

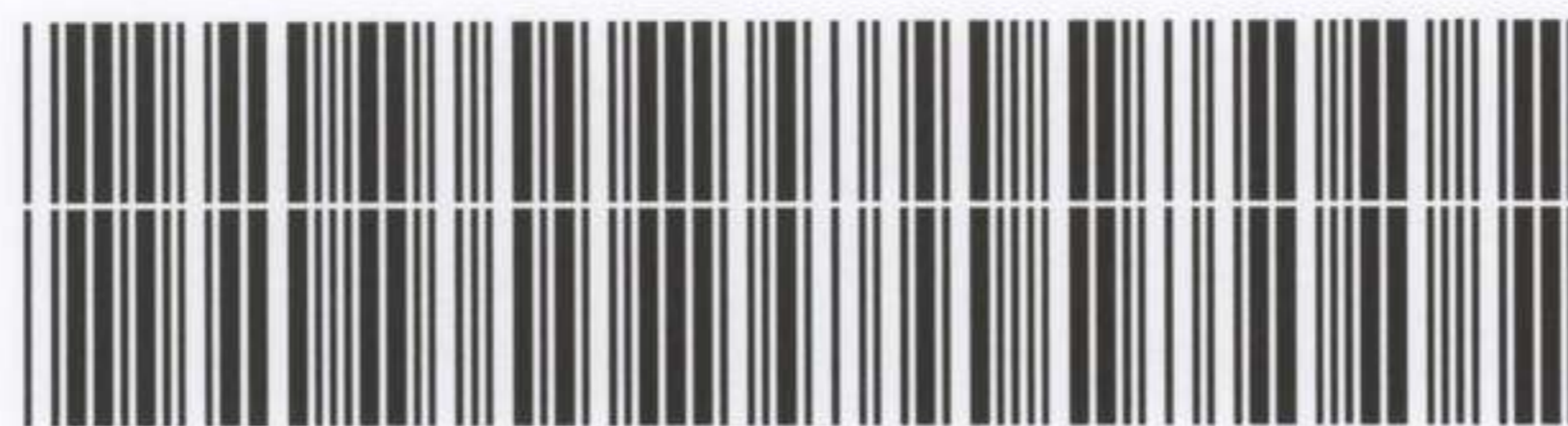
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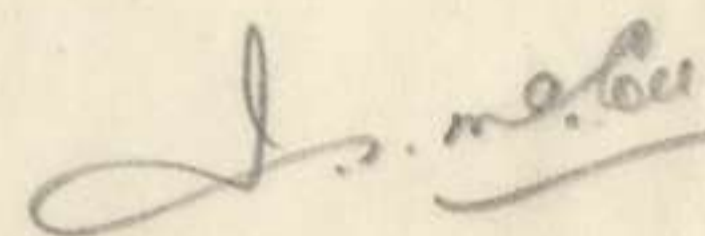
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WAR DIARY

of

GENERAL STAFF, 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

from 1st November 1918 to 30th November 1918.



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

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OISEMONT. (Somme)	1st		<p><u>NOVEMBER 1918</u></p> <p>The Division was in the HUPPY Area, with Divisional Headquarters at OISEMONT. General training was carried out during the period, special attention being given, during the latter part of the month to Route Marching, Ceremonial drill, and Physical and Recreational Training.</p> <p>During the day a conference and demonstration by I.C. Training representatives, Brig-Gen. GUGGISBERG and Lieut-Col. LEVEY, was held at OISEMONT. The Corps and Divisional Commanders were present in the morning. In addition, the following also attended:- Representatives of each Infantry Brigade, all Battalion and all Company Commanders, C.R.E. and Field Company Commanders, and O.C's. L.T.M. Batteries.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander attended an Army and Corps Commanders' conference at 2nd Australian Division Headquarters, BELLOY.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander afterwards attended a meeting to receive an address by G.O.C. Fourth Army in connection with the proposed employment of the Australian Corps in the line at an early date.</p>	
	2nd		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander, accompanied by the G.S.O.II., inspected 53rd Battalion 14th Brigade School, and 14th A.L.T.M. Battery at St. MAXENT and later the 55th and 56th Battalions at VISMES with transport in all cases. Inspection satisfactory.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander inspected the Divisional Signal Company with transport near OISEMONT.</p> <p><del>G.S.O.II inspected the Divisional Transport School at MAREUIL.</del></p> <p>In the evening the Divisional Commander went to CAVILLON to see G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division.</p>	
	3rd		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander attended a Church Parade at CERISY.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander held a conference at OISEMONT of Brigade, Battalion and other unit commanders to discuss recent operations, the present situation and the future.</p>	

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OISEMONT	4th		<p>NOVEMBER 1918</p> <p>In the morning the Divisional Commander inspected the whole of the Divisional Engineers at BOUILLONCOURT-en-SERY. Inspection very satisfactory.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander attended the 5th Machine Gun Battalion sports near RAMBURES.</p> <p>G.S.O.II inspected the Divisional Transport School at MAREUIL.</p>	
	5th		<p>Warning order received that the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery was to proceed to the line by march route on 10th inst.</p> <p>In the afternoon a conference on training, under the presidency of Lieut-General MAXSE I.G. Training, B.E.F. was held at 1st Aust.D.H.Q. at LONG. The Corps Commander and all Divisional Commanders, C.R.A's., and G.S.O.I's were present. Matters in connection with training were traversed by General MAXSE and discussed.</p>	
	6th		<p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander visited all Infantry Brigade H.Q. Saw G.O's.C. and gave instructions with reference to training and Brigade Schools.</p> <p>Weather bad, raining all day.</p>	
	7th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander rode to see Pioneer Battalion training round BULEUX. Afterwards he went to RAMBURES to see the M.G. Battalion at work also 30th and 31st Battalions. In the afternoon the 15th Brigade Sports were held at HUPPY. The Divisional Commander and representatives of Divisional Staff attended.</p>	
	8th		<p>The Divisional Commander inspected the whole of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery under Brig-General BESSEL-BROWNE at LONGEAU. Very satisfactory inspection.</p> <p>Lieut-Col. J.T. McCOLL M.C., G.S.O.I, returned from leave to U.K.</p>	

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NOVEMBER 1918.				
OISEMONT	9th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander visited the 15th Brigade School at ERCOURT. After inspection and a thorough and satisfactory test of the students, the Divisional Commander addressed them.</p> <p>8th Brigade Sports were held at VILLEROY. Divisional Commander attended.</p> <p>Order No. 226, re move of Pioneer Battalion to forward area, issued.</p>	Appendix 1
	10th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander attended a Church Parade of the M.G. Battalion and 8th Brigade H.Q. at RAMBURES.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander was engaged with Lieut-Col. SPRINGTHORPE of the Medical Services in connection with the work done by the Australian Divisions.</p> <p>Order No. 227 re move of Artillery to forward area issued.</p>	Appendix 1
	11th		<p>Lieut. Col. LASKEY, Tank Corps lectured to 15th Brigade School. The Divisional Commander and Staff Officers attended.</p> <p>Information was received during the morning that an armistice had been signed and that hostilities were to cease at 11 a.m.</p> <p>Orders issued for the move of the Pioneer Battalion were cancelled.</p>	
	12th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander inspected and tested students of 8th Brigade School at WATTEBLERY. Afterwards he witnessed an attack demonstration on the rifle range near BLANGY.</p> <p>In the afternoon 14th Brigade sports were held at St. MAXENT. The Divisional Commander was present.</p>	
	13th		<p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander visited 8th Brigade Area. Rode to valley of BRESLE to find suitable training area. Called at 30th Battalion H.Q. FOUCAUCOURT, and saw C.O.</p>	

