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5th Australian Division

March 1917



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## CENSUS OF ANIMALS

Month ending 31st March 1917

	HORSES					MULES		Total
	Ch.	Rdg.	L.D.	H.D.	Pk.	Large	Small	
Div. Headquarters	34	27	2	4	1	-	*	68
<b>INFANTRY</b>								
8th Bde.	46	3	46	29	18	-	118	260
14th Bde.	51	2	35	30	23	-	126	267
15th Bde.	55	3	32	30	28	-	115	263
PIONEER Bn.	9	1	-	8	10	-	55	83
Totals	195	36	115	101	80	-	414	941
<b>ARTILLERY H.Q.</b>								
13th F.A. Bde.	29	140	377	-	-	76	-	622
14th F.A. Bde.	31	169	384	-	-	96	-	680
D. A. C.	12	68	113	-	-	664	-	857
Totals	80	379	874	-	-	836	-	2169
<b>ENGINEERS H.Q.</b>								
8th Field Co.	7	9	21	-	4	20	-	61
14th Field Co.	4	8	30	-	3	22	-	67
15th Field Co.	6	9	30	-	2	16	-	63
Signal Co.	11	35	32	-	1	24	-	103
Totals	30	65	113	-	10	83	-	301
DIV. TRAIN	20	32	21	276	-	13	-	362
FIELD AMBS.	29	8	51	60	-	-	-	148
SANITARY SECT.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
MOP. VET. SECT.	2	18	4	-	-	-	-	24
Totals	52	58	76	336	-	13	-	535
GRAND TOTALS	360	535	1178	437	90	932	414	3946

2/4/17

Captain  
for Major-General  
Comdg. 5th Australian Divsn.



5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S.A.A., GRENADES &c. - MONTH OF MARCH 1917.

	Week ending Mch.3rd	Week ending Mch.10th.	Week ending Mch.17th.	Week ending Mch.24th.	Week ending Mch.31st
S.A.A.	2960000	2960000	2100000	2100000	2400000
<u>GRENADES.</u>					
No.22 (Rifle)	1000	1000	1000	940	940
No.23 "	6500	7600	6500	6350	6350
No.19 (Percussion)	80	80	80	80	80
No.5 (Hand)	50000	49750	44500	43500	43500
S.O.S.Grenades	-	186	180	120	120
<u>BOMBS.</u>					
"p"	2000	2000	1950	1950	1950
<u>VERY LIGHTS.</u>					
1" inch	10000	9450	8350	8350	8500
1 1/2" "	8000	7690	7500	7100	6960
1 1/2" " Red	-	-	-	504	460
1 1/2" " Green	-	-	-	1008	1008
<u>ROCKETS.</u>					
Red, Asteroid	264	264	264	200	200
White, "	149	149	149	117	117
Red, Signal	176	176	40	40	30
White, "	126	126	-	-	-
Green, "	84	36	30	30	30
Red, para	-	-	-	60	55
Green, "	-	-	-	48	38
Green, Signal 1 lb.	-	-	-	50	30
<u>FLARES.</u>					
Red	2500	2500	2450	2000	2000
Yellow	-	1050	1250	950	600
White	-	100	-	-	-

APPENDIX B



5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

TRENCH MORTAR AMMUNITION - MONTH OF MARCH 1917.

3" Stokes.		3" Stokes.		3" Stokes.		3" Stokes.		3" Stokes.	
On hand 24.2.17.	9000	On hand 3.3.17.	9542	On hand 10.3.17.	9436	On hand 17.3.17.	9319	On hand 24.3.17.	9169
Rec'd during week	1006	Rec'd during week	-	Rec'd during week	-	Rec'd during week	-	Rec'd during week	-
Total	10006	Total	9542	Total	9436	Total	9319	Total	9169
Expended	444	Expended	106	Expended	117	Expended	150	Expended	-
Remaining on hand 3.3.17.	9542	Remaining on hand 10.3.17	9436	Remaining on hand 17.3.17	9319	Remaining on hand 24.3.17.	9169	Remaining on hand 31.3.17.	9169

APPENDIX C



## MACHINE

## GUN

## STATEMENT

Shewing number and nature in possession of 5th Australian Division 9th March 1917

