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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 1st June, 1918.

1. 03/68	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Re artillery notes No. 3 Counter battery work (S.S. 189/3).
2. 01/119	15th Brigade.	do.	Circ. Memo No. 19 - Training whilst in Corps Reserve.
3. 023/151	Aust. Corps.	do.	Signal Instr. No. 9 - Series No. 9.
4. 07/12 52	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Purs, Arty, Eng, ADMS, ALM, Cyc, 2-3-4th Aust. Divs, Aust. Corps 5th Tank Bde, 1- 2-3rd Tank Bns. Q L. T Bn, 17 AC Bn, GOC, "A" "G" war diary.	Instructions for the Defensive No. 1
5. 012/1251	do.	No. 1 Troop, 6 Sqd. Move of Light Horse & cyc- 13th ALM, Cyc, attelists attached. 5th AMST Div 14 Bde, 5 Div. Sigs.	
6. 1026/1190	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Purs.	Training of intelligence personnel during period out of the line.
7. 1034/1242	do.	3 Bdes, Art. M.C. Bn.	Light signal messages.
8. 1026/1198	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Engrs, Salv, Art, Purs, Sigs, AFM.	Bombing and shelling of ALLOWVILLE the result of information from an Aust. prisoner.
9. 0103/1219	do.	Aust. Corps.	Re Lucas signalling lamps.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.- 2nd June, 1918.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G10/185	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Four letter codes.
2. G7/209	15th Brigade.	do.	Prov. Defence Scheme "C" Bde. Reserve Division.
3. G28/226	5th M.G. Bn.	do.	"Role of Div. in Corps Reserve.
4. IG34/202	Aust. Corps.	do.	Extract of a German Regimental Order -, Rifle fire on the march during the Assault.
5. IG29/222	Fourth Army.	do.	Map, hostile artillery Defence.
6. A52/191	D.A.G., A.I.P.	do.	Surgeon-Gen. Petherstone - D.G.M.S. to visit Aust. Fld. Ambulances.
7. Q106/231	Fourth Army.	do.	Salvage of foodstuffs abandoned by inhabitants.
8. G1/1310	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, Pns, Sigs, DGO, Cyc, "AQ", MG Bn, Engrs, DMO, ALH, Corps G.O.C.	G.S. Memo No. 225 - Training whilst Division is in Corps Reserve.
9. A69/1326	do.	3 Bdes, Pns, Engrs, Sigs, Tn, ADMS, MG Bn, "G".	Re enemy shelling of villages and camping in open.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 3/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G7/355	Aust. Corps	5th Aust. Div.	Instr. for the Defensive No. 44 - Trench names.
2. G7/356	do.	do.	Instr. for the Defensive No. 45 - Role of Division in Reserve.
3. G7/357	do.	do.	Order No. 110 - Adjustment of boundary of "B" and "C" Divisions.
4. G15/359	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Defence Scheme "B" Division.
5. G15/363	Aust. Corps.	do.	Order No. 109 - Arty. reliefs.
6. G7/364	do.	do.	Instr. for the Defensive No. 42 - Construction of M.G. dugouts and emplacements.
7. G1/365	do.	do.	Minutes from G.H.Q. conference on the Policy of training at Corps and Army Schools at HESDIN.
8. G2/392	8th Tank Bn.	do.	17th Bn. (A.C.) at disposal of XXXI French Corps.
9. G6/416	8th Brigade.	do.	Operation Circ. No. 1 - Role of Brigade while Division is in Corps Reserve.
10. G7/421	14th Bde.	do.	Role in Corps Reserve and action in the case of enemy attack.
11. G7/1404	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, MG. Bn, Pnrs, Arty, Eng, Sigs, Tn, ADMS, APM, Aust. Corps, 2, 3, 4th Aust. Corps, "A.4".	Instructions for Defensive No. 3 - Nomenclature of trenches and sectors
12. G6/1367	do.	3 Bdes, MG. Bn, Pnrs, Engrs, Sigs, Tn, ADMS, C.C., "AQ".	G.S. Memo No. 226 - Conference lessons from recent tour.
13. G10/1352	do.	3 Bdes, Pnrs, M.G. Bn, Art, Eng, Sigs, Tn, ADMS, DADVS, DADOS, "AQ" APM, 5th M.T. Co. "3".	Four letter Codes.
14. IG22/1332	do.	3 Bdes, M.G. Bn, Pnrs, "G" Staff.	Extract German Regimental Order Rifle fire on the march during the assault.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 4th June, 1918.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G15/463	2nd Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	O.O. No. 193 re Divisional Boundary.
2. G13/575	Aust. Corps	do.	Re move of 6th Regt. United States Engineers.
3. G13/577	do.	do.	Major Browne, 86th Army Bde. R.F.A. to be attached.
4. G13/597	do.	do.	American Intelligence personnel to be attached.
5. IG26/465	do.	do.	German Tank Tactics.
6. IG34/466	do.	do.	Fourth Army letter re German Reserves - Constant patrols to be carried out.
7. Q106/598	do.	do.	Re supplies for Canteens.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 5/6/18.

