

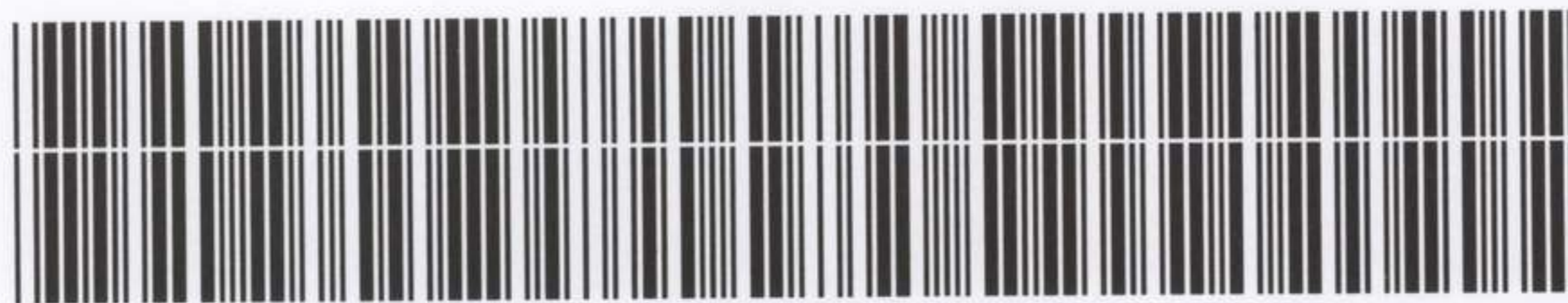
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Duties of Company and Battery Gas N.C.O's. -

General.

1. Supervise the issue of Small Box Respirators to his men and see that each man is issued with the correct size.
2. Assist Platoon or Section Commander at all inspections of S.B.R's, and see that all ranks use the Anti-Dimming Outfit properly.
3. Assist in training men in Anti-Gas Appliances and Drill. (Drill with equipment and at night must not be neglected.)
4. See that record cards are properly entered up.
5. Inspect and report (to Company or Battery Commander) on the training of drafts.
6. On relief, assist Company or Battery Commander in taking over anti-gas trench stores. He should accompany advance party and take over by day.
7. He will have charge of all anti-gas trench stores and inspect them daily, seeing that:-
 - (i) Strombos horns and other alarms are in good order and that sentries know how to use them.
 - (ii) That the blanket doorways of protected dug-outs are kept damp.
 - (iii) That gas proof recesses for storing S.A.A., bombs, etc., are available.
 - (iv) That anti-gas stores, fans and stores of fuel for clearing dug-outs are in their proper positions and in good order.
 - (v) That sampling apparatus and tins, etc., are available.
8. To see that N.C.O's and men of his company or battery conform to the orders as to wearing the S.B.R. in the different Gas Zones.
9. Note down any points on which he wishes the advice of the Brigade Gas Staff on their periodical visits, and report any irregularities to the Company or Battery Commander.

In the Alert Zone.

----- The following will be his duties:-

1. Assist in daily inspection of S.B.R's.
2. See that sentries are instructed in their duties in the case of a gas attack or bombardment, and that each sentry is provided with a gas gong and rattle. See that a sentry is posted over any Strombos horn in the company or battery area.
3. The N.C.O. in charge of each sentry post must be instructed as to what area and dug-outs he is responsible for warning.
4. Pay special attention to all area anti-gas stores, protected dug-outs and ammunition recesses.

During Attack or Gas Shell Bombardment.

1. Do everything in his power to spread the alarm.
2. Report to the Company or Battery Commander.
3. Make notes for report and look out for "duds" and earth samples.
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After Attack.

1. In the case of a cloud gas attack, tubes of Strombos horns must be immediately connected to the spare cylinders and the empty cylinder replaced as soon as possible.
2. Test carefully for gas in places where it is likely to hang, and report to OC when air is clear.
3. Warn everyone to be on the alert for a repetition of the attack.
4. Supervise clearing of trenches and dug-outs and filling in of shell holes.
5. Have sentries posted to give warning to troops approaching ground affected by a gas shell bombardment.
6. See to the cleaning of arms and exposed ammunition.
7. Endeavour to obtain any "duds" that may have been spotted, and collect samples of earth from shell holes which smell of gas.
8. Make a report and forward to Battalion or Artillery Brigade Headquarters.

