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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT	1st June	JUNE 1917	<p>During the stay of the Division in "M" Area (BAPAUME, BANCOURT, BEAULENCOURT, GREVILLERS, VILLERS AU FLOS, etc.) splendid weather conditions prevailed. In consequence of this a good deal of training was carried out. Musketry and Field Firing was given a good deal of attention. Each Infantry Brigade ran its own School, where specialists were trained. Route marches were carried out extensively as far as the conditions for movement permitted, and the standard of efficiency in marching was improved. Several Field Days were carried out by the Brigades - the most important of which was a series of contact patrol schemes by the 8th Infantry Brigade. The ground to work on in these practices in "M" Area was most favourable owing to the realistic conditions of the country for actual warfare. Transport came in for a good deal of training - many route marches and inspections being carried out.</p> <p>The improvement of the men after their long spell of fighting, practically since last January, was most marked - this being the first real spell they had had. Every opportunity was taken to get the men fitted out and bathed, and after a short rest, hard training was commenced.</p> <p>Our stay in "M" Area, however, was interrupted by orders to move on the 15th, 16th, and 17th</p>	



## WAR DIARY

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RUBEMPRE	June 1917.		<p>of June to the SENLIS Area, where the Division is now billeted in villages over a large area. The training area is fairly cramped, owing to existing cultivation. However, every opportunity is being taken to continue hard training as much as circumstances will permit.</p> <p>The major portion of the training is being directed on Musketry, Field practices, and company and battalion training. Route marches are being carried out to harden the men. For the first week in this area, the weather was excessively hot, but this did not interfere to any appreciable extent with the training programmes, and schemes have been arranged for various dates.</p> <p>The most important arranged so far is a semi-open warfare attack at THIEPVAL, in which there will be a competition for the best company in the Division. Each Brigade is putting every company through the scheme and choosing one company to compete in the Divisional final, which is to be carried out at the beginning of July. The Staff has been busy supervising the details for this Scheme. Other training for Sports and Assault-at-Arms is being continued, and they, too, will come off at the beginning of July.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Stirling</i> MAJOR, General Staff, 5th Australian Division.</p>	



APPENDIX "A"

OPERATION ORDERS.



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## Map References -

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First ANZAC Corps,  
12th June, 1917.FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 150.

1.- The 2nd Australian Division (less artillery) will, between the 14th and 17th June, relieve the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) now in reserve to the IV Corps and located in "M" Area.

2.- Subject to the terms of this order the relief will be carried out by direct arrangement between the G.O's. C. 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions.

3.- (1) Movements will be carried out by train and march route in accordance with the tables attached. (Train table follows.)

(ii) On completion of the relief the 2nd Australian Division will be in reserve <sup>to</sup> and under the orders of the IV Corps.

(iii) The 5th Australian Division will on relief be located as follows in the SENLIS Army Area for rest and training:-

Divisional Headquarters	RUBEMPRE
One brigade group	RUBEMPRE
One brigade group	WARLOY
One brigade group	SENLIS

The detailed distribution of units will be arranged by the 5th Australian Division direct with the Area Commandant SENLIS Area.

(iv) The headquarters of the 5th Australian Division will be established at RUBEMPRE by 12 noon on the 17th June.

(v) The headquarters of the 2nd Australian Division will be established at H.35.c.5.5. by 12 noon on the 17th June.

4.- The field companies and the pioneer battalion of the 5th Australian Division will be relieved by the field companies and pioneer battalion of the 2nd Australian Division under arrangements to be made direct between the divisions concerned.

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5.- Separate instructions as to the re-distribution of medical units will be issued by the D.D.M.S. of the corps, and the necessary moves will be carried out accordingly by mutual arrangements between divisions.

6.- Separate administrative instructions consequent upon this relief will be issued by "Q" of the corps.

7.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*RH Osborne Cap<sup>E</sup>*

*for.* Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
First ANZAC Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To.</u>
1 - 2	Third Army
3	IV Corps
4	1st Australian Division
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7 - 8	5th Australian Division
9	B. G., H. A.
10	Corps Reinforcement Camp
11	13th Aust. L.H. Regiment
12	First ANZAC Cyclist Battalion
13	"K" Ammunition Park
14	"K" Siege Park
15	"K" Supply Column
16	Corps Topographical Section
17	Commandant, SENLIS Area
18	G.O.C.
19	AQ
20	A
21	Q
22	Ig.
23	G.O.C. R.A.
24	C. E.
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26	A. D. Ordnance
27	S. M. T. O.
28	D. D. M. S.
29	D. A. D. Posts
30	A. P. M.
31	Corps M.G. Officer
32	No.17 (ANZAC) Light Railway Operating Coy.
33	O. O. File
34	Correspondence File
35	War Diary
36-45	Retained.



# MARCH OF TRANSPORT OF 2nd and 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS.

(To accompany First  
(ANZAC Corps Order  
(No. 150.

Date	Transport Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
13th June	5th A.I.Bde. H. Q. 17th Battalion 20th Battalion	RUBEMPRE	SPRING GARDENS	WARLOY - SENLIS - BOUZINCOURT - AVELUY.	
	15th A.I. Bde.H.Q. "A" Bn.) 15th A.I. "B" Bn.) Bde.	"M" Area.	SPRING GARDENS.	BAPAUME-ALBERT Road	
14th June	5th A.I.Bde. H.Q. 17th Battalion 20th Battalion	SPRING GARDENS	"M" Area	BAPAUME Road	
	15th A.I. Bde.H.Q. "A" Bn.) 15th A.I. "B" Bn.) Bde.	SPRING GARDENS	RUBEMPRE	AVELUY - BOUZINCOURT - SENLIS - WARLOY - VADENCOURT	
	Remainder of 5th A.I. Bde.	CONTAY	"M" Area	WARLOY - MILLENCOURT - ALBERT	May march on 13th June and stage at SPRING GARDENS if preferred.
	Remainder of 15th A.I. Bde.	"M" Area	CONTAY	via ALBERT	
15th June	6th A.I.Bde. and 1 Field Company	WARLOY MILLENCOURT BOUZINCOURT	"M" Area	AVELUY - POZIERES (less troops from MILLENCOURT)	
	14th A.I.Bde. and 1 Field Company	"M" Area	WARLOY MILLENCOURT BOUZINCOURT	ALBERT - MILLENCOURT (less troops for BOUZINCOURT)	
16th June	7th A.I.Bde. and 1 Field Coy.	SENLIS BOUZINCOURT	"M" Area	AVELUY - POZIERES	
	8th A.I.Bde. and 1 Field Coy.	"M" Area	SENLIS BOUZINCOURT	ALBERT - BAPAUME Road	



MARCH OF TRANSPORT (contd.)

Date	Transport Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
17th June	1 Field Coy.) 2nd 1 M.G. Coy.) Aust. Pioneer Bn. ) Div.	BOUZINCOURT	"M" Area	AVELUY - POZIERES	
	1 Field Coy.) 5th 1 M.G. Coy.) Aust. Pioneer Bn. ) Div.	"M" Area	BOUZINCOURT	ALBERT - BAPAUME Road.	

- 1.- Horsed transport is only allowed to pass on the main BAPAUME - ALBERT Road, between POZIERES and BAPAUME between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- 2.- SPRING GARDENS Camp may be used for midday halt each day as required.
- 3.- 500 yards interval will be maintained between the transport of any two units.
- 4.- The transport of each divisional headquarters and signal company will move under arrangements to be made by divisional commanders.

APPENDIX A



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1st AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS

Headquarters,  
12th June, 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No 88

ISSUED UNDER 1st ANZAC CORPS ORDER No 150.

ADMINISTRATION - 1st ANZAC will administer the 5th Australian Division from 12 noon 17th instant, and IVth Corps the 2nd Australian Division from 12 noon 17th instant.

1. QUARTERING - All quartering will be arranged direct between Headquarters of divisions and Area Commandants concerned.

2. SUPPLIES - (a) Railheads - 2nd Australian Division, less Artillery from ALBERT to BAPAUME.  
5th Australian Division less Artillery from BAPAUME to ALBERT. Both on 15th instant inclusive.

(b) Fuel - 2nd Australian Division will hand over all fuel dumps to 5th Australian Division and vice versa. S.S.O's. will send statements of fuel taken and handed over to D.D.S.T., THIRD ARMY and copies to 'Q' Branch of Corps.

3. TRANSPORT - 2nd Australian Division - as the move is completed supplies will be drawn from railhead by Train Transport and 60.c.m. railway in accordance with the following table -

D e t a i l	D a t e
5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group less 1 Field Coy.	From 15th inst.
6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group	From 16th inst.
7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group	From 17th inst.
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. ) 1 Field Company ) 22nd M. G. Company )	From 18th inst.

5th Australian Division - as the move is completed supplies will be drawn from railhead by Supply Column and Train Transport in accordance with the following table -

D e t a i l	D a t e	T r a n s p o r t
"A" Bde. Group less 1 Fld Coy.	from 15th inst	Supply Column lorries.
"B" Bde. Group	from 16th inst	Div'l. Train
"C" Bde. Group	from 17th inst	Div'l. Train
5th Aust. Pioneer Bn. ) 1 Field Company )	from 18th inst.	Div'l. Train



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Divisional Trains - The Headquarters Company of the 2nd and 5th Australian Divisional Trains, less Train vehicles of Divisional troops moving with Divisions, will remain in their present locations.