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			<u>NOVEMBER 1918</u>	
OISEMONT	14th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander rode to DOUDELAINVILLE and inspected, tested and addressed the 14th Brigade School. Very satisfactory result. Weather turning very cold. G.S.O.II left on leave to U.K.</p>	
	15th		<p>The Divisional Commander, G.S.O.1 and A.A.&amp;Q.M.G. attended a conference at PERONNE held by the Corps Commander. The Corps Commander explained the part the Corps was to take in the army of occupation and gave the necessary instructions in connection with same.</p>	
	16th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander inspected the Divisional Demonstration Platoon at Divisional Headquarters and then rode to RAMBURELLES to see the O.C. M.G. Battalion. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander presided over a conference of Brigadiers, C.R.A., C.R.E. and C.O's of the 5th Australian Division at which he explained the part which the division was to take in the advance to the Rhine, and issued preliminary instructions. App. Instructions No.1 "Advance to the Rhine" issued. App.</p>	<p>2 3</p>
	17th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander attended the following Thanksgiving services:- 8th Brigade at RAMBURELLES 14th Brigade at MARTAINNEVILLE 15th Brigade at HUPPY. In the afternoon the Divisional Commanders and Staff Officers attended the official Thanksgiving Service at the invitation of the local Cure at R.C. Church, OISEMONT. In the evening the Divisional Commander attended another Thanksgiving Service of men of the Division at OISEMONT. He gave an address at all services (except the R.C.) and explained to the men the part the division was to take in the march to the Rhine. In the afternoon a lecture was given at OISEMONT by Colonel Sir Francis YOUNGHUSBAND KCSI KCIE on "Where Three Empires Meet". Weather very cold.</p>	

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OISEMONT	18th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander witnessed a demonstration by Divisional Demonstration Platoon arranged for Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband, In the afternoon the Divisional Sports Meeting was held at HUPPY. The Divisional Commander and Staff Officers attended. In the evening a second lecture was given by Colonel Sir FRANCIS YOUNGHUSBAND on "Our Indian Frontier - An explorer's experiences". Instructions No. 2 "Advance to the Rhine" issued.</p>	<p>Appendix 3</p>
	19th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander inspected the 14th Brigade Group (less 14th Field Co) at VESLE. The Brigade passed in column of route in full marching order. Very satisfactory. Later he visited the Pioneer Battalion Headquarters. Instructions No.3 "Advance to the Rhine" issued. Instructions No.4 "Advance to the Rhine" issued.</p>	<p>Appendix 3 Appendix 3</p>
	20th		<p>In the morning the Divisional Commander inspected the 15th Brigade Group in column of route in full marching order. Afterwards he attended a Military Tournament by the 5th Pioneer Battalion at CERISY. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander had an interview with the B.G.G.S. Australian Corps with regard to the forward move-ment of the Corps.</p>	
	21st		<p>The Divisional Commander visited the 8th, 14th and 15th Brigade Headquarters. Saw each G.O.C. and informed them of the alterations in the arrangements, brought about by the Corps not going to Germany at present.</p>	
	22nd		<p>Instructions No. 5 "Advance to the Rhine" issued.</p>	<p>Appendix 3</p>

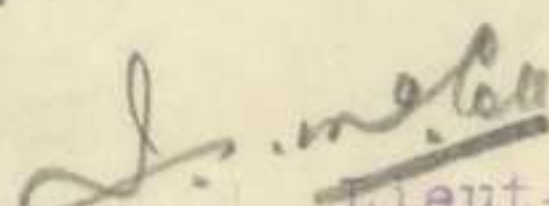
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OISEMONT	23rd		In the afternoon the Divisional Commander reviewed at a ceremonial parade the 8th Brigade Group plus 14th and 15th Field Coys. Divisional Signal Co. Pioneer Battalion Machine Gun Battalion near RAMBURELLES. Very satisfactory.	
	24th		The Divisional Commander attended a Church Parade of the 14th Brigade at VISMES.	
	25th		In the morning the Divisional Commander rode to RAMBURES. Saw G.O.C. 8th Brigade and gave him instructions in connection with taking over the temporary command of the Division during the Divisional Commanders absence at Corps H.Q. Also made necessary arrangements for Lieut-Colonel C.S. DAVIES DSO to temporarily command the 8th Brigade. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander inspected the 31st Battalion on their march to staging area en route to entraining station. Showery all day. Entrainment of 5th Australian Division for the forward area began at 9 a.m. from ABBEVILLE and PONT REMY.	
	26th		Conference of Divisional and Brigade Commanders was held at Corps Headquarters, Le CATEAU. Major General Sir J. Talbot HOBBS KCB VD left 5th Australian Division to command Australian Corps. Brig-General E. TIVEY CB, DSO, VD, 8th Infantry Brigade, took over the command of the Division, and Lieut-Colonel C.S. DAVIES DSO 32nd Battalion took over the command of the 8th Infantry Brigade. G.S.O.III went to detraining station BERTRY to arrange staging areas en route to new area.	
	27th )		Entrainment of the Division for the forward area continued. Detraining station was BERTRY. Divisional Headquarters closed at OISEMENT at 9 a.m. 28th and opened at FAVRIL at 5 p.m. on same day. By the end of the month the detraining of the Division was almost completed and units were disposed as shewn in Disposition Reports .	App. 4
	28th )			
	29th )			
	30th )			
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GENERAL STAFF, 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONfor month of NOVEMBER 1918.

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Appendix No.1	-	Divisional Orders
Appendix No. 2	-	Notes on Conference 16/11/18.
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Appendix No. 4	-	Disposition Reports
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 227

Headquarters,  
10th November 1918.

1. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery accompanied by two sections of 5th Australian Motor Transport Company and the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. accompanied by its Park Section will move by road to IX Corps area.  
6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will move under orders of C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.
2. Move will be carried out in accordance with march table attached.
3. On completion of move as shown the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Group will act under the orders of Australian Corps.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Alec M. Forbes Major*  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 1030 to:-	Copy No.		
5th Divisional Artillery	1		
6th Army Brigade A.F.A.	1A	D.A.D.V.S.	11
		D.A.P.M.	12
Copies to:-		D.A.D.O.S.	13
8th Infantry Brigade	2	Camp Commandant	14
14th Infantry Brigade	3	Australian Corps	15
15th Infantry Brigade	4	1st Aust. Division	16
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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 227.

	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS.
Novr.	LONGEAU Area	BRAY Staging Area	Via VILLERS-BRETONNEUX	Billets from Area Commandant BRAY.
Novr.	BRAY Staging Area.	ATHIES	CHUIGNES-BRIE.	Billets from Area Commandant ATHIES.
Novr.				Orders for move on 12th Novr. will be sent c/o Area Comdt. ATHIES.

APPENDIX

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 226.