Since the advance began on 8th. August, it has been difficult to obtain full information and reports, but returns have been sent in weekly as far as circumstances permitted.

The necessary instructions for obtaining sworn statements from gas casualties were issued at the beginning of the month, and these statements are being reviewed by Divl. Gas Officer and passed with recommendations, to "A" Branch for any necessary action.

Training.

There has been no opportunity to carry out any training, during the month, but strict inspections of respirators have been carried out by Brigade and Battalion Gas Officers and N.C.O's at every opportunity.

Gas Shelling.

Gas shelling for the first three weeks of August was practically nil, but during his retirement the enemy has apparently been expending as much as possible of his gas ammunition. The 8th. Brigade, then holding the whole divisional front was heavily shelled with Yellow and Blue Cross, chiefly 4.2 calibre on 27th. August, and there has been a little gas shelling, chiefly Blue Cross, every night since. Total gas casualties reported 16, none serious.

Protective Measures.

Owing to the constant movement of units, it has not been practicable to provide gas-proof dug-outs and reliance has had to be placed entirely on the S.B.R. for protection.

Rattles have now been made part of unit equipment, instead of trench stores, each platoon or equivalent unit now carrying 2 rattles with it.

Some of the Strombee horns in the back area were collected and stored at the Divl. H.Q.'s near HAMLET.

Personnel.

Lieut. Nash, 14th. Brigade, left for AUSTRALIA at the beginning of the month, his place has been filled by Lieut. L. Scott.

Sgt. Staley returned from Corps Gas School to 8th. Brigade, & Sgt. Loy 15th. Brigade went to the school.

Sgt. Harrold was transferred to 15th. Bde. from 8th. Bde. in place of Sgt. Loy

General.

During the advance a large amount of German gas shells & anti-gas stores of all kinds have been captured including very large numbers of respirators & drums.

Dumps containing gas shell have been counted and number & kind of gas shell reported to C.A. Australian Corps, with a view to using the gas against the enemy.

Some of the dug outs in the captured area were found to be fitted with blanketed doors but the blankets were merely hung vertically a few feet apart, without side frames or stiffening battens, and are effective only so far as they prevent the circulation of air through the dug out.

E. H. Hepburn Lieut.
Gas Officer,
5th. Aust. Divn.

D.H.Q.
2/9/18.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 1/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G15/3436	Aust. Corps H.A.	5th Aust. Div.	Defence Scheme.
2. G15/3438	2nd Aust. Div.	do.	O.O. No. 127 - readjustment of S. & N. Divisional boundaries.
3. G11/3442	Aust Corps.	do.	re A.A. mountings for Pioneer & Infantry Bns.
4. G11/3443	do.	do.	Report - Discs for signalling to aircraft by infantry.
5. G15/3455	do.	do.	Order No. 142 - 8th Bde. R.G.A. to move to Aust Corps Area.
6. G15/3505	do.	do.	Order No 144 - 4th Aust Div. to extend to left and relieve part of 2nd Aust. Div.
7. G11/3507	do.	do.	Revised orders regard- ing firing at aircraft from the ground at night.
8. A66/3457	do.	do.	Medical instr. No. 33.
9. Ig26/3506	do.	do.	Extract from German Int. Summary re Listening sets.
10. Ig26/3509	do.	do.	German instr. - "Protection against aeroplane observation."

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 2/2/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT
1. G.4425	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnr, D.Art, Eng, Sig, Tn, Q, Demon. Platoon.	G.S. Memo No. 237 - Orders regarding firing at aircraft from the ground at night.
2. G17/4394	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, D.Art, APN, ENG, DCO, Pnr, Cye, ALH, A.Q.	Anti gas measures.
3. G11/4397	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnr, A.Q.	Tin discs for signalling to aircraft by infantry.
4. Ig26/4415	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs.	Translatio of a German document - Information obtained from listening sets.
5. Ig34/4416	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnr, D.Art.	Enemy organization in territory N. of the LUCE.
6. Ig26/4417	do.	3 Bdes.	German instr. regarding protection against aeroplane observation.
7. G8/3565	Aust Corps.	5th Aust. Div.	Engineer Instr. No. 133.
8. G12/3567	do.	do.	1 Bn to move from FREMONT to LONGPRE.
9. G25/3568	C.R.E.	do.	Engineer instr. No. 23.
10. G15/3574	Aust. Corps.	do.	Order No. 145 - 93rd Bde. R.G.A. from V Corps to Aust. Corps Area.
11. G16/3625	Div. Arty.	do.	Order No. 61 - 5th Div. Art., to come under orders of 2nd D.Art.
12. G23/3628	Sig. Co.	do.	Distinguishing letters for Popham panel signalling.
13. Ig.26/3566	Aust. Corps.	do.	Information re enemy organization in the territory North of the LUCE.
14. A56/3633	do.	do.	Red. Instr. No. 34.
15. G104/3569	do.	do.	Box car allotted for use of the C.R.E.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 3/8/18. 173