No	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G3/631	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Art. Instr. No. 238 .
2. G23/632	do.	do.	Signal Instr. No. 9 -
3. G7/633	do.	do.	Series No. 9 .
4. G7/634	do.	do.	Instructions for Defensive
5. G7/651	do.	do.	ive No. 46 - Demolitions.
6. G15/688	8th Tank Bn.	do.	Instr. for Defensive
7. G8/715	Aust. Corps,	do.	No. 45 - Demolition of
8. IG34/649	do.	do.	bridges.
9. IG34/714	do.	do.	Mer/and animals to avoid
			bivouacing in villages
			subject to H.V. fire.
			Order of battle.
			Engineer Instructions.
			Plate 88 - German
			Field works - Spider
			web wire.
			Captured German Docu-
			ment - Method of deal-
			ing with M.G's.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE-6/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G7/1679	5th Aust. Div. 3 Bdes.	Amendment to Policy on the Fourth Army front.
2.	G12/1683	do. 3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, Engrs, Sigs, ADMS, APM, "A.Q".	Forecast relief.
3.	G17/1681	do. 3 Bdes, Pnrs, Art. Eng, Sigs, MG. Bn.	Enemy's ranging and effective fire.
4.	G11/1684	do. Corps, 3 Bdes, Sigs, 3 Sqdn, AFC	Test with Popham Panel.
5.	IG.34/1628	do. 3 Bdes, MG. Bn.	Translation German document - Method of surmounting the M.G. zone.
6.	A56/1672	do. 3 Bdes, CRA, CRE, Pnrs, MG. Bn, ADMS, DADVS, Train, Sigs, Sal. Co. DADOS, CC, APM, DPK,	Ruling - Officers and soldiers to hand over pay books when demanded.
7.	Q110/1641	do. 3 Bdes, CRE, CRA, ADMS, DADVS, Pnrs, MG Bn, Sigs, Sal. Train, APM, C.C. D.A.D.O.S.	Re disposal of stray horses and mules.
8.	G11/742	Aust. Corps. 5th Aust. Div.	Re 3 day Liaison course for Inf. and Arty. officers with 3rd Sqdn. A.F.C.
9.	G7/755	do. do.	Re enemy's ranging and effective fire.
10.	G15/788	2nd Aust. Div. do.	Instr. for the Defensive No. 32. Guards on bridges.
11.	G8/794	C.R.E. do.	Engineer instr. No.9.
12.	IG26/848	Aust. Corps. do.	Translation of German document - "Special instr. for MICHAEL"
13.	Q103/852	A.D.O.S., A.I.F. do.	Letter to DDOS - Fourth Army re supply of Aust. Clothing.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 7/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G16/874	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Order No. 111 re attack by "C" Division.
2. G9/877	do.	do.	Re Forward area oval A.A. sights for Lewis guns.
3. G1/878	do.	do.	Agenda for Army Conference for M.G. Bn. Commanders.
4. G7/883	do.	do.	Instructions for Defensive No. 47 - Organization of Defence.
5. G1/884	do.	do.	Educational scheme in A.I.F. - Conference to be held.
6. G3/923	do.	do.	Gen. staff circular No. 27 - S.O.S. signals - change.
G3/969	do.	do.	Re counter preparation phase 1.B - to be used at discretion of Div. Commanders.
7. G15/983	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Order No. 195 - Operation to be carried out.
8. G7/1764	5th Aust. Div.	5 Bdes, Aust. Corps, MG Bn, 2,3,4th Aust Divs, "AQ" Pnrs, Art, Eng, Sigs, Train, ADMS, APH.	Instructions for the Defensive No. 5 - Demolitions.
9. G15/1778	do.	3 Bdes, MG. Bn, Pnrs, Eng, AQ, Sigs, ADMS, GOC, Diary.	Operation memorandum No. 7 - 2nd Division operation.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 9/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.	
1.	G6/1817	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, MG. Bn, Sigs, Pnrs, GOC, ADMS, Eng, Tn, AQ.	Notes on conference - COISY - 5/6/18.
2.	Q102/1811	do.	3 Bdes, MG. Bn, C.R.E.	Re relief - Transport lines - Stores - Dumps - Surplus baggage. Tents & shelters - Rations, etc.
3.	G15/1000	3rd Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Defensive instructions No. 14. Organization of defence.
4.	G21/1010	Aust. Corps.	do.	Extract from report on G.H.Q. L.G. and L.T.M. School.
5.	G9/1036	do.	do.	Sketch - Wackett A.A. L.G. mounting.
6.	G13/1099	do.	do.	Further attachments of American personnel.
7.	G25/1124	5th M.G. Bn.	do.	Warning order.
8.	IG29/1093	47th Division	do.	Maps - Disposition of troops and M.G's.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 9/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G13/1176 Aust. Corps	5th Aust. Div.	American personnel for attachment.
2.	G15/1178 4th Aust. Div.	do.	Order No. 124 - Offensive action in connection with 2nd Aust. Div.
3.	G6/1182 A.P.&.S.S.	do.	Notes on recent fighting - No. 13.
4.	G6/1183 do.	do.	Notes on recent fighting - No. 15 .
5.	G7/1214 Aust. Corps.	do.	Instr. for Def. No. 48 - Marking of brigades.
6.	G5/1237 do.	do.	Candidates Senior Officers (course to return to units in event of active operations on Corps front.
7.	I026/1164 do.	do.	Captured documents - "German machine gunners catechism"
8.	G7/1918 5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, Art, Engrs, Sigs, ADMS, APM, ALH, Cyc, 2, 3, 4th Aust. Divs. Aust. Corps, 5th Tank Bde, 1, 2, 8, 9th Tank Bns, 37th French Div. G.O.C., "AQ".	Instructions for the defensive No. 4.
9.	G3/1995 do.	3 Bdes, Arty.	Adoption of French 37 mm. gun.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 10/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G6/2039 5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, Arty, Engrs, Pnsr, 5th M.G. Bn.	Notes on recent fighting - Nos. 13 and 15.
2.	G11/1260 Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	G.S. Circ. No. 28 - Popham Panel.
3.	G11/1261 do.	do.	Training American Divisions.
4.	G6/1510 A.P. & S.S.	do.	Notes on recent fighting No. 14.
5.	G11/1317 Aust. Corps.	do.	Summary showing number B.A. brought down by A.A fire.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 11/6/18.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT
1. 02143	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, Arty, Eng, Sigs, ADMS, APM, "AQ" Aust. Corps.	G.S. Memo. No. 228 - Information captured by enemy.
✓ 2. 012/2185	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, Eng, Sigs, Tn, ADMS, DADVS, DADOS, APM, DBO, DGO, Cyc, ALH, 2nd A. Div, GOC. "A.Q."	Warning Order - Relief. ✓
3. 02142	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, Arty, Eng, Sigs, ADMS, APM, "A.Q."	G.S. Memo No. 227 - Telephone messages in forward areas.
4. 01/2123	do.	3 Bdes.	Attack practice to be carried out and tactics of L.G. Sections.
5. 06/2083	do.	3 Bdes, Arty, Eng, Pnrs, 5th M.G. Bn.	Notes on recent fighting No. 14.
✓ 6. A52/2095	do.	3 Bdes, Pnrs, Arty, Eng, Sigs, Train, ADMS. 5th M.G. Bn.	S.S. 470 - Re reports on officers for inefficiency.
7. 07/1340	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Co-Operation with III Corps in minor operation.
8. 01/1343	do.	do.	Officers of R.A.F. and artillery to stay with cadre Bns. employed in training American units.
9. 015/1386	5th Tank Bde.	do.	Order No 9 - Battalion reliefs.
✓ 10. 015/1424	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Instructions for the Defensive No. 33.
11. 09/1428	Aust. Corps.	do.	Re defective tangent sights.
12. 012/1445	do.	do.	Warning order re relief.
13. A56/1433	do.	do.	Admin. Instr. No. 205 - Policy as regards claims.
14. 0101/1455	do.	do.	Expendable belts for V.G's allotted for trial and report.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE- 12/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.	
1.	G1/2187	5th Aust. Div.	Supt.P.&.B.T Fourth Army.	Report - Bayonet fighting - VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
2.	A56/2243	do.	14,15th Bdes, A.D.M.S.	A.I.F. educational scheme.
3.	A2193	do.	C.C,3 Bdes, Pnrs,MGBn,CRA, CRE,Sigs,Tn, ADMS,DADVS,Sal. Co,DADVS,APM,G GOC.	Circular memo No. 58 - Wearing of box respirators.
4.	G12/1459	2nd Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Warning Order - Relief.
5.	G7/1461	Aust. Corps.	do.	Instr. for the Defensive - No. 50 - Tanks .
6.	G7/1465	5th Pnrs.	do.	Re recent div. conference Defence of positions.
7.	G1/1505	Aust. Corps	do.	A.I.F. educational Scheme - Bishop Long's arrangement.
8.	G7/1541	do.	do.	Re No. 1 Special Co. R.E. Mortars.
9.	G23/1542	do.	do.	Wireless station calls.
10.	G1/1547	do.	do.	Educational Scheme in A.I.F.
11.	G7/1564	do.	do.	Instr. for Defensive No. 49.
12.	A56/1472	D.A.G., A.I.F.	do.	Control, work etc., of official artists.
13.	Q104/1547	Aust. Corps.	do.	Re signs for M.T.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 13/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G12/2350	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, MG. Bn, Eng, Pnr, "AQ".	Avoidance of enemy obser- vation during relief.
2. G12/2339	do.	3 Bdes, MG. Bn, Pnr, Eng, Sigs, Train, ADMS, DADVS, APM, DBO, DADOS, DGO, No. 1 Troop B Sqd, 13th ALH, Cyc, Aust. Corps, 2, 3, 4th Aust. Divs, 5th Div. Art, "A" Co. 8 Tank Bn. 5 Tank Bde. 1, 2, 8th Tank Bn. 9th L.T. Bn, ADC for GOC, "AQ", "G" War diary.	Order No. 209 - relief.
3. G13/1575	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Attachment of American personnel - Intelligence.
4. G1/1584	do.	do.	Agenda for G.H.Q. - Light Mortar Conference.
5. G8/1585	do.	do.	Fourth Army dugout instr.
6. G12/1648	do.	do.	Order No. 112 re Divisional relief.
7. G16/1659	do.	do.	Suggested operations on Corps front.
8. G2/1677	8th Tank Bn.	do.	Tricolor flag to be flown by tanks when returning to our lines.
9. G7/1678	Aust. Corps.	do.	Proposals forwarded by 31st French Corps for action of the Reserve Div. of the Corps.
10. G2/1679	do.	do.	Signals between tanks and Infantry.
11. IG26/1617	do.	do.	Listening sets to be installed.
12. A56/1658	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Admin. memo No. 209.
13. Q104/1666	Aust. Corps.	do.	Detail of lorries for move of 8th & 5th Aust. inf. Bdes.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 15/6/18.