Headquarters,  
10th November 1918.The move of the 5th Australian Pioneer Battalion is postponed  
24 hours.*Alec M. Forbes Major*  
forLieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 1830  
to recipients of Div. Order No. 226.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 226

Headquarters  
9th November 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Pioneer Battalion will move to the Forward Area by train on 11th November.
2. (a) Three companies and all transport of the battalion will entrain at OISEMONT at 1500 on 11th instant. Detraining Station, ROISEL.  
(b) One company (less transport) will entrain at PONT REMY at 1700 on 11th instant, sharing a train with 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion. Detraining station, SPEHY.
3. Detailed orders re entrainment will be issued by "C" Branch.
4. On arrival at detraining stations the 5th Australian Pioneer Battalion will come under the orders of G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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5th Pioneer Battalion 1

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14th Infantry Brigade	3	1st Aust. Division	16
15th Infantry Brigade	4	2nd Aust. Division	17
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APPENDIX 1

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 228.

Headquarters,  
30th November 1918.

1. His Majesty the King will visit the Australian Corps area on the 1st December.
2. The King will arrive at AVESNES at 1230 from MAUBERGE. He will then proceed to LANDRECIES and troops of the 1st, 4th, and 2nd Australian Divisions will line the above roads in the vicinity of their billets.
3. His Majesty will arrive at LANDRECIES at 1500, and thence will travel to CATILLON via LA GROISE.
  - (a) Troops of the 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades who are quartered in the vicinity of the above roads, will line the roads between CATILLON - LA GROISE, and LA GROISE - LANDRECIES.
  - (b) Troops to be in position half an hour before the time at which his Majesty is due to arrive.
  - (c) Brigade Commanders of the 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades will meet the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division at cross-roads on N.E. corner of LA GROISE at 1500.
4. No equipment will be worn by the troops lining the roads beyond belts and sidearms.  
Rifles will not be carried.  
Greatcoats will be taken at discretion of Brigade Commanders.  
There will be no ceremony beyond that laid down above.  
No troops will participate where excessive marching is necessitated.  
The route to be followed by the Royal Party will not be followed by marching troops.
5. Troops will not be extended but will be formed up in line with intervals as convenient between units.

*J. M. Call* Lieut-Colonel, G.S.  
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 1100 to:

	Copy No.
8th Infantry Brigade	1
14th Infantry Brigade	2
15th Infantry Brigade	3
5th M.G. Battalion	4
5th Pioneer Battalion	5
Divisional Artillery	6
Divisional Engineers	7
Divisional Signal Co.	8
Divisional Train	9
A.D.M.S.	10
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOTES ON THE DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE AT OISEMONT 16/11/18.1. General Situation.

The Divisional Commander, after referring to the Armistice terms which practically embody the Peace terms stated that we must be prepared to resume hostilities at any time during the period of the Armistice.

The 18th German Army is entraining at LIEGE and others are in process of withdrawal. There is an Allied Commission at the German General Headquarters SPA, endeavouring to regulate the evacuation of the Germans. The British Army will follow the German Army at one day's distance, and the army of occupation is timed to reach the Belgian Eastern frontier on or before the 2nd December. This army of occupation has <sup>the</sup> two functions:

- (a) To enforce strict compliance with the terms of the Armistice.
- (b) To enforce the terms of Peace.

This will probably necessitate the maintenance of the army of occupation for some considerable time, but it is too early yet to fore-shadow how this will affect the Australian Corps.

2. The Organization of the army of occupation.

The army of occupation will consist of elements of the Belgian, British, American and French Armies, in that order from north to south with a defensive frontier on the RHINE which they will hold and administer.

The British Armies of Occupation will consist of two Armies - the Second and Fourth, in that order from north to south. Their zone is approximately: COLOGNE (inclusive) to MAINZ (probably exclusive). Each Army will consist of four Corps <sup>each</sup> of four divisions.

The Fourth Army will consist of the 4th, 6th and 9th British Corps and the Australian Corps. The New Zealand Division will form part of one of the Corps of the Fourth Army. The Canadian Corps will be in the Second Army.

It has been decided that the Australian Corps for the purpose of the Army of Occupation will consist of four divisions only, viz; 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Australian Divisions. The inclusion of the 3rd Australian Division is still under discussion; otherwise it will become attached to the 17th British Corps.

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It will be seen from the above that of the 32 divisions forming the Army of Occupation, nine are supplied by Dominion troops - a very high proportion.

### 3. The march to enemy territory.

The march to enemy territory will be carried out in two echelons, the 6th and 9th Corps leading, in that order from north to south, followed by the 4th and Australian Corps in similar order.

The march will commence on the 17th November by 2nd Cavalry Division (allotted to Fourth Army); the 2nd Cavalry Division is not restricted as to roads, but as to rate of movement, The direction of the march is due east towards St. VITH, and the Army frontage is from 16 to 18 miles. Each Corps will be allotted two roads. Nothing is known as to the condition of these roads, but it is understood that for the first few miles they are badly knocked about. The Cavalry however, have been ordered to reconnoitre the condition of these roads. The marches will take the form of a series of bounds to a definite line, then a halt of a day or two, then a further advance. The date by which the Army is to be deployed on the frontier is the 2nd December. Each division will be organised into three brigade groups and one artillery group. It may, however, prove necessary to split up the artillery group owing to water difficulties.

### 4. Action by Australian Corps.

The 9th Corps is at present around LE CATEAU, and will commence its move on the 16th and 17th instant, It is the present intention (if railway conditions permit) to rail up the 2nd 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions commencing on the 19th instant to BUSIGNY - LE CATEAU area and there is a further prospect that the forward movement to the frontier may be performed by rail. This entirely depends on the repairs to the BUSIGNY-CHARLEROI Railway, which is understood to be badly knocked about. The transportation people say that the railway will be available by the 20th November. If this is so, the Australian Corps will train to the Belgian frontier. The distance from LE CATEAU is roughly 150 miles. All four divisions must, however, immediately prepare for marching by road as the decision for the latter may be hurriedly given, and at little notice.



The Australian Corps will follow the 9th Corps - the 1st Australian Division on the northern road and the 4th Australian Division on the south road leading. The disposition of the 2nd and 5th Divisions will stand over for the present, as the probability of the two latter divisions going by rail is greater than that of the 1st and 4th Divisions.

5. Organization of Groups.

Instructions for the formation of Brigade groups will be issued.

6. Details of movement affecting roads and railways.

(a) Ammunition and equipment.

No ammunition will go forward other than the establishment in horse-drawn echelons. Field Artillery will have the normal ammunition that is carried in wagons and D.A.C. There will be nothing carried on motor transport. The whole policy underlying the movement is to march light, and the whole operation is designed with a view to obtaining the utmost comfort for the troops.

On the question of carrying steel helmets and gas masks, it is considered that the time has not yet arrived when they can be left behind; as stated in the above remarks we must be prepared to resume hostilities at any moment. Higher authority may be in a position later to say that we need not carry these articles.

100 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on the man, and a proportionate reduction should be made in the amounts carried by machine gun battalions and Lewis guns. Light Trench Mortar Batteries and a proportion of ammunition are to be taken. With regard to Newton Mortars it has not yet been decided whether they will go. If they do, motor transport will be provided for them.

(b) Censorship.

Censorship regulations may be relaxed forthwith, in that names of places, units and persons may be mentioned.

(c) Reinforcements

A.I.F. reinforcements go on as usual.

(d) Leave

All arrangements for leave will go on without change and Brigade and other commanders will see that every facility for obtaining leave is given to those to whom it is due.

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(e) Personnel.