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G1/3707	Aust Corps.	5th Aust Div.	Notes on recreational training.
2. G15/3748	do.	do.	Order No. 147 - Canadian Corps to relieve 4th Aust. Div.
3. Ig26/3739	do.	do.	Notes on country in enemy's occupation between River SOMME and AMIENS railway.
4. Q102/3699	5th Bde.	do.	Amount of supplies to be carried by tanks for infantry.
5. G19/4484	5th Aust Div.	3 Bdes.	Re new mounting for 3" Stokes Mortars.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 4/8/18. 92

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G13/3981	A.P. & S.S.	5th Aust. Div.	Pub. S.S. 218 - Aust Corps Operations carried out on 4th July, 1918.
2. G13/3994	Aust. Corps.	do.	Order No. 150 - Transfer of 65th Bde. Americans to III Corps.
3. G15/3995	do.	do.	Order No. 148 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. to Aust Corps Area.
4. G15/3996	do.	do.	Order No. 149 - 1st Aust Div. Arty. to Aust Corps Area..
5. Ig34/3803	Aust Corps.	do.	Re hostile guns opp. 4th Army Front.
6. A56/3997	do.	do.	Admin. Instr. No. 222 to accompany Order No. 147.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 5/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G.12/4131	2nd Aust Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Order No. 210 - Move of 65th American Brigade.
2. Ig34/4047	4th Army.	do.	System of Defence adopted by the Germans opposite Fourth Army Front.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 6th & 7th Aug. 1918.

