "Q" Branch.
4. Advanced parties both for line and works reliefs will proceed by train on dates shewn.

Adv. Party	14th Inf. Bde. Group	27th instant.	
"	"	8th Inf. Bde. Group	29th " (With 14th Inf. Bde. Group.)
"	"	15th Inf. Bde. Group	30th " (1st 8th Inf. Bde. Group.)

In addition to Engineer and Pioneer personnel included in the above parties 1 officer and 2 N.C.O's. from each of the 14th and 15th Field Companies Engineers and 2 officers and 4 N.C.O's. of 5th Pioneer Battalion will proceed by train on the 26th instant to take over work from 1st Australian Divisional Engineers.

- (a) Relief of Infantry Brigades and L.T.M. Batteries will be carried out in accordance with relief Table attached. Details of reliefs will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
- (b) The relief of Field Cos. and Pioneer Battalions will be carried out under arrangements to be made between C.R.E's.
- (c) The relief of Medical Units and M.G. Cos. will be arranged by A.D's.M.S. and D.M.G.O's. respectively.
- (d) "Q" Branch will issue the necessary Administrative instructions.
6. (a) Existing dispositions of 1st Australian Division will be taken over on relief.
- (b) The Northern and Southern Divisional boundaries are the same as when 5th Australian Division held the area previously.
- (c) The new inter-Brigade boundary runs as follows - PLUM FARM O.22.b.90.65 - OOSTTAVERNE - ESTALINET CORNER.
- (d) Battalion area boundaries remain as previously.
- (e) The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will be the left Brigade, with two battalions in the line and two battalions in support. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will be right Brigade with 4 battalions in the line.
 The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will be in divisional reserve.
7. Defence Schemes, Trench Stores, works policy, maps and air photographs will be taken over and receipts passed.

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8. All four Machine Gun Companies of the Division will be in the line - the 15th M.G. Co. which arrives in 1st Australian Division area on 31st instant will complete its relief the same night i.e., 31st January/1st February.
9. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery covering "B" Divisional area between 4th and 6th February under arrangements to be made by C's.R.A. concerned.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE BY IRE.

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

Issued at 12 noon to -

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MOVE TABLE issued with 5th Australian Division Order No. 186.

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Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
1.	1918 Jan.27.	"A" Inf. Bde Group Transport (marching portion) 5th Aust. Division.	SAMER AREA	ELNES Bde. Sub-area.	SENLECQUES - WISMES.	By march route.
2.	Jan.28.	As in 1.	ELNES Bde Sub-area.	RENESECURE area.	WIZERNES - ARQUES.	do.
3.	do.	"B" Inf Bde Group Transport (marching portion) 5th Aust. Division.	SAMER AREA	ELNES Bde Sub-area.	SENLECQUES - WISMES.	By march route.
4.	Jan.29.	"A" Inf. Bde. Group 5th Aust. Div. (less 1).	SAMER AREA	KEMMEL - WULVERGHEM area.	By train, 1 tactical set (2 personnel 1 omnibus)	Entrain: Personnel - SAMER Omnibus - DESVRES. Detrain: Personnel - KENNEBAY Omnibus - BAILLEUL.
5.	do.	As in 1 and 2.	RENESECURE area.	STRAZEELE area.	HAZEBROUCK	By march route.
6.	do.	As in 3.	ELNES Bde. Sub- area.	RENESECURE area	WIZERNES - ARQUES	By march route.
7.	do.	"C" Inf. Bde Group Transport (marching portion) 5th Aust. Division.	SAMER AREA.	ELNES Bde Sub-area.	SENLECQUES - WISMES.	By march route.
8.	Jan 30.	"B" Inf. Bde Group 5th Aust. Div. (less 3).	SAMER AREA	RAVELSBERG - NEUVE EGLISE area.	By train, 1 set tactical trains.	Entrain. Personnel → SAMER Omnibus → DESVRES Detrain: Personnel - KENNEBAY Omnibus - Bailleul.