Mechanical Transport - No. 56 Supply Column and 2nd Australian Ammunition Sub-Park will be transferred from 1st ANZAC to IVth Corps and No. 5 Supply Column and 4th Australian Ammunition Sub-Park from IVth to 1st ANZAC Corps on the 17th instant under arrangements to be made mutually by S.M.T.O's. concerned.

4. AMMUNITION - All echelons of 5th Australian Division will move to rear empty. All ammunition of mobile echelons will be handed over to 2nd Australian Division. 2nd Australian Division will move to M. Area with full echelons.

Lists of such ammunition handed over will be forwarded to IVth Corps 'Q' with map references of dumps by 5th Australian Division.

5. TRENCH STORES, ETC. - No trench stores, area stores, tentage or shelters or accommodation will be taken out by 2nd or 5th Australian Divisions. All such stores will be handed over in situ to relieving divisions and a copy of the handing over list forwarded to 1st ANZAC 'Q' in case of 2nd Australian Division and to IVth Corps 'Q' in the case of the 5th Australian Division.

6. MOBILE VETERINARY SECTIONS - 2nd Australian Mobile Veterinary Section will move to neighbourhood of BAPAUME and 5th Australian Divisional Mobile Veterinary Section will move to neighbourhood of ALBERT.

7. EXTRA KITS AND BLANKETS ETC. - 2nd Australian Division will demand lorries from 1st ANZAC 'Q' and 5th Australian Division from IVth Corps 'Q' for transport of extra kit and blankets.

#### Distribution -

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1.	3rd Army 'Q'
2.	D.D.S.T., 3rd Army.
3-4	2nd Aust Div
5-6	5th Aust Div
7.	4th Corps 'Q'
8.	2nd Aust Div Train
9.	5th Aust Div Train
10.	S.M.T.O.
11.	K. Ammn. Park.
12.	K. Supply Col.
13-14	G.
15.	Q.
16.	A.
17.	AQ
18.	A.D.O.S.
19.	C.E.
20.	G.O.C.
21.	D.D.M.S.
22.	G.O.C.R.A.
23.	1st ANZAC H.A.
24.	D.A.D. Posts
25.	A.D. Sigs
26.	A.P.M.
27.	Corps Salvage Officer.
28-34.	Retained.

Major.  
for D. A. & Q. M. G.  
1st A. & N. Z. A. C.



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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 152.

Headquarters,  
13th May 1917.

*? June.*

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery and Headquarters Company of Train) will be relieved by the 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery and Headquarters Company of Train) now in the SENLIS Area, between 14th and 17th June.
2. The relief will be carried out in accordance with the attached Table of Moves, Table "A". Train Table will be issued daily. Moves of dismounted personnel will be made by train from BAPAUME to PUCHEVILLERS for RUBEMPRE, and VARENNES for other destinations.
3. Transport of all formations and units will move by road according to the attached March Table, Table "B".
4. C.R.E. will arrange relief of Field Companies and Pioneers on work direct with C.R.E. 2nd Australian Division.
5. Field Ambulances will be relieved on 16th June. On arrival in SENLIS Area, Field Ambulances will be distributed to their Brigade groups.
6. The following will be handed over on relief:-  
(a) All maps, orders, and plans in connection with work on the VILLERS AU FLOS Line.  
(b) Orders for the action of the reserve Division.
7. Headquarters 5th Australian Division will be established at RUBEMPRE at 12 noon on the 17th June.
8. Separate administrative instructions, consequent upon this relief, will be issued by "Q" Branch of this Division.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*S. J. ...* Capt  
for. Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 3 p.m. to:

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

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TABLE "A".  
TABLE OF MOVES, DISMOUNTED PERSONNEL BY TRAIN. TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OR NO. 152.

Date	Unit	From	To	Relieved by	Remarks
14th June.	15th Inf.Bde	"M" Area	Bde H.Q. & 2 battalions ) RUBEMPRE 2 battalions ) M.G.Co. & L.T.M.Batt. ) CONTAY	5th Inf.Bde	
15th June.	14th Inf.Bde 14th Field Co.	"M" Area	Bde H.Q. & 2 battalions ) WARLOY M.G.Co, L.T.M.Batt. ) 1 battalion ) MILLENCOURT 14th Field Co. ) 1 battalion BOUZINCOURT	6th Inf.Bde	14th Field Co. takes over billets occupied by 5th Field Co.
16th June.	8th Inf. Bde 8th Field Co.	"M" Area	Bde H.Q. & 3 battalions ) M.G.Co., L.T.M.Batt ) SENLIS. 8th Field Co. ) 1 battalion. NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE, (BOUZINCOURT)	7th Inf.Bde	8th Field Co. takes over billets occupied by 6th Field Co.
17th June.	5th Pioneer Bn, 15th Field Co.	"M" Area	BOUZINCOURT (Midland Camp) BOUZINCOURT	Similar units of 2nd Aust. Div.	
17th June	Divisional Headquarters	H.35.c.5.5	RUBEMPRE	H.Q. 2nd Aust.Div.	



MARCH TABLE OF TRANSPORT TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 152..

TABLE "B"

Date	Transport Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
June 13th.	15th Inf. Bde.	BIEFVILLERS	SPRING GARDENS Camp	BAPAUME-ALBERT Road.	
June 14th.	15th Inf. Bde.	SPRING GARDENS Camp	RUBEMPRE CONTAY	AVELUY - BOUZINCOURT - SENLIS - WARLOY - VADENCOURT.	
June 15th.	14th Inf. Bde and 14th Field Co.	BEAULENCOURT	WARLOY MILLENCOURT BOUZINCOURT	ALBERT - MILLENCOURT (less troops for BOUZINCOURT).	
June 16th	8th Inf. Bde and 8th Field Co.  Divisional Headquarters	BAPAUME  SH.35.c.	SENLIS, BOUZINCOURT  SPRING GARDENS	ALBERT - BAPAUME Road  ALBERT - BAPAUME Road	
June 17th.	5th Pioneer Bn. and 15th Field Co.  Divisional Headquarters	"M" Area  SPRING GARDENS	BOUZINCOURT  RUBEMPRE	AVELUY - BOUZINCOURT  SENLIS-WARLOY-VADENCOURT	

1. Horsed transport is only allowed to pass on the main BAPAUME-ALBERT Road, between POZIERES and BAPAUME, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
2. SPRING GARDENS Camp may be used for midday halt each day as required.
3. 500 yards interval will be maintained between the transport of any two units.

APPENDIX A



SECRET.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM

TO

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 152.

1. ENTRAINMENT ORDERS.

- (a) Trains will consist of 2 officers' coaches; 35 covered trucks and 1 brake van.
- (b) No personnel or stores will be allowed on the brake vans or on the roofs of the trucks.
- (c) No baggage, stores, nor vehicles will be entrained.
- (d) All units must be at station at least one hour before the departure time of train.

2. SUPPLIES.

On the day of move from "M" Area no supplies will be drawn from present Supply Dumps. Two days supplies will be drawn on the day following arrival in new location. All supplies will be drawn by 1st line transport, as follows :-

8th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group and Pioneers	-	SENLIS.
14th " " "	-	MILLENCOURT.
15th " " "	-	CONTAY.
8th and 15th Field Companies	-	SENLIS.
14th Field Company.	-	MILLENCOURT.

Supplies from Railhead will be drawn as follows :-

Detail.	Date.	Transport.
15th Brigade	From 15th inst.	Supply Column.
14th " "	" 16th "	Div. Train.
8th " "	" 17th "	Div. Train.
Pioneers and 1 Field Coy..	" 18th "	Div. Train.

3. DIVISIONAL TRAINS.

The Headquarters Company of the 5th and 2nd Australian Divisional Trains, less Train vehicles of Divisional Troops moving with Divisions, will remain in their present locations.

4. AMMUNITION.

Echelons will move empty to new area. Brigades will arrange to hand over mobile echelons to relieving Brigades. Receipts will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters by noon 18th inst..

5. FUEL.

5th Australian Division will hand over all fuel dumps to 2nd Australian Division and vice versa. S.S.O's will send statements of fuel taken and handed over to D.D.S. & T., Third Army and copies to "Q" Branch of Corps.

TRENCH STORES, ETC..

No trench stores, area stores, tentage or shelters will be taken out by 5th Australian Division. All such stores will be handed over in situ to relieving units and a copy of the handing over lists forwarded to Divisional Headquarters by 12 noon 18th inst..



7. CERTIFICATES.

Certificates will be obtained from all relieving units that camps are handed over in a clean and sanitary condition, and forwarded to Divisional Headquarters by 6 p.m. 18th inst..

8. BATHS.

The Baths at BEAULENCOURT will be taken over on the 15th inst. by 2nd Australian Division, and those at BAPAUME on 16th inst..

9. CANTEENS.

Arrangements will be made mutually between Divisions in regard to taking over Divisional Canteens.

*Kauwell Major*  
/n

Colonel.  
A.A.& C.M.G., 5th Aust.Div..



SECRET.Copy No.....<sup>6</sup>.....First ANZAC Corps,  
18th June, 1917.FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 151.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, at present in the line under the orders of the G. O. C. IV Corps, will be relieved by the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.

2. (i) The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will march on June 20th into bivouac and billets as follows -

(a) One Australian F. A. brigade, and divisional ammunition column and trench mortar batteries, to OVILLERS Huts.  
Route - WARLOY - AVELUY.

(b) 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters and one Australian F. A. brigade to SPRING GARDENS.  
Route - via AMIENS - ALBERT Road - ALBERT.

(ii) Parties will be sent on in advance to report to the Commandant, No. 1 Area, at OVILLERS Huts, who will detail all bivouacs and billets.

