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March 1919



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Appendix No 7

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

LOCATION REPORT AS AT 1200 15th MARCH 1919.

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Divisional Headquarters	...	WALCOURT
Divisional Artillery H.Q.	...	CERFONTAINE
13th A.F.A. Brigade	...	CERFONTAINE
14th A.F.A. Brigade	...	FROIDCHAPELLE
* Divisional Engineers H.Q.	...	WALCOURT
8/15th Field Coy. A.S.	...	ERY
14th Field Coy. A.S. / 1st A.F. Co. A.S.	...	RANCE
5th Div. Signal Co.	...	WALCOURT
8th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	...	YVES GOMEZEE
30/32nd Battalion	...	YVES GOMEZEE
31st Battalion	...	YVES GOMEZEE
14th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	...	SIVRY
53/55th Battalion	...	RANCE
56th Battalion	...	SIVRY
15th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	...	BARBINCOF
57/58th Battalion	...	BOUSE -1er-WALCOURT
59th Battalion	...	VERGNIES
5th Machine Gun Bn. H.Q.	...	BOUSE-St.G ERY
A.D.M.S.	...	WALCOURT
8/15th Field Ambulance	...	WALCOURT & CLINIQUE JEUMONT
14th Field Ambulance	...	SAUTAIN
5th Aust. Sanitary Section	...	MARBAILL
No. 2 Dental Unit	...	WALCOURT
No. 25 " "	...	BARBINCOF
No. 101 " "	...	SENZEILLE
No. 32 " "	...	SAUTAIN
No. 112 " "	...	JEUMONT
5th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.	...	SILVERIEUX
S.S.C.	...	SILVERIEUX
10th Coy. A.S.C.	...	DUBOIS
18th Coy. " "	...	DUBOIS
28th Coy. " "	...	LEUGNIES
5th Pioneer Battalion	...	RENIES
5th A.D.R.A.	...	BEAUMONT
Railhead	...	BEAUMONT
D.A.D.W.S.	...	WALCOURT
5th Mob. Vet. Sect.	...	WALCOURT
D.A.D.C.S.	...	GRANDRIEU
" Demob. store	...	THUILLES
D.A.P.M.	...	WALCOURT
D.C.O.	...	"
Belgian Mission	...	"
Comforts Fund	...	BOUSE -1er-WALCOURT
Divl. Canteen	...	MARCIERNE au Pont
3rd M.F. Coy.	...	BEAUMONT
" (Supply det)	...	SENZEILLE
* 5th D.T.C.	...	

John W. ...
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

15th March 1919.

NOTE: All amendments and alterations to be notified at once to this office.

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Appen. No 8

GL3/434

8th Infantry Brigade
14th Infantry Brigade
15th Infantry Brigade
Divisional Artillery
Divisional Engineers
A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.V.S.
D.A.P.M.
D.A.D.O.S.

5th Machine Gun Bn.
5th Pioneer Battalion
5th Divisional Signal Co.
5th Divisional Train
Australian Corps
"Q"
"Q"
A.D.C. to G.O.C.

1. As a measure rendered necessary by the process of demobilization, and as the number of troops remaining in the Division no longer necessitates the retention of the same number of Headquarters Staffs as hitherto, the following reductions have been approved.

2. Headquarters 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery will cease to operate as such on the 17th instant. The C.R.A will make arrangements to wind up all outstanding matters by that date, and will also arrange that -

- (a) All office records are completed and handed to Cadre "B" for custody and delivery to Records Section A.I.F. H.Q. (The C.R.A. and Cadre "B" will be attached to 5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters until all artillery demobilization questions have been settled. Cadre "B" will then be despatched to England).
- (b) All mobilization stores are returned to Ordnance.
- (c) All animals are disposed of under instructions to be issued by "Q" Branch.

3. On a date to be notified later, and which will be subsequent to the departure of Embarkation Quota No. 20, the 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Groups will be amalgamated and will come under the command of Brig-General C.S. DAVIES D.S.O.; Headquarters 15th A.I. Brigade will then cease to operate. Instructions as to the disposal of the Commander and Staff of the 15th A.I. Brigade will be issued separately. Attached officers will return to their units and will be available for repatriation in their turn according to their position on the respective precedence rolls.

Cadre "B" 15th A.I. Brigade will be attached to 8th A.I. Brigade Headquarters and the selected officer will be available for duty with 8th A.I. Brigade Headquarters.

G.O.C. 15th A.I. Brigade will arrange to wind up all outstanding matters by the 17th instant and will be prepared to return all equipment, stores and animals, and to hand all office records to Cadre "B" by the 18th instant.

Instructions as to moves of units which may be rendered necessary by this amalgamation will be issued later.

M. J. Sullivan

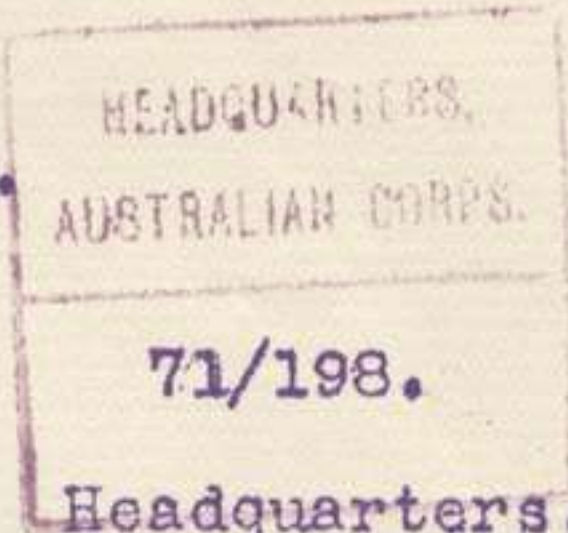
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

10th March 1919.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS

14th March, 1919.

Reference this office 71/192 dated 5th March and 71/193 of 10th March.

At a meeting of Divisional and Brigade Commanders held today, it was decided not to proceed with the Australian Gala in April.

All arrangements in connection with this are cancelled.