No.	FROM.	TO.	PURPORT.
1. G23/2545	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, "G" "AQ" Eng, Sig.	G.H.Q. instr. re signal service.
2. G3/2543	do.	Div. Arty.	Training whilst in Corps Mobile reserve.
3. G3/2488	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, 5th Pnrs, Eng, DBO.	S.O.S. signals.
4. G12/2480	do.	8th Bde, MG Bn, 14 & 15 Bdes, Sigs.	Operation memo No. 8 - Relief of 13th A.I. Bde by 12th A.I. Bde.
5. G15/1831	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Order No. 113 - Arty. relief.
6. G23/1837	do.	do.	Re use of telegrams - strain on signal services.
7. G1/1858	do.	do.	Training of F.A. in Corps Mob. Reserve in fire discipline.
8. G13/1859	do.	do.	Modification of the canvas rifle cover.
9. G16/1871	A.P. & S.S.	do.	Notes on recent fighting No. 16.
10. G11/1907	Aust. Corps	do.	Comparative number of bombs dropped by British & Germans.
11. A66/1834	Aust. Corps.	do.	Medical instr. No. 25.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G7/2435	5th Aust. Div.	Sigs, 3 Bdes, MG.Bn, Div. Art, Pnrs, ADMS, APM, "A.Q".	I.T. set to be installed on Corps Front.
2. G12/2436	do.	3 Bdes, CRE, 5 MG.Bn, Pnrs, AQ	Re movement in forward area.
3. G7/2438	do.	3 Bdes, Eng.	Re works policy and program.
4. G2/2378	do.	3 Bdes.	Re signals between tanks and infantry.
5. G7/1695	14th A.I. Bde.	5th Aust. Div.	Role in Corps Reserve and action in event of an attack
6. G15/1699	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Instr. for Defensive No. 34 Role of Div. in Corps Reserve
7. G7/1700	Aust. Corps	do.	Map - Dispositions of Inf. and tanks.
8. G23/1747	do.	do.	Signal Instr. - No. 10 Series No. 9.
9. G8/1748	do.	do.	Engineer Instr. No. 127.
10. G8/1783	do.	do.	Engineer instr. No. 126
11. G15/1788	"Z" Spec. Co. RE	do.	Re gas projector discharge.
12. G15/1789	4th AusE. Div.	do.	O.O. No. 126 - Proposed raids.
13. G15/1790	do.	do.	O.O. No. 125 - Inter Battalion relief.
14. A56/1746	Aust. Corps.	do.	Admin. Instr. No. 207 - issued under Order No. 112
15. A70/1784	do.	do.	Admin. Instr. No. 206 - Claims.
16. IG26/1756	A.P. & S.S	do.	Index to German Divs. & Corps Staffs.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 16/6/18.