3. The march on June 21st from OVILLERS and SPRING GARDENS to the line, and the relief of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery in the line, will be carried out under orders to be issued by IV Corps.

4. On relief, the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will proceed to a staging bivouac under orders to be issued by IV Corps; they will continue their march on the following day to the BEHEN-COURT area under orders to be issued by First ANZAC Corps.

5. The 1st and 5th Australian Divisional Artilleries will march with ammunition echelons empty.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE. *Lat*

*R. H. Osborne Cap<sup>e</sup>*

for Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
First ANZAC Corps.

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13	"Q"
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20	Command. No. 1 Area, OVILLERS Huts

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*Kfice 1st angac Corps order no. 157 add 1st Aus Div. arty will relieve 48th Div arty in the right of 4th Corps line instead of 5th Aus Div arty. Add no alteration in arrangement as detailed in para 2 add 5 Aus Div arty will remain in line until further orders add amending order follows add acknowledge add add 11th Aus Div repeated 4th Corps 1st Aus Div arty 5th Aus Div 5th Aust Div arty G. ~~Goera~~ Goera*

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First ANZAC Corps,  
19th June, 1917.AMENDMENTS and ADDENDA to  
FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 151.Amendments -

1. In paras. 1 and 3, delete "5th Australian Divisional Artillery" and substitute "48th Divisional Artillery".
2. Delete paras. 4 and 5.

Addenda -

1. The guns lent by the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery to V Corps will be returned to the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery under arrangements to be made by IV Corps.
2. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move with full echelons.

ACKNOWLEDGE. *Sal*

*for* *Chas Kennedy Capt.*  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
First ANZAC Corps.

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12	"AQ"
13	"A"
14	"Q"
15	G. O. C. R. A.
16	A. D. Signals
17	A. D. Ordnance
18	D. D. M. S.
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APPENDIX "B"

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDA.



## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No.147.

SILHOUETTES OF AEROPLANES

With reference to silhouettes of aeroplanes which are sent out periodically, the Divisional Commander wishes that great attention should be paid to these, especially by machine gunners. Frequent mistakes are being made in regard to opening fire on enemy or British aircraft, and in reporting aircraft activity.

*C. W. A. T. W.*

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

3rd June, 1917.

## Distribution:-

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GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 148.

CODE CALLS.

1. Copies of IV Corps Code Calls as under, are forwarded herewith, together with instructions for their use.
2. These Code Calls will be taken into use at midnight 8th/9th June 1917.
3. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

6th June 1917.

*Fred W. Robinson*  
*Capt for* Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No.149.

ORGANIZATION OF BATTALION SNIPERS, OBSERVERS, AND SCOUTS  
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1. It has been decided to have a regular organization of Battalion Snipers, Observers, and Scouts throughout the Division as follows:  
Each Brigade. 1 officer, 12 other ranks (including 1 N.C.O) and 1 policeman.  
Each Battalion. 1 officer, 32 other ranks (including 2 N.C.O's).  
Of the 32 other ranks, 4 per company will be used as Company snipers, the balance trained observers and scouts.
2. In trench warfare more of the above personnel may be used as snipers, but in open warfare all observers will be required for scouting, observing, and searching. Organized squads should be detailed for their respective tasks. It must be remembered that in open warfare our own observers will prove very useful to the immediate commander in not only observing the enemy, but reporting on the movement of our own troops, and should also assist in securing topographical information.  
In an advance, the organized searching parties under an intelligence policeman attached to Battalion Headquarters will make it their duty to systematically search enemy suspected Headquarters, dugouts, gunpits, villages, etc. and dead. The importance of this work cannot be emphasised too much; in our recent fighting it has proved very successful, and has resulted in valuable information and documents coming into our possession.  
It is essential that Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Officers should closely supervise this Branch in order that all information may be obtained, no matter what it may be, and passed to the immediate commander, and in turn through the usual channels to Divisional Headquarters, where it can be compiled and the necessary conclusions formed.  
Special attention must be given to reports; these must be accurate and clear. It has been noticed that small incidents of interest are not reported; care should be taken to pass on all these incidents, no matter how small.
3. As regards prisoners, the following system has proved successful and will be brought into use by all concerned.  
Where a small number or an individual prisoner is taken, the intelligence policeman at Advanced Battalion Headquarters will immediately find out the identification, which will be passed on to Brigade and in turn to Division as quickly as possible. No more questions are to be asked, but the prisoner will be sent as speedily as possible to Brigade Headquarters where an officer of the Intelligence Corps will be attached to interrogate prisoners and translate documents.



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Except in the case of an officer, no prisoner is to be searched until he arrives at Brigade Headquarters, where he will be searched by an officer of the Intelligence Corps or person detailed by him.

In the case of officers, they will be searched by one of our officers and all effects will accompany the prisoner to Brigade Headquarters.

In the event of a large number of prisoners being captured, an Advanced Cage will be established.

4. The main point to be remembered is the speedy transmission of all information.

23rd June 1917.

*Sestrum* Capt  
 pr. Lieut-Colonel,  
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 150.

CODE NAMES AND CODE CALLS.

1. With reference to General Staff Memorandum No. 142 dated 15th May, 1917, copies as under of an Appendix to I ANZAC Corps Directory of Code Names, Code Calls, and Station Calls, giving the "Station Calls" allotted by G.H.Q. to units of the A.I.F., are forwarded herewith.
2. Please acknowledge.

26th June, 1917.

(Sgd) D.M. KING, Major,  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.



APPENDIX "C"

TRAINING MEMORANDA & SPECIAL TRAINING SCHEMES.



## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No.96.

CONTACT PATROLS.

1. Courses of instruction for training in Contact work have been arranged with 3rd Squadron R.F.C. at the Aerodrome, LAVIEVILLE.
2. The exercises will be carried out on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, weather permitting. If the weather is unfavourable, Brigades and Divisional Signal Company will be notified through Divisional Headquarters, and another day in the same week will probably be allotted.
3. The programme will be as follows:  
 R.F.C. lorry leaves Infantry Brigade Headquarters at 2 p.m.  
 Arrives aerodrome 3.30 p.m.  
 Lecture till 4.30 p.m.  
 Tea 4.45 p.m.  
 after which each officer and some men will be taken up and shown in what positions and at what angles an observer can see a ground signal, and the difference between good and bad sending from the ground.  
 Finish about 7.30 p.m. and return to Brigade Headquarters.
4. Vacancies are allotted as follows:
 

18th June.	8th Infantry Brigade		8 other ranks.
	Divisional Signal Co.	1 officer	4 other ranks
20th June.	8th Infantry Brigade	1 officer	8 other ranks
	Divisional Signal Co.		4 other ranks.
22nd June.	14th Infantry Brigade		8 other ranks
	Divisional Signal Co.	1 officer	4 other ranks.
9th July.	14th Infantry Brigade.	1 officer	8 other ranks.
	Divisional Signal Co.		4 other ranks.
11th July.	15th Infantry Brigade.		8 other ranks.
	Divisional Signal Co.	1 officer	4 other ranks.
13th July.	15th Infantry Brigade	1 officer	8 other ranks
	Divisional Signal Co.		4 other ranks.
5. Candidates selected should be efficient in the technical handling of ground signals. The O.C. Brigade Signal Section will test all candidates in the Brigade who are detailed to attend. Those who are unable to use ground signals will not be sent, even if all the vacancies allotted are not taken up.
6. Transport both to and from the aerodrome is being provided by 3rd Squadron R.F.C. Brigade Commanders will please notify O.C. 3rd Squadron R.F.C. where candidates will be assembled on the dates mentioned.

*W. King Major for*  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

3rd June 1917.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 97.

I ANZAC CORPS SCHOOL.

1. With reference to Training Memorandum No. 90 dated 10th May 1917, the third courses at the I ANZAC Corps School will assemble on the 17th June.

2. Vacancies are allotted as follows:

INFANTRY SCHOOL.

8th Infantry Brigade  
14th Infantry Brigade  
15th Infantry Brigade  
5th Pioneer Battalion.  
Divisional Signal Co.

Officers	N.C.O's.
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LEWIS GUN SCHOOL.

8th Infantry Brigade  
14th Infantry Brigade  
15th Infantry Brigade  
5th Pioneer Battalion

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BOMBING SCHOOL.

8th Infantry Brigade  
14th Infantry Brigade  
15th Infantry Brigade  
5th Pioneer Battalion

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STOKES MORTAR SCHOOL.

8th Infantry Brigade  
14th Infantry Brigade  
15th Infantry Brigade  
Reinforcements:  
14th Infantry Brigade

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INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL.

8th Infantry Brigade

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2. Students and batmen should go to the School properly clothed and fully equipped (including steel helmets), and wearing battalion colour patches in all cases.

Attention is directed to the following extracts from a recent report from the School Commandant:-

"Frequently men arrive without hats, and with very much damaged uniforms and boots, thereby giving much extra work to the Q.M.'s department.

"The cleanliness of clothing and the cutting of hair are matters also that might well be looked to, before men are sent away from their units to join the School."

P.T.O.



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5. N.C.O.'s selected for the Infantry Course will include those whom it is intended to nominate later for appointment to an Infantry Cadet Battalion, England.
4. Nominal Rolls will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.
5. Transport arrangements will be made by "Q" Branch of this Division.

14th June 1917.

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*S. J. M. Carr*  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 98.