U N I T	Number of		No. in possession		At Schools		Total	Remarks
	Regiments or Battys.	Pte. M.G. Cos.	Vic.	Lewis	Vic.	Lewis		
<u>8th Infantry Brigade</u>								
29th Battalion	1	-	-	14	-	-	14	
30th Battalion	1	-	-	14	-	-	14	
31st Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
32nd Battalion	1	-	-	13	-	-	13	
8th M. G. Co.	-	1	16	-	-	-	16	Lost in action. Enquiry being held
<u>14th Infantry Brigade</u>								
53rd Battalion	1	-	-	14	-	-	14	
54th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
55th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
56th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
14th M.G.CO.	-	1	16	-	-	-	16	
<u>15th Infantry Brigade</u>								
57th Battalion	1	-	-	14	-	-	14	
58th Battalion	1	-	-	14	-	-	14	
59th Battalion	1	-	-	14	-	-	14	
60th Battalion	1	-	-	14	-	-	14	
15th M.G.Co.	-	1	16	-	-	-	16	
Pioneer Bn.	1	-	-	8	-	-	8	
At Schools	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
	13	3	48	183	-	2	233	

9/3/17

 Captain  
 For Maj-Gen., Comdg. 5th Aus. Div.

APPENDIX D

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

MACHINE

GUN

STATEMENT

Shewing number and nature in possession of 5th Australian Division 23rd March 1917

U N I T	Number of Regiments or Pattys.	Pde. M.G. Cos.	No. in possession		At Schools		Total	Remarks
			Vic.	Lewis	Vic.	Lewis		
<u>8th Infantry Brigade</u>								
29th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
30th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
31st Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
32nd Battalion	1	-	-	15	-	-	15	
8th M.G. Co.	-	1	16	-	-	-	16	
<u>14th Infantry Brigade</u>								
53rd Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
54th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
55th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
56th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
14th M. G. Co.	-	1	16	-	-	-	16	
<u>15th Infantry Brigade</u>								
57th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
58th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
59th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
60th Battalion	1	-	-	16	-	-	16	
15th M. G. Co.	-	1	16	-	-	-	16	
Pioneer En.	1	-	-	8	-	-	8	
At Schools	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
T O T A L	13	3	48	199	-	2	249	

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24/3/17

Captain  
for Maj-Gen., Comdng. 5th Aust. Div.

APPENDIX D

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## APPENDIX "E"

## TRENCH MORTAR STATEMENT

Shewing number and nature in possession of 5th Australian Division  
9 March 1917

U N I T	Number of Batteries	Number in possession			Total	Remarks
		2-inch	3-inch Stokes	9.45 inch		
8th Light T.M. Battery	1	-	8	-	8	
14th Light T.M. Battery	1	-	8	-	8	
15th Light T.M. Battery	1	-	8	-	8	
X.5.A. Battery	1	4	-	-	4	
Y.5.A. Battery	1	4	-	-	4	
Z.5.A. Battery	1	4	-	-	4	
T O T A L	6	12	24	-	36	

Captain  
for Major-General  
Comdng. 5th Aust. Division

9/3/17



APPENDIX *E*

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

TRENCH      MORTAR      STATEMENT

Shewing number and nature in possession of 5th Australian Division  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 1917

U N I T	Number of Batteries	Number in possession			Total	R <sup>e</sup> marks
		2-inch	3-inch Stokes	9.45 inch		
8th Light T.M. Battery	1	-	8	-	8	
14th Light T.M. Nattery	1	-	8	-	8	
15th Light T.M. Battery	1	-	8	-	8	
X.5.A. Battery	1	4	-	-	4	
Y.5.A. Battery	1	4	-	-	4	
Z.5.A. Battery	1	4	-	-	4	
TO T A L	6	12	24	-	36	

24/3/17

Captain  
for Major-General  
Comdng. 5th Aust. Division



# 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Surpluses and Deficiencies in Horse Transport 4th March 1917.

	Surpluses					Deficiencies			Remarks
	Wagons G. S.	Wagons Ammn.	Wagons Phone	Carts Cooks	Carts Water	Wagons Lbd. G.S.	Wagons Lbd. R.E.	Wagons Amd.	
8th Inf. Brigade									
29th Battalion	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
8th M. G. Co.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Div. Engineers									
8th Field Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
14th Field Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1 complete and 2 rear portion 1 rear portion unservicable since last return. Indented for.
Div. Sig. Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Div. Train	2 <sup>x</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14th Field Ambulance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
At D.A.D.O.S.	12	1	1	4	3	-	-	-	
T O T A L	14	1	1	4	3	2	4	1	

<sup>x</sup> 11 returned to D.A.D.O.S.  
 3 issued to Bde. Companies to complete establishment  
 2 on loan to Engineers.  
 2 " " " " but cannot be traced. C. of I being held.