No.	FROM.	TO.	PURPORT.	
1.	G15/1940	2nd Aust Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Order No. 117 - 5th A.F.A.Bde to change positions with 96th Army Bde. R.F.A.
2.	G25/1941	8th Bde.	do.	Order No. 180 - Gas projector attacks being arranged.
3.	G3/1942	Aust. Corps.	do.	Arty. Instr. No. 239.
4.	G3/1943	Aust. Corps.	do.	Arty. Instr. No. 240.
5.	G7/1945	do.	so.	Re enemy smoke screens - Div. Commanders to effect C.P. Phase 2 at their discretion.
6.	G7/1946	do.	do.	Re instr. for effecting C.P. phase 2 in event of enemy bombardment.
7.	G7/1948	do.	do.	Damage to trenches by Inf. in Army system.
8.	G17/2029	15th Bde.	do.	Order No. 162 - Projector attack.
9.	G15/2044	Aust. Corps.	do.	47th & 58th Divs. to move through Corps area.
10.	A56/1930	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Admin. Instr. No. 210.
11.	Q110/1977	Aust. Corps.	do.	Protection of horses against enemy bombing.
12.	Q101/2051	do.	do.	Re inferior L.G. extractors.
13.	IG31/1949	do.	do.	Special examination of prisoner.
14.	IG34/2048	do.	do.	D.G.S's report on use of gas by enemy prior to AISNE attack.
15.	IG26/2035	Aust. Corps.	do.	Small blue balloons to be sent over enemy lines.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 17/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G15/2073 Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Report on operations carried out by 7th A.I.Bde.
2.	G15/2078 47th Division.	do.	Order No. 240 - Relief by 58th Division.
3.	G17/2165 "Z" Spec.Co.R.E.	do.	Order. No. 17 - Projector gas attack being arranged.
4.	G.17/2168 8th Brigade.	do.	Order No. 180 - Projector gas attack being arranged.
5.	IG31/2074 Aust. Corps.	do.	Special exam. of a German prisoner.
6.	IG26/2123 A.P. & S.S.	do.	Historical notes on German Divisions.
7.	Q102/2120 15th Brigade.	do.	Administrative Memo. No.17.
8.	A56/2192 2nd Aust. Div.	do.	"A.Q" notes.
9.	G7/2690 5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, 2nd Div. Arty, 5 M.G.Bn.	Re information of enemy bombardment.
10.	Q101/2694 do.	14th Bde, CRE, "G"	Trenches to be stocked with ammunition by Reserve Brigades.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT
1. G.12/2783	5th Aust. Div.	15 Bde, 5 MG Bn,	Operation memo No.9 - Relief of 47th Div. by 58th Div.
2. G13/2789	do.	3 Bdes, 5 Pnr, Engrs.	Re suggested modification of canvas rifle cover.
3. G13/2791	do.	5th Div. Salv.	Re suggested modification of canvas rifle cover.
4. IG26/2936	do.	3 Bdes, 5 Pnr, Engrs.	Translation German document "Defence Scheme" sector east of VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
5. IG26/2923	do.	3 Bdes.	Translation German document: "Notes on the conduct of the infantry attack", based on the experience of recent fighting.
6. IG34/2754	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn.	Hostile battery positions.
7. G13/2222	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Further Americans for attachment.
8. IG 26/2237	do.	do.	Translation of German document - "Notes on the conduct of the Infantry attack" based on the experience of recent fighting.
9. IG26/2246	do.	do.	Translation - German document - "Defence Scheme".
10. A66/2310	A. D. M. S.	do.	Medical arrangements within the Division.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 19/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G9/2373	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Instructions relating to Aust Corps policy regarding the employment of machine guns.
2. G25/2377	C.R.A.	do.	Order No. 38 - Relief.
3. G15/2378	Aust. Corps.	do.	Order from French Corps.
4. G2/2379	do.	do.	Re flag flown by tanks when returning to our lines.
5. G7/2423	4th Aust. Div.	do.	Suggestion for use of passwords by flanking patrols of "B" & "C" divisions.
6. G11/2459	Signal Coy.	do.	Re stations for aircraft contact.
7. G22/2510	15th Brigade.	do.	Order No. 163 - re raid to be carried out.
8. A52/2393	D.A.G., A.I.F.	do.	Re transfers of 2nd in command of units disbanded.
9. G23/3067	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, Sigs.	Popham Panel, Daily messages from Bdes.
10. G2/3012	do.	3 Bdes, Art, 5th. 2nd A. Div. Art. Pnrs, MG Bn, ALH Eng, APM, Sigs, Cyclists.	Identification flag - British tank.
11. G7/2965	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, 2 D.A., Eng, ADMS, Sig, Aust. Corps, Corps HA, 2, 3, 4 Aust. Divs. 47 Div, 3 Sq. AFC, 5 Bde. Tanks G "AQ" War diary 3 Cav. Div.	6th Amendment to "C" division defence scheme - Demolitions.
12. G7/2963	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, Eng, 2 D. Arty, "AQ".	G.S. Memo No. 229 - Undercutting trenches for accommodation.
13. A56/2966	do.	D.A.G., A.I.F.	Re pay and separation allowances of married N.C.O's.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G17/2619	15th Brigade.	5th Au st.Div.	Order No. 164 - Gas projector attack.
2. G17/2627	"Z" Spec.Co. R.E.	do.	Order No. 18 - Gas projector attack.
3. G17/2628	do.	do.	Order No. 19 - Gas projector attack.
4. G22/2629	15th Bde.	do.	Report by 58th Bn. on raid.
5. G22/2640	15th Brigade.	do.	Request approval for raid to be carried out.
6. G22/2656	2nd Aust.Div.Arty.	do.	Order No. 118 - Co-operation with 8th Bde. raid.
7. A56/2602	5th Aust.Div.Art.	do.	Administrative Order No.51.
8. G2/3122	Aust. Corps.	do.	Signals between tanks and infantry.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 21.6.18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G22/3273	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, Corps, 2nd Order No. 210 - Raids. D.Art, 58 Div, MG Bn, ADMS, Sigs, APM, Eng, "Z" Spec. Co. R.E., "G", "AQ", GOC.	
2. A54/3289	do.	3 Bdes, ADMS, Pnrs, DADVS, MG Bn, DADOS, Sigs, Train, Sal. Co., CRA, APM, C.R.E.	Leave in FRANCE.
3. G7/2689	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Trench names.
4. G3/2703	do.	do.	H.A. counter preparation phase I.B. (Amendment Defence Scheme.).
5. G22/2708	5th M.G. Bn.	do.	Order No. 17 - Co-operation with 58th Bn. raid.
6. G17/2823	Aust. Corps.	do.	Extracts from weekly gas report - 2nd Aust. Div.
7. G22/2837	15th Brigade.	do.	Order No. 165 - Arty. program and Bn. order etc. re raid and gas projector attack to be carried out.
8. A56/2695	Aust. Corps.	do.	Admin. Circular No. 209 - Leave in FRANCE.