1. The Divisional Commander wishes classes formed in Brigades for the further training of mounted and transport personnel in equitation, driving, and horse-mastership.
2. The following will be trained:
  - (a) All mounted officers and their horses;
  - (b) At least 50 per cent. of transport drivers.
3. The following instructors are being provided, and will report to the Headquarters of Brigades on the 20th instant:-

Lieut. Sneezy	14th F.A.Bde	for 8th Infantry Brigade.
Lieut. Jefferson	13th F.A.Bde	for 14th Infantry Brigade.
Lieut. Barrow	5th D.A.C.	for 15th Infantry Brigade.
4. Brigadiers will draw up programmes for the training, which will commence on the 21st instant, and continue till 30th instant. Programmes will be submitted to Divisional Headquarters for information.

*Cumwagstaff*

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

18th June 1917.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 99.

1. A competition for companies of the Division in tactics and musketry will be held about the end of the month. A shield will be presented to the winning company, also a money prize.
2. The competition will take place on the Army Field Firing Range near THIEPVAL.
3. Brigades and Pioneers will each select a company, by trial on the range, to take part in the final competition.
4. For the Brigade trials the Pioneer battalion will provide a permanent range party and targets. Brigades will make arrangements direct with O.C. Pioneers at MIDLAND CAMP (W.10.a.3.0).
5. Companies can be quartered the night before their trials at WELLINGTON and MARLBOROUGH Camps in X.12.b. and d, by arrangement with Town Major, OVILLERS.
6. The range near THIEPVAL is allotted on dates as follows:
 

Wednesday	20th June	8th Infantry Brigade;
Thursday	21st June	8th Infantry Brigade;
Saturday	23rd June	14th Infantry Brigade;
Monday	25th June	15th Infantry Brigade;
Tuesday	26th June	5th Pioneer Battalion;
Monday,	1st July	Finals.
7. A tentative set of conditions for the finals is attached for guidance
8. A specimen scheme, which suits the ground, is also attached. This is not necessarily the exact scheme which will be given in the finals.
9. The Divisional Commander wishes the fullest opportunity taken of getting as much instruction <sup>as possible</sup> into the short period for which the only Field Firing Range near our area is available.

*C. W. G. Stubb*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

18th June 1917.

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SPECIMEN SCHEME.

Reference  
Sheet 1/40,000, No. 57D.

A hostile force of about a Brigade has retired through AVELUY, THIEPVAL, and GRANDCOURT.

Its rearguard is believed to be on the general line POZIERES - HAMEL.

A pursuing force of our troops is preceded by several Advanced Guards of which one has orders to make good the line MOUQUET FARM - THIEPVAL.

At.....a.m.....Company.....Battalion, forming the vanguard of the column is under cover at X.1.central. It receives orders to push forward, drive in <sup>small</sup> rear parties of the enemy, and reconnoitre the line MOUQUET FARM - THIEPVAL.

Similar Companies are working on both flanks.

NOTES: (Reference plan of targets).

- (a) There is no artillery or Vickers gun support.
- (b) Times will be filled in and objectives pointed out on the ground.
- (c) Phases will be:
  - Phase 1. Attack on Targets A (a post with machine gun).
  - Phase 2. Attack on Targets B.
  - Phase 3. Attack on Targets C.
  - Phase 4. Counter attack by enemy (Targets D), to be engaged from Position C.
- (d) Assaults should be made on B. and C. when distant 60 yards from them.
- (e) Targets A will disappear when advancing troops get within 150 yards.



5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----COMPANY FIELD FIRING COMPETITION.  
-----Conditions (Liable to Alteration)

1. Companies will be organized in 4 platoons as in pamphlet. O.B./1919. Platoons will turn out at a strength of 35 rank and file, exclusive of N.C.O's and leaders who will not fire.
  2. No man will take part with any one company who has been on the strength of any other company since 10th June.
  3. Ammunition allowed - per company .-

For 100 men	15 rounds each.
For 4 Lewis Guns	100 rounds. <i>each</i>
For Rifle Grenadiers	30 Grenades
  4. Marks will be allotted on the following scale:-

For turnout, and preliminary orders	15 per cent
For tactical handling	35 per cent
For hits - rifle and Lewis Gun.	40 per cent
For hits - rifle grenades	10 per cent.
  5. The greatest care will be taken to avoid accidents. Nobody will be permitted to fire when any troops are nearer the targets than the firer.  
Brigades will make their own arrangements for picqueting the range.
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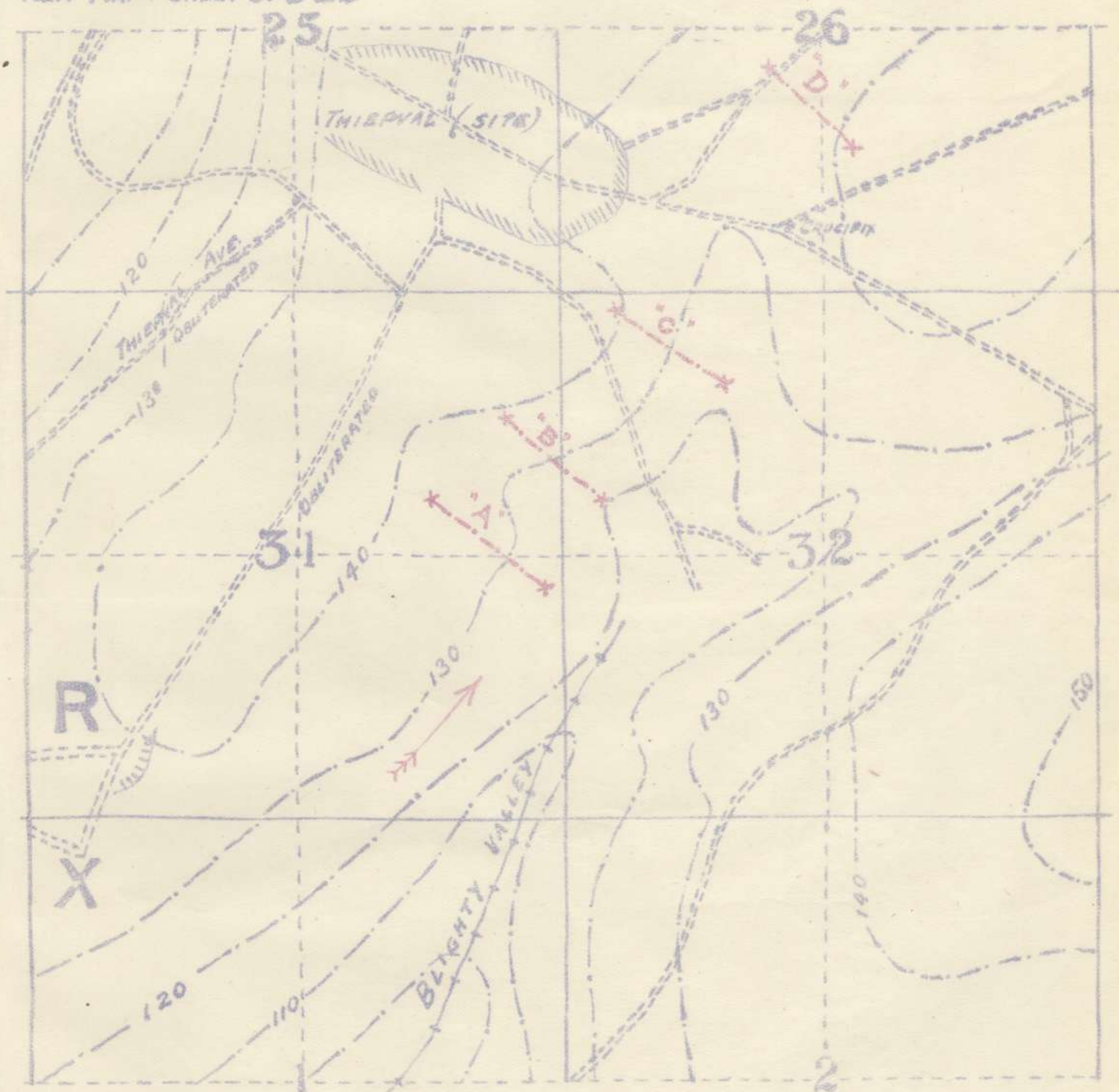
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SHOWING

TARGETS IN THIEPVAL DISTRICT

SCALE: 1-10,000

REF. MAP: SHEET 57 D S E



### LEGEND

- "A" ..... DISAPPEARING HEADS & SHOULDER TARGETS
- "B" ..... FIXED HEADS AND SHOULDER TARGETS
- "C" ..... Do. Do. Do. AND BAGS FOR BAYONET WORK
- "D" ..... STANDING FIGURES FIXED
- »»» ..... DIRECTION OF ADVANCE



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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## AMENDMENT TO TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 99.

The finals for field practice will be carried out on July 2nd instead of July 1st. Detailed instructions will be issued later.

27th June, 1917.

*S. A. S. M. C. A. T.*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FIELD FIRING SCHEME.July 2nd 1917.  
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## Reference

Sheet 1/40,000 No. 57.D.  
and attached sketch of THIEPVAL range.

GENERAL IDEA.

A hostile force has retired through AVELUY-THIEPVAL and GRANDCOURT. Its rearguard is believed to be on the general line POZIERES-HAMEL.

A pursuing force of our troops is preceded by several advanced guards of which one (called Z) has orders to make good the line MOUQUET FARM - THIEPVAL Church.

SPECIAL IDEA.

At .....m, on 2nd July .....Company .....Battalion forming the vanguard of Z column, is under cover at X.1.central. It receives orders to push forward, drive in the small rear parties of the enemy, and reconnoitre the line MOUQUET FARM-THIEPVAL.

Similar companies are working on both flanks.