Personnel and transport detailed will be returned to their units under instructions from Lt.-Col. WILDER-NELIGAN, CMG, DSO, DCM, not later than 15th instant.

Edmund
 Brigadier-General
 General Staff.
 Australian Corps.

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 Corps Signal Coy
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 Corps Sports Officer.

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TO 5th Aust. Div

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at a meeting of Div and Pde comds. today it was decided not to proceed with the Aust gala in April a a a all arrangements in connection with the are hereby cancelled a a a personnel transferred etc. detailed will be returned to their units under instructions from Lt Col Peligan not later than 15th inst

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 In continuation of Australian Corps. memo 71/198 dated 10th March 1919, the following decisions were arrived at by the various representatives at a Meeting held at 2nd Australian Divisional Headquarters on 12-3-19 :-

1. OFFICE. It was decided to establish an Office in CHARLEROI, the location of which is at present unknown, but this information will be wired to all concerned as soon as available. In the meantime wires, correspondence etc should be addressed to "SECRETARY GALA COMMITTEE" o/o 2nd Aust. Divisional H.Qs.

(a) Wires. Arrangements have been made for the Signal Service to accept for despatch wires addressed "PRESIDENT GALA", which will be delivered to B.G.G.S. Australian Corps, and "CHAIRMAN or SECRETARY GALA" which will be delivered to Gala Committee Rooms.

2. DATE. The date of Gala has been fixed for 12th and 13th April 19.

3. GROUNDS The ground selected is at MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE, situated about 2 miles from CHARLEROI Railway Station.

4. ADMINISTRATION. The Executive Committee consists of the under-mentioned members :-

Brig. Gen. T.A. Blamey CMG., DSO.	(Aust Corps H.Qs)	PRESIDENT.
Lieut Col. W. Wilder-Meligan CMG., DSO., DCM	(1st Div)	CHAIRMAN
Lieut Col. R.J.A. Massie DSO.	(Aust Corps H.Qs)	
Lieut Col. J.F. Donnelly DSO.	(1st Divn.)	
Lieut Col. W. Davis MC.	(2nd Divn.)	
Major C.F. DuChatel MC.	(4th Divn.)	
Lieut Col. W. J.R. Choeseaman MC.	(5th Divn.)	
Major R. Kerr DSO.	(1st Divn.)	ADVISORY.
Capt. J.H. Brown	(Aust. Comforts Funds.)	
Capt. L.J. Greenberg	(Aust. Y.L.C.A.)	
Lieut R. Bondy	(2nd Divn.)	SECRETARY.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES. The following CHAIRMEN of Sub-Committees were appointed, - the necessary approval having been requested from their respective Commanding Officers.

- (a) PROCESSION. Lieut Col W. J.R. Choeseaman MC. (Chairman)
 Capt. P. Magstaff (Vice Chairman)
- (b) ADVERTISING & FINANCE Major J.S. Anderson DSO. MC.
- (c) CONCERTS & CINEMAS Lieut R.L. Harper.
- (d) BOXING & ATHLETICS. Lt Col. R.J.A. Massie DSO. MC (Chairman)
 Lt J.L. Scales DSO. MM. (Vice Chairman)
- (e) FIREWORKS Lt. Col. W. Davis MC.
- (f) GROUNDS (1st day) Lt Col W. Davis MC (Chairman)
 Lieut, J. Kerr (Vice Chairman)
- GROUNDS (2nd day)
and RACING. Lt Col. J.F. Donnelly DSO
- (g) BUILDINGS, HUTMENTS etc Lt Col. W.A. Henderson DSO
- (h) TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT Major J.L. Fisher.
- (i) CATERING & CANTEENS Lt Col. H.G. Viney SMG., DSO (Chairman)
 Lieut H.G. Creighton (Vice Chairman)
- (j) EDUCATION The Education Officer in charge of Corps Workshops exhibits.
- (k) LIGHTING, DECORATIONS, ROUTE, & GROUNDS Lt Col. F.W.G. Armand DSO., VD.

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The matter of selection of personnel of Sub-Committees is left entirely to the respective CHAIRMAN named. The names of such personnel selected will be forwarded to the SECRETARY as soon as possible.

6. CORRESPONDENCE ETC. Authority has been granted for the Chairmen of Sub-Committees to deal direct with Divisions in all matters. Any arrangements made direct with Divisions will be communicated at once to the SECRETARY at Committee Rooms.

7. PROCESSION. For the procession each Division and Corps Troops will supply the following :-

(a) One Company of Infantry comprising 5 Officers and 106 other ranks. These will be composed as follows :-

- O.C. Coy.
- 2nd in Command.
- 4 Platoon Officers.
- 1 C.S.M.
- 1 C.Q.M.S.
- 4 Platoon Sergeants.
- 100 Other Ranks.

Dress will be "drill order". It is specially asked that particular care be taken in the selection of men for these Coys, and that their appearance will be a credit to the Australian forces. A.D.C.S. has been asked to render every possible assistance in providing new clothing, color patches etc.

(b) All available bands.

(c) Four (4) Tableaux. These will be mounted on either lorries or wagons. Full details of required space in the procession for such tableaux will be forwarded as soon as the information is available.

(d) All mounted troops available drawn from Artillery or Regimental

(e) Decorated lorry.

(f) Decorated Box Car.

(g) As many competitors for Fancy Dress Competition as possible.

In addition to the above Corps Troops will supply a troop of Light Horse (if possible)

Infantry and Light Horse in the Procession will be regarded as competitive, and medals given to each member of the best turned out Divisional group.

8. CIVILIAN DEMONSTRATIONS. The Civilian Authorities have been asked to supply TABLEAUX of their own, and have willingly accepted the offer and manifested a keen desire to outdo our own exhibits.

9. PROGRAMME. The Procession will be marshalled in the main square at CHARLEROI, and will march to the grounds already indicated at MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE, a distance of about 2 kilos. It is anticipated that the procession will be of such dimensions that the head of same will arrive on the ground at the same time as the last portion is leaving the Square at CHARLEROI. This means that the whole of the Traffic will be blocked along the route in favour of the Procession, and arrangements are already in hand to make the line of march as decorative as possible by the display of bunting etc.