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Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
9.	Jan.30.	As in 1, 2, and 5.	STRAZEELE AREA	1st Aust.Div. Area.	BAILLEUL	Not to enter METEREM.
10.	dc.	As in 3 and 6.	RENESECURE AREA	STRAZEELE AREA.	HAZEBROUCK	By march route.
11.	dc.	As in 7.	ELNES Bde. Sub-area.	RENESECURE AREA	WIZERNES - ARQUES	By march route.
12.	Jan.31.	"C" Inf. Bde. Group 5th Aust. Div. (less 7).	SAMER AREA	KEMMEL - JULVERGHEM AREA.	By train: one set tactical trains.	Entrain and detrain as in 4.
13.	dc.	As in 3, 6, and 10.	STRAZEELE AREA	1st Aust.Div. area.	BAILLEUL	
14.	dc.	As in 7 and 11.	RENESECURE AREA	STRAZEELE AREA.	HAZEBROUCK	By march route.
15.	Feb.1.	As in 7, 11, and 14.	STRAZEELE AREA.	KEMMEL - JULVERGHEM AREA.	BAILLEUL.	

NOTE - AN OMNIBUS TRAIN CARRIES 68 AXLES.

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RELIEF TABLE.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Remarks.
1.	30th Jan. and night 30th/31st.	14th Inf. Bde. 14th L.T.M. Batt.	KEMMEL WULVERGHEM Area.	LINE LEFT	Two Bns. in line. Two Bns. in support.
2.	31st night 31st/1st Feb.	8th Inf. Bde. 8th L.T.M. Batt.	RAVELSBERG - NEUVE EGLISE Area.	LINE RIGHT.	Four Bns. in line.
3.	31st Jany.	15th Inf. Bde. 15th L.T.M. Batt.	SAMER Area.	RESERVE BRIGADE Area.	

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 187

Reference Maps:
CALAIS)
HAZEBROUCK 5A)
1/100,000.

Headquarters,
27th Jany. 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery is to relieve the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery in "B" sector and area of the Australian Corps front between February 4th and February 6th under instructions to be issued by G.O.C., R.A. Australian Corps.
2. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will move from the SAMLR area to the MLRRIS area on January 31st, February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in accordance with the attached march table.
3. Distances on the march will be as laid down in General Staff Memorandum No. 191 dated 27th December 1917.
4. (a) Billeting parties will move 24 hours in advance of each move and reconnoitre accommodation.
(b) Accommodation in staging areas will be obtained on application to Area Commandants.
5. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

Issued at 3 p.m. to :-

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8th Infantry Brigade	3
14th Infantry Brigade	4
15th Infantry Brigade	5
Divisional Engineers	6
Divisional Signal Co.	7
A.D.M.S.	8
D.A.D.V.S.	9
D.A.D.O.S.	10
A.P.M.	11
Divisional Train	12
S.S.O.	13
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MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 187.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
1	Jan. 31st.	5th Aust. Div. Arty.	LONGVILLERS Div. Arty. Sub-area.	VERCHOCQ Bde. Sub-area.	Any route.	To be clear of billets by 10 a.m.
2	Feb. 1st.	-do-	VERCHOCQ Bde. Sub-area.	ELMES Bde. Sub-area.	FAUQUE- BERGUES.	
3.	2nd.	-do-	ELMES Bde. Sub-area.	RENESECURE area	WIZERNES - ARQUES	
4.	3rd.	-do-	RENESECURE area	MERRIS area	HAZEBROUCK - BORRE.	

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 194.

The following points have been brought to notice by Australian Corps Headquarters with regard to many of the students who attended the 6th Infantry Course at the Corps School:-

1. The clothing and equipment of students was in many instances defective or deficient particularly so as regards box respirators. These are essential for training.
2. Officers were without web equipment and relied on borrowing that of their batmen. Both officers and batmen require web equipment at the Corps School.
3. Many boots were worn out and were useless unless repaired. It is practically impossible to repair boots at the School. Many students were under the impression that they would be refitted with clothing etc. on arrival at the School. No refitting is done there.
4. The drill of many officer students was very bad on joining, and many only had a faint idea as to correct words of command and were content to give slovenly orders.

With regard to the points enumerated above:-

- (a) All ranks attending the courses must be properly and fully clothed and equipped and the defects set out in sub-paras. (1), (2) and (3) above must be specially looked to and corrected.
- (b) All junior officers and C.O.'s will be put through a regimental or Brigade drill class to ensure
 - (i) Thorough knowledge of drill and handling of men.
 - (ii) Smartness.
 - (iii) Good word of command.

Communicating drill will be included at this class.