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 SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 22/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G13/3399	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, 4th Aust. Div.	Re mutual inter-division password.
2. G12/3386	do.	3 Bdes, APM, MG Bn, DADVS, Pnrs, Aust. Corps, 2 D. Art, 4th Aust. Div. Eng, ALH, Sigs, Cyc, Train, AQ, ADMS, "G" GOC, Diary.	Order No. 211.
3. G15/3338	do.	15th Bde, 5 M.G. Bn, 2nd Div. Arty.	Gas operation - 58th Division.
4. G2/3336	do.	3 Bdes, Eng, MG Bn, ADMS, Pnrs, Sigs, 5 D. Art, 2 D. Art. ALH, Cyc.	Tanks - signals.
5. A55/3373	do.	CC, 3 Bdes, 5 Pnr, MG Bn, CRA, CRE, Sig, Train, ADMS, DADV, APM, DADOS, Sal. Coy. G	Re censorship of parcels - origin of contents doubtful - evidence of looting.
6. A54/3401	do.	3 Bdes, CC, CRA, CRE, ADMS, Train, Sigs,	Re pay of members of A.I.F. on leave in France.
7. G15/2879	58th Division.	5th Aust. Div.	Gas projector attack to be carried out.
8. G15/2911	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Instr. for Defensive No. 36 - Demolitions.
9. G22/2926	2nd Aust. Div. Art.	do.	Order No. 119 re raid by 8th and 15th Bdes.
10. G22/2977	"Z" Spec. Co. RE	do.	Re projector gas attack.
11. G27/2983	Aust. Corps.	do.	Instr. for Defensive No. 51. Tank flags.
12. G7/2992	do.	do.	Crops interfering with field of fire to be cut.
13. G3/3005	Corps H.A.	do.	Amendments to table No. 6 - C.P. phase I.B.
14. G10/3006	Aust. Corps.	do.	Wireless station calls.
15. G7/3007	do.	do.	Aust. Corps Order No. 115 - "A" M.G. Bn. as permanent garrison in Army system.
16. G7/3008	do.	do.	Instr. for Defensive No. 52 - Organisation of Defence - (with map).
17. A57/2987	D.A.G., A.I.F.	do.	Re-organisation of infantry battalions.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.- 23/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G9/3050	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Fourth Army instr. for information - Organisation and Command of M.G. Bns.
2. G22/3100	8th Brigade.	do.	Report on raid by 30th Battalion.
3. G17/3118	"Z" Spec.Co.RE.	do.	Report on projector gas attack.
4. G13/3129	Aust. Corps	do.	Re demands for Ammn.
5. G25/3160	2nd Div.Art.	do.	Order No. 120 - withdrawal of superimposed group.
6. G22/3167	8th Brigade.	do.	Order No. 181 - Raid to be carried out night 24/25th June.
7. Q102/3047	Aust. Corps	do.	Admin. instrs. No. 210 - Horse watering parades.
8. A54/3054	do.	do.	Admin. Circular No. 209 - Leave.
9. Q102/3465	5th Aust. Div.	3 Brigades.	Re cutting of crops in certain sectors of divisional area.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 24/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.	
1.	G1/3625	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, ADMS, MG Bn, DBO, AQ Pnrs, 5 D. Art, Major Callander 5 Div. Engns Sigs, Capt. Laing, Lt. Guy, Aust. Corps, 5 ADRW, ALH, Cyc, O.C. Demon. plat.	G.S. Memo. No. 230 - A.R.A. platoon competition.
2.	G7/3585	do.	3 Bdes, AQ, Fr. Mission, Div. train.	Cutting of crops which interfere with fields of fire.
3.	G9/3586	do.	3 Bdes, 5 MG Bn.	Organization and command of M.G. Bns.
4.	G17/3579	do.	3 Bdes.	Extracts from 2nd Aust. Div. weekly gas report - 8th June.
5.	G15/3557	do.	5 MG Bn, 3 Bdes, Sigs, AQ, G Staff.	Operation memo No. 10 - relief of 174th Inf. Bde, by 175th Bde.
6.	Q102/3564	do.	3 Bdes, Train, Aust. Corps, "G" G.O.C. War diary	Admin. memo No. 69 - relief of 8th Bde. by 14th Bde.
7.	G1/3206	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Re collective gas training.
8.	G13/3211	do.	do.	Re report on 1914 pattern rifle.
9.	G7/3310	do.	do.	Instr. for def. No. 53 - Buried cables.
10.	G15/3311	do.	do.	Order No. 117 re move of 96th Army Bde. R.F.A.
11.	G11/3312	do.	do.	Re A.A., L.G. for each battery and D.A.C. section for protection against low flying E.A.
12.	A66/3305	A.D.M.S.	do.	Proposal to spray forward area with Cresol before handing over to incoming unit.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - ²⁵26/6/18.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.	
1.	G15/3346	2nd Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Warning Order - re 3rd Australian Division relief.
2.	G13/3349	14th Brigade.	do.	Re Mackay automatic flash deflector for L.G's. Also, prevention of breakages in rifle when used for discharging No. 36 grenades.
3.	G13/3438	Aust. Corps.	do.	Re reorganization of Inf. Bns. Request Divl. Commanders remarks.
4.	G15/3440	Aust. Corps.	do.	Order No. 118 - Transfer of "A" M.G. Bn to III Corps
5.	Q103/3376	Aust. Corps.	do.	Report on inspection of dumps.
6.	G1/3688	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, DGO.	Collective gas training.
7.	G7/3702	5th Aust. Div.	Aust. Corps.	Lines proposed to be maintained - with map.
8.	G23/3652	db.	do.	Visual signalling.
9.	G3/3672	do.	2nd D.A, 96 Army Bde.RFA, 3 Bdes, Eng, Sigs, Aust. Corps	Order No.212 - Move of 96th Army Bde R.F.A.
10.	3716	do.	5 MG Bn.AQ, Pnr. 3 Bdes, Pnr, MG Bn, CRE, Sigs, Train, SSO, ADMS, DADVS, DADOS, APM, CC, Sal. Co, Baths off, Canteen off, Aust. Corps, 2nd Aust. Div. GOC "Q", "G", War diary.	Administrative memo No.70.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 26/6/18.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT

"G"			
<u>IN</u> 1. G15/3526	4th. Aust Div.	5th. Aust Div.	Order No. 127 - Inter-Bde. Relief.
2. G24/3578	Aust Corps.	do	Tests carried out by III Corps with No. 34 Mk. III Grenade.
3. G17/3601	"Z" Sp. Coy R.E.	do	Report on Gas Operations.
4. G17/3602	do	do	Order No. 21 - Gas projector attack being arranged.

"Q"			
5. Q103/3491	ADOS. Aust Corps.	5th. Aust Div.	re 4th. Army Standing Order - Organisation of Div. Armourers Shop.

"A"			
6. A56/3544	2nd. Aust Div.	5th. Aust Div.	Administrative Memo. No. 211.

"G"			
<u>OUT</u> 7. G7/3759	5th. Aust Div.	3Bdes. Engrs. 2nd. D.A. "A.Q"	Front, Support, & Reserve Lines intended to be maintained. (With M.G. Bn. Pionrs. Map.)
8. G7/3760	do	4th. Aust Div. 58th. Div.	do. do.
9. G7/3783	do	3Bdes. Engrs. 2nd. D.A. "AQ" 5th. Pioneers.	Maintenance of roads in Div. Sector.

"A"			
10. A56/3824	5th. Aust Div,	3Bdes. DADVS. ADMS. SSO Baths Offr. Train. APM Canteen Off. DADOS CRE Signals MG Bn. Pionrs. Salvage Co.	Administrative Memo. 71.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 28/6/18

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G11/3883	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, Train, MG Bn, ADMS, APM, bombing. Pnrs, 5 & 2 D. Arty, DADVS, DADOS, Eng, Sal. Co, Sigs, CC, Cyc, A.L.H.
2.	G13/3881	do.	3 Bdes, GOC, "A.Q". Reorganization of infantry battalions.
3.	G22/3876	do.	14 Bde, 2 D. Art, 5 MG. Bn, Eng. Re Chinese attack.
4.	G7/3878	do.	Aust. Corps, C.R.E. Re proposed dugout for H. Qrs. Brigades etc.,
5.	G9/3862	do.	5th M.G. Bn. Re revised loads of transport of M.G. Bns.
6.	Q103/3921	do.	D.A.D.O.S., D.G.O. Re combination gas suits.
7.	G23/3621	Signal Company.	5th Aust. Div. Report on visual signalling test.
8.	G23/3633	Aust. Corps.	do. General staff circular No. 29 Wireless communication.
9.	G7/3635	do.	do. Re Revised load - tables for transport of M.G.'s.
10.	G7/3639	58th Division.	do. Defence scheme.
11.	G22/3666	15th Brigade.	do. Request approval to carry out raid.
12.	G7/3667	do.	do. Order No. 167 - gas attack.
13.	G13/3751	do.	do. Re preventing hardships on horses.
14.	G22/3768	8th Brigade.	do. Narrative of raid by 32nd Battalion.
15.	Ig31/3628	Fourth Army.	do. Summary re Jaeger divisions.
16.	Ig26/3629	do.	do. Translation German document - "Prevention against aerial observation".
17.	A66/3685	A.I.F., U.K.	do. Circular memo No. 252 - Precautions taken against influenza epidemic.
18.	A56/3686	A.P. & S.S.	do. Rules for the guidance of the M.S's, A.G's and Q.M.G's branches, of the staff and of the admin. services and departments at A.H.Q.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE. ²⁸ 29/6/18. 40