(a) FIRST DAY. The first day will be entirely given up to the Procession, football matches, and athletic events. It is hoped to make satisfactory arrangements for lighting to enable concert parties, boxing tournaments, and cinema shows to proceed during the evening in buildings which will be erected on the grounds.

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Failing the provision of suitable lighting, these shows will be run concurrently with athletic and other outdoor amusements.

- (b) SECOND DAY The amusements on the second day will be chiefly mounted events, with possibly, the finals of boxing and football. During the evening there will be a grand fireworks display.
- (c) PRIZES. In order to commemorate the fete and stimulate individual effort to make it a success, it has been decided to pursue a most generous policy in the matter of prizes. Cups for Race Meeting, medals for members of winning teams in football, tableaux, athletic, fancy dress competitions etc will be secured from ENGLAND. If time permits a special medal will be struck which will serve as a lasting souvenir of the occasion.

10. CATERING. Adequate provision will be made for the supply of meals on the grounds during the days of the fete. The active co-operation of the Australian Comforts Funds and Y.M.C.A. has already been secured, and every effort will be made to augment the supply which they have promised, thus ensuring a plentiful supply for all concerned.

The Corps Commander specially wishes that all Commanders and Staffs, as well as personnel of Units will personally co-operate in assuring a successful outcome of the fete as fully and worthily representative of AUSTRALIA.

.....
Lieut and Secretary
for B. G. G. S. PRESIDENT.
Australian Gala Committee.

March 15th 1919

Distribution - As per Aust. Corps memo 71/198 with the following additions :-

- A.D. Signals.
- A. F. C.
- Aust. Comforts Funds.
- Y. M. C. A.

ADDENDUM. 1.

OFFICES. The Offices of the Committee of the "GALA" are at
No 9 QUI de FLANDRE,
(Opposite Railway Station)
CHARLEROI.

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Aust. Corps Galv. Coy.

with further reference to my G13/582 of 13th instant, herewith is a copy of Aust. Corps 71/198 received since writing my G13/582.

Cancelled.
not sent out.

13th March 1919.

Lieut-Colonel, G.S.,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

To all recipients of G13/582

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
71/198

Headquarters,
10th March, 1919.

45th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
No. 913/161
Date 13/3/19
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With reference to this office 71/192 of 5th instant referring to the proposal to hold a Gala Day early in April, a meeting of Corps and Divisional representatives was held at Corps Headquarters on 10th instant.

The following decisions were made at the meeting :-

GALA DAY: It was decided to hold a festival on the lines laid down in the letter named and that it should take place on the 5th and 6th April, 1919, covering two days.

FINANCE: It was estimated that the probable cost of the festival will not exceed £5,000.

Under normal conditions it was thought that the festival would more than pay expenses except under the most unfavourable conditions.

In order to meet immediate expenditure it was decided to ask that funds be granted from -

- (1) A.I.F. Trust Account.
- (2) Australian Comforts Fund.
- (3) Y.M.C.A. Funds.

The money advanced to be repaid from the takings.

Y.M.C.A. representative was asked for an immediate grant of £500.

It is hoped to get the greater part of the expenses back from civilian gate money, and entertainments and side shows on the ground for which admission will be charged.

PROGRAMME: The following is a brief outline of the general nature of the programme. Details will be fixed by the Executive Committee later :-

First Day.
 Procession.
 Football Matches.
 Athletic Competitions.
 Boxing.

Second Day.
 Football Matches.
 Mounted Events and Racing.
 Boxing.

Continuing side shows will be organised by the various sub-committees to run in conjunction with these events on both days.

The High Commissioner for the Commonwealth and the Agents-General for each State will be asked to organise exhibitions of Australian products, &c. on the lines of the Australian exhibits at the LYONS Exhibition. It may be possible to have the LYONS exhibits brought to CHARLEROI.

Pierrot shows and concert parties will give performances at which charges for admission will be made.

Civilians will also be asked to assist in providing entertainments.

P. T. O.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The following Executive Committee has been appointed and will proceed with the organisation and arrangements as above :-

Brigadier-General T.A. BLAMEY, C.M.G., D.S.O. PRESIDENT.
Lieut.-Colonel WILDER NELIGAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M. CHAIRMAN.

1 representative per division, to be nominated by divisions.
Lieut.-Colonel R.J.A. MASSIE, D.S.O., Australian Corps.
One officer from Corps "Q".
Captain GREENBERG, Australian Y.M.C.A. Representative.
One representative of the Australian Comforts Fund.

An office will be established forthwith near 2nd Australian Divisional Headquarters in MARCHINEELLE.

SUB-COMMITTEES: The Executive Committee will appoint the following sub-committees to deal with the various items and events. These sub-committees will be small and will report direct to the Executive Committee. :-

- (a) Procession.
- (b) Education.
- (c) Athletics.
- (d) Music.
- (e) Mounted Events and Racing.
- (f) Advertising.
- (g) Catering.
- (h) Grounds.
- (i) Finance.

Divisions will submit the name of their representative on the Executive Committee at once, and also three names of suitable personnel for each of the above sub-committees. As it was considered advisable that sub-committees should be able to meet frequently at short notice it was decided to appoint sub-committees, as far as possible, from nominations received from Divisions quartered close together. It is neither necessary nor desirable to restrict nominations to sub-committees to officers. It is desired to get the best specialised talent suitable in each case.

TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE: The following Traffic Sub-Committee will be asked to function :-

Major A.B.D. BROWN, D.S.O., A.P.M., Australian Corps.
Major J.L. FISHER, D.A.P.M., 2nd Australian Division,

and it was suggested that the D.A.P.M., CHARLEROI, be asked by Major BROWN to be a member of this sub-committee.

CATERING: It was suggested that Captain HARRISON, Commandant, Fourth Army Cookery School, be asked to assist on the Catering sub-committee.

PRIZES: Prizes will be given for all athletic and other competitions. Arrangements are being made to decide what prizes will be required and to procure them forthwith.