The enemy is believed to have a battery of 77's in action covering his retirement.

NOTES.

- (a) Movement will be confined between the lines of flags on the ground (see sketch). Ground and enemy on the shaded portion of sketch will be ignored.
- (b) There is no Artillery or Vickers Gun support for our troops.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SITUATIONS.

Phase 1. Company moves up taking necessary precautions, and drives in enemy's rear line. (Target A - some heads and a machine gun).

Targets A will be lowered when the Umpire considers them sufficiently punished.

Phase 2. The advance is continued. Targets B (falling plates) will be encountered and will be engaged when seen. All the plates must be knocked out before any further advance is allowed.

Phase 3. Scouts and patrols move forward again and locate targets C, the enemy main rear party position. The company will attack C, actually assaulting the position with the bayonet, and then reorganize.

Phase 4. While the company is reorganizing, it should be prepared to deal with any counter attack which may be launched. The enemy counter attack, if made, will be represented by lines of surprise head and shoulder targets.



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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 100.

1. In continuation of Training Memorandum No. 86 the series of Team competitions in conjunction with an Assault at Arms will be carried out about 30th June.
2. The tentative programme attached to Training Memorandum No. 86 is amended and corrected programme is attached hereto. Mounted Sports are being held separately, and the entries for mounted events previously included in the Assault at Arms will be included under the programme of the Mounted Sports which will be issued by the B.G. C.R.A.
3. Brigades and Units should commence training and trying out their teams so as to have representative teams ready for the final competitions by the 28th June. Regimental and Brigade competitions may be carried out as part of regular training if properly supervised.
4. Conditions as laid down in Training Memorandum No. 88 will be adhered to.

19th June, 1917.

*S. Astum*  
 Lt. Lieut-Colonel,  
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 101.

1. The Divisional Gas School will re-open at BECOURT CAMP.  
The first Course commencing on Saturday 23rd June, 1917.
2. Each course will last 4 days.
3. The vacancies are allotted as follows:-

FIRST COURSE

	N.C.O's.		O.R.
8th Infantry Brigade	10	or	10
14th Infantry Brigade	10	"	10
15th Infantry Brigade	10	"	10
Divisional Engineers	5	"	5
A.A.M.C.	5	"	5
Div. Train	5	"	5
Div. Signal Co.	2	"	2

To report at School at 5 p.m. on 22nd June.

SECOND COURSE commencing on 28th June.

	N.C.O's.		O.R.
8th Infantry Brigade	10	or	10
14th Infantry Brigade	10	"	10
15th Infantry Brigade	10	"	10
5th Pioneer Battalion	5	"	5
Divisional Artillery	15	"	15

To report at School at 5 p.m. on 27th June.

4. The unexpired portion of the day's rations will be carried.
5. Transport will be arranged by "Q" Branch of the Division.

(Sgd) S.A. HUNN, Capt.,  
for Lieut- Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.



## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## AMENDMENT TO TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 101.

The second course at the Divisional Gas School will commence on the 5th July - and not on 28th June as stated previously. Candidates will report to the School by 5 p.m. on the 4th July.

23rd June 1917.

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Training Memorandum No. 101.

*S. Astum* Capt  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.

## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## 2nd AMENDMENT TO TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 101.

The Second Course at the Divisional Gas School will commence on the 10th JULY, and not on the 5th JULY as stated previously. Candidates will report to the School by 5.0 p.m. on the 9th JULY.

2nd July, 1917.

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*S. Astum* Capt  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.



## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 102.

CLASSES IN PIGEON DUTIES.

1. Arrangements have been made with D.D. Signals, Third Army, to hold courses of instruction in Pigeon duties at the FOUNDRY Loft, ALBERT.
2. Each Infantry Brigade will detail 8 other ranks to attend each course, which will last three working days. Candidates will report to the Officer Commanding Third Army Signal Company, ALBERT by 4 p.m. on the day of assembly, and will return to their units after 4 p.m. on the last day of the course.
3. Nine classes have been arranged for, thus enabling each Brigade to send 18 men per battalion. The dates of assembly of classes are as follows:-
 

1st class.	Assembles	June 22nd,	to	June 25th.
2nd class.	Assembles	June 25th,	to	June 28th.
3rd class.	Assembles	June 28th,	to	July 1st.
4th class.	Assembles	July 1st,	to	July 4th.
5th class.	Assembles	July 4th,	to	July 7th.
6th class.	Assembles	July 7th,	to	July 10th.
7th class.	Assembles	July 10th,	to	July 13th.
8th class.	Assembles	July 13th,	to	July 16th.
9th class.	Assembles	July 16th,	to	July 19th.
4. In addition, the 8th Infantry Brigade will detail 1 N.C.O. for disciplinary purposes, and 1 cook with necessary utensils, to accompany each class.
5. Nominal rolls of the candidates selected to attend the first course will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible by wire. For subsequent courses, rolls will be sent to this office three days prior to the commencement of the course.
6. Candidates should be selected so that there will be eventually at least one man per platoon throughout the Brigade trained in pigeon duties.
7. Billets and rations will be provided by O.C. Third Army Signal Co. Candidates for the first class will be rationed by their units for the day of arrival.
8. Transport arrangements will be made by "Q" Branch of this Division. For the second and subsequent classes, vehicles taking candidates to each class can bring back candidates from the previous course.

20th June 1917.

*Sastham* Capt.  
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 103.

1. Rifle grenade training will be continued in this area.
2. The two day's elementary training outlined in Training Memorandum No. 95 should be proceeded with until every Battalion has its complement of rifle grenadiers. This should be done under the supervision of the Battalion Bombing Officers.
3. An advanced course of training is outlined hereunder. Brigades should arrange for this to be carried out under the Brigade Bombing Officer.
4. The advanced course will comprise :-
  - (a) Trench clearing tactics with special reference to co-operation of bayonet, hand grenade, and rifle grenade in clearing out an enemy trench.
  - (b) Enveloping tactics of rifle grenadiers.
  - (c) Rifle Grenade sniping.If practicable, the advanced course should include at least one night exercise.
5. It is desirable that not less than one team per company be trained in the advanced course. A team will consist of 1 N.C.C. and 9 men, and the best grenadiers should be chosen.
6. When suitable trenches are not available for trench-clearing practice, trenches should be indicated by lines on the ground, and the practice should be conducted with dummy grenades.
7. It is suggested that each course last two days and that four teams, i.e. one battalion's details, attend each course. In this way the whole Brigade's teams will be trained in 8 days.
8. The competitive spirit is of great value in this training, and to encourage this, it is suggested that points be given for the work done by each team in the various exercises.
9. The following is the suggested syllabus. It may be varied at the discretion of the Brigade Bombing Officer in order to meet local conditions :-

## 1st Half day -

- (a) A lecture on trench-clearing tactics. Duties of each member of team to be clearly defined. Method of replacing casualties. Equipment of team.



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- (b) Team drill. Each team ill practice prompt assembly and learn how to take up position in trench.

## 2nd Half day -

Teams to practice advancing down a trench. Practice replacing casualties. Live grenades will be used when conditions are suitable.

## 3rd Half day -

Lecture on enveloping and enfilading, and sniping tactics. Visit imaginary "Strong Points" in vicinity and discuss best means of approaching and reducing them.

## 4th Half day -

Practice enveloping and sniping tactics with live grenades if possible. Use of cover and accuracy of fire to be specially considered.

The whole of the work of the second day is especially applicable to the conditions of open warfare, and the work should be carried out from this standpoint.

*C. W. Taff.*

20th June, 1917.

Lieut-Colonel  
General Staff  
5th Australian Division

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APPENDIX C 43

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 104.

1. The Divisional Commander thinks that the best use is not being made either of the ammunition available for training or the ranges, to improve the musketry of all ranks.
2. Practices fired on ranges will be suitable to men firing. It is no use putting a good shot through elementary practices; the ammunition given to him would be far better employed in snap shooting, or in more advanced work.
3. Reinforcements are supposed to arrive with their musketry records. In any case, however, as little ammunition as possible should be wasted in ascertaining whether a man is a trained shot or not. Records of men already on the strength are presumably available in their Companies and Battalions.
4. In arranging practices to be fired, some more ingenuity and imagination is required on the part of Company Commanders, and practices should be designed for open warfare if possible.
5. It is noticed that positions adopted are mostly those with rests, and generally the prone position is taken. Practice is also required in kneeling, sitting, and standing. In this connection, attention is drawn to Musketry Regulations Part I, plates XIX to XXXIII which should be more carefully studied, especially as regards the standing position.
6. It appears that some of the short ranges now in use could easily be extended and it is hoped that every effort will be made to reduce the amount of firing carried out at short ranges, and increase the firing at ranges of 200 yards or more.
7. The Divisional Commander hopes that Brigadiers will see that musketry practices carried out are more of a practical nature than is being done at present, in some cases.

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

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 105.

1. Arrangements have been made with the Commandant, Third Army Sniping School, VALENCOURT for courses to be held for the training of snipers and observers. Each course will last a fortnight.
2. The first course commences on Monday 25th June. Candidates selected will report to the Commandant of the School at 8.30 a.m. on the day the School commences.
3. Vacancies are allotted as follows:-

FIRST COURSE.

8th Infantry Brigade	1 officer, 16 snipers, and 16 observers, 1 cook from each of 2 battalions.
14th Infantry Brigade	1 officer, 16 snipers, 16 observers and 1 cook from each of 2 battalions.
15th Infantry Brigade	1 officer, 16 snipers, 16 observers and 1 cook from each of 2 battalions.