Candidates attending the Corps School Infantry Class should have the qualifications set out in sub-paras. (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

R. H. Crook
for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.
5th Australian Division.

2nd January 1918.

Distribution	Copies.
8th Infantry Brigade	7
14th Infantry Brigade	7
15th Infantry Brigade	7
5th Pioneer Battalion	1
A.P.M.S.	1

Copy to:-

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 136

1. In view of the fact that during the next three or four months winds are likely to be in favour of the enemy, every precaution will be taken against enemy cloud gas attacks.
2. Although an attack by cloud gas has not been made by the enemy for some time, there is no reason to believe that the enemy has decided to discontinue this form of attack.
3. Commanding Officers will ensure that all ranks are fully trained in the use of the small box respirator, special attention being paid to the protection it affords, quickness of adjustment, and action to be taken in the event of an enemy cloud gas attack.
4. Attention is also drawn to S.S. 193 - Standing Orders for Defence Against Gas.

H. J. Wootton Major
 Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

12th January 1918.

Distribution:-	Copies
8th Infantry Brigade	7
14th Infantry Brigade	7
15th Infantry Brigade	7
25th Machine Gun Co.	1
5th Pioneer Battalion	1
Divisional Artillery	16
Divisional Engineers	4
Divisional Signal Co.	1
Divisional Train	5
A.L.M.S.	5
E.A.D.V.S.	2
L.A.D.O.S.	1
D.M.G.O.	1
Div. Salvage Co.	1
Div. Gas Officer	1
Camp Commandant	1

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 196.

1. It has come to notice recently that officers and N.C.O's selected to attend courses at Schools have arrived late. On enquiry having been made from the students on arrival at the School, they have stated that instructions were received very late by them, and in some cases, that they had been told to find their own way to the School.
2. All units will, therefore, take necessary steps to ensure that all orders for the assembly of courses are transmitted to the units concerned with the minimum of delay and that all Officers and N.C.O's are given written instructions stating:-
 - (a) The School they are to attend.
 - (b) The location of the School.
 - (c) How they are to get there. (giving times of trains, lorries etc).
 - (d) The names of all ranks of their unit attending the course and the name of the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the party.
3. In cases where parties, which contain no officers or N.C.O's, are proceeding to attend a course at a School, one of the party must be definitely appointed to take charge of the party, and he will be given the particulars set out in para. 2, (a), (b), (c) and (d).

Lt Wootton Major

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

23rd January 1918.

Distribution:-	Copies
8th Infantry Brigade	7
14th Infantry Brigade	7
15th Infantry Brigade	7
25th Machine Gun Co.	1
5th Pioneer Battalion	1
Divisional Artillery	5
Divisional Engineers	4
Divisional Signal Co.	1
Divisional Train	5
A.D.H.S.	4
D.A.D.V.S.	1
D.A.D.O.S.	1
D.M.G.O.	1
Divisional Salvage Co.	1
Camp Commandant	1
"G"	1

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 146.

BOMBING LECTURES.

1. As far as is practicable every member of a hand or rifle grenade section should attend at least one lecture during the current training period.
2. The lecture should be delivered by the Battalion or other Bombing Officer.
3. Lectures should contain elementary practical instruction in the following branches of bombing work:-
 - (a) Hand Grenades in Offence e.g. (i) Raids, (ii) Trench clearing, (iii) mopping up, (iv) street fighting.
 - (b) Hand Grenades in Defence, (i) Bombing organization of strong post of trench line, (ii) Blocking a captured trench, (iii) Bombers in counter-attacks.
 - (c) Rifle Grenades, (i) in trench warfare, (ii) in Open warfare, (iii) Used against strong points, (iv) Used defensively.
 - (d) Importance of co-operation with other arms, e.g. the bayonet, the rifle, the Lewis Gun, the Stokes Mortar, and smoke.
 - (e) Care of bombs in line. Chain of supplies in action. Methods of carrying grenades.
 - (f) Duties of leaders of hand and rifle grenade sections both in and out of line.
 - (g) Limitations to employment of grenades. The rifle is the chief weapon.
4. The numbers attending lectures will be shown in the weekly return of Bomb Training.

J. H. Wade

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

5th January 1918.