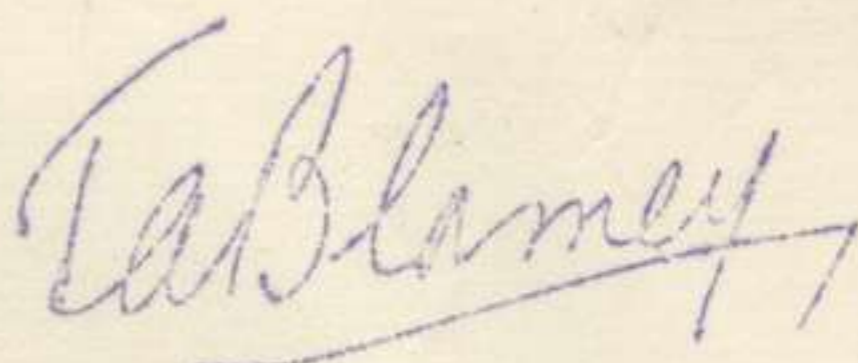
CIVILIAN CO-OPERATION: It was determined to invite the full co-operation of the Belgian Civilian Authorities. The Executive Committee will deal with this at an early date.

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In view of the short time available it was considered desirable that no time should be lost in getting on with the organisation.

The Corps Commander invites the thorough and complete assistance and co-operation of all units, staffs and commanders, in order to make the Festival fully and worthily representative of Australia.



Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Corps.

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- 14th Infantry Brigade / D.A.P.M.
- 15th Infantry Brigade / D.A.D.O.S.
- 4 Divisional Artillery / Div. Reinforcement Wing
- 2 Divisional Engineers / D.A.D.O.S.
- 1 5th Pioneer Battalion / Div. Amusements Officer
- 1 5th Machine Gun Battalion / Div. Sports Officer
- 1 Divisional Signal Co. / A.D.C. to D.O.C.
- 1 Divisional Salvage Co. / "A.Q"
- 2 A.D.M.S. / "G"

1. With reference to this office G13/226 dated March 7th forwarding Aust. Corps 71/192, it has now been decided that the proposed Gala Day Celebration ^{will} be held. The events will probably take place on April 12th and 13th, the second day being principally devoted to mounted sports and racing. Arrangements are being made for special trains to convey personnel of this Division to CHARLEROI and to provide accommodation and meals in CHARLEROI for the 12th and 13th.

2. An executive committee has been formed consisting of Brig-Gen. T.A. BLAMEY CMG, DSO, President; Lt-Col. M. WILDER NELIGAN CMG, DSO, DCM, Chairman, and one representative from each division. Lieut-Colonel W.J.P. CHEESEMAN DSO, MC, 53rd Battalion is the representative of this Division on the Committee.

3. In addition, sub-committees are being formed to deal with the following matters:

Procession,	Music	Mounted sports and racing
Education	Finance	Grounds
Athletics	Traffic	Advertising
		Catering.

Each sub-committee will as far as possible consist of members drawn from the same division in order to simplify meetings, and this Division has been asked to furnish the Procession Sub-committee which will be called upon to make arrangements for the procession for the whole Corps and not only for this Division.

4. Commanders of formations and units will please submit to this office as early as possible the names and qualifications of any officers or other ranks who have had any experience in organising or conducting such functions as:
 Eight Hour Day Processions
 University Commemorations
 Tableaux or Theatrical displays etc.

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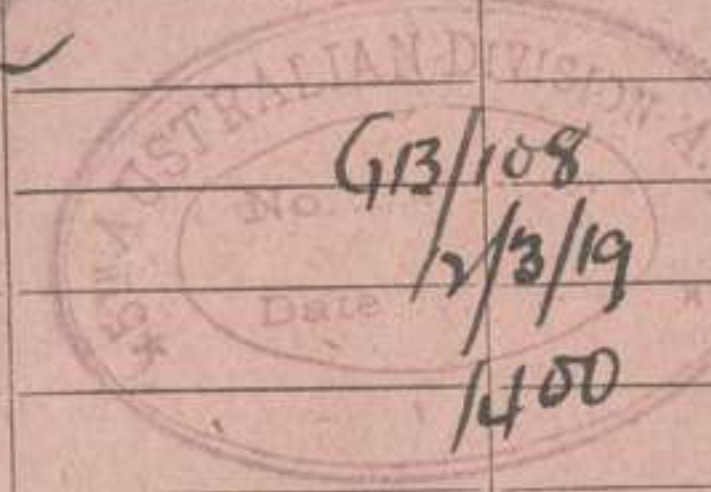
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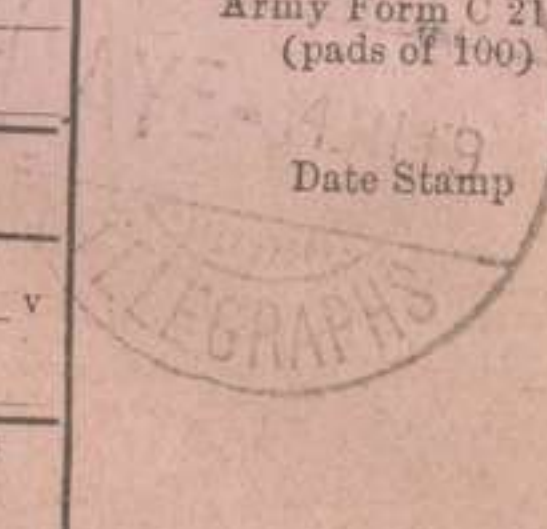
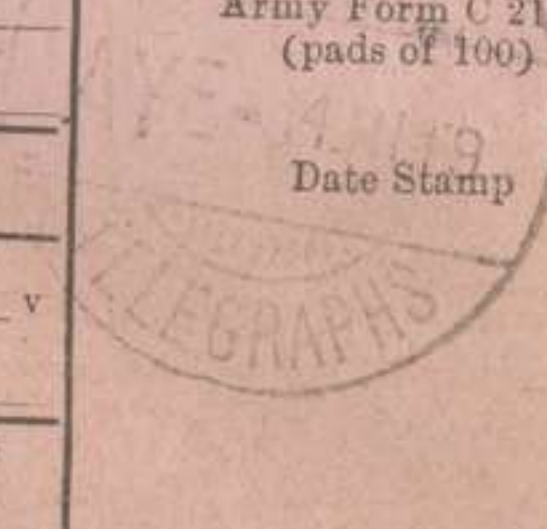
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TO { 14th A1 Bde