4/3/17

Captain  
 for Major-General  
 Comdng. 5th Australian Division

APPENDIX F



Surpluses and Deficiencies in Horse Transport 11th Mar. 1917

	<u>Surpluses</u>					<u>Deficiencies</u>		Remarks
	Wagons G. S.	Wagons Ammn.	Wagons Phone	Carts Cooks	Carts Water	Wagons Lbd.G.S.	Wagons Lbd.R.E.	
8th Infantry Brigade								
29th Battalion	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
8th M.G.Co.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Div. Engineers								
14th Field Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 <sup>x</sup>	<sup>x</sup> Front portion only
Div. Signal Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
At D.A.D.O.S.	14	1	1	4	-	-	-	
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TOTAL	14	1	1	4	-	2	2	

11/3/17

Captain  
for Major-General  
Comdng. 5th Australian Division.

APPENDIX E

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Surpluses and Deficiencies in Horse Transport 18th March 1917

	<u>Surpluses</u>				<u>Deficiencies</u>		Remarks
	Wagons G. S.	Wagons Phone	Carts Cooks	Carts Water	Wagons Lbd. G.S.	Wagons Lbd. R.E.	
8th Infantry Brigade							
29th Battalion	-	-	-	-	1	-	
8th M. G. Co.	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Div. Engineers							
14th Field Co.	-	-	-	-	-	1	Condemned by I.O.M. 1st Anzac New one indented for.
Div. Signal Co.	-	-	-	-	-	1	
At D.A.D.O.S.	14	1	4	-	-	-	
TOTAL	14	1	4	-	2	2	

18/3/17

Captain  
for Major-General  
Comdng. 5th Australian Division

APPENDIX F



5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Surpluses and Deficiencies in Horse Transport, 25th March 1917.

	<u>Surpluses</u>			<u>Deficiencies</u>		REMARKS
	Wagons G. S.	Wagons Phone	Carts Cooks	Wagons Lbd.G.S.	Wagons Lbd.R.E.	
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.						
29th Battalion	-	-	-	1	-	
8th M. G. Co.	-	-	-	1	-	
Div. Sig. Co.	-	-	-	-	2	Condemned by I.O.M. 1st ANZAC. Indented for.
At D.A.D.O.S.	14	1	4	-	-	
TOTAL	14	1	4	2	2	

25/3/17

Captain  
For Major-General  
Comdng. 5th Australian Division.

APPENDIX F



Return shewing Articles etc, collected  
for Month of March, 1917.

Signature

Chas. B. Davis Capt. 7<sup>th</sup> Aust. Salvage Coy.

Article

Quantity

Condition

I Ammunition etc.

Mills' Hand Grenades.

9 bags.

{ Serviceable and

do. do. do.

395 cases.

{ Unserviceable

Small Arm Ammunition.

312 cases

{ Serviceable &

do.

51. bags.

{ Unserviceable

Stokes' Trench Howitzer  
Bombs.

593 cases.

Serviceable &  
Unserviceable.

Rifle Grenades.

3 bags

Serviceable

Flares.

4 boxes

do.

18 pdr shells. (live)  
do.

384 rds

Serviceable

German Shells.

370 rds.

Defective

156 rds

Unserviceable.

II Guns, etc, & parts

Lewis Machine Gun

Magazines.

32 bags

{ Serviceable &  
Unserviceable

do.

803

do.

Lewis Machine Guns.

3.

Unserviceable.

Vickers M. G. Belts.

10 bags.

{ Unserviceable

do.

110.

Machine Gun  
Tripod

1.

Serviceable



5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Salvage CompanyReturn shewing Articles etc, collected during  
Month of March 1917.

Nature of Article	Quantity	Condition
III Rifles.		
Rifles -	6,484	Unserviceable.
IV Equipment etc.		
Bayonets -	207	Unserviceable.
do.	5 bags.	do.
Bandoliers,	34	do.
(Mounted Dress)		
Entrenching Tools.	33.	Serviceable.
Leather Equipment.	97 sets	{ Unserviceable.
do.	9 sacks	
Web. Equipment.	1,244 sets	{ Unserviceable.
do.	166 sacks	
Mess Tins	37	Unserviceable.
Scabbards.	1 bag	{ Serviceable and Unserviceable.
do.	41	
Water-bottles.	100.	{ Unserviceable.
do.	7 bags	
V Clothing etc.		
Greatcoats.	530.	Unserviceable.
Capes, Mackintosh.	38.	do.
F.Y. Dress, (mixed).	3 bags.	do.
Sheep Skin Vests.	21.	do.
Underclothing	101 sacks.	do.



Return showing Articles etc collected during  
Month of March 1917.