Distribution :-

	copies
8th Infantry Brigade	7
14th Infantry Brigade	7
15th Infantry Brigade	7
25th Machine Gun Co.	1
5th Pioneer Battalion	1
Divisional Artillery	1
Divisional Engineers	1
Divisional Signal Co.	1
Divisional Train	1
L.M.G.O.	1
D.B.O.	1

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8th Infantry Brigade
14th Infantry Brigade
15th Infantry Brigade
A.D.M.S.

1. In order to form the 5th Divisional Wing of the Corps Reinforcement Camp from the existing Divisional Reinforcement Depot, the following personnel is required :-

Serial.	Detail.	Offs.	Sgts.	Rank & File.	Total.	Remarks.
1	Officer Commanding.	1(a)	-	-	1	(a) Major.
2	Chief Instructor.	1(b)	-	-	1	(b) Captain or Major.
3.	Medical Officer.	1(c)	-	-	1	(c) Captain.
4	Assistant Instructors.	-	2(d)	-	2	(d) 1 for Musketry, P.T. and B.F. 1 for General training, Lewis Gun and Bombing.
5	Batmen.	-	-	3(e)	3	(e) P.B. personnel only.
		3	2	3	8	
6	Attached A.A.M.C.			2 ϕ	2	ϕ Includes 1 at present deficient from Divisional Depot.
	Total	3	2	5	10	

2. Each Infantry Brigade will submit by noon on 20th instant nominations, giving qualifications for the personnel referred to in Serial Nos. 1, 2, and 4.

It is essential that the best men available should be nominated.

A.D.M.S. will arrange for personnel required under Serial No. 6.

Personnel required under Serials 3 and 5 will be arranged for by "G" Staff.

17th January 1918.

Alcock
Major,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copies to :-

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A.D.C. to G.O.C.
War Diary.

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Appendix 6

8th Infantry Brigade
 14th Infantry Brigade
 15th Infantry Brigade
 Major R.O. COWEY
 Lieut-Col. E.M. RALPH D.S.O. c/- 1st Aust. Div.

With reference to this office letter G5/1143 of 17/1/18.

The following have been appointed for duty at the 5th
 Divisional Wing of the Corps Reinforcement Camp:-

C.O.	Major R.O. COWEY	55th Battalion
Chief Instructor	Capt. R.B. GILCHRIST	58th "
Assistant Instructors	1962 Sgt. W. McNichol	53rd "
	4811 L.R. GLEESON (Sgt)	29th "

Major COWEY is proceeding to the Corps Reinforcement Camp under separate instructions.

Capt. GILCHRIST, 58th Battalion, Sgt. McNICHOL, 53rd Battalion and Sgt. L.R. GLEESON, 29th Battalion, will report to Divisional Headquarters on 2nd February and will proceed to the Corps Reinforcement ^{Camp} for duty.

Time of reporting and transport arrangements will be notified by "Q".

(Sgd) G.F. WOOTTON

Major,
 General Staff,
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

28th January 1918.

Copy to "Q".

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE
2nd January 1917.

<u>No.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Purport.</u>
G13/4922	5 Aust.Div.	Distbn.	G.S. Memo. 194.
Q103/4892	do	Units	Economy of sand bags.
A60/4925	do	Units	Special Divins Service to b held on Jany. 6th.
A56/4927	do	Distbn.	Div. R.O's. 1814-1842.
A56/4938	do	3 Bdes. C.R.A.	Divisional Club to be formed Request nom's. for Representatives.
A52/4936	do	3 Bdes.	Re App't. Div. M.G. Commander.
Q108/3098	Aust.Corps.	5 Aust.Div.	Resume of Salvage operations for year 1917.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
6th January 1917.

<u>No.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Purport.</u>
G23/3448	Aust.Corps	5 Aust. Div.	Wireless sets and training of wireless personnel.
G3/3450	Aust.Corps	do	Complaints re S.O.S. signal.
A52/3368	Aust.Corps	do	Officers to be attached to English Divns. as Staff Learners.
A52/3460	D.A.G. A.I.F.	do	Changes. Staff Trainees.
A52/3463	D.A.G. A.I.F.	do	Recommendations. Staff appointments.
Q101/3452	Aust.Corps.	do	Issue of Yukon packs.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE
7th January 1918.