1. G13/4682	5th Aust Div.	Aust Corps.	Variations in compasses caused by S.B.Rs. and steel helmets.
2. Ig26/4712	do.	3 Bdes, 5 Tk. Bde, 2, 8, 15 Tk Bns, 17 AC Bn, 5 DA, 5 MG Bn, 1st GC Tanks.	System of defence adopted by the Germans opposite the Fourth Army front.
3. G8/4837	do.	3 Bdes, 5 Pnr, Eng, Div. Arty.	Camouflage.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 10/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. 457/16	5th Aust. Div	3 Bdes, CRA, CRE, Pnr, M.O.	Field punishment men for working parties in forward area.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G3/4894	Aust Corps	5th Aust. Div. Gen. Staff Circ. No. 34 - S.O.S. signals.
2.	G17/4949	Gas Offr.	do. Translation German documents re gas.
3.	G16/15	Liaison Force.	do. Gen. Staff Memo. No.1 - Liaison Force.
4.	G16/27	8th Bde.	do. Report on operations carried out from 8/8/18.
5.	G16/4	5th Pnr.	do. Report on oper. carried out from 8/8/18.
6.	A66/4926	Aust. Corps	do. Med. Instr. No. 38.
7.	A56/4927	do.	do. Admin. Instr. No. 223.
8.	A55/4992	D.A.G., A.I.F.	do. Circ. memo re discipline of officers and men at Base Depots.
9.	G107/12	Aust. Corps.	do. Consolidated report on the Water Supply.
10.	G3/111	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, Arty, Eng, Pnr, MG, DBO, Cyc, ALH. G.S. memo. 238 - "S.O.S. Signal!"
11.	A55/137	do.	3 Bdes, CRE, Pnr, MG, Train, CC, ADMS, Sal. Co, Sigs, CRA, Mob. Vet. D.A.G., A.I.F.'s circ. memo 20/93 re discipline amongst officers and men at the Bases.
12.	Q103/100	do.	3 Bdes, Sal, Co, CRA, CRE, Pnr, MG, Train. Corps Admin. instr. No. 223 collection and custody of captured trophies.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 12/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G16/45	15th A.I. Bde.	5th Aust. Div. Report on operations from 8/8/18.
2.	G18/46	5th M.G. Bn.	do. Report on operations from 8/8/18.
3.	G13/70	A.P. & S.S.	do. Publication S.S. 215 - Reports on movement of enemy aircraft.
4.	G11/105	Aust. Corps.	do. Re flares to be lit by infantry when called for by 'planes.
5.	G23/111	Aust. Corps.	do. Cable salvage.
6.	G16/184	5th Aust. Div.	Aust Corps. Summary of operations for July.
7.	A66/43	Aust. Corps	5th Aust. Div. Medical instructions No 39.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT
1. G.17/265	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, 5 D.Arty, 5 MG Bn, 5th Pnr. Bn.	Translation of German document - defences against Yellow Cross.
2. G.11/298	do.	3 Bdes, 5 MG Bn, 5th Pnr, 5th D.Art.	Re markings British night flying machines.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 14 / 8 / 18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G.16/266	Aust. Corps	5th Aust. Div.	Re tanks being sent forward with insufficient Artillery support.
2. G.16/300	17th A.G.Bn.	do.	Report on operations - 8th and 9th August, 1918.
3. G.13/318	A.P. & S.S.	do.	S.S. 201/3 - Machine gun Notes.
4. Ig51/366	Aust. Corps	do.	Urgent information required from prisoners re enemy intentions.
5. Ig34/367	Aust. Corps.	do.	Re enemy propaganda - RAMSAY MACDONALD's (MP) speeches dropped by Germans.
6. G.102/313	A.P. & S.S.	do.	S.S. No. 726 - Extracts G.R.O's part II.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 15/8/18.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G6/431 A.P. & S.S.	5th Aust. Div.	Notes on recent fighting No. 18.a.
2.	Ig26/463 Aust. Corps.	do.	Notes on old lines of defence - ALBERT - St.QUENTIN - ROYE.
3.	Ig34/488 do.	do.	Re 1917 German Long Delay action fuze for demolition purposes.
4.	G13/414 5th Aust. Div.	Aust. Corps.	Questions a Platoon Commander should ask himself before an attack.
5.	Ig34/461 do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, D.Art, D.Eng, Pnr, Sal.Co.	Enemy propaganda (RAMSAY MACDONALD'S speeches).
6.	Ig31/462 do.	3 Bdes, 5 DA, 5 MG Bn.	Enemy intentions.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 17/8/18.

PURPORT.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G12/609 Div. Arty.	5th Aust. Div.	Order No. 72 - Move.
2.	G16/610 17th Div.	do.	Action in event of enemy retreat.
3.	G16/612 Aust. Corps.	do.	Order No. 158 - 32nd Div. To Aust. Corps.
4.	G16/614 2nd Aust. Div.	do.	Order No. 214 - Relief.
5.	G17/631 Aust Corps.	do.	Use of captured German Yellow Cross gas shells
6.	G7/650 17th Division.	do.	List of Observation Posts manned by Divisional Artillery.
7.	G12/589 5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, 5 D.Art. 5 M.G. Bn, Sigs, No. 14 - Relief of "G", "AQ", Diary. 2nd Australian Division	Operation memorandum

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 18/8/18.

PURPORT.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	Ig26/699 5th Aust. Div	Aust. Corps.	Re morale of prisoners.
2.	Q13/749 do.	3 Bdes, CRK, Pnr, MG Bn, Sigs.	Re combination gas suits.
3.	Q101/699 do.	3 Bdes.	Spare bases for rifle grenade dischargers.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G8/839	Aust. Corps	5th Aust. Div.	Engineer Instr. No.11
2. G13/841	do.	do.	Re administration of American Divs. attached to formations.
3. G15/713	32nd Div.	do.	Order No. 192 - Transfer to Aust Corps.
4. G15/714	Aust Corps	do.	Order No. 159 - Move of 13th ALH.
5. G15/718	1st Aust.Div.	do.	Narrative of patrolling.
6. G15/719	Liaison Force.	do.	Defence Scheme.
7. G22/722	15th Bde.	do.	Report on enterprise by 59th Bn.
8. G7/724	Aust Corps.	do.	Report on International Post taken over.
9. G17/732	15th Bde.	do.	Bde. Circular memo No. 40 - Gas precautions.
10. G16/750	Div. Arty.	do.	Instr. No. 5 - Standing orders for semi-mobile warfare.
11. G15/782	2nd Aust.Div.	do.	Order No. 215 - Arty relief by 32nd Div.
12. G15/803	Aust.Corps.	do.	Order No. 160 - Withdrawal of 66th American Regt. from Aust Corps.
13. A56/715	do.	do.	Med. instr. No. 24 45.
14. A56/716	do.	do.	Admin. instrs. No. 225 issued under Order No. 158.
15. A52/840	do.	do.	Bde. Major required for tour of duty in England.