A thorough overhaul of personnel should be made in order to weed out those whom it is undesirable to take on the march. These may be classified under two headings:

- (i) Physically unfit. A medical examination should decide straight away those who are physically unfit for a march. This examination should be strict as the march will be a severe test of the fitness of the men.
- (ii) Morally unfit. Now is the opportunity to rid ourselves of all men who are likely to prove a nuisance. Stricter discipline is now required. For the accommodation of these "derelicts" Divisional and Corps Depots will be provided. These depots will in addition take surplus baggage and animals. Details as to location of these depots will be issued later.

(f) Animals.

Only fit and sound animals are to be taken and it is necessary that action should be taken quickly in this respect to get rid of unsound animals and get sound animals in their place. We shall probably be able to draw on other Armies.

(g) Blankets.

Two blankets for every man will be carried either on M.T. or auxiliary H.T.

(h) Baggage.

For reasons stated, in the march forward much paraphernalia must be scrapped. Until we arrive in Germany the march will involve a certain amount of hardship, owing to the distance that units will be from railheads and to the necessity for utilising all spare transport for supply purposes. The question of baggage must be gone into in no uncertain manner, and all kit not required must be placed in the baggage depot.

Transport generally.

The Divisional Commander emphasized the difficulties of supply. The railheads are few and indifferent. We will be 200 miles further from our bases, and in addition we have to victual the civilian population. In order to facilitate the movement of supply transport, it has been decided that all other transport is to remain clear of the main roads between 5 p.m. and 5 a.m. each day. Although we have overhauled our regimental transport another thorough inspection is necessary especially with regard to spare parts such as wheels, swingle trees etc., to ascertain deficiencies and to replace them.

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7. Movement of troops.

We must realise that we are attempting something not before attempted and good staff work is required. The F.S. Regulations and F.S. Pocket Book should be thoroughly studied. The fundamental requirements are:.. Punctuality; sufficient supply of maps, and those receiving the maps being able to read them; billeting - difference between our side of the Belgian frontier and the other side; good staff arrangements for billeting advance parties to prevent unnecessary delay in getting into billets at the end of the day's march. The Divisional Commander emphasised the importance of showing every consideration to the inhabitants of Belgium during our march through their country. These people have for four years had great hardships and we do not wish to add to them. To supplement billeting shelters (probably 25%) will be provided. With regard to billeting in Germany special measures for the safety of the troops and also the preservation of the public peace will have to be adopted. Marches into German towns should be carried out with all pomp and ceremony. The Divisional Commander here drew attention to the march of the Germans through BRUSSELS, carried out with a view to impress the citizens of that city with the might and power of the German Army. The probable hour for commencement of marches will be 8 a.m. each day in order that troops may arrive in billets for the night soon after midday. Our experience should prove of great value in the conduct of the marches, but again the close study of the F.S. Regulations and F.S. Pocket Book is essential to refresh the memory. In passing through towns and large villages the strictest discipline must be maintained in order to show that our discipline and drill are as good as our fighting abilities. Bands will accompany troops, and an ample supply of music should be secured previous to the march. All amusement, entertainment, and sports gear should be taken., also cinemas, Australian Comforts Fund and Y.M.C.A. Stores. In connection with sports, the Army Commander has ordered that no money prizes should be given - only medals and trophies. This, however, has always obtained in the Australian Corps. The M.M.P. to be strengthened to 100 per division.

8. Battalion messes.

The opportunities will be greater in the future for the establishment of battalion messes and it is not only desirable but absolutely essential that these be formed.

9. Discipline.

In connection with this matter, it is desired that no irritating restrictions be placed on the men. If men are informed by their officers of the reasons for imposing certain restrictions- as for example the hour at which they are to be in billets - it is certain that there will be no trouble.

10. Communications.

These present one of the biggest difficulties in connection with the move. The more important messages will be sent by motor despatch riders, and throughout the division the principle to be adopted is that junior formations are responsible that they notify the next higher formation of their location for the night in sufficient time to ensure that orders issued in connection with the next day's march may reach them promptly, and steps should be taken in all units to ensure that orders are promulgated. The Corps is also organising an aeroplane service for communication between heads of columns and Corps H.Q.

11. General Remarks.

Staffs should be overhauled and strengthened by the addition to them of regimental officers of experience. The restriction with regard to cameras has been removed. The Divisional Wings of the Corps School will be disbanded forthwith. The only classes remaining will be the P. and B.T. Scattered personnel on extra regimental duty will be recalled at once. German speakers should be organised to ensure that each unit will have an interpreter with it. Clipping of horses has been decided against by the Army, but a definite ruling on this subject is coming later on. There are to be no more promotions in the A.I.F. but it is not certain if this refers to replacing of casualties.

12. On the RHINE.

During the occupation of German territory, each Army, Corps, and Division will be allotted a definite area which it will organise and administer. The bridgeheads will have a radius of 30 km. with 10 km. of No Man's Land west of the RHINE. The importance of guard and sentry duties being correctly performed was emphasised. Training will consist of ceremonial drills, reviews, inspections and setting up drill. Elaborate arrangements should be made for the entertainment of the men, and inter-unit hospitality is to be encouraged.

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As the Rhineland provides many places of historic interest, it is possible during our occupation to have organised tours for officers and men to enable them to visit these places.

It is hoped to have the Education Scheme in full swing at the same time.

13. Demobilization.

Concurrent with the occupation, the demobilization of the Australian Corps will take place. Staffs are at present in London busy with preliminary arrangements in connection with this. In order to assist them, matters are to be organised in every command to ensure that the demands of the Demobilization Staff may be met quickly and adequately.

17th Novr. 1918.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No. 1

Headquarters  
16th November 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

1. The advance of the Allied Forces will commence on the 17th instant.
2. The British forces detailed for the advance are being organised into two Armies, the 2nd and 4th, each of 4 Corps and 16 Divisions. The 4th Army will consist of -  
2nd Cavalry Division, 6th Corps, 4th Corps, Australian Corps, 9th Corps, each of four divisions.  
The Australian Corps will consist of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions. Detailed Order of Battle will be issued later.  
The advance of the 4th Army will be carried out in accordance with the following table (vide map issued separately to each brigade).

Stage	From	To	Date of Starting	Date of Arrival	Remarks
1	Present Line	Line No.1	17th Nov.	18th Nov.	
2	Line No.1	Line No.2	21st Nov.	24th Nov.	The Belgian-German frontier will not be crossed pending further orders.
3	Line No.2	Line No.3	27th Nov.	2nd Dec.	

3. The enemy is to be clear of each of the three zones referred to in the above table on the date preceding our advance into that zone. Any enemy encountered on the march will be made prisoner.
4. The advance of the 4th Army is to be covered by the 2nd Cavalry Division. The 9th Corps on the right and the 6th Corps on the left will be the two leading Corps.  
It is not yet determined whether the Australian Corps or 4th Corps will move by train or by road.