No.	From	To	Purpose
G23/3543	Aust. Corps	5 Aust. Div.	Training Communication Personnel.
G23/3548	Aust. Corps	do	Inst's. Care and use of Carrier pigeons.
G17/3602	Gas Off.	do	Danger from German Gas shell after thaw.
A56/3524	4 Army.	do	Army Recreational Committ. Meeting.
A59/3555	Corps	do	Admin. Inets. 154. Area Organization.
G23/360	5 Aust. Div.	3 Bdes. Arty., Sigs.	Corps C.S. Circ. No. 1. Communication personnel.
A56/302	5 Aust. Div.	C.S.A.	Re referendum.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE

No.	From	To	Purpose
Jan. 8th 1918.			
G12/420	5 Aust. Div.	Units	Secret Forecast relief of 1 Aust. Divn.
A52/422	do	D.A.G. A.I.F.	Officers recom. for attachment to British Divn.
A52/423	do	D.A.G. A.I.F.	Recom. app't. Lt. WILSON Div. Gas Officer.
Jan. 9th 1918.			
G7/3764	Aust. Corps	5 Aust. Div.	Defence Policy - Appendix "J"
G11/3765	do	do	Experiments with parachute flares.
G10/3766	do	do	C.S. Cir. No. 2. Uses of Ciphers and Codes.
I633/3768	do	do	Location Corps Troops.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
10th January 1918.

<u>No.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1026/3863	Aust. Corps.	5 Aust. Div.	Information disclosed by prisoners.
1026/3864	do	do	Summary of Gas Operations
0105/3872	do	do	Close observation re Bathing.
012/3874	do	do	4 Aust. Div. to relieve 37th Divn.

13th Jan.
SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE

<u>NO.</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>PURPORT</u>
<u>13th Jan. 1918.</u>			
03/790	5 Aust. Div.	Units.	S.O.S. Signals.
069/807	do	Units	Damage to land and crops by troops training.
0105/4109	Aust. Corps	5 Aust. Div.	Re cutting of timber in devastated areas.
03/4142	do	do	Change of S.O.S. Signal.
015/4174	4th Army	do	Protective walls round tents etc.
0102/4180	Aust. Corps	do	Establishment of soldier-recovery plants.
055/4187	B.A.G. A.I.F.	do	Deserters. Names to be publicised in Aust. Press.
1026/4215	Aust. Corps	do	Training of Bde. & Divn. Intelligence Officers.
<u>14th Jan. 1918.</u>			
010/4246	Div. Sigs.	do	Position and Station Code calls.
06/4251	8 Bde.	do	Anti-tank defence.
1026/4298	Aust. Corps	do	Army wireless Intell. Summary

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
17th Jan'y. 1918.

No.	To	From	Purport.
G106/1076	3 Edes. Div. Train S.S.C. 25 M.G.Co. Pionrs. Salvage Co. C.R.A. Sig. Co. C.R.E. G. Train A.D.M.S. A.P.N. D.A.D.V.S.	5 Aust.Div.	Re economy in forage.
G19/1170	3 Edes.	5 Aust.Div.	Anti-tank defence by T.M.'s.
A56/1172	All Units	do	Re supervision delivery of mails.
A55/1173	All Units	do	Re saluting and dress in Paris.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
19th Jan'y. 1918.

No.	From	To	Purport.
G12/1348	5 Aust.Div.	3 Edes. A.D.M.S. Pionrs. D.A.D.V.S. 25 M.G.Co. D.A.D.G.S. C.R.A. AP.N. C.R.E. Salvage Co. Secret. Forecast Sigs. G.C. Move and Relief. Train. "Q" A.D.G. to G.O.C.	
G28/1358	5 Aust.Div.	3 Edes. C.R.A. Pionrs. C.R.E. 25 M.G.Co. "Q" SALVAGE Co.	Re salvage barbed wire and pickets etc.
G106/1361	do	Corps.	Water tins.
G23/4763	Aust.Corps	5 Aust.Divn.	Sending of unneces- sary message thro- ugh Sigs.
G6/4807	Aust.Corps	do	Method of holding line during winter.
G19/4826	8 Ede.	do	Experiments with Stokes shells.
G19/4827	8 Ede.	do	T. mortars against Tanks.

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Appendix 7

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
23rd Jany. 1918.