19/8/18.			
No.	TO	FROM	PURPORT.
1. G11/810	Aust Corps	5th Aust.Div.	Reduction in AA. mountings to be carried by units.
2. G3/865	3 Bdes, D.Art, M.G. Bn.	do.	Harassing fire.
3. G17/866	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, D.Art, Div. Engrs.	do.	re enemy use of Yellow Cross gas in minenwerfer shells.
4. Ig34/776	3 Bdes, D.Art, Pnr, MG Bn, CRE, AQ, Sigs, ALH, Cyc, APM, ADMS, DBO, Nucleus.	do.	1917 German long delay action fuze for demolition purposes.
5. G15/857	5th Aust. Div.	Liaison Force.	Order No. 5 - relief.
6. G13/864	do.	Aust Corps.	Use of bullets containing a core tipped with paper fibre.
7. G17/906	do.	Aust. Corps.	Enemy using 17 cm minenwerfer filled with Yellow Cross Gas.
8. G17/932	do.	Aust. Corps.	Enemy methods of using Yellow Cross Gas in abandoned dugouts.
9. Ig29/958	do.	Aust. Corps.	Maps - stages of German withdrawal of HINDENBURG line during 1917.
10. A66/867	do.	do.	Medical Instr. No. 46.

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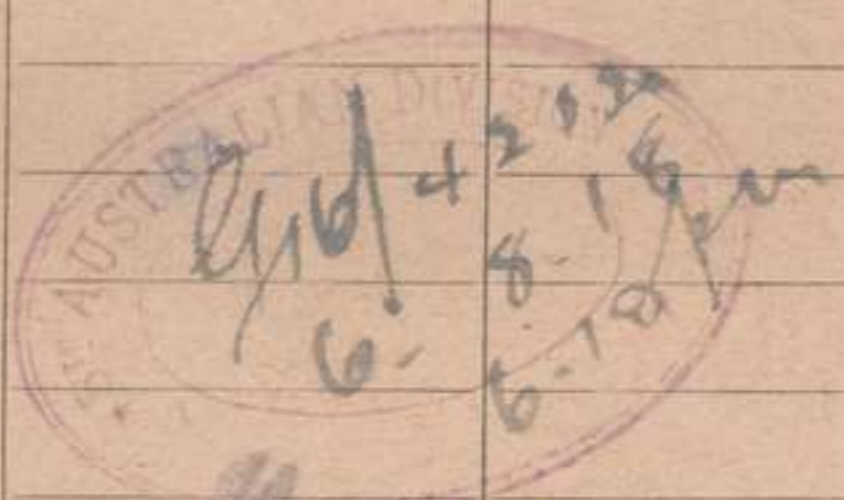