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5. The following general instructions apply to movement by march route:-
- (a) During the advance all military precautions against surprise will be taken.
  - (b) The comfort of the troops will be the first consideration during the march. Bands will be taken and colours may be taken where available.
  - (c) Helmets and box respirators will be carried.
6. For the march, the 5th Australian Division will be organised into 3 brigades and 1 divisional artillery group. Details for the composition of these Groups will be determined later.
7. The 3rd Australian Division will be transferred to 17th Corps at a date to be notified later.
8. All references and orders will be on map scale 1/100,000.
9. Divisional Artilleries for the move will be reinforced by the addition of one Army Field Artillery Brigade to each Division.
10. The allotment of Army Brigades to Divisions will be as follows:-
- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3rd Aust. Army Brigade  | to 1st Australian Division |
| 86th Army Brigade       | to 2nd Australian Division |
| 104th Army Brigade      | to 4th Australian Division |
| 12th Aust. Army Brigade | to 5th Australian Division |
- (b) Australian Army Brigades will come under the orders of the respective Divisions forthwith. Instructions will be issued later for the moves of 86th and 104th Army Brigades.
11. Personnel and horses of 5th Aust. Army Brigade will be transferred to other Australian Brigades under the orders of the G.O.C., R.A. Australian Corps, who will ensure that:-
- (i) A sufficiently strong core is left with the brigade in view of the possibility of it being required to relieve later on.
  - (ii) In selecting men for transfer, those with the longest service are given an opportunity of going into GERMANY with the Corps on this occasion.
12. Administration in regard to personnel of Army Brigades with the Corps will continue to be under G.O.C., R.A. as at present.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No.2

Headquarters,  
18th Nov. 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE.

1. In order to ensure representation of the 3rd Australian Division in the Australian Corps during the advance to the Rhine and the occupation of hostile territory, one section of each battery of 3rd Divisional Artillery will be attached to divisional artilleries and Australian army brigades in the Corps. Six sections of 18-prs and two 4.5" Howitzer sections of 3rd Divisional Artillery in all will be allotted.
2. The allotment of sections will be as follows:-
  - 1 section 4.5" Hows. to 1st Australian Divisional Artillery
  - 1 section 4.5" Hows. to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery
  - 1 section 18-prs. to each of 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Australian Divisional Artilleries.
  - 1 section 18-prs. to each of 3rd and 12th Australian Army Brigades.
3. Detailed orders for the attachment will be issued by G.O.C. R.A. All details will be worked out and preparations completed, but sections will not move to join the brigades to which they are detailed until further orders.
4. The 2nd Cavalry Division commenced <sup>march to</sup> Line 1 on the morning of the 17th instant, and reaches Line 1 today. The IX and VI Corps are to march at such an hour as will ensure that the leading divisions reach the line approximately PHILLIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE - THY-le-BAUDUIN - TARCENNE - LOVERVAL - COUILLET - CHARBROI - JUMET (all inclusive) by 1200 20th November.
5. In the event of the Australian Corps being required to march, the 4th Australian Division will march on the right road, and the 1st Australian Division on the left road. The 4th and 1st Australian Divisions will establish a liaison with the 52nd and 6th Divisions respectively. These are the two rear divisions of the IX Corps. Divisions will arrange direct for a staff officer provided with a car to move with the advance of the 52nd and 6th Divisions, to report on roads, billeting accommodation, billeting plans of the divisions to which attached and any other information which may be of value to their own divisions. Headquarters are at present:
 

32nd Division	SAINS NORD
6th Division	PRISCHES.

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6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARCH.

(a) Divisions detailed to march will establish divisional depots, each under the command of a senior officer. These depots will be located in a place convenient to a railway station. Preparations for the establishment of depots should be made and everything should be ready to establish the depot on receipt of orders to march. In the event of the divisions moving by train, it will be unnecessary to establish these depots.

(b) The S.A.A. to be carried on the man on the march will be reduced to 60 rounds.

(c) A.A. Lewis guns of infantry battalions will not be carried on the march/will be left at divisional depots. A.A. guns of batteries of artillery will be carried on the march.

(d) Notes for staff and regimental officers on the rules of march discipline will be issued shortly at the rate of 1 copy per officer.

Commanding officers will take all possible steps to ensure that blocks on the roads, delays in the issuing of orders, unnecessary waiting about by parading too early, etc., do not occur.

The issue of instructions alone is not sufficient; staff officers must be detailed to ascertain by personal supervision that instructions are carried out.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No. 3

Headquarters  
19th November 1918.

ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

STAFF NOTES in connection with MARCHES

1. In the event of the 5th Australian Division being called upon to move by march route towards the RHINE, the comfort of the troops will depend very largely upon the high standard of Staff work of all branches of the Staff and all grades of staff officers.
2. The march will be carried out by each division organised in four groups moving along a single road and quartering daily in depth. The depth of the quartering area will be equivalent approximately to the length of the column. This will vary, however, according to the density of population and consequent billeting facilities.
3. It is most important in the orders to put in the meeting point for the train where the officers in charge of the various sections of the train, both baggage and supply, will find guides from units to lead wagons to the billets of their units. This meeting place should be as near the entrance to the Brigade group area as possible and at a good road centre.
4. The time during which the road can be used by the marching troops of formations will be limited. There are two main factors which will affect this:-
  - (a) The presence on the road in front and in rear of other divisions, and the probability that the supplies of these divisions may have to come along the same road from the rear.
  - (b) Clearing the road for the supply vehicles of the division.In the case of factor (a) it may be necessary for the Corps to lay down the hours during which the marching troops may occupy the road.
5. It is important in the halt orders of the brigade to fix a report centre for each brigade group to which all orders can be sent, and at which all reports can be received from subordinate units until a permanent Brigade group headquarters has been fixed for the night. As soon as this permanent headquarters has been selected, it must be notified to Divisional H.Q. and subordinate units.
6. Road and traffic control is of added importance under the conditions of a march of this nature.

Regimental police should be reinforced; the men should be selected at once and put through a course of instruction. It is desirable that each man should have a small scale map and be instructed to read roads, direction, etc.

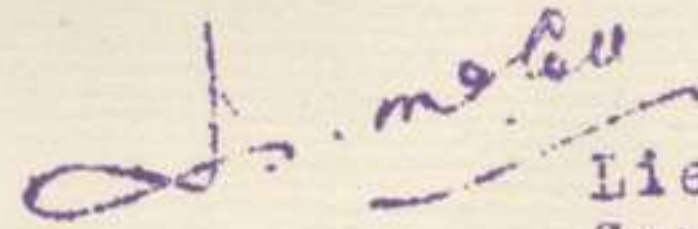
7. A small advanced party, consisting of the staff captain, 1 officer per battalion, and 1 N.C.O. per other unit in the brigade group, will be detailed for each brigade group and will move one day ahead of the group. This party will be attached to the leading division for quarters and rations. It will be the function of this party to divide the quartering area into unit areas, and to allot these to the billeting parties as they arrive. Billeting parties should start at the head of each brigade group and should be, as far as possible, mounted on bicycles or horses. These parties will move on ahead of their brigade group and on arrival at the entrance to their brigade area they will be met by the billeting officer of the advance party who will allot them their billets. The billeting party then allot billets in detail and provide guides to meet the units at the entrance to the area of each unit. Advance parties after allotting the billets to the billeting parties will move ahead to the next brigade area.
8. Baggage wagons of the train should march immediately in rear of the units to which they are attached so that they will arrive in billets with the unit. It is of the greatest importance that transport should not be overloaded in a continuous advance of this nature as this will lead inevitably to a breakdown. This means that all surplus kit must be got rid of in advance.
9. There will be a halt of 10 minutes commencing at 10 minutes before the clock hour throughout. Troops move on again at the hour. This halt does not take place during the march to the starting point until the main road of the advance is reached. Once on the main road, the halt rule will be strictly adhered to. Timing of the march to the starting point must allow for this halt when troops come on to the main road.
10. There must be constant staff supervision. Staff officers must be on the roads helping and foreseeing difficulties. A staff officer should be at the starting point to check the commencement of each

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11. Other details requiring consideration are:
- (a) Sentries in quartering areas should know where headquarters are and where roads lead to.
  - (b) Headquarters of formations and units should be properly marked by day and night.
  - (c) Where possible, next headquarters should be fore-casted and higher and lower formations informed.
  - (d) Arrival in quarters should be at once reported to the next higher formation.
  - (e) Strict orders for the control of cyclists should be issued to ensure that they are properly placed and controlled in the column.
  - (f) Batmen, clerks, and similar details must march in proper formation.