SECOND COURSE commencing 9th July.

8th Infantry Brigade	1 officer, 16 snipers, and 16 observers, and 1 cook from each of 2 battalions.
14th Infantry Brigade	1 officer, 16 snipers, 16 observers and 1 cook from each of 2 battalions.
15th Infantry Brigade	1 officer, 16 snipers, 16 observers and 1 cook from each of 2 battalions.

4. Brigades will select officers who have previously attended a Sniping Course at an Army School, and capable of assisting in the instructing. Other ranks detailed to attend the course will be battalion snipers and observers.
5. Personnel will be sent with good rifles, binoculars, telescopes, compasses, pencils, and note books. They will also take all the telescopic-sighted rifles on charge to their battalions.
6. Brigades will arrange to send 1000 rounds of S.A.A. with each battalion party.
7. The cooks mentioned in para. 3 above will take with them the necessary cooking utensils.
8. Personnel will proceed to the School by march route, and carry the unexpired portion of the day's rations.
9. The senior officer in charge of each Brigade party will take nominal rolls (in duplicate) of the candidates in his Brigade quota.

22nd June, 1917.

*Seath* Capt  
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 106.

1. Training in judging distance will be taken up, under Brigade and battalion arrangements, in conjunction with the Musketry Course now in progress. All men should be practised and tested during the present training period. (Musketry Regulations Part I, Section 67 and 68).
2. Practice will be carried out by men waiting their turn to fire on the range, or during Stand Easy periods on daily parades.
3. Standard tests will be made. The records should be scrutinized in brigades to see that all inefficient (paras. 327, 328) are re practised and retested.
4. In addition competitions should be held in battalions and brigades for platoon and section commanders, in order to develop a high standard of accuracy.
5. A divisional competition in judging distance for battalion teams of 6 will be held in about a fortnight's time. Conditions will be published in due course.

(Sgd)

D.M. KING, Major,  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,

5th Australian Division.

26th June 1917.



## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 107

1. The finals of the Divisional field firing competition for companies will be held on the THIEPVAL range on Monday 2nd July.
2. Companies will fire as follows :-
 

C. Coy.	57th Battalion	8 a.m.
D. "	32nd "	10.30 A.m.
C. "	55th "	2 p.m.
3. These Companies will move to MARLBOROUGH HUTS on Sunday 1st July under arrangements to be made by their respective Brigades. The scheme and conditions will be explained to the Companies at 6 p.m. on 1st July. They will return to quarters on 3rd July.
4. The following ammunition will be allowed- per company:-
 

S.A.A. on the men @ 15 rounds	1800
For 4 Lewis Guns @ 100 "	400
For rifle grenadiers	30 grenades.
5. On the 2nd July parties of officers from all infantry brigades will witness the competition. As far as other duties will permit battalion and company commanders should all attend. The officers of each brigade will be conducted by a Staff Officer of each Brigade who will explain the scheme. Each officer will write down his remarks on the operation of each company, and these remarks will be collected by the brigade staff officer after each run. The remarks will be sent to Divisional Headquarters after scrutiny in the brigades.
6. Motor transport will be provided as follows - on 2nd July:-
 

For 15th Brigade	1 Motor Car)	RUEMPRE
	1 bus )	6 a.m.
	1 lorry	CONTAY
		6 a.m.
For 14th Brigade	1 Motor Car)	WARLOY
	1 bus )	6.30 a.m.
For 8th Brigade	1 Bus	SENLIS
		6.30 a.m.
7. Officers from BOUZINCOURT should ride.
8. All officers will rendezvous at the North end of the Corps School at 7.30 a.m. They should take their lunch.

28th June, 1917.

*S. H. M. Capt*  
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 108.

1. The field firing range near THIEPVAL is available for this Division for several hours a day after 3rd July. The Divisional Commander wishes the company exercise set for the divisional competition (to be held on 2nd July) to be carried out by every company in the division which has not already done so.
2. The range is allotted to Brigades and Pioneers as under :-
 

July 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th.	14th Brigade.
" 9th, 10th, 11th.	8th Brigade.
" 12th, 13th, 14th.	15th Brigade.
" 16th, 17th.	5th Pioneer Battalion.

 Subsequent dates may be allotted in addition later.
3. Brigades will arrange to put through two companies at least on each day on which the range is allotted to them. The companies to use the range will be moved to MARLBOROUGH HUTS on the day before they are to fire, under brigade arrangements. The time at which they will fire will be arranged by brigade Staffs with the Commandant I ANZAC Corps School, who is also using the range at times.
4. Brigades and battalions will arrange that the practices are properly supervised and that the maximum amount of instruction is gained for all concerned.
5. O.C. 5th Pioneers will please provide a permanent range party of 1 senior N.C.O. and 10 men to help to work the targets and to look after them. Additional help in working the moving targets should be provided under brigade arrangements.

*C. W. Wagstaff*

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5th Australian Division.

29th June, 1917.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 109.

1. In framing programmes for the week ending Saturday 7th July, the following should be held in view.
2. Days should be allotted generally as follows :-

Company training	2 days
Battalion training	2 days
Training under Brigadiers	2 days.
3. Training will be in manoeuvre, rather than in parade ground work which should, by now, be of a high standard. The fullest use possible will be made of the training grounds available in brigade areas. A tactical scheme will be made out for every operation conducted.
4. As these training grounds are some distance from battalion billets, the marches to and from the grounds should be treated as part of the exercises. The regular route-marches prescribed in Training Memorandum No. 93 para. 1 may be discontinued.
5. Musketry will be continued under brigade arrangements. Judging distance (Training Memorandum No. 106) and control of fire will be practised by parties waiting on the ranges. Days on the THIEPVAL range have been allotted in Training Memorandum No. 108. The BOUZINCOURT range is allotted to 8th and 14th Brigades 3 days each - to be settled by mutual agreement.
6. Training of Rifle Grenadiers (Training Memorandum No. 103), Bombers and Lewis Gunners will be continued independently until the full establishment and a reserve of those required is complete. Fully trained men should as a rule work with their companies in all tactical exercises.
7. One night operation should be arranged for every unit during the week.
8. The classes in Riding and Driving will be continued. The instructors will be left with infantry brigades for another week.

*C. W. G. St. John*

Lieut-Colonel,  
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5th Australian Division.

29th June, 1917.



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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 110.

ANZAC CORPS SCHOOL.

1. With reference to Training Memorandum No. 97 dated 14th instant, the present courses in bombing, trench mortars, Lewis gun, Intelligence and scouting, and signalling will terminate tomorrow 1st July.  
The next courses commence on Wednesday 4th July, and students selected will report at GOUGH HUTS by 4 p.m. on that date.

2. Vacancies are allotted as follows:-

LEWIS GUN SCHOOL.

	Officers	N.C.O's
8th Infantry Brigade	1	5
14th Infantry Brigade	-	5
15th Infantry Brigade	1	4
5th Pioneer Battalion	-	1

BOMBING SCHOOL.

8th Infantry Brigade	1	4
14th Infantry Brigade	1	4
15th Infantry Brigade	1	4
5th Pioneer Battalion	1	1

STOKES MORTAR SCHOOL.

8th Infantry Brigade	1	2
14th Infantry Brigade	1	1
15th Infantry Brigade	-	2

## Reinforcements:

15th Infantry Brigade 6 O.R.

INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL

14th Infantry Brigade	1	4
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3. All students will go properly and cleanly clothed, and will take full marching order, including steel helmets.
4. Nominal rolls will be forwarded to this office by noon on the 2nd instant.
5. Transport arrangements will be made by "Q" Branch of this Division.

*Curwag-Tah*

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

30th June 1917.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## T R A I N I N G   M E M O R A N D U M   No. 111.

The attached G.H.Q. letter O.B./1782/A dated 25th June is forwarded for information and necessary action. The paragraphs from pamphlets alluded to are also reproduced.

Every officer and N.C.O. will be practised in message writing during the present training period.

*Curwagstaff.*

30th June 1917.

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

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THIRD ARMY.  
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Several instances have come to light during the recent operations of reports sent back from the firing line being so badly framed or having such essential information omitted (e.g. the time or the place or unit of the sender) as to render them useless. Some pigeon messages, in particular, though received at Corps Headquarters within 15 minutes of despatch, could not be acted on owing to the lack of this essential information.

On the other hand, the excellence of the information supplied by certain units and formations, in which training in the framing and despatch of messages in the field had received attention, was very marked.

The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief directs, therefore, that the provision of S.S. 148, Section I, paragraph 6 (b), and section IX, paragraph 2, receive closer attention, so that in all formations subordinate leaders are practised in the compilation of concise field reports. In the units and formations referred to in paragraph 2 above the sending back at frequent regular intervals of reports, negative as well as positive, in accordance with S.S. 143, Part I, paragraph 9 (v) was insisted upon during training.

Adv. General Headquarters,  
25th June, 1917.

(Sgd) R. BUTLER,  
for Lieutenant-General,  
C.G.S.

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S.S. 148, SECTION I. paragraph 6 (b)

(b) No one means of communication is infallible; at training and rehearsals, therefore, all troops must be practised on an organized system in the use of every means of communication likely to be used in action, with a view to their becoming so familiar with each that the change from one means to another is automatic.

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S.S. 148, SECTION IX, paragraph 2.

2- MESSAGE WRITING.

(a) Special attention must be paid to training all Officers in message writing. Many valuable lives have been lost carrying useless messages. Unit, time, date, place and signature must always be inserted on every message.