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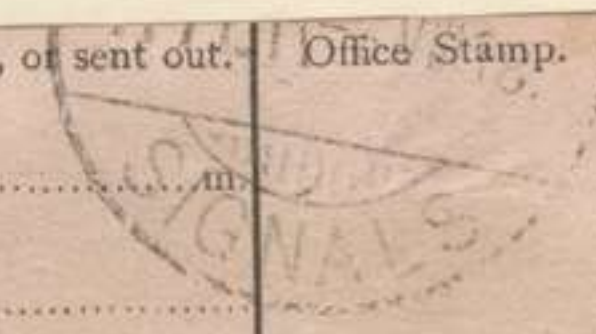
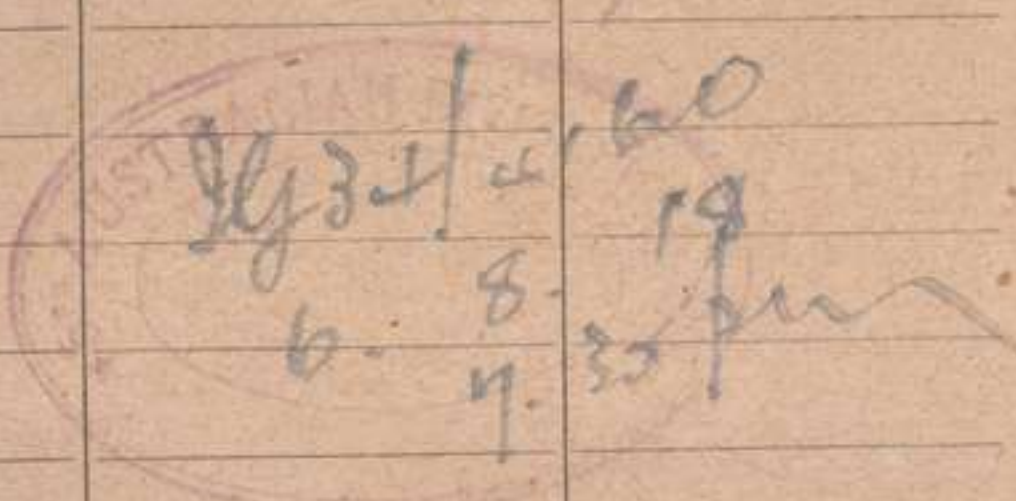
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<i>Yellow X.</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>minute</i>	<i>any</i>	
<i>phosgene shelling at</i>	<i>P14a</i>	<i>commenced</i>		<i>at</i>	
<i>at</i>	<i>4.25 am</i>	<i>continued</i>		<i>at</i>	
<i>at</i>	<i>4.40 am</i>	<i>aaa</i>		<i>otherwise</i>	
<i>Night very quiet</i>					
					
FROM			<i>3rd Aust Div</i>		
PLACE & TIME			<i>15 am</i>		



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Prefix <i>MB</i>	Code <i>870</i>	Words <i>29</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <i>AYB</i>	At.....m.	
Service Instructions. <i>1 of 4 addd</i>			By <i>AYB</i>	To.....	
<i>AYB Priority</i>				By.....	
Handed in at.....			Office <i>5:30 a.m.</i>	Received <i>2:30 a.m.</i>	
TO	<i>5th Aust Div.</i>				
*Sender's Number.	Day of month.	In reply to Number.		AAA	
<i>42</i>	<i>8th</i>				
<i>Prisoner from</i>	<i>JAFFA</i>	<i>trench</i>			
<i>6th Coy</i>	<i>18th</i>	<i>IR</i>			
<i>states not</i>	<i>expecting</i>		<i>attacks</i>		
<i>aaa addsd</i>	<i>aust</i>	<i>Corps</i>			
<i>reptd flank</i>	<i>Divs</i>	<i>and</i>			
<i>5th aust</i>	<i>Divn</i>				
<i>1</i>	<i>37 av</i>				
FROM	<i>2nd Aust. Div.</i>				
TIME & PLACE					



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Prefix <i>Am</i>	Code <i>13</i>	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <i>Rufa</i>	At	
Service Instructions			By	To	
Handed in at <i>Rufa</i>			Office <i>3.50</i> m.	Received <i>3.54</i> m.	
TO	<i>Legi</i>				
*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA	
<i>Am 288</i>	<i>8th</i>				
<i>Bae</i>	<i>17 mes</i>	<i>off</i>	<i>5.20</i>		
<i>am</i>	<i>aan</i>	<i>Enemy retaliation</i>			
<i>feels</i>					
<i>9</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>am</i>			
<i>5</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>88</i>			
FROM			<i>Rufa (both Bae)</i>		
TIME & PLACE					



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Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.			From.....	At..... m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.				By.....	
Handed in at.....			Office.....	m	Received..... m.
TO					
*Sender's Number.		Day of month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
fighting strength		2	ofhs		
1200		OR	8		Lm Go
aaa		not	Known		where
157 th		2B	is		aaa
11 th		RFB	disbanded		2
months ago		and	replaced		
by		11 th	Grenadier		regt
aab		22 nd	RFB		had
no		idea	of		our
attack					
FROM		D.I.O.			
TIME & PLACE					