12. Wireless communication must be freely used.  
Instructions for the employment of aeroplanes in maintaining communication along the column will be issued later.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No. 4.

Headquarters,  
20th Novr. 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE.1. BRIGADE GROUPS.

In the event of the division moving by route march to the German frontier, the following will be the order of march and composition of Brigade Groups:-

"A" (14th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 14th A.I. Brigade  
 14th A.I. Brigade  
 14th A.L.T.M. Battery  
 1 battery A.F.A. (to be detailed by C.R.A)  
 5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion  
 14th Company 5th Machine Gun Battalion  
 14th Field Company A.E.  
 28th Company A.A.S.C.  
 14th Aust. Field Ambulance (less detachment with "D" Group)  
 Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

"B" (15th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 15th A.I. Brigade  
 15th A.I. Brigade  
 15th A.L.T.M. Battery  
 1 battery A.F.A. (to be detailed by C.R.A)  
 H.Q. and 2 companies 5th Machine Gun Battalion.  
 15th Field Company A.E.  
 29th Company A.A.S.C.  
 15th Aust. Field Ambulance  
 Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

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"C" (8th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 8th A.I. Brigade  
 8th A.I. Brigade  
 8th A.L.T.M. Battery  
 1 battery A.F.A. (to be detailed by C.R.A.)  
 8th Company 5th Machine Gun Battalion  
 8th Field Company A.E.  
 18th Company A.A.S.C.  
 8th Aust. Field Ambulance  
 Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.  
 5th Aust. Divl. Salvage Company.

"D" (5th Aust. Divisional Artillery) Group.

H.Q. 5th Aust. Divl. Artillery  
 13th A.F.A. Brigade )  
 14th A.F.A. Brigade ) Less 3 batteries.  
 12th Army Brigade A.F.A.)  
 3 sections 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery  
 9th and 10th M.T.M. Batteries  
 5th Aust. D.A.C.  
 5th Aust. Mobile Vet. Section.  
 10th Company A.A.S.C.  
 Detachment 14th Field Ambulance.  
 Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

2. REAR GUARDS.

"A", "B", "C" Groups will each detail an infantry rear guard and "D" Group will detail a mounted rear guard. Each rear guard will be commanded by a senior officer who will be mounted. For duties see Sect. 74 F.S. Regulations, Part I.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No. 5

Headquarters  
22nd November 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE1. MOVE

- (i) The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will move by strategical train and by road commencing morning 25th instant to the BUSIGNY-BOHAIN Area.
- (ii) Entraining stations - OISEMONT and PONT REMY.  
Detraining station - BUSIGNY.
- (iii) Brigade groups will move in the order laid down in 5th Australian Division Instruction No. 4.

2. ATTACHMENTS

The undermentioned units will be attached to the 5th Australian Division for the move to the above area, viz:-

- No. 5 Australian M.T. Company
- 1st Australian A.T. Company
- 2nd Australian Tunnelling Company
- 1st Australian Veterinary Evacuation Station
- Australian Corps Salvage Section.

3. Administrative instructions and entraining time tables are being issued separately.
4. Instructions for the disposal of brigade groups in the forward area will be issued later.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE

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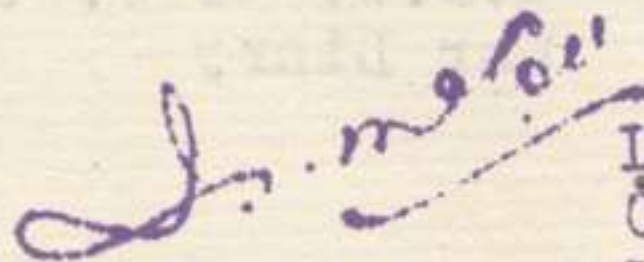
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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS No.6

Headquarters  
25th November 1918.ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

Ref:- Administrative map attached. (issued to 3 Inf. Bdes and C.R.A. only)

1. The concentration of the 5th Australian Division in the Australian Corps area will be carried out in accordance with attached move table.
2. The 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. will move with the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery under the orders of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.
3. (a) Roads shewn in RED on map will not be used between the hours of 0500 and 1030 and between 1230 and 1630.  
Roads shewn in BLUE will not be used between 0500 and 1030.  
Roads shewn in GREEN will not be used between 1230 and 1630.  
(b) Where not otherwise provided for in the move table, marching units will vacate billets by 1000 daily and will not arrive at new billets before 1100.
4. Location of Divisional Headquarters will be notified to all concerned by wire.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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Divisional Train	9
A.D.M.S.	10
D.A.D.V.S.	11
D.A.D.O.S.	12
D.A.P.M.	13
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MOVE TABLE ISSUED WITH 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTION No.6  
 Note: Owing to delay in train Time Table the move table will need modification.

Serial No.	Date	Group	From	To	Route	Remarks
	1918					
1	25th Nov.	2 Bns. "A" Bde	HUPPY Area	BERTRY		Rail; arriving 26th.
2	26th/27th	"B" Bde	-do-	-do-		-do-
3	26th/27th	1 Bn, "A" Bde	-do-	-do-		-do-
4	27th Nov.	2 Bns "A" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN	St.SOUPLET	Not to reach St.SOUPLET before 1000
5	27th Nov.	5th Div. Art.	ATHIES	FRESNOY	VERMAND - BELLENGLISE - SEQUEHART.	
6	28th Nov.	2 Bns "A" Bde	MAZINGHEIN	FAVRIL	CATILLON - Pt.VERSAILLE	To clear corner S.W. of BOIS de TAGILLON by 1130.*
7	28th Nov.	"B" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN		
8	28th Nov.	1 Bn, "A" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN		
9	28th Nov	"C" Bde	HUPPY Area	BERTRY		By rail.
10	28th Nov	5th Div. Art.	FRESNOY	St.SOUPLET		Billets in St.SOUPLET area.
11	29th Nov	"B" Bde	MAZINGHIEN	La GROISE	CATILLON	Billets in La GROISE area.
12	29th Nov	1 Bn "A" Bde	MAZINGHIEN	FAVRIL	CATILLON - Pt.VERSAILLE	Billets in FAVRIL area.
13	29th Nov.	"C" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN	St.SOUPLET	Billets in MAZINGHIEN area.
14	29th Nov.	Pioneers "A" Bde	HUPPY	BERTRY		By rail.
15	29th Nov.	Corps Troops Tunnellers &c	HUPPY	BERTRY		By rail. Billets arranged by Corps.
16	30th Nov	Pioneers "A" Bde	BERTRY	MAZINGHIEN	St.SOUPLET	
17	1st Dec.	Pioneers "A" Bde	MAZINGHIEN	FAVRIL	CATILLON - Pt.VERSAILLE	Billets in "A" Bde Group area.