Sender's Number. * 4606 Day of Month. 12 In reply to Number. AAA

Car will report at 1345 at
HQ 53rd Bn RANCE to convey Lt Col
CHEESEMAN to Dv. HQ WALCOURT and
thence to Gen Day Committee meeting
at HQ 5th Aust Div MARCELLE at
1600. aca ack

From 5th Aust Div
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Shirley [Signature]*
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TO { Lt Col CHEESEMAN 53rd Bn

Sender's Number. * Day of Month. 12 In reply to Number. AAA

Car reporting hereafter to
HQ 53rd Bn RANCE to
pick up Lt Col CHEESEMAN and
convey him in the first place
to Dv HQ WALCOURT

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TO 2 Cms 1st Div 9/13/84			
FROM 9/10 Pm 1100			
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A meeting of the executive committee for the Australia gala day will be held at 1600 this afternoon at 2nd Div. All who will you please instruct your representative to attend			
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TO 14th A1 Bde				
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* 4 605	12th			
Warn Col. CHEESEMAN that meeting of Gala Day Committee will be held at 2nd Div HS. MARCINELLE at 1600 today see car will be sent if available and will wire later when car will report.				
From	5th Aust Div			
Place				
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TO } *Armed Corps*
14th A I Bde
Col NELIGAN 9th 1st Aust Div

Sender's Number. *4 198* Day of Month. *11th* In reply to Number. *AAA*

W J R CHEESEMAN DSO

*MC is nominated as Dist
 representative on Executive
 Committee for Corps Gala Day
 we asked Armed Corps reported
 Col NELIGAN and 14th A I Bde*

From *3rd Aust Div*

Place

Time

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TO *3rd Aust Div*

4/12/55

12/3/19

FROM & Place *9930*

Originator's Number Day of Month In reply to Number

*Ref ans Corps gala day
 representatives from Division
 to meet Col Neligan
 at Charley officers club
 on 13th inst at
 1030 am*

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1st Aust. Div. H.Q. as
president.

The name of one officer
of each division to sit on
this committee to be
nominated to Lt-Col. Delighan
D.S.O. 1st Aust. Div.
H.Q. today. It was
pointed out that the
officer should be a line
officer with a good knowledge
of the sport of his division
and one who could
devote the whole of his
time to the committee
which would necessitate
him living in Charleville
where the committee is
to set up an office.

In view of the above,

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D.S.O. 1.

10/3/39
2nd Aust. Div. Re Galah Range

The conference this
morning was not in the
nature of a committee meeting
but the general nature of
the subject matter was
discussed and the
following points brought
up.

An executive committee
to be formed to supervise
and coordinate the work
of the different sub-committees.
And to consist of one
officer from each division
with Lt-Col. Delighan of

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Sender's Number. * G578 Day of Month. 9/3 In reply to Number. G404 **AAA**

<u>5th</u>	<u>Divisional</u>	<u>Representative</u>	
<u>Gala</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>P.</u>
<u>CHARLTON</u>	<u>M.C. 30 Bn</u>	<u>ATT</u>	

From 5 Ans DW

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as I myself am due for leave to England may I be permitted to suggest that Lieut G. Evans³³³ who is at present acting as Div. Quarters officer would be a very suitable man.

Several other matters were brought up but do not require immediate attention. As arranged I will call on you on the 12th inst. and give you full information.

Charlton Major
Rep. Gala Day
Company



note

Major Charlton has been selected as
Dist. representative and has reported to Corps
HQ this morning to attend conference

Done

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Corps HQ

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Ref this office 7/1/19
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The name of officer
selected divisional represent
- at the
Galala day

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division.

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1330

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AUSTRALIAN GALA DAY.

Reference your G13/226 of 7th inst.

Major P.T. ROBERTS, D.S.O., . . . , 53rd
Battalion is nominated for selection as Divisional
Representative at the Corps Meeting on 10th inst.

G13/1106
9-3-19.

J. B. Stewart
— Brig. General.
Commanding 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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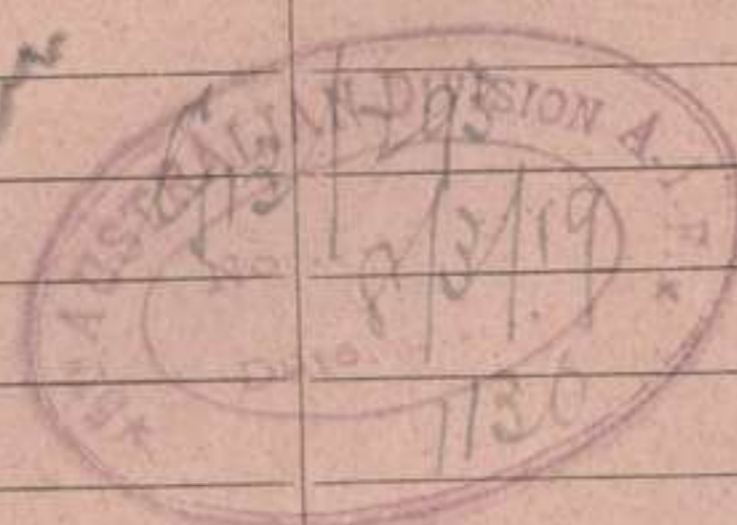
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Day of Month 8

In reply to Number 913/226

Major P. Charleton MC

Home at 1045
 Re Major P. Charleton MC
 is only officer suitable
 but is due to leave
 on next draft.



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TO

FROM & Place

Originator's Number 815

Day of Month 9

In reply to Number 913/216

Lt Col H D G Dennis

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 but is due to leave
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Divisional Artillery ✓ Camp Commandant.