No.	From	To	Purport.
G12/104	Aust. Corps	5 Aust. Div.	Orders Nos. 8, 9 and 10.
G15/105	3 Aust. Div.	do	Order No. 71.
G7/106	Aust. Corps	do	Defence Schemes and Defence Policy.
G12/111	do	do	Amend. to Order No. 8.
G24/293	do	do	Copy of report by Capt. GURNEY re Conference of Comdts. of Home Bombing Schools.
I026/138	do	do	Copies of "Experiences in Flanders"
A69/275	do	do	Allotment of Halls in New area.
G23/1699	5 Aust. Div.	3 Bdes. Arty.	"T" panel to replace present "Ground Signalling Panel".
G7/1757	do	C.R.A.	Secret. Policy Army Front 1918.
G23/1760	do	Units.	Re unnecessary messages through Signal Offices.
G106/1723	do	3 Bdes.	Re Divisional H.C.O. Cooking Instructor.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
Jany. 24th 1918.

No.	From	To	Purport.
G19/350	8th Bde.	5 Aust. Div.	Re T.M. Demonstration.
G7/351	Aust. Corps	do	Revised sections 1, 2, 3, 4, of Corps Defence Scheme.
G6/355	do	do	Reorganization of Army Front.
G17/393	do	do	Channel of communication for Gas Officers.
G24/396	do	do	Re No. 35 Mark II Rifle Grenade.
Ig31/408	do	do	Re Interrogation of prisoners.
Ig34/391	do	do	German principles of Elastic Defence.
Ig26/392	do	do	German Divs. engaged in Flanders and Picardy. July - Decr.
Ig31/464	do	do	Information required from P.O.W.
A56/362	do	do	Admin. Insts. No. 158, to accompany Orders Nos. 8, 9, and 10.
A69/364	4 Army.	do	Court of Enquiry re German Success on 30th Novr. 1917.
A66/365	Aust. Corps	do	Medical Insts. No. 1.
A56/367	do	do	Admin. Insts. No. 159.
A57/380	D.A.G. A.I.F.	do	Re personnel arriving late for Cadet Battn.
A56/403	Aust. Corps	do	Amendment Admin. Memo. No. 156.
I:29/407	do	do	Notes on tracks maps.
G102/1809	5 Aust. Div.	All Units.	Reports- meals, distances, personnel, march etc. on completion of all moves required.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
27th Jany. 1918.

No.	From	To	Purport.
G12/2152	5 Aust.Divn.	3 Bdes. Engrs. 25 M.G.Co. 5th Pioneers.	Movement of troops forward of Messines - Wytschaete Ridge.
G3/2153	5 Aust.Divn.	C.R.A.	Re anti-tank defence training.
G15/693	1 Aust.Divn.	5 Aust.Divn.	Order No. 61. Relief.
G7/695	1 Aust.Divn.	do	Substitute for Appendix 1 of "B" Div. Defence Scheme.
G12/749	C.R.E.	do	Engineer Instructions No. 1a.
G3/696	Aust.Corps	do	Copy of G.H.Q. CB/1831 of 16/1/18 re possibility of enemy action with tanks. Arrangements to train layers of 18 pdr. guns.
A56/694	1 Aust.Div.	do	Admin. Instructions.
A52/723	D.A.G. A.I.P.	do	Re Temporary commissions for A.I.P. officers in the Imperial Army.
I534/781	A.P. & S.S. Boulogne	do	S.S.624- Translation of German document (Minenwerfers).

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.
Jany. 28th 1918.

No.	From	To	Purport.
A52/2235	5 Aust. Div.	3 Bdes. Pionrs. C.R.A. Sigs. C.R.S. Train.	Re temporary commissions in British Army.
G10/2238	do	3 Bdes. Pionrs. 25 M.G.Co. "Q"	"B.A.B." Trench Code correction. 1 Aust. Divn.
A52/2238	do	C.R.S. 3 Bdes. C.R.A. C.R.S. Pionrs	Re personnel recommended for direct commissions.
G1/2265	do	3 Bdes. Mjr. Cowey Lt-Col. Ralph	Appointments to 5th A.D.R.S.
G7/800	1 Aust. Div.	5 Aust. Div.	Addition to Defence Scheme.
G7801	Aust. Corps	do	Additions to Defence Map.
G7/802	Aust. Corps	do	Re work in second zone of Defence.
G10/803	1 Aust. Div.	do	B.A.B. Code correction.
G19/820	Aust. Corps	do	Corrigendum to G.S. Cir. No.5 re T.M.Batteries.
A56/804	1 Aust. Div.	do	Admin. Inats. for Order No. 61.