\* Billets in FAVRIL area.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS No. 7

Headquarters  
30th November 1918ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

1. With reference to 5th Australian Division Instructions No. 1 dated 16th November - Advance to the RHINE - The Allied Forces will cross the German Frontier in accordance with the terms of the armistice and will occupy the German territory east of the RHINE and establish bridgeheads on the bank of that river at MAYENCE, COBLENZ and COLOGNE.
2. British troops are to hold the COLOGNE bridgehead. The American Army will hold the territory on our right and the Belgian Army the territory on our left.  
The British sector of the German territory will be occupied by the British Second Army consisting of four Corps (11 divisions) and 1 Cavalry Division.
3. The sector between the German frontier and the line AVESNES - MAUBERGE - CHARLEROI - BRUSSELS will be occupied by the Fourth British Army consisting of 3 Corps (14 divisions) and Cavalry Corps (less 1 Cavalry Division).  
Order of Battle will be issued later.
4. The Australian Corps, for the present, will occupy the south-western portion of the Fourth Army area. Portion of the Corps will relieve the Canadian Corps in the occupied territory at a later period.  
A map is attached showing the distribution of divisional areas of the Australian Corps. This map is subject to modification after reconnaissance has been completed; its issue is therefore limited to Brigade Headquarters only.
5. A reconnaissance of the area allotted to the 5th Australian Division is being undertaken and the subdivision into brigade areas will be published later.
6. The date for the eastward move into the new area has not yet been determined but it will not take place before 4th December.

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5th AUST. DIVISION LOCATION REPORT - Ig33/2544 <sup>Ig/33/3879</sup>

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1st AMENDMENT.

25th M.G. Coy.

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15th November, 1918.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

LOCATION REPORT, anticipated as at 0600 1/11/18.

Ref. Sheets ABBEVILLE & DIEPPE. 1/100,000.

Divisional Headquarters.	OISEMONT.
Divisional Artillery Headquarters.	BOUTILLERIE M.33.b.7.8 (Sheet
13th A.F.A. Brigade.	CAGNY Area. 62.D.)
14th Aust. P.A. Brigade.	GAMON Area.
5th Aust. D.A.C.	LONGUEAU Area.
5th Aust. Div. M.T.M. Brigade.	LONGUEAU Area.
6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.	LA MOTTE Area.
Divisional Engineers Headquarters.	OISEMONT.
8th Field Company.	BOUILLANCOURT-EN-SERY.
14th " "	BOUTTENCOURT-sur-GAMACHES.
15th " "	BOUILLANCOURT-en-SERY.
8th A.I. Brigade Headquarters.	RAMBURES (Chateau).
30th Battalion.	FOCAUCOURT.
31st Battalion.	VILLEROY.
32nd Battalion.	RAMBURELLES.
8th A.L.T.M.B.	BUSMENAARD.
14th A.I. Brigade Headquarters.	MARTINNEVILLE.
53rd Battalion.	St. MAXENT.
55th Battalion.	VISNES.
56th Battalion.	LE PLOUY.
14th A.L.T.M.B.	MARTINNEVILLE.
15th A.I. Brigade Headquarters.	HUPPY.
57th Battalion.	LIMERCOURT.
58th Battalion.	BEHEN.
59th Battalion.	HUPPY.
15th A.L.T.M.B.	INVILL.
5th Machine Gun Bn. Headquarters.	RAMBURES.
8th Machine Gun Co.	"
14th " " "	"
15th " " "	"
25th " " "	"
A. D. M. S.	NESLETTE.
8th Field Ambulance.	OISEMONT.
14th " "	BIENCOURT.
15th " "	MAIGNEVILLE.
No. 2 Dental Unit.	BOENCOURT.
No. 32 Dental Unit.	BIENCOURT.
No. 23 Dental Unit.	MAIGNEVILLE.
No. 101 Dental Unit.	BOENCOURT.
5th Aust Sanitary Section.	With 5th Aust. D.A.C.
	OISEMONT.

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5th Divisional Train Headquarters.	VILLERS-SUR-MAREUIL.
S.S.O.	"
10th A.A.S.C.	With Div. Artillery.
18th "	MAREUIL.
28th "	CAMBERT.
29th "	MAREUIL.
Divisional Salvage Co.	OISEMONT.
Divisional Paymaster.	OISEMONT.
DIVISIONAL L.G.S. OFFICER.	"
Divisional Claims Officer.	"
Comforts Fund.	"
D.A.D.O.S.	" (Distillery.)
D.A.P.E.	OISEMONT.
5th Pioneer Battalion.	CHIRSY.
French Mission.	OISEMONT.
Burials Officer.	"
5th A.D.R.F.	VILLERS-SUR-MAREUIL.
Railhead.	PONT REMY.
Mobile Vet. Section.	TRINQUIS.
Baths Officer.	HUPPY.
R.E. Dump.	BOUILLENCOURT.

*J. M. Kelly*  
 Captain,  
 General Staff.  
 5th Australian Division.

31st October, 1918.

Any amendments or alterations should be notified  
 at once to Divisional Headquarters.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

LOCATION REPORT AS AT 0600 1st DECEMBER 1918.

Ref. Map: VALLENGENES  
1/100,000.

5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters	FAVRIL
5th Aust. Divl. Artillery Headquarters	ST. SOUplet
5th Aust. Divl. Engineers Headquarters	FAVRIL
8th Field Co.	MAZINGHIEN
14th Field Co.	ERRUART 6.I.70.95
15th Field Co.	FAVRIL
8th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters	MAZINGHIEN
30th Battalion	MAZINGHIEN
31st Battalion	BECQUIGNY
32nd Battalion	BUSIGNY
8th A.L.T.M. Battery	MAZINGHIEN
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters	FESMY
53rd Battalion	FESMY
55th Battalion	LE SART
56th Battalion	LE GROISE
14th A.L.T.M. Battery	LA CAMBOTTE
15th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters	5.I.55.30.
57th Battalion	5.I.81.20.
58th Battalion	5.I.61.27.
59th Battalion	5.I.60.10.
15th A.L.T.M. Battery	5.I.60.28.
5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion	With 15th A.I. Brigade
8th M.G. Co.	With 8th A.I. Brigade
14th M.G. Co.	With 14th A.I. Brigade
15th M.G. Co.	With 15th A.I. Brigade
25th M.G. Co.	With 15th A.I. Brigade
A.D.M.S.	FAVRIL
8th Field Ambulance	MAZINGHIEN
14th Field Ambulance	LE SART
15th Field Ambulance	5.I.85.15.
Sanitary Section	FAVRIL
5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion	BOIS de l'ABBAYE
5th Aust. Divl. Train Headquarters	No. 26, Rue d' la Cimetier
	BOHAIN
	"
S.S.O.	ST. SOUplet
15th Co. A.A.S.C.	BUSIGNY
18th Co. A.A.S.C.	LA GROISE
28th Co. A.A.S.C.	5.I.45.43
29th Co. A.A.S.C.	

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5th Aust. Salvage Co.	En route
5th Aust. Divl. Paymaster	FAVRIL
Divisional Gas Officer	"
Divisional Claims Officer	"
Comforts Fund	"
D.A.D.O.S.	BOHAIN
D.A.P.M.	FAVRIL
French Mission	"
Belgian Mission	"
Burials Officer	"
5th A.D.K.W.	ST.SOUPLET
Railhead	VAUX AUDIGNY
Mobile Vet. Section	BUSIGNY
Baths Officer	No. 4 Pue d' Escault, BUSIGNY

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

30th Novr. 1918.