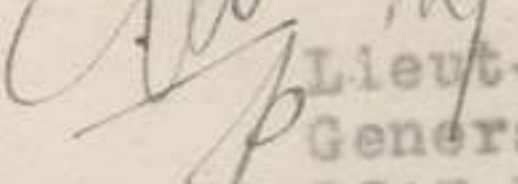
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7th March 1919.


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

Copy to 'A'

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G13/197

Headquarters,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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I consider that a function such as that outlined in your letter will be of great benefit, as it will serve to interest and amuse the men who are not yet due for demobilization.

Owing to the distance between the Divisional billeting area and the proposed site of the Exhibition and to the difficulty of transport I would point out that this Division will not be able to participate to the extent that would have been possible had we been situated nearer CHARLEROI.

7th March 1919.

J. I. Major-General,
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Return to 91.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,
5th March, 1919.

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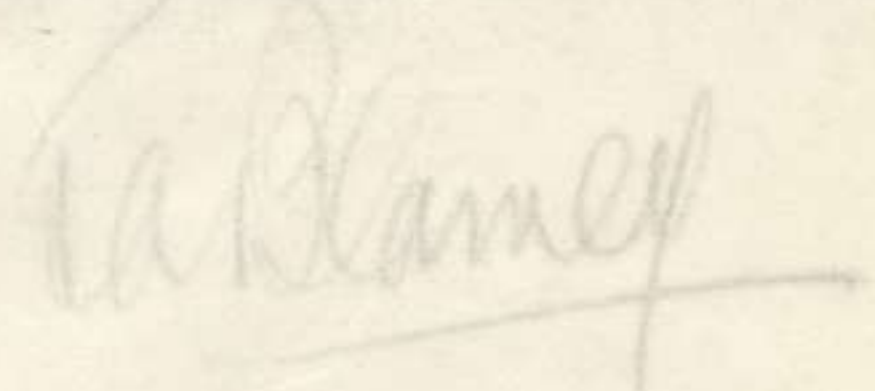
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As the time for preparation is necessarily short it will be essential to start the preliminary arrangements with the least possible delay.

Finance.

Each unit should bear the cost of its own contribution. Expenses of central control to be met by sale of souvenir programmes, refreshments, probable assistance from Aust. Y.M.C.A.



Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 247.

1. The process of demobilisation has now reached the stage at which the amalgamation of Divisions can be carried out. 1st and 4th Aust. Divisions are to be combined to form 'A' Divisional Group under the command of the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division. 2nd and 5th Aust. Divisions are to be combined to form 'B' Divisional Group under the command of the G.O.C. 5th Aust. Division.
2. On the amalgamation of the 2nd and 5th Aust. Divisions, which will probably take place after the departure of the next Embarkation Quota from each of the two divisions, the 2nd Aust. Divisional Headquarters will cease to operate as such, and will be reduced to Cadre strength. 'B' Divisional Headquarters will be formed from the combined staffs of the two Divisions.
3. For the purpose of organising quotas the original divisional numbering will be retained; thus the present 2nd Aust. Division will be known as 'B.2 Group' and the 5th Aust. Division as 'B.5 Group'.
4. The above proposals are subject to the concurrence of the Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation. As soon as this is received orders to effect the amalgamation of the Divisions will be issued. In the meantime preliminary arrangements are being made in order that the combination may be effected/ on receipt of such orders.
5. (a) 2nd and 5th Aust. Div. Signal Companies will be amalgamated under the command of the O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. Signal Company. O.C. 5th Aust. Div. Signal Company will report to 2nd Aust. Div. Signal Company for instructions and will make all preliminary arrangements for the amalgamation of the two companies, submitting the plan to this office for approval.
 (b) 2nd and 5th Aust. Divisional Trains will combine under the command of O.C. 5th Aust. Divisional Train who will make the necessary arrangements and submit his proposals to 5th Aust. Div. 'Q' for approval.
 (c) Ordnance Services will not be combined.
6. Further instructions to put into effect the necessary moves, amalgamations etc., involved by the process of demobilisation, will be issued in the form of Amalgamation Instructions.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE

J. H. Williams

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

21st March 1919.

P.T.O.

Issued to:

- 8th Infantry Brigade
- 14th Infantry Brigade
- 15th Infantry Brigade
- 5th Divisional Artillery
- 5th Divisional Engineers
- 5th Machine Gun Battalion
- 5th Pioneer Battalion
- 5th Divisional Train
- 5th Divisional Signal Co.
- A.D.M.S.
- D.A.D.V.S.
- D.A.P.M.
- D.A.D.O.S.
- Divisional Salvage Co.
- Australian Corps
- 2nd Aust. Division
- A.D.C. to G.O.C.
- "A.Q"
- "G"
- War Diary
- 3rd M.T. Coy
- Camp Commandant
- D.E.O.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

AMALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 1

Ref: NAMUR 1:100,000.

Headquarters,
March 21st 1919.

1. The amalgamation of the 8th and 15th A.I. Brigade Groups outlined in this office G13/434 dated March 10th will be carried out as follows.
 - (a) On the 24th instant, under orders from G.O.C. 15th A.I. Brigade, the 59th Battalion will move from VERGNIES to BOUSSULEZ-WALCOURT. On arrival there the Battalion will be amalgamated with the 57/58th Battalion and the combined unit will be known as the 15th Brigade Battalion.
 - (b) On the 26th instant 15th A.I. Brigade Headquarters will cease to operate and the command of the combined 8th/15th Brigade Group will be assumed by Brig-General C.S. DAVIES D.S.O.
 - (c) Cadre 'B' 15th A.I. Brigade will be attached to 8th A.I. Brigade Headquarters and until the return of the Staff Captain 15th A.I. Brigade from leave the Brigade Major 15th A.I. Brigade will be available for duty as desired by G.O.C. 8th/15th Brigade.
 - (d) No. 4 Section 5th Aust. Div. Signal Company will move to WALCOURT under the orders of C.C. 5th Aust. Div. Signal Company who will arrange for telephone communication between H.Q. 8th/15th Brigade Group and the 15th Brigade Battalion.
 - (e) Medical personnel rendered surplus by the amalgamation will be disposed of under instructions from the A.D.M.S.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued to:-