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.	
1.	G13/3795	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Re establishment of transport of L.T.M.B's.
2.	G25/3797	15th Brigade.	do.	Order No. 168 - inter battalion relief.
3.	G9/3805	Aust. Corps.	do.	2nd Monthly conference for M.G.Bn. Commanders to be held.
4.	G25/3813	5th Div. Arty.	do.	Arty. instr. No. 2 - Training.
5.	G15/3877	Aust. Corps.	do.	Order No. 119 - Move of 47th D.Art. to Aust. Corps area.
6.	G25/4878	5th Div. Art.	do.	Order No. 41 - re move to St. OUEEN area.
7.	G25/4879	5th Div. Art.	do.	Order No. 40 - Warning to move from R.A. area.
8.	G23/4883	Aust. Corps.	do.	Gen. Staff Circ. No. 29 - re wireless.
9.	G23/4889	58th Div.	do.	Re test by III Corps with message carrying rockets.
10.	G8/4901	Aust. Corps.	do.	Engineer instr. No. 128.
11.	G15/4912	58th Division.	do.	Order No. 123 - inter bde. relief.
12.	G16/4917	14th Brigade.	do.	Order No. 147 - gas projector attack.
13.	Ig34/3807	Aust. Corps.	do.	Translation German document "The employment of tanks by Germans in the attack at REIMS".
14.	G3/4014	5th Aust. Div.	2nd Div. Art, 5th Div. Art, 3 Bdes, Eng, Pnr, 5 MG Bn.	Re artillery harassing fire.
15.	G13/4045	do.	3 Bdes, AQ, Pnr, 5 D. Art, 2 B. Art, MG Bn, Eng, ADMS, DADVS, Sal. Coy.	Gen. Staff Memo. No. 231 p Prevention of hardships to horses.
16.	Ig26/4025	do.	3 Bdes, Train, Pnr, ADMS, APM, 2 D. Art, Eng, CC, Sigs, MG Bn.	Enemy precautions against aerial observation.

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939. SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE. - 29/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G23/4116	5th Aust. div.	Aust. Corps.	Popham Panel - Practice messages.
2. G12/4127	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Sigs, "AQ".	Operation memo No. 11 - inter bde. relief 58th Div.
3. Ig26/4162	do.	3 Bdes, Train, Pnr, 2 D. Art, MG Bn, ADMS, APM, Sig, DADVS, Eng, Cyc, ALH.	Re scheme for obtaining information from behind enemy lines by means of coal gas balloons.
4. G3/4949	Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Order No. 121 - Move of 5th Aust. Div. Art.
5. G8/4950	do.	do.	Re Working parties for Tunnelling Company's.
6. G23/4951	do.	do.	Re Special despatch rider letter Service.
7. G23/4956	do.	do.	Re coal gas balloons for obtaining information from behind the enemy lines.
8. G13/4991	do.	do.	Re transportation services.
9. G13/16	A.P. & S.S.	do.	Notes on sexmnyx gunnery.
10. G9/25	8th Brigade.	do.	Improved L.G. clump ring.
11. G17/53) G17/54)	"Z" Spec. Co. R.E.	do.	Orders No. 26 & 27 re gas projector attacks being arranged.
12. G22/61	15th Brigade.	do.	Order No. 169 - re Raid.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 30/6/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G16/105	4th Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Order No. 128 - Projected attack.
2. G3/106	Aust. Corps.	do.	Order. No. 122 - Moves of Artillery.
3. G15/126	58th Division.	do.	Co-operation in attack by 18th Division.
4. G15/139	4th Aust. Div.	do.	Instr. No. 1 issued under Order No. 128.
5. G7/221	Aust. Corps.	do.	Instr. for the Defensive No. 54 - Garrisons for the Army System.
6. G3/222	do.	do.	Gen. Staff Circ. No. 30 - S.O.S. Signals (Change).
7. G7/227	do.	do.	Re Changing of sites selected for emplacement of Heavy Arty
8. G9/228	do.	do.	Extracts from Agenda of M.G. conference at G.H.Q.
9. A57/174	A.I.F., U.K.	do.	Increase in permanent Cadre to cope with supposed increase of Reinforcements from Australia.
10. A56/202	Aust. Corps.	do.	Visit of Prime Minister of Australia on 2/7/18.
11. A66/217	A.D.M.S.	do.	Report on condition and accommodation of R.A.P's.
12. G1/4253	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes.	Re infantry Brigade Schools.
13. G11/4256	do.	Aust. Corps.	Re increase of M.G's to three per battery.
14. G.4283	do.	3 Bdes, 5 MG Bn, 2 D. Art, Pnr, Eng Sigs, ADMS, Aust Corps, 4 A. Div, 58 Div, 3 Div, A Coy 13 tks, ALH, Cyc, G, Q, GOC, Diary, 3 Sqd. AFC, "Z" Spec. Coy, No. 1 Spec. Co., Liaison offrs.	Order No. 213 - SECRET.

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Divisional Gas Officer's Monthly Report.

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1. Duties of Divisional Gas Officer as laid down in Australian Corps G90/177.
Advisory Under the General Staff his duties will be - To advise the Divisional General Staff in all matters connected with Gas or Flame and on Anti-Gas measures for the protection of the Divisional Area.
Operation. To supervise the taking over of Anti Gas Trench Stores
2. On relief - outgoing and incoming, Divisional Gas Officers will render a certificate to the Corps Chemical Adviser that Anti-Gas Trench Stores and maps have been handed over to- and received by - the incoming Divisional Gas Officer.
3. To arrange with the Divisional General Staff to be at once notified of any Gas attack or Gas shell bombardment. To investigate and render reports and samples to the Corps Chemical Adviser.
4. To examine captured appliances dealing with Gas, smoke, flame etc. and report on same.
5. To supervise the production of smoke when required
6. To be present with the O.C. Special Coy. R/E. (Gas Brigade) when cylinder or projector Gas attacks are being made on the enemy.

Routine.

- To visit the Divisional Front and Divisional Artillery when the Division is in the line.
- To visit all Units and inspect all Anti-Gas appliances.
- To arrange for the inspection of Divisional Anti-Gas equipment (reserve) as required.
- To ascertain that all Units keep all Anti-gas equipment up to scale.
- To arrange for the examination of salvaged Anti-Gas equipment.
- To lecture to Units on Gas, Smoke, and Flame.
- To arrange for the Anti-Gas instruction of all new Drafts.

Administration.