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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G7/1003 32nd Div.	5th Aust. Div.	Re Liaison posts.
2.	G15/1010 1st Aust. Div.	do.	Narrative of operations involving the capture of MERRIS.
3.	G15/1014 32nd Div.	do.	Report on enemy attack.
4.	G17/1018 Aust Corps.	do.	Defence against Gas - Of experiment at Aust Corps School.
5.	G19/1052 do	do.	Re ranging with Stokes Mortars on targets in dead ground by means of intersecting rays (prismatic compasses used.).
6.	G16/1054 15th A.I.Bde.	do.	Report on O.P's 8/9th August.
7.	G23/1063 Aust. Corps.	do.	Re wireless stations when formations are withdrawn from the line.
8.	G1/1095 Aust Corps.	do.	Re visit of Corps and Div. Commanders to Home schools and Tng. Units when on leave.
9.	Ig31/1035 A.P. & S.S.	do.	Information given by German prisoners (translation of captured documents) (S.S. 729).
10 1/2	A57/951 CC, 3 Bdes, 5th Aust. Div.	CC, 3 Bdes, CRA, CRE, MG Bn, Sigs, Pnr, Tn, ADMS, DADVS, APM, DADOS, Sal. Co.	Reinforcements - Details - Nucleus personnel.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 21/8/18.

PURPORT.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	Ig. 34/1123 Aust Corps	5th Aust. Div.	Diagram - German anti-tank Mine.
2.	Ig.26/1112 do.	do.	Re increase in the dissemination of reproductions of Orders etc.
3.	A66/1131 do.	do.	Medical instructions. No. 47.

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No.	FROM.	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G17/1104 5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, APM, 5th D.Art, AQ, 5 MG Bn, ALH, Pnr, Cyc, ADMS, D.G.O. Sal. Offr.	Enemy use of gas shells - abandoned dugouts.

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PURPORT.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G8/1225	Aust Corps	5th Aust. Div.	Details of bridges across River SOMME in Aust. Corps area.
2. G16/1344	8th A.I. Bde.	do.	Reports on operations.
3. G15/1352	Aust. Corps	do.	Order No. 163 - Relief of Canadian Sector.
4. G16/1410	Fourth Army.	do.	Commander-in-Chief's comment on situation.
5. Q107/1338	Aust Corps	do.	Re water for arty. horses in case of an advance.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G16/1292	5th Aust Div.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnr, D. Art, Eng, Sigs, Tn, ADMS.	Re re-organization, refitting, vigilance and energy in matters of discipline, training and equipping.
2. G16/1282	do.	3 Bdes MG Bn, Pnr, Arty, Eng, Sigs, ADMS, Tn.	F.M. C-in-C's letter to all ranks on new policy of attack.
3. A54/1358	do.	3 Bdes, CRA, CRE, Pnr, MG Bn, DADOS, APM, ADMS, DADVS, Sigs, Sal Co, Tn, C.C.	Selection of 1914 men for transport duty to Australia.
4. G15/1455	4th Aust Div	5th Aust Div.	Order No. 147 - Relief and move.
5. Ig26/1512	Aust Corps.	do.	Proposed scale of equipment for intelligence sections
6. A66/1513	do.	do.	Medical instr. No. 14

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 25/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G.13/1392	5th Aust Div.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, D.Arty, Eng, Sigs, In, ADMS, War Diary, GOC, AQ, Burials Offr, DPM, Sal. Coy, DADCS, AFM, DADVd.	G.S. Memo No. 239 - History of 5th Australian Division.
2. G6/1459	do.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, D.Arty, GOC, G file pass to AQ, G.2, Pnrs.	Notes on recent fighting No. 19.
3. Ig34/1403	do.	3 Bdes, D.Arty, Eng, Sigs, MG Bn, Pnr, ADMS, AQ, DGO, AFM, Sal. Coy.	Re enemy use of mines in dugouts etc.
4. G16/1564	15th A.I. Bde.	5th Aust. Div.	Report on operations with 1st Aust. Div. 23/8/18.
5. G16/1614	A.P. & S.S.	do.	Notes on recent fighting No. 19.
6. Ig34/1634	Aust Corps.	do.	Re use of enemy mines in abandoned areas.
7. G101/1618	C. R. A.	do.	Filling of air recuperators.