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5th Aust. Salvage Co.  
 5th Aust. Divl. Paymaster  
 Divisional Gas Officer  
 Divisional Claims Officer  
 Comforts Fund  
 D.A.D.O.S.  
 D.A.P.M.  
 French Mission  
 Belgian Mission  
 Burials Officer  
 5th A.D.K.W.  
 Railhead  
 Mobile Vet. Section  
 Baths Officer

5th Aust. Salvage Co.  
 5th Aust. Divl. Paymaster  
 Divisional Gas Officer  
 Divisional Claims Officer  
 Comforts Fund  
 D.A.D.O.S.  
 D.A.P.M.  
 French Mission  
 Belgian Mission  
 Burials Officer  
 5th A.D.K.W.  
 Railhead  
 Mobile Vet. Section  
 Baths Officer



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at MESSINES on the 7th June, 1917, he was transferred as Chief of Staff to the Fourth German Army under Gen. Sixt von ARMIN. For his distinguished services von LOSSBERG was promoted to the rank of Major-General in August. He remained with the Fourth Army until August, 1918, when he became Chief of Staff to a Group of Armies. Major-General von LOSSBERG is an Aide-de-Camp of the Emperor, and is now 51 years old.

4. RESERVES. -

A total of 149 divisions has been engaged in the Allied offensive since the 26th September, the 59 divisions in line being reinforced by 90 divisions from reserve. Of these 149 divisions, 65 have been withdrawn and engaged for a second time, and 6 of the latter have again been withdrawn and engaged for a third time; a total of 220 divisional engagements. Excluding 34 divisions withdrawn after suffering severe casualties during the past two weeks and 3 Austro-Hungarian divisions, there are 14 enemy divisions available in reserve in the Western Theatre, of which 1 is fresh. This is a decrease of one available division since estimate of 29th Ultimo.

5. ENEMY ACTIVITY. -

Aircraft. - Hostile activity was slight. A formation of 16 planes was encountered in the northern sector. Nine artillery machines were recorded on the Army front. No decisive combats took place. AUSTRIAN A.A. shell was used against our planes on the southern Corps front.

6. GERMAN TAXATION IN THE INVADDED REGIONS. - (Document captured in the files of the Town-Major of CHATEL-CHEHERY, ARDENNES).33rd Inf. Division.10th May, 1918.

To Town-Majors,

We have absolutely no reason to spare the French population. I, therefore, repeat the order that you are to ascertain exactly the degree to which the inhabitants can be taxed, and that you are not to allow yourselves to be swayed in this operation by any foolish feeling of compassion for the people of the locality.

It is worth considering whether we might not occasionally imprison a few of the inhabitants, in order to ensure the success of the scheme. A detailed report to be rendered by 14th May, at the latest, to "C" Branch at Division.

(Signed) VOLLBRECHT.

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INFORMATION FROM ARMY SUMMARIES.

1. OBSERVATION TOWER.-

The giant observation tower in MORVAL Forest has been definitely located by aeroplanes at T.27.c.1.5. It is stated to be 4 times the height of the trees and built on the EIFFEL Tower pattern.

2. STRATEGICAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE CANAL LINE BY THE GERMAN HIGHER COMMAND. (Translation of a captured document - from French sources). (Addressed XVIII Army).

"The defence of the canal position is of great strategical importance for the Army Group front. I reckon absolutely on the Army holding its new positions at all costs. The reserves of the Army holding its new positions. The reserves at the Army's disposal should be engaged and utilised with a view to this. It must clearly be understood by all commanding officers that only a stubborn resistance will induce the enemy to discontinue his attacks. Again I order that the canal front be strongly reinforced with machine gun units. I insist upon no further withdrawal being undertaken without my authority.

(Signed) WILHELM, Crown Prince".

The above order to be issued down to regiments.

(signed) BURKNER, Chief of Staff.

3. HIGHER COMMAND. -

According to a notice in the Press, Maj.-Gen. von LOSSBERG has succeeded Gen. LUDENDORFF as Erster-Oberquartiermeister) Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Field Army).

Gen. von LOSSBERG has acquired a great reputation during the war, and has been Chief of Staff successively to each German Army which has had to bear the brunt of a defensive battle. In 1914, at the outbreak of war, he was a Lieut-Colonel and Chief of Staff of the XIII (Furt.) Corps. Early in 1915, von LOSSBERG was called to G.H.Q. where he was head of a section. In July, he was promoted Colonel, and in September, at the critical moment of the French offensive in CHAMPAGNE, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Third German Army. In July, 1916, at the beginning of the battle of the SOMME, he went to the Second German Army in a similar capacity, and when the First German Army was formed in this area, he became its Chief of Staff. When the Battle of ARRAS began, in April, 1917, von LOSSBERG was made Chief of Staff of the Sixth German Army, and following upon the British attack

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7. EVACUATION PREPARATORY TO THE GERMAN RETREAT. (Resume of an order of the HOUTHULST Group, dated 3-10-18).

The evacuation of the male population able to bear arms, as well as of cattle, has only been partly carried out. This has been due to the passive resistance of the population, and to the shortage of personnel at the disposal of the local Area Commandants. The collaboration of the fighting troops is, therefore, necessary. Divisions must, therefore, issue orders to all formations to thoroughly search each district, and to hand over, under escort, to the Area Commandant, all males between the ages of 14 and 60, as well as all cattle that can be taken away. A concentration camp will be organized in each area, where all inhabitants to be evacuated will be received. Guards will be furnished from men belonging to the transport, etc.,. Enclosures will also be erected for the cattle. The cattle will be taken to the nearest slaughter-house (RUDDERVOORDE and THEILT). All cattle fit for food must be seized. Horses will be formed into columns and will be at the disposal of Area Commandants for the concentration of supplies of all kinds. Staffs of auxiliary echelons will direct the work of these columns. If more horses are found later, these are to be used to make up the establishment in horses of the unit concerned. No horses are to be left in the country. Successful results can be attained only by an absolute disregard for the feelings of the inhabitants concerned.

(signed) HUCHER.

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3rd November, 1918.

## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

EXTRACTS FROM ARMY SUMMARY.1. RETREAT OF THE GERMANS.-

(a) An Alsatian, who escaped to our lines, left CHARLEROI on the 13th inst., travelling via BINCHE. He states that German troops were passing eastwards through CHARLEROI the whole of the night 12/13th. A column of artillery passed him at FONTAINE L'EVEQUE at 10 a.m. on the 14th inst. This was the last body of troops he encountered. He noticed that several small bodies of troops were without their rifles.

(b) One of our aviators who made a forced landing North-west of MARIENBOURG (South of PHILIPPEVILLE) on 10th Nov., was liberated on the 12th. On his way back to our lines the last body of Germans he saw was on the 13th inst., at VERGNIES (South-east of BEAUMONT) packing up.

Belgians at PHILIPPEVILLE and SILENRIEUX stated that the Germans were entraining.

2. By wireless from the Seventeenth German Army.-

There is a delay-action mine on the CALBRAI - MARCOING railway at RU 178/90, also on the railway 1,800 metres West of the railway bridge crossing the CAUDRY - CLARY road. No time was stated by the Germans when these mines are likely to explode.

3. GENERAL.-

It appears extremely probable that by the evening of the 14th inst., the majority of the German forces were already east of the 1st line.

A large number of the German soldiery are apparently out of hand and are looting and pillaging both at CHARLEROI and PHILIPPEVILLE and illtreating our prisoners. A number of stragglers have tried to give themselves up, probably in order to avoid the just fury of the French and Belgian population.

A continuation of disturbances due to mutinous German soldiery must be anticipated.

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18th November, 1918.