Article	Quantity	Condition
	<u>VI Supply</u>	
Beef, Tinned.	18 boxes	{ Serviceable.
do. do.	7 bags.	
Bell Tents	20.	Serviceable.
S.R.D. Jars.	1,551	do.
Cresol	8 drums.	do.
Chloride of Lime	1 drum.	do.
Kerosene	2 drums	do.
Phyger Phenyle	4 drums	do.
Primus Stoves.	4	do.
Tarpaulins	4	do.
	<u>VII Medical</u>	
Stretchers.	50.	Serviceable
	<u>VIII Engineers</u>	
Cable Wire	7 rolls.	Serviceable
Pick heads.	48	do.
Picks	89	do.
Shovels	178	do.
Wirecutters	6	do.
	<u>IX Harness</u>	
Saddle, pack.	1	Unserviceable
do. riding	1.	do.



Return showing Stores etc collected during Month  
of March 1917

Article	Quantity	Condition
v Various		
Boots, (ankle)	23 pair	Unserviceable
do	25 bags	do.
Boots, (sum)	19 pair.	do.
	2 bags.	do.
Box Respirators	211.	do.
Blankets	240.	do.
Bicycle	1	do.
Dixies	2	do.
Gas Helmets P.H.	73	do.
Groundsheets	284	do.
Steel Helmets.	476	{ Serviceable + Unserviceable Unserviceable.
Horseshoes	1 bag	
Copper (scrap.)	4 1/2 bags	
Safety Plugs, (nose cap 4.5)	10 bags	do.
XI Shell-bases.		
Shell bases, (18 pdr)	123,590.	{ Serviceable Unserviceable
Shell bases 4.5 Howitzer	15 bags.	{ Serviceable Unserviceable



5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER.

17-3-17.

The O.C. S.A.A. Section will detail 2 G.S. Limbered Wagons to accompany Advance Guard under Brig.-Gen. Elliott, C.M.G.

Four horses or mules will be attached to each vehicle - 18,000 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on each limber.

48 hours rations will be carried for men and animals.

One man from Bomb Dump will be attached to Section to act as runner.

The Section will assemble with remainder of Advance Guard tonight at Cheese Road N.26.a.

N.C.O. in charge will report to Brig.-Gen. Elliott for orders forthwith.

*J.H. Hume*  
Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G. 5th Aust. Div.

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C.R.A.  
S.A.A. Section  
Bomb Store  
"G"  
"Q"  
War Diary.





Headquarters  
18-3-17

ORDERS TO S.A.A. SECTION

You will proceed with the S.A.A. Limbers to join  
General Elliott's Force at BANCOURT.

ROUTE :- LE SARRS - BAPAUME Road  
BAPAUME - BEAULENCOURT Road.

The N.C.O. in charge will report to Headquarters, Elliott's  
Force for instructions.

48 hours rations for men and horses will be carried.

A Pack Train under Lieut. Vaughan, consisting of 20 mules,  
each carrying 2000 S.A.A., will leave Ammunition Dump at 8 a.m.  
19th inst, for BANCOURT via FLERS - GUEUDEECOURT - BEAULENCOURT -  
REINCOURT. This ammunition is to be handed over to Advance Guard  
and Pack Train to return to Headquarters same day.

Rations and forage for day to be carried.

Colonel  
A.A.&Q.M.G. 5th Aust. Div.

*Copies to 3 SAA Section*

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*5.6. Q*

*7 ADVANCE GUARD*

*8 WARDIARY*



SECRET.

ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM TO

Copy No.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No.122.  
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Consequent on the withdrawal of the 1st Australian Division from the line and the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade being withdrawn into reserve, the following will be the Administrative Arrangements:-

1. TRENCH STORES.

- (a) Arrangements will be made by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade to take over all Trench Stores from 2nd Infantry Brigade; similarly the 14th Infantry Brigade will take over from 8th Infantry Brigade. Trench Stores to include gumboots thigh, braziers in trenches, gongs and apparatus for warning in gas attacks, rifle rests, rifle batteries, stands rifle grenade, Soyer stoves in trenches, covers rifle long, and vermoresl sprayers, etc.
- (b) Careful check should be made before receipts are given for the stores taken over. A list in triplicate of the stores taken over will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters as soon as possible after the relief has been completed.

2. AMMUNITION.

15th Infantry Brigade will arrange to take over all ammunition (other than artillery ammunition), in new area forward of Divisional Reserve; 14th Infantry Brigade will take over all ammunition from the 8th Infantry Brigade. Returns will be submitted to Divisional Headquarters shewing quantities taken over. Battalion reserves will not be handed over.