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No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G16/1688	1st Aust Div.	5th Aust Div	Order No. 125 - Relief.
2. G16/1714	2nd Aust Div.	do.	Order No. 216 - Relief.
3. G16/1740	Sig Coy.	do.	Report on communications during 8/9th August, 1918.
4. G8/1781	Aust Corps.	do.	Engineer instructions No. 13
5. A66/1759	Aust Corps.	do.	Medical Instructions No. 50 .
6. Ig26/1331	5th Aust Div.	3 Bdes, MG Bn, Pnrs, D.Arty, Eng, Sigs.	Opinions expressed by 7 German Officers on our attack ALBERT - BRAY front on 22nd August, 1918.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 27/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G13/1634	5th Aust Div.	3 Bdes, ADMS, MG Bn, APM, ALH, Pnr, Arty, Cyc, Eng, GOC, TN.	G.S. Memo No. 240 - re mines and explosive devices in areas evacuated by the enemy.
2. A54/1642	do.	3 Bdes, CRA, CRE, ADMS, DADVS, Tn, DADOS, Sigs, Sal Co, MG Bn, Pnrs, CC, APM.	Circular memo No. 66 - Leave to U.K. - Offrs. and other ranks.
3. G13/1803	Aust Corps	5th Aust. Div.	Re explosives etc. left by enemy in evacuated areas to cause casualties to advancing troops.
4. G23/1804	Aust Corps.	do.	Signal instructions No. 10. Series 2.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 29/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1. G13/1812	5th Aust. Div.	3 Bdes, Pnrs, AG, 5 MG Bn, D.Arty. Eng, ADMS.	Re unauthorized communication with enemy reference suspected misuse of Red Cross.
2. G3/1842	do.	D.Arty, 3 Bdes.	Re pushing forward of artillery.
3. A59/1893	do.	3 Bdes, CRA, MG Bn, ADMS, CRE, Tn, Pnrs, Sigs, APM, DADVS, DADOS.	Honors and rewards.
4. G101/1897	do.	Aust Corps.	Temple grenade thrower.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 30/8/18 .

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	G7/2226 Aust Corps	5th Aust Div.	Re SOMME Crossings.
2.	G11/2227 do.	do.	Navigation lights for aircraft.
3.	G10/2276 do.	do.	BAB Trench Code book correction
4.	G8/2352 do.	do.	Engineer Instr. No. 15.
5.	A52/2347 D.A.G., A.I.F.	do.	Temporary approval for direct communication.
6.	G16/1968 5th Aust Div.	3 Bdes, Aust Corps MG Bn, 32nd Div Pnr, 2nd A. Div. Div. Arty, AQ, file transit GS.	Reconnaissances and reports 5th Aust Div. Engineers.
7.	G11/1969 do.	3 Bdes, Pnr, Eng, MG Bn, D. Arty, Tn, file transit G.S. A.Q.	Re orders regarding firing at aircraft from the ground at night.
8.	G11/1971 do.	3 Bdes, Pnr, Eng, MG Bn, D. Arty, Tn, file transit G.S. A.Q.	Amendments Fourth Army 12/1(G) of 18/5/18 " Firing at aircraft from the ground at night!"
9.	G11/1972 do.	3 Bdes, Pnr, Eng, Demons. AQ MG Bn, CRA, Train,	Amendment General Staff Memorandum 237 re firing at aircraft from the ground at night.
10.	G7/2020 do.	3 Bdes, D. Arty, Eng, A.Q.	SOMME crossings now available.
11.	Q104/1994 do.	3 Bdes, ADMS, MG Bn, Pnr, CRA, CRE.	Roads and bridges (3rd Aust. Div. Sector) now available.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE - 31/8/18.

No.	FROM	TO	PURPORT.
1.	Ig.34/2408 A.P. & S.S.	5th Aust. Div.	German 1917 Long delay fuze for demolition purposes
2.	Ig34/2409 do.	do.	German automatic detonating device.
3.	A57/2073 5th Aust Div.	3 Bdes.	Re direct commissions.