Small paper maps have been forwarded weekly to "G" Staff, showing in colors the Area subjected to Gas bombardments during the week.
 Some trouble has been experienced in making Units forward Indents for Small Box Respirators and containers through Divisional Gas Officer, with list of faults attached. This procedure enables unnecessary condemning of Small Box Respirators to be checked.

Training.

Two Brigades were continually in the line during the month and the reserve Brigade worked on defensive positions, consequently it was impossible to carry out any training.

At the Divisional Reinforcement Wing arrangements were made for instruction and testing of Anti-Gas equipment of reinforcements and men returned from hospital.

Shelling.

Not so heavy as during the previous month and the casualties were very few.

Yellow Cross, Green Cross and Blue Cross were identified.

CORBIE again suffered, being heavily shelled on the 13th, 15th and 27th. The village itself was evacuated; and picquets were put on the main road to stop traffic passing through.

There were also heavy bombardments of the Battery positions in Sheet 62d O. 15, 16, 21, and 22 between FOUILLOY and VILLIERS-BRETONNEUX on the 13th and 15th.

A considerable number of casualties were caused on the 8th Bde. H.Q. after the shelling of CORBIE on the 13th and 15th, as result of remaining in a dug-out system, the area around which was drenched with Yellow Cross Gas.

The Brigade Commander was advised by D.G.O. to move at once on the morning of the 15th, and a report to the same effect was sent to Divisional Headquarters, but the move was delayed until the 18th and casualties resulted.

The number of protective dug-outs and cellars in the area was largely increased and these have been found of great service during Gas Shell bombardments. The 5th Divisional Eng. did excellent work on these dug-outs.

Toward the latter end of the month Strombos Horns were installed in the Sector on the scale of 20 to a mile of front. These are only to be used in the event of cloud Gas attack.

Rattles and gongs are used for the alarms to warn men of Gas shell attacks.

Sentries are always kept posted in order that men asleep may be awakened as quickly as possible.

Chloride of Lime has proved effective in neutralising Yellow Cross Gas in shell holes, but the amount required for same is very large.

Lt. Nash 14th Bde. Gas Officer reported on two occasions that poultices made of cold tea leaves were very effective in curing eyes affected with Yellow Cross Gas.

Masks of Artillery and Machine Gunners were fitted with new Triplex Eye Pieces, which have proved very efficient; enabling the Gunners to carry on duties during Gas shell bombardment with very little inconvenience.

Changes in Personnel.

Lt Shields 15th Bde. Gas Officer was evacuated, suffering from Trench Fever and Lt. Hodgson took over his duties.

Lt. Oldstrum 8th Bde. Gas Officer was wounded and gassed and his duties were carried on by Lt. Mc Gill.

A Green Cross Gas Shell burst in the billet occupied by Sergeant Neil 14th Bde. Gas N/C.O. destroying his S.B.R.. His coolness and presence of mind in the matter of holding his breath enabled him to get away without being affected.

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Gas Officer,
5th Australian Division

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5th Australian Division.

June 1918

Duties of Brigade Gas Officers and N.C.O's

To carry out the weekly inspection of Anti-Gas Equipment of the Personnel attached to Brigade Headquarters and to prepare a list of shortages
To keep a record showing number and position of all Anti-Gas Trench Stores in the Bde. Area and prepare weekly reports to be forwarded to the Divisional Gas Officer on the following :-

1. Anti-Gas Equipment and inspections, consolidated weekly reports from Battn Gas N.C.O's.
2. Strombos Horns.
3. Other Anti-Gas Trench Stores.
 - (a) Vermorel Sprayers
 - (b) Chemicals
 - (c) Ayrton Fans
 - (d) Vacuum Bulbs
 - (e) Gas proof Dug-outs
 - (f) Number of Wind Vanes, Gongs, Alarms and Notice Boards showing Gas Zones in the Bde. Area.
4. Change in Personnel of Battn and Company Gas N.C.O's

To test and inspect all Anti-Gas appliances before they are distributed in the Bde. Area.

To visit all Strombos Horns in Bde. Area at least once a week.

To keep a nominal roll of Battn. and Coy. Gas N.C.O's.

To replace useless or damaged containers of S.B.R's.

To have charge of chemicals for the Vermorel Sprayer solution

To keep a supply of "S?K." liquid for testing the fit of masks.

To assist in training reinforcements.

To collect samples of Enemy Gas.

To collect any enemy Anti-Gas material

Administration.

During the period spent in reserve, Units were instructed in the proper method of forwarding indents for S.B.R's., and in spite of the very strict testing of the respirators, a diminution in issue of S.B.R's and containers has resulted.

The copy of the daily Gas shelling wire to Corps and Army is now being forwarded to "G" Staff.

Returns from Units have been rendered correctly and up to time.

Training.

The Division went into Reserve Area on the 2nd inst. and the first three days were given to rest.

Whilst out for the 14 days the Bde. Gas Officers inspected Anti-Gas Equipment and all ranks had the fit of their masks tested in a Gas chamber.

One hour a week was given to Gas Training by all Infantry Units and by the time the Division went back to the Line every one was in possession of a serviceable respirator.

Demonstrations were not carried out as supplies could not be obtained from Corps in time

Gas Shelling.

Since taking over the new Sector Gas Shelling of the Divisional Area has been light, only a few cases from Gas being reported Yellow Cross was principally used.

Protective Measures.

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 whilst two Companies of Machine Gunners had their masks fitted with Triplex Eyepieces; the remainder of the Battn. being finished by the 23rd The Medical Officers and stretcher bearers of the 8th Bde. were also fitted.

The new Area was very poorly provided with protected Dug-outs and cellars; these have been attended to and many others are now in the course of construction.

Sixty Strombos Horns have been distributed over the Divisional Area

Changes in Personnel.

Lt Shields 15th Bde Gas Officer returned to duty in the early part of the month, but was severely wounded by H.E. and again evacuated.

Lt. Dalglait is now with the Brigade.

Sergeant Staley and Sergeant Harrold of the 8th Bde. and Corps Gas School respectively exchanged places.

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 Gas Officer
 5th Australian Division.