3. QUARTERING.

- (a) 8th Infantry Brigade will be distributed in camps as follows:-  
8th Brigade Headquarters - Huts near BERNAFAY TERMINUS S.22.d.  
1 Battalion each at TOWNSVILLE, TRONES WOOD and MONTAUBAN Camps.  
8th Machine Gun Co., 8th L.T.M.B. and Details - BERNAFAY Camp.
- (b) PERTH Camp is placed at the disposal of the 15th Infantry Bde.

4. SUPPLIES.

Supplies will be drawn as at present.

5. WORKING AND FATIGUE PARTIES.

All working and fatigue parties ordered by the Division will not be relieved for the present.

*J.H. Bruche*

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

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8th Infantry Brigade	1.	1st Anzac.	14.
14th do.	2.	20th Division.	15.
15th do.	3.	1st Aust.Division.	16.
C.R.A.	4.	A.D.C. to G.O.C.	17.
C.R.E.	5.	"G" File	18.
A.D.M.S.	6.	"Q" File	19.
A.D.V.S.	7.	War Diary	20.
5th Pioneer Battalion.	8.	Camp Comdt., Townsville	21.
Div.Sig.Co.	9.	do. Montauban	22.
Div.Train.	10.	do. Bernafay	23.
S.S.O.	1		
A.P.M.	1		
D.A.D.O.S.	12		



SECRET.

SECRET.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM TO

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No.124.  
-----Headquarters,  
11th March 1917.1. SUPPLIES.

Supplies will continue to be drawn from Quarry Siding. Brigades will make arrangements with O.C., Anzac Light Railways for railway transport from Quarry Siding to FACTORY CORNER.

Push trucks may be used from FACTORY CORNER to approx. N.13.c.6.4.

2. AMMUNITION BOMBS ETC..

Dumps of S.A.A., Bombs, Grenades, Very's Lights etc., are situated as follows:-

N.7.d.9.2.  
N.13.d.5.9.  
N.13.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3.  
N.19.b.4.4.  
M.30.b.8.5.

8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will detail personnel to take over these dumps.

Any ammunition supplies urgently required must be wired for to "Q" Division, and guide sent to accompany truck or trucks to destination. All grenades and bombs will be sent forward detonated.

3. WATER.

Good water may be obtained at -

N.19.c.7.5.  
N.7.b.5.6.

4. TRANSPORT.

In this sector, tractor trains run from BAZENTIN via HIGH WOOD to FACTORY CORNER and a track for pushing is built to about N.13.c.6.4.

Hand pushing is not allowed west of MARTINPUICH or FACTORY CORNER. from QUARRY

Applications for transport will be made to O.C., A.N.Z.A.C. Light Railways, QUARRY and from BAZENTIN to O I/C, Light Railways, BAZENTIN.

*G. O. Smith Capt*  
for Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Aust. Div..



SECRET.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 129.Headquarters,  
19-3-17.1. SUPPLIES.

(a) Supplies for all formations other than Advance Guard will continue to be drawn from Quarry.

(b) Advance Guard, including Squadron 13th Light Horse Regiment, will draw from Advance Supply Dump at BAPAUME H.27.a.7.3. (This Dump will be moved to BEAULENCOURT as soon as practicable). All indents for rations from BAPAUME Depot must be handed to Lieut. Laity, Supply Officer, at BAPAUME at earliest possible moment.

2. TRANSPORT.

One Brigade Transport Section of 5th Australian Div. Train is attached to BAPAUME Supply Depot to assist Advance Guard with transport of supplies.

The 5th Australian Div. Train will take over transport of supplies from Brigades in back area, thus relieving 1st line transport, which must be concentrated for work in forward areas. Brigade Pack Trains must be kept up to full strength, ready for any emergency.

3. WATER.

The following wells in new areas are available for use :-

FACTORY CORNER	N.19.c.7.2	Potable.
LUISENHOF FARM	N.13.d.8.8	One measure to water cart. Should not be used without filtration.
LIGNY THILLOY	N.7.b.4.5	Two measures to water cart. Should not be used without filtration.
	N.7.a.2.9	Potable.
	N.7.a.1.0	Two measures.
	M.23.d.2.8	Potable.
GUEUDEECOURT	N.26.b.9.7	Potable.
	N.26.b.9.2	Potable.
	N.26.b.8.2	Potable.
	N.26.b.4.5	No chlorination required.
FLERS	N.31.c.2.7	Potable.
BEAULENCOURT	N.17.b.9.0	No. 2 - Potable. 65' deep, 5' water. No. 3 - Horses. 66' deep, 16' water. No. 4 - Potable. 70' deep, 10' water (windlass)
MILLERS SON	N.28.c.1.6	) Potable. Engines and pump being erected.
MILLERS DAUGHTER	N.34.a.4.8	
FREMIGOURT	I.25.b.9.7	Horses.