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| ✓ 8th Infantry Brigade | ✓ D.A.D.V.S. |
| ✓ 14th Infantry Brigade | ✓ D.A.P.M. |
| ✓ 15th Infantry Brigade | ✓ D.A.D.O.S. |
| ✓ 5th Divisional Artillery | ✓ Divisional Signal Co. |
| ✓ 5th Divisional Engineers | ✓ Divisional Train |
| ✓ 5th Machine Gun Bn. | ✓ Aust. Corps |
| ✓ 5th Pioneer Battalion | ✓ "A.Q" |
| ✓ A.D.M.S. | ✓ "G" |
| ✓ 3rd M.T. Company | ✓ A.D.C. to G.O.C. |
| ✓ Camp Commandant | |
| ✓ D.E.O. | |

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

AMALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

Ref: NAMUR 1:100,000

Headquarters,
March 21st 1919.

1. (a) The 14th A.I. Brigade will move to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT in accordance with the appended march table.
(b) Personnel will move in two groups by road and empty supply trains, transport by march route.
2. On arrival the Brigade will occupy accommodation vacated by the 7th A.I. Brigade. Billetting parties will be sent ahead, not later than the 24th instant, to take over this accommodation. 2nd Aust. Division has agreed to accommodate the advance party.
3. (a) Under instructions to be issued by the A.D.M.S. the 14th Field Ambulance will move from SAUTAIN to WALCOURT on the 21st instant.
(b) On arrival in WALCOURT the 14th Field Ambulance will be amalgamated with the 8th/15th Field Ambulance.
(c) The A.D.M.S. will arrange for a medical detachment to accompany the 14th A.I. Brigade to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT and for the evacuation of the sick of the Brigade.
4. Administrative instructions are being issued by 5th Aust. Division 'Q'.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. Higgins

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

Issued to:

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| 8th Infantry Brigade | D.A.D.O.S. |
| 14th Infantry Brigade | Divisional Signal Co. |
| 15th Infantry Brigade | Divisional Train |
| 5th Div. Artillery | Aust. Corps |
| 5th Div. Engineers | 2nd Aust. Division |
| 5th Machine Gun Bn. | A.D.C. to G.O.C. |
| 5th Pioneer Battalion | "A.Q" |
| A.D.M.S. | "G" |
| D.A.D.V.S. | 3rd M.T. Company |
| D.A.P.M. | Camp Commandant |
| | D.E.O. |

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY MALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
1.	Mch. 30	1st Group	SIVRY	BEAUMONT	By march route.
2	31	1st Group	BEAUMONT	MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	Empty supply train entraining BEAUMONT detraining CHARLEROI
3	31	2nd Group	RANCE	BEAUMONT	By march route
4	31	Bde. trans- port	SIVRY Area	MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	By march route
5	apl. 1	2nd Group.	BEAUMONT	MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	As in Serial No. 2

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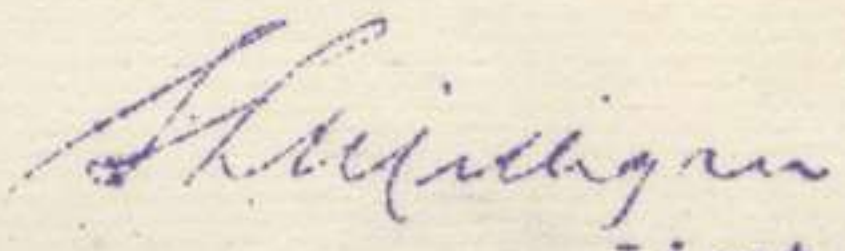
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8th Infantry Brigade	5th Machine Gun Bn.
14th Infantry Brigade	A.D.M.S.
15th Infantry Brigade	D.A.D.V.S.
Divisional Artillery	D.A.D.O.S.
Divisional Engineers	D.A.P.M.
Divisional Train	Aust. Corps
Divisional Signal Co.	A.D.C. to G.O.C.
5th Pioneer Battalion	"C"
	"G"

1. In continuation of this office G13/268 dated March 8th 1919 the following further amalgamations of units have been approved by the Divisional Commander.

30/32nd Battalion with 31st Battalion
 57/58th Battalion with 59th Battalion
 14th Field/1st A.T. Coy. .E. with 8/15th Field Coy. A.M.
 14th Field Ambulance with 8/15th Field Ambulance
 No. 1 Sect. 5th D.A.C. with No. 2 Sect. 5th D.A.C.
 49th Battery with 51st Battery A.F.A.
 50th " " 113th " "
 53rd " " 114th " "
 54th " " 55th " "

2. Reports will be furnished to this office when these amalgamations have been completed.



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

15th March 1919.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

AMALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 5.

Headquarters,
25th March 1919.

1. The 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions will be amalgamated on the 29th instant. On that date the 2nd Australian Division will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division and the combined Division will be known as 'B' Divisional Group, vide 5th Australian Division General Staff Memorandum No. 247 dated March 21st.
2. (a) Headquarters 'B' Divisional Group will open at MARCINELLE at 1200 on the 29th March in the offices at present occupied by the 2nd Australian Division. Headquarters 5th Australian Division will close at WALCOURT at the same hour.
 (b) 'B' Echelon 5th Australian Divisional Headquarters consisting of the following officers will remain at WALCOURT until the move of the troops of the 5th Australian Division to the 2nd Australian Divisional area is further advanced:
 - Divisional Paymaster
 - Divisional Education Officer
 - Divisional Sports Officer
 - Divisional Claims Officer
 - Divisional Salvage Officer
 - Divisional Canteen Officer.
3. (a) The following officers of the 2nd Australian Division will be required for duty with 'B' Divisional Headquarters:

G.S.O. II	Divisional Claims Officer
D.A.A.G.	Divisional Education Officer
D.A.Q.M.G.	Divisional Sports Officer
A.D.M.S.	Divisional Paymaster.
D.A.D.O.S.	Divisional Canteen Officer
D.A.P.M.	