(b) Special forms (see Appendix I.), should be supplied to Officers taking part in an attack. The details of the form may be varied to suit Divisions but it should always have a hectographed map of the area to be attacked by the Division or Infantry Brigade concerned on the back.

(c) All Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Officers will be constantly practised in the use of the B.A.B. Code and the PLAYFAIR Cypher.

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S.S. 143, PART I, paragraph 9 (v)

(v) SEND INFORMATION BACK TO YOUR COMPANY COMMANDER. Negative information is as important as positive. You cannot expect assistance from your superiors or from the Artillery unless you tell them where you are and how you are situated.



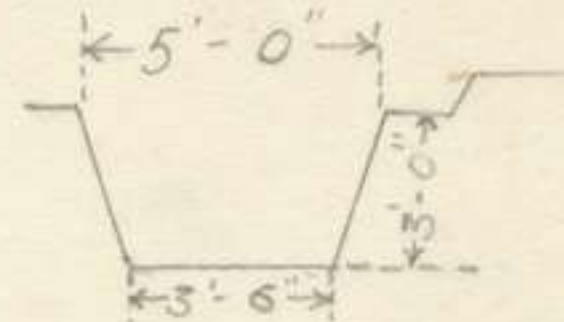
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*TWA*5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----WORKS REPORT ON CORPS SECOND LINE OF DEFENCE FOR PERIOD  
30/5/17 to 2/6/17.  
-----MAP: 57c N.W. and S.W.  
Combined 1/20,000.1. WIRE

- (a) 0.8.a.2.3 to 0.8.a.5.0, two double apron fences erected, 40' centres.  
Total length double apron fence, 400 yards.
- (b) DEFENCES NORTH SIDE OF VILLERS AU FLOS. 0.8.a.0.6 to 0.7.b.1.6 two double apron fences erected, 40' centres.  
Total length of double apron fence, 900 yards.
- (c) 0.2.c.8.5 to 0.2.a.6.2, two double apron fences erected with old Boche wire incorporated.
- (d) STRONG POINT, 0.2.a.4.2. Single double apron fence erected completely around strong point.
- (e) BANCOURT. Double apron fence being erected from H.35.b.8.5 to H.36.a.9.9.
- (f) H.22.c.7.3 to H.22.c.2.5, one row Boche bird-cage wire erected, 240 yards.
- (g) H.20.b.1.8 to H.14.c.6.1, two rows Boche bird-cage wire erected 308 yards.
- (h) H.14.c.4.4 to H.14.c.0.7, one row single and one row double apron fence erected, 200 yards.
- (i) H.14.c.0.7 to H.13.c.9.6, one row single and one row double apron fence erected, 600 yards.

2. TRENCHES AND STRONG POINTS.

Cross section of trench when completed:



- (a) SUPPORTING POINT, 0.8.c.7.9 to 0.8.a.6.3, all fire bays completed. No traverses yet dug.
- (b) COVER FOR SUPPORTS. 0.8.c.6.5 to 0.8.a.1.3. All fire bays completed, traverses under construction.
- (c) DEFENCES NORTH SIDE OF VILLERS AU FLOS, 0.8.a.0.5 to 0.7.b.0.6. All fire bays completed, 215 yards of traverse completed.
- (d) STRONG POINT, I.31.d.8.0, 45 yards trench deepened from 2' 6" to 3' 0". 160 yards of new trench dug to depth of 1'.
- (e) SUPPORTING POINT, H.36.d.65.90, 22 yards of trench completed, 70 yards dug to depth of 1'.
- (f) SUPPORTING POINT, H.36.d.90.35 to H.36.d.70.55, 70 yards of trench dug to depth of 3'; 175 yards dug to depth of 1'.
- (g) ALL-ROUND DEFENCES, BANCOURT. On S.E., S.W., and N.W. sides a continuous line of fire trench has been constructed 3' deep by 3' wide. On N.W. and S.E. sides support trench has been constructed on same plan as fire trench.  
On N.W. side a support line has been constructed consisting of a number of T head firing positions from H.36.a.3.4 to H.36.a.7.7, and then continuous line behind hedge from H.36.a.6.6 to H.36.a.9.9.  
C.T's. Commenced at H.36.b.6.5 and runs along main street behind hedge and is completed as far as H.36.b.3.4.
- (h) H.36.a.7.9 to H.29.b.7.0, 520 yards new trench completed. Preparing sods and improving existing portions of trench.
- (i) H.29.b.7.0 to H.29.a.3.6, 450 yards of new trench completed. Preparing sods and improving existing portion of trench.
- (j) H.29.a.3.6 to H.22.c.6.0, 690 yards of new trench completed. Preparing sods and improving existing portions of trench.



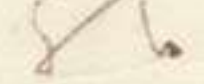
- (k) STRONG POINT H.35.b.4.2. Three 30' fire bays dug.  
Two 18' traverses dug, 50 yards communication trench dug.
- (l) STRONG POINT. H.35.a.9.5. Four 30' fire bays dug.  
Three 18' traverses dug.
- (m) SUPPORTING POINT. H.29.c.95.10 to H.29.c.95.50. Nine 30' fire bays dug. Eight 18' traverses dug. 120 yards communication trench dug.
- (n) H.21.d.65.50 to H.21.d.20.55. 100 yards new trench completed.
- (o) H.21.a.4.6 to H.21.a.15.65. 150 yards trench completed.
- (p) H.21.a.1.65 to H.20.b.90.35. 100 yards trench completed.
- (q) H.20.b.85.30 to H.20.b.50.45. 150 yards trench completed.  
50 yards under construction.
- (r) H.20.b.4.5 to H.20.b.15.17. 160 yards trench completed.
- (s) H.20.b.05.75 to H.14.c.60.05. 150 yards front trench completed.  
200 yards traffic trench completed.  
5 communication trenches completed.
- (t) H.14.c.5.1 to H.14.c.35.20. 100 yards trench dug.
- (u) H.14.c.3.3 to H.13.d.9.5. 100 yards front trench dug.  
180 yards traffic trench dug.  
3 communication trenches dug.
- (v) H.13.d.85.55 to H.13.d.25.30. 200 yards trench dug.
- (w) H.13.c.9.4 to H.13.c.35.80. 250 yards trench dug.
- (x) DEFENCES OF BIEFVILLERS. H.19.b.2.6 to H.19.a.00.55. 750 yards trench dug to 9" deep.  
H.19.b.25.40 to H.19.b.5.2, 65 yards C.T. dug to 3' depth.

3. DUGOUTS: Nil.

#### 4. MACHINE GUN POSITIONS.

O.2.c.45.30.	10 yards trench completed. Nest commenced.
O.2.c.30.35.	" " " " "
O.2.c.2.6	" " " " "
H.36.b.65.75	completed.
H.36.b.50.65	completed.
H.36.b.45.80	completed.

4th June 1917.

 Brigadier General.  
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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*W. Diary*

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Headquarters,  
Advanced IV Corps.

Works report for week ended 10th June 1917  
is forwarded herewith, together with map.

*S. H. M. Smith* Capt  
M. Major General,  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

11/6/17.



## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WORKS REPORT - WEEK ENDING 10th June 1917.

1. WIRE.

O.9.c.10 to O.8.b.6.0. Two fences, partly Boche and partly double apron entanglements.  
O.8.b.60 to O.8.b.40.15. Single row Boche entanglement.  
O.8.b.40.15 to O.2.c.85.50. Two fences partly Boche and partly double apron entanglement.  
O.2.c.85.50 to O.2.a.5.1 Two fences double apron entanglement.  
O.2.c.5.3 to O.2.c.1.6. One fence double apron entanglement.  
O.2.a.5.1 to O.2.a.4.4. Two fences partly Boche and partly double apron entanglement. Single row double apron entanglement back of strong point.  
O.2.a.4.4 to I.32.c.1.0. Two fences partly Boche and partly double apron entanglement.  
I.32.c.1.0 to H.36.b.8.5. Two fences Boche entanglement.  
O.8.a.0.5 to O.7.b.0.6. Two fences double apron entanglement.  
Supporting Point O.8.c.7.9 to O.8.a.6.3. Double apron fence erected on each flank.  
Cover for supports O.8.c.5.6 to O.8.a.0.5. Two fences double apron entanglements.  
I.31.c.1.35 to H.36.b.60.05. One double apron entanglement erected.  
O.7.c.1.6 to B.12.d.8.8. One double apron entanglement  
B.12.d.6.8 to B.12.b.3.1. One double apron entanglement.  
H.36.a.9.9 to H.22.c.7.3. Two fences; inner one Boche straight wire, outer one, Boche bird-cage entanglement. Damaged portions have been repaired and whole length is now in good condition.  
H.29.a.2.9. to H.22.d.9.1. Length of tactical wiring has been commenced.  
H.35.b.6.4 to H.29.c.9.6. Two fence double apron entanglement at 45' centres.  
H.29.d.0.6 to H.29.d.1.8. One fence double apron entanglement.  
H.21.d.7.5 to H.21.d.20.65. One fence Boche bird-cage entanglement and double apron entanglement mixed.  
H.21.a.35.70 to H.21.a.1.7. One fence of Boche bird-cage entanglement and double apron entanglement mixed.  
H.21.a.1.7 to H.20.b.85.25 Two belts of wire.  
H.20.b.85.35 to H.20.b.5.5 Two belts of wire.  
H.20.b.4.5 to H.14.c.7.1. Two belts of wire.  
H.14.c.55.15 to H.14.c.20.35. Two belts of wire with single belt continued for 150 yards.  
H.14.c.1.6 to H.13.c.6.7 Two belts of wire.  
H.21.d.25.75 to H.21.a.6.8 One fence of Boche bird-cage, and double apron entanglement mixed.