4. S.A.A. and GRENADES.

In addition to the ammunition dumps already existing, the following are now available :-

BLACK DUMP - N.8.a.0.6  
H.31.d.3.2  
H.34.d.4.4

Brigades will arrange that all ammunition dumps in their rear areas are moved forward to suitable and convenient positions. Positions of any new dumps must be notified at once to Divisional Headquarters.

*J. H. Rucke*

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



**SECRET.**SECRET.5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 133.Headquarters,  
27-3-17.SUPPLIES.

The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will move forward, rationed up to and including breakfast on 30th inst., drawing as usual from railhead on 28th inst. and by 1st line transport from Road Loop on that date.

On and after 29th inst. rations will be drawn from advanced ration dump at N.4.a.9.9 (BAPAUME - BEAULENCOURT Road).

Ration strengths to be wired to S.S.O., 5th Australian Division, to-night (27th inst.).

The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will continue to draw as at present.

The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will draw from Quarry on and after 29th inst. Supplies will be carted to GINCHY by Divisional Train. Brigade will arrange for these supplies to be sent forward by push trucks to ROAD LOOP, where its 1st line transport will collect.

*H. Bruch*  
Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G. 5th Aust. Div.



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S E C R E T.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
1st March 1917.

Headquarters,  
8th Inf.Bde.  
14th Inf.Bde.  
15th Inf.Bde.  
D.A.D.O.S..

Machine Guns are to be overhauled as quickly  
as possible. The following time table is issued.

Guns will be sent to D.A.D.O.S. under Brigade  
arrangements on the dates shewn.

March	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total.
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14th													
M.G.Co.	4	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	16
8th													
M.G.Co.	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	16
15th													
M.G.Co.	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	4	16
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If Machine Gun Companies are not in possession  
of all spare parts, they will be indented for immediately.

Q.101/902.

(signed) W.L.HAMILTON Captain.  
for D.A.Q.M.G.,  
5th Australian Division.



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APPENDIX

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
10th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 135/31 of 27.2.17.  
SUBJECT - Elevating Dial and Spirit Level.

The opinion of the majority of Machine Gun Officers  
is as follows -

- (a) The Elevating Dial is not a great success, its withdrawal and the reissue of Clinometer would prove more satisfactory. The retention of the Spirit Level as a useful auxiliary method of laying the gun for indirect fire is recommended.
- (b) No alteration in the elevating dial is suggested.

(signed) G.D.SMITH Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

Q.101/3337.



H.Q., 5th Aust.Div.,  
10th March 1917.

*all Formations & Units*

The following instructions by A.D.V.S., 5th Australian Division, regarding feeding will be brought into force forthwith, and a copy of the instructions should be in the possession of each Transport Officer and O.C., Wagon Lines:-

"In spite of instructions which have been frequently issued on the subject, it is found that some units still persist in feeding improperly. In many cases it is found that the oat ration is only being divided into 2 feeds and as the ration is now full this is an even worse practice than it was with the reduced ration.

The correct principles are embodied in the following methods, which must be strictly enforced:-

The oats are to be divided into 3 fairly equal feeds and given morning, noon and night. Any hay which is chaffed should be fed in equal quantities with the oats. The remainder of the hay, which is to be given long, should be fed late in the evening, when the animals will have a period of rest.

If no hay is chaffed the hay must be divided into 3 feeds, one hay feed being given after each oat feed. The smallest hay feed will be given after the morning feed and the largest after the evening feed; or, if horses are doing night work and resting in the day time, vice versa.

Extra feed, such as small quantities of bran and oil-cake should be given in the feed preceding the longest period of rest.

In the case of Heavy Draughts, whenever possible the oats should be divided into four feeds"

*J. H. Bruche*

Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.? 5th Aust.Div..



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
11th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 42/251 of 27.2.17.

Hereunder please find replies received from our three  
Infantry Brigades -

8th Brigade.

"I do not think the provision of this body armour is necessary, involving as it does, extra transportation when moving from front to front.

While the armour has its advantages for use in bombing attacks, I do not consider the protection it affords compensates for the slower movement of the men wearing it, especially under present weather conditions."

14th Brigade.

"Body armour is too heavy for troops advancing even the shortest distance. Men are likely to become exhausted very quickly with the added weight.

With the increased difficulties of transport, it is recommended that the armour be returned to the Base.

It would be interesting to note the results of a shield worn to protect the chest and vital parts."

15th Brigade.