The remaining officers of the 2nd Australian Divisional Staff, as they complete the handing over of their duties and responsibilities, will become available for repatriation or general duty.

 (b) Personnel of the clerical staff to be retained will be arranged by the various branches of the 5th Australian Divisional Staff concerned.
4. The 2nd and 5th Australian Divisional Signal Companies and the 2nd and 5th Australian Divisional Trains will amalgamate on the 29th in accordance with instructions issued separately.

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5. The whole of the troops of the 'B' Divisional Group will be concentrated in the present 2nd Australian Divisional area as accommodation in that area becomes available. Consequent on this concentration and the amalgamation of the 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades the 5th Australian Division will be re-grouped, for demobilisation purposes after the departure of Quota No. 31, as follows:

'Y' GROUP.

Commander - Brig-General C.S. DAVIES D.S.O.

8th/15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters
 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade Battalion (incl. Light Trench
 Mortar Battery)
 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Battalion (do)
 5th Aust. Divisional Engineers (8th, 14th, 15th Field Coys
 & 1st Army Troops Company A.E)
 5th Aust. Divisional Sign 1 Company.
 No. 5 Aust. Sanitary Section
 8th, 14th, 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 No. 3 Aust. Mechanical Transport Company
Australian Corps Technical School, JEUMONT.

'Z' GROUP.

Commander - Brig-General J.C. STEWART C.M.G., D.S.O.

14th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters (incl. Light
 Trench Mortar Battery)
 53rd/55th Aust. Battalion
 56th Aust. Battalion
 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery (13th, 14th A.F.A. Brigades
 5th D.A.C., M.T.M. Batteries)
 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.
 5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion
 5th Aust. Divisional Train
 5th Aust. Salvage Company.
 Aust. Postal Corps (attached 5th Aust. Division)
 Aust. Provost Corps (attached 5th Aust. Division)
 5th Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section
 5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters.

6. ACKNOWLEDG.

H. Milligan

Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Distribution:-

8th A.I. Brigade
14th A.I. Brigade
15th A.I. Brigade
5th Aust. Divisional Artillery
5th Aust. Divisional Engineers
5th Aust. Divisional Signal Coy.
5th Aust. Divisional Train
5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion
5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion
A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.V.S.
D.A.D.O.S.
D.A.P.M.
5th Aust. Salvage Company.
No. 5 Aust. Sanitary Section
No. 3 Aust. M. T. Company
Aust. Corps Technical School, JEU MONT
D.E.O.
Aust. Postal Corps (att. 5th Aust. Divn.)
Divisional Paymaster
Camp Commandant
Sports Officer
2nd Aust. Division
Aust. Corps
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8th A.I. Brigade
14th A.I. Brigade
15th A.I. Brigade
5th Divisional Artillery.

There being no longer any duties to perform in connection with the Gas Services within the Division, the Divisional Gas Officer and Gas Sergeants will be available for general duty.

The Divisional Gas Officer, Lieut. A.E. HEPBURN 31st Battalion will arrange by the 14th instant to despatch all office records to Australian War Records Section, and will complete his War Diary to date for attachment to the General Staff War Diary for the current month. He will then return to his unit.

Gas Sergeants will be available for clerical duty with the formations to which they are attached, and will take their turn for demobilization in accordance with their position on the precedence roll.

The termination of appointment of Divisional Gas Officers in the Australian Corps will be notified in A.I.F. Orders.

(Sgd) S.L. MILLIGAN
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

12th March 1919.

Copies to:
Camp Commandant,
"A.Q"

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D.G.O.'s Final Report

Australian Division

13/3/19

The Anti-gas organization in the Division from March 1918 to the signing of the Armistice was as follows:-

- 1) D.G.O. and 6 sergeants, the D.G.O. and 1 sgt being at D.H.Q., 1 sgt at the Corps Gas School, 1 at each Inf. Bde H.Q., and one with the Divisional Artillery
- 2) D.A.G.O. ^{Artillery}, attached to D.A.H.Q. ^{Artillery}, and assisted by the sgt mentioned above
- 3) Brigade Gas Officers, 1 attached to each Inf. Bde H.Q., and assisted by the sgt attached to Bde.
- 4) A Gas N.C.O. on H.Q. of each Battalion, and Artillery Brigade
- 5) A Gas N.C.O., also available for other duties, with each Company and Battery

Shortly after the signing of the Armistice, the appointments of D.A.G.O. and Brigade Gas Officers were done away with, and the number of Gas sgt's on D.H.Q. strength decreased from 6 to 5, consequent on the disbanding of the Corps Gas School.

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With these changes, the organization has remained the same down to the present time, but vacancies caused by Repatriation have not been filled.

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At the end of November, reserves of SBR's held by D.A.D.O.S were returned to Base, thus making it impossible for defective respirators to be replaced once the small reserves held by units were exhausted

From that time onward, the work of the Gas personnel has become of less and less importance, as it was obviously useless to continue inspecting and condemning respirators after the reserve of new ones was exhausted

The most recent instructions have been that men will retain their SBR's till arrival at the Base, en route for England, and will hand them in there

Reliable figures are not available at present, but estimating on previous figures, at least 50% of the respirators now in possession of men must be defective

Since the end of December, there have been only a few small matters in connection with records to attend to, and unit Gas NCO's have been employed on ordinary duties, while the 5 Div. Gas Sgts have been engaged on general duties chiefly in connection with Education and Repatriation. In addition to classifying and arranging all files, memoranda etc, the DGO has been engaged on Educational & general duties on D HQ.

On 12/3/19 an order was issued by D HQ

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making the Du! Gas NCO's available for general duties with the formations to which they are attached, and directing that all files &c be forwarded to records

Two of the NCO's. Sgts Loy and Steby, have already proceeded to England for Repatriation, while the remaining 3; Sgts Allan, Harrold and Morton are due to leave at an early date

The records from the DGO's office have been packed and despatched to Records in accordance with the order mentioned above.

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