2. TRENCHES.

Strong Point O.8.d.9.1. Circular traverse trench dug to a depth of four feet.  
O.8.d.95.30 to O.8.d.5.8. Circular traverse trench dug to a depth of 3' 6", with machine gun position.  
SUPPORTS. O.8.d.8.1, O.8.d.6.5, and O.8.d.45.60, similar to front line.  
 Four C.T's dug between supports and front line.  
O.8.b.2.2 to O.2.c.7.4, continuous traversed firing line to a depth of 4' 6".  
COVER FOR SUPPORTS. O.8.c.60.55 to O.8.a.15.35, continuous traversed trench dug to a depth of 5'.  
 Four C.T's leading from road.



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Supporting Point. 0.8.c.8.8 to 0.8.a.6.3. Trench dug to a depth of 5'.

0.8.a.35.00 through 0.8.a.6.3 to 0.8.b.25.55, communication trench dug.

Defences North Side of VILLERS AU FLOS. 0.8.a.0.5 to 0.7.b.0.6 trench dug to a depth of 5'. 0.7.a.85.10 to 0.7.b.1.5, trench dug to a depth of 5'.

0.7.b.05.60 to 0.1.c.70.15, trenches completed except for about 50 yards still to be excavated.

Strong Point - circular. 0.2.c.55.00. Trench work completed but no wiring done.

0.2.a.4.2. Trench work completed and wired all round.

0.2.a.3.3 to 0.1.b.9.8. continuous traversed trench. All digging completed with C.T.'s from 0.1.b.9.8 to support trench running from 0.2.a.1.3 to 0.1.b.6.7.

Command Posts. Sited at 0.2.a.1.3 and 0.1.b.6.7.

Strong Point - circular. I.31.d.8.0. Trench work completed to depth of 1'.

Supporting Point in H.36.d. Consists of post at H.36.d.7.9 - trench work completed to a depth of 5' - with C.T. back to Sunken Road.

H.36.d.6.7 dug to a depth of 1', also fire trench from I.31.c.0.35 to H.36.d.75.55 dug to a depth of 1' and connecting two portions of sunken road, giving a total length of firing line of 500 yards.

H.36.a.9.8 to H.22.c.70.15. A continuous line has been dug from a depth of 3' to 3' 6", necessary small gaps being left for roads.

The parapet and parados have been turfed continuously throughout with the exception of length of 250 yards in H.28.b. and short lengths of about 10 yards in H.29.b.

Strong Point H.35.b.5.2. Dug to depth of 3'. C.T. from H.35.b.4.2 to H.35.b.4.1, 70 yards in length dug to depth of 3'.

Strong Point H.35.a.8.3 to H.35.a.6.5. 75 yards traversed, fire trench dug to a depth of 3'; C.T. from H.35.a.7.4 to H.35.a.7.2, 77 yards in length, dug to a depth of 3'.

Supporting point. H.29.d.0.15 to H.29.c.9.5. 75 yards of traversed fire trench dug to a depth of 2 feet. C.T. from H.29.d.0.3 to H.29.c.7.3. 160 yards dug to a depth of 3'.

H.21.d.6.5 to H.21.d.2.5. Traversed trench 5' deep with earth fire steps.

H.21.d.15.55 to H.21.c.85.80. Traversed trench 5' deep with earth fire step.

H.21.d.08 to H.21.a.85.25. Traversed trench 5' deep with earth fire steps.

H.21.a.70.15 to H.21.a.45.70. Zig-zag trench 5' deep with earth fire step.

H.20.b.9.3 to H.20.b.2.6. Traversed trench 3' 9" deep, excepting for gap at road, H.25.b.45.45.

H.20.b.0.8 to H.14.c.3.2. Traversed trench 3' 9" deep, excepting for gap at road, H.14.c.6.1. Support line dug from H.20.b.0.7 to H.14.c.6.0.

H.14.c.2.3 to H.13.d.3.3. Traversed trench 3' 9" deep, excepting for gaps at roads H.13.d.9.6 and H.13.d.25.30. Support line from H.14.c.2.2 to H.13.d.90.45.

H.13.c.8.4 to H.13.c.40.75. Traversed trench 3' 9" deep.

H.21.a.4.6 to H.21.a.05.30. Zigzag trench 5' deep with earth fire step.

### 3. MACHINE GUN POSITIONS.

0.2.c.45.30

0.2.c.35.35

0.2.c.2.6 completed, each with 10 yards of fire trench with a M.G. nest with circular island platform.

H.36.a.85.90.

H.30.c.75.15

H.29.b.8.0

H.29.b.4.1

H.29.b.25.25.

H.29.a.70.65.

H.29.a.25.70

H.23.c.3.0

H.22.c.2.5

H.35.b.5.2 - two positions.



H.35.a.85. 40 - 2 positions.

H.35.a.95.90

H.29.d.0.1

H.29.c.9.4

H.21.a.70.35

H.14.c.70.35

H.13.d.95.55

H.13.d.50.45

H.13.b.2.0

H.13.c. - 3 positions completed.

4. BANCOURT ALL-ROUND DEFENCES. Complete surround of circular traversed fire trench with 2 belts of wire (Boche bird-cage and double apron mixed) on northern, eastern, and southern sides. One belt only on western side. Series of communication and fire trenches within the village leading off main roads. Machine gun positions and O.P.'s constructed mostly on north-eastern side. See large scaled map attached.
5. BIEFVILLERS. Complete surround  $\frac{1}{2}$  of traversed fire trench with double belt of double apron entanglement on north-western side, remainder being single belt of Boche bird-cage and double apron entanglements mixed.

11th June 1917.

Major General,  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



S E C R E T.

5th. Australian Division.

DISPOSITION REPORT as at 6 a.m. 21st JUNE, 1917.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS:  
 DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY H.Q.:  
 DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS H.Q.:

RUBEMPRE  
 MONUMENT H.21.a.7.3.  
 CORBIE

8th A.I. Brigade H.Q.  
 29th Battalion  
 30th Battalion  
 31st Battalion  
 32nd Battalion

SENLIS  
 SENLIS  
 SENLIS  
 SENLIS  
 NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE  
 BOUZINCOURT  
 SENLIS  
 SENLIS  
 CORBIE

8th Machine Gun Co.  
 8th A.L.T.M. Battery  
 8th Field Co. A.E.

14th A.I. Brigade H.Q.  
 53rd Battalion  
 54th Battalion  
 55th Battalion  
 56th Battalion  
 14th Machine Gun Co.  
 14th A.L.T.M. Battery  
 14th Field Co. A.E.

WARLOY  
 BOUZINCOURT  
 WARLOY  
 MILLENCOURT  
 WARLOY  
 WARLOY  
 WARLOY  
 CORBIE

15th A.I. Brigade H.Q.  
 57th Battalion  
 58th Battalion  
 59th Battalion  
 60th Battalion  
 15th Machine Gun Co.  
 15th A.L.T.M. Battery  
 15th Field Co. A.E.

RUBEMPRE  
 CONTAY  
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 RUBEMPRE  
 CONTAY  
 CONTAY  
 CORBIE

5th Pioneer Battalion

BOUZINCOURT

MEDICAL UNITS:

A.D.M.S.  
 8th Field Ambulance  
 14th Field Ambulance  
 15th Field Ambulance  
 5th Sanitary Section

RUBEMPRE  
 SENLIS  
 WARLOY  
 CONTAY  
 N.11.c.

DIVISIONAL TRAIN H.Q.

10th A.A.S.C.  
 10th A.A.S.C. (Arty. Section)  
 18th A.A.S.C.  
 28th A.A.S.C.  
 29th A.A.S.C.

RUBEMPRE  
 WARLOY  
 N.4.b.7.2.  
 SENLIS  
 MILLENCOURT  
 CONTAY

D. A. D. O. S.

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ARTILLERY.

## 13th F.A. Brigade H.Q.

49th Battery, 1 Section  
 1 Section  
 1 Section  
 50th Battery, 1 Section  
 1 Section  
 1 Section  
 51st Battery, 1 Section  
 2 Sections  
 113th Battery, 1 Section  
 1 Section  
 1 Section

O.15.a.7.5.  
 I.6.b.65.45.  
 J.1.b.2.5.  
 J.7.c.3.4.  
 J.12.b.9.1.  
 J.7.a.9.5.  
 D.1.c.1.3.  
 I.6.b.6.4.  
 At rest  
 J.7.c.40.45.  
 J.14.a.2.9.  
 At rest

## 14th F.A. Brigade H.Q.

53rd Battery  
 54th Battery  
 55th Battery  
 114th Battery

H.15.d.central  
 HAPLINCOURT  
 I.5.d.6.3.  
 I.5.d.60.45.  
 I.10.b.45.95.

## Divisional Trench Mortars:

Headquarters  
 V 5 A Battery  
 X 5 A Battery  
 Y 5 A Battery  
 Z 5 A Battery

N.11.b.6.3.  
 X.29.d.  
 N.11.b.6.3.  
 N.11.b.6.3.  
 Fifth Army T.M. School.

## DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN:

Headquarters  
 No.1 Section  
 No.2 Section  
 No.3 Section

O.9.b.3.8. HAPLINCOURT  
 O.3.c.9.6.  
 O.9.a.95.9.  
 O.9.b.6.6.

## A. D. V. S.

5th Aust. Mobile Vet. Section

RUBEMPRE  
 W.28.a.9.7.

*Sarkis Cahk*  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.