"The matter was referred to units and the opinion expressed generally is, that whilst the armour is invaluable in bombing attacks along a trench, its weight prohibits its extensive use in any other direction."

Q.103/3474.

(signed) G.D.SMITH Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
11th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 189/1/22 of 27.2.17.

- The
1. ~~In~~ addition of one "Swingletree No.11" per section would be considered and advantage.
  2. Two "poles draught No.18" per Machine Gun Company is considered quite sufficient.

Q.104/3470

(signed) G.D.SMITH Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
11th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 42/252 of 27.2.17.  
SUBJECT - Inner Soles.

1. The opinion is unanimous that inner soles should be retained during the winter months.
2. During summer months a few should always be on hand for special fitting of boots.

Q.103/3473.

(signed) G.D.SMITH      Capt. for  
   Major-General.  
   Commanding 5th Australian Division.



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
13th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 90/1/132 of 2.3.17.  
SUBJECT - Vermorel Sprayers.

It is the unanimous opinion of Battalion Commanders that one Vermorel Sprayer per Co. and one per Regimental Aid Post will meet all requirements.

Special provision, however, should be made in sectors where large dug-outs are in existence i.e., Dug-outs holding from 200 to 300 men.

(signed) G.D.SMITH. Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

Q.103/3665.



Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
14th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 158/259 of 7th March.  
SUBJECT - Suggested Reduction in Scale of Rations.

The suggestion that all rations drawn are not consumed is true only to a limited extent. Careful enquiry reveals the fact that when rations are drawn and not consumed, it is not because the ration is in any way too large but because the ration is supplemented by purchases from Canteens and Civilians. This is borne out by the fact that Infantry Battalions when in the line draw and consume their full ration, even to biscuits and preserved meat. On the other hand Divisional Troops, for the reasons stated above, and Brigade Formations when out of the line often find they do not require all their preserved meat, biscuits or cheese.

When troops are in Back Areas where supplies are easily obtainable both from the inhabitants and from canteens, the men seek to vary their diet by purchasing supplies with the result that a portion of their ration is unconsumed.

The reduction of the cheese ration from 3ozs. to 2ozs. would not entail any hardship, but a better plan would be to leave the ration as it remains at present, but make it an issue on only two days a week, it would then be much more appreciated and waste would be obviated.

Jam and Sugar, especially the latter, are in great demand and I do not think should be reduced, since there is never any waste with these two commodities.

There is a great deal of waste of dried fruit, and it is suggested that if this equivalent was issued on only two days a week and an issue of rice made on the same day the ration would be greatly improved and appreciated, without increasing the cost or transport difficulties.

Dried vegetables as issued at present, is a very unsatisfactory ration owing to the difficulties experienced in preparing them for consumption. The vegetable ration would be considerably improved if dried peas and haricot beans could be issued in lieu of a certain proportion of the tinned dried vegetables.

It is thought that the only items on which reductions might be effected are :-

Preserved meat	)	
Biscuits	)	as suggested in Fifth Army memo.
Dried Vegetables	)	

The following are the total underdrawals made by this Division during January and February :-

<u>Biscuits</u>	<u>Pres. Meat</u>	<u>Cheese.</u>
8332 lbs.	1286 lbs.	7597 lbs.

None of these commodities were underdrawn by any units whilst they were in the line.

(signed)

J.T.HOBBS.

Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
15th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C.

Reference your 77/86 of 2.3.17.  
SUBJECT - Weight of Clothing and Equipment.

Opinion is unanimous that the weight of clothing and equipment at present carried by the soldier is much in excess of what he could carry with any degree of mobility, incase of an advance.

The only articles that can conveniently be done without are :-

Fur coat or Jerkin	4lb. 12ozs.
Extra shirt	1 2
" drawers	1 $-\frac{1}{2}$
Gloves	4
Woollen vest	1 -
Second Iron Ration	2 $6\frac{1}{2}$
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Total	10 9
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This still leaves a total weight to be carried of 68 lbs. 5 ozs., to which must be added two articles, as laid down, but not shown in Q.M.G. letter viz., PH.Helmet and Spicer goggles, approx.weight 1 lb. 5 ozs., making a total weight to be carried 69 lbs. 10 ozs.

It is strongly recommended that all men proceeding on leave should be permitted to leave their equipment in charge of their units.

(signed) J.T.HOBBS

Q.102/3894.

Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
17th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 177/367 of 16.3.17.  
SUBJECT - Tinted Spectacles.

The scale of issue of 4 per Battalion is not considered excessive. During the Summer these will be in use continually.

Q.103/4100

(signed) G.D.SMITH Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
20th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C.

Reference your 42/258 of 18.3.17.  
SUBJECT - Summer Scale of Clothing.

The Summer Scale of Clothing as authorised for 1916  
proved satisfactory in every way.

It is, however, suggested that every endeavour should  
be made for a supply of Australian Pattern Leather Leggings, to  
be issued in lieu of puttees for all mounted units.

(signed) J.T.HOBBS  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

.Q.103/4319.



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APPENDIX 74

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
22nd March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 191/1/35 of 14.3.17.  
SUBJECT - Hyposcopes for Lewis Guns.

Lewis Gun Officers of this Division are not in favour  
of the retention of Hyposcopes.

Total number on hand - 24.

Q.103/4448.

(signed) G.D.SMITH

Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



COPY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
26th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 42/259 of 21st inst.  
SUBJECT - Return of Winter Clothing.

It is suggested that the following articles be  
retained by troops until worn out :-

Gloves worsted.  
" fingerless  
" M.T., A.S.C..  
Vests Woollen.  
Sweaters.  
Shields hand motor cyclists.  
Soles inner for gum boots thigh.

BOOTS F.S., & SHOEPACKS :

The return of these articles could commence on the  
25th inst., these boots will be replaced by Leggings leather,  
Aust. Pattern, which are now available at D.A.D.O.S..

LEATHER JERKINS, FUR UNDERCOATS, COATS SHEEPSKIN LINED :

The return to Depot of these garments might be  
delayed until the 10.4.17.

GUM BOOTS THIGH.

Return to commence on the 25.3.17.

CAPES MACKINTOSH :

Capes mackintosh, return to commence on the 15.5.17.

BLANKETS :

The return of 2nd blanket to commence on the 1.5.17.

The return of the 1st blanket to commence on the 1.6.17

Horse rugs, return to commence on the 1.6.17.

Q.103/4993

(signed) G.D.SMITH Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
27th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C.

Reference your 8/2/44 of 17/3/17.  
SUBJECT - S.A.A.Ammunition.

1. It is not desirable that all S.A.A. should be packed in chargers. 50% in packets, 25% in bandoliers and 25% in chargers.
2. Bundles should be in 10's or 20's. The present weight of S.A.A. boxes (full) should not be increased.
3. The bandoliers filled packets of 10.

It is further recommended that all boxes be distinctly marked as to how the ammunition is packed.

(signed) G.D.SMITH      Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

Q.101/163.



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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
27th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C..

Reference your 177/370 of 19th inst.

It is considered that the issue of horse shoe nails is in excess of requirements. To allow 60 nails per set is actually providing for the replacing of every set of shoes used and this is not necessary.

In the case of heavy shoes, an allowance of 50 nails per set would be sufficient, and with light shoes 45. If every care was taken with horse shoe nails this might even be reduced a little further.

Provision should be made for Mobile Veterinary Sections to obtain more if required, as under certain circumstances a great deal of refitting has to be carried out by them.

(signed) G.D.SMITH Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.



A.A.&Q.M.G., 5th Aust.Div..

Reference your Q.106/3755 of 19th March 1917 -

- (a) I am unable to quote any units which have not received full ration since the issue of it came into force. All units seen lately report ration as being good.
- (b) A very fair supply of oilcake has been available of late in addition to oats and hay issued.

26.3.17. (signed) MAX HENRY Major  
A.D.V.S.  
5th Aust.Div..

D.A.Q.M.G., 5th Aust.Div..

1. With reference to Q.106/3755 attached for the week ending 8th inst, there was no shortage in forage drawn from Railhead.
2. In addition to hay drawn from Railhead, the Division was entitled to obtain 91791 lbs., or its equivalent from Purchase Board. An equivalent of 22470 lbs. of hay, (4494 lbs. oilcake) was drawn, which makes 69321 lbs. of hay short drawn from Local Purchase Board for the week ending 8th inst.
3. The reason for the underdrawal referred to in paragraph 2, is that ~~motor transport over the roads~~ it was not possible to run motor transport over the roads between the back areaa where the Purchase Board hay is obtained, and the Supply Dumps for the Division.

In the Field. (signed) C.W.ROBINSON Major  
28.3.17. Senior Supply Officer  
5th Australian Division.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
29th March 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st A.N.Z.A.C.

Reference your 86/17 of 15th March.  
SUBJECT - Forage Ration.

Herewith please find copies of reports received from A.D.V.A. and S.S.O. of this Division.

No reports have been received at Divisional Headquarters regarding any shortages of forage supplies for some considerable time.

Q.106/273. (signed) G.D.SMITH Capt. for  
Major-General.  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.