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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major-General J.T. Hobbs, C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th. Australian Division.Headquarters,
7.9.1917.GENERAL STAFF.

N I L.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.1631. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE:

The following message has been received by the Corps Commander from Fifth Army Commander : -

" I want to tell you of the excellent work done by the Australian artillery with the Fifth Army in the recent fighting. They have had a most strenuous time and have earned the admiration and praise of all. Please thank them for me. "

1632. PERQUISITION:

No perquisition is to be carried out by any Officer unless accompanied by Gendarmorie and, in cases of extreme urgency, a guard will be placed over the house and application for perquisition be made by telephone to the office of the A.P.M.

1633. N.C.O's for TRAINING BATTALIONS:

It has been represented to Headquarters, A.I.F. that amongst the N.C.O's recently sent to Training Battalions in England there are many holding only temporary rank. The rules for the promotion of N.C.O's state that " An N.C.O only retains temporary rank during the period for which he is performing the duties for which it was granted". Under this rule, therefore, as soon as an N.C.O with temporary rank leaves his Unit for duty with a Training Battalion he should be reverted to his substantive rank. It is desired that, in future, C.O's should either revert these temporary N.C.O's or that the temporary ranks be made substantive before the N.C.O's leave their Units. As it is quite possible that some of those already at the Training Battalions who were temporary Corporals may be reverted to private, action is to be taken to adjust their ranks.

1634. VERMIN and SCABIES:

Separate Certificates that men are free from Vermin and Scabies must be given to each N.C.O. and man proceeding on leave.

1635. ORDERS:

Special attention is directed to : -
General Routine Orders 2566 - Blankets
2567 - Cooks, Clothing.
2577 - Leave
2583 - Lamps, Brazing.
Second Army Routine Order
1119 - Headlights on M.T. Vehicles.

1636. Rations/

1636. RATIONS for HOSPITAL PATIENTS:

D.R.O. 759 dated 23.8.16 is republished for information and necessary action :-

" Units when evacuating patients to Field Ambulances must send with such patients the unconsumed portion of day's rations, plus one day's rations".

1637. INDENTS for BULK DEMANDS:

In view of the alteration in the method of despatch of Bulk Demands to Base, indents for Bulk Demands must be submitted to D.A.D.O.S. not later than 12 noon on the following days :-

Nature of Stores	Indents to arrive at D.A.D.O.S.	Train arrives at Rail-head.
Horse shoes, Clothing, Shirts, Socks and Balance ...	MONDAY	MONDAY
Winter Clothing ...	TUESDAY	TUESDAY
Accoutrements, Oils and Grease. ...	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Picketing Gear, Camp Kettles, Blankets, Ground Sheets, Entrenching Implements, Buckets Water Canvas, Sponge Cloths, Cotton Waste, Flannelette, Horse Rugs ...	THURSDAY	THURSDAY
Boots and Grindery (CIA 2808) ...	FRIDAY	SATURDAY.
Clothing S.D. Greatcoats, Woollen Drawers, Vests, Puttees, Hosebags, Saddle Blankets, and all articles in Sections 5 and 6. ...	FRIDAY	SATURDAY.

J. H. H. H.
Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Aust. Division.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

 ROUTINE by ORDERS

Major-General J.T. Hobbs, C.B., V.D., Commanding
 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
 14.9.1917.

GENERAL STAFF.

N I L.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.638 CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE:

The following message has been received from the G.O.C.,
 R.A., XIX Corps: -

" The Corps Commander has instructed me to let you and all ranks of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery know his high appreciation of the fine work carried out by them since being in the XIX Corps. In spite of heavy casualties and unpleasant situations they have worthily maintained the high reputation the Australian Contingent has always had."

1639. PROMOTIONS:8TH. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.8th Aust. M.G. Company.

No. 93, Sergeant N.C. FOX to be Company Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class II) vice C.S.M. McKEOWN transferred to M.G. Training Depot, Grantham. Dated 7.9.1917.

15TH. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.59th Battalion.

No. 1008, Sergeant Frederick Albert HARDNER to be Company Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class II) vice C.S.M. NEVILLE transferred to Supernumerary List. Dated 11.9.1917.

ANTI-GAS PERSONNEL.56th Battalion.

No. 3577, Corporal A.E. WOODFORD to be Sergeant. Dated 13.4.17.

57th Battalion.

No. 2618, Lance Corporal J.S. LOY to be Corporal vice Corporal WOODFORD (56th Bn.) promoted. Dated 13.4.1917.

29th Battalion.

No. 945, Lance Corporal T. STALEY to be Corporal to complete establishment. Dated 13.4.1917.

55th Battery A.F.A.

1562, Bombardier R.J.F. ELLIS to be Corporal to complete establishment. Dated 13.4.1917.

D.R.O. 1503 dated 30.5.1917 is amended accordingly.

1640. DISPOSAL OF CAMERAS.

When a camera has been found in the possession of an Officer or soldier and has been seized by an A.P.M., such camera will, after the necessary disciplinary action for contravention of G.R.O.'s 1157, 1348 has been taken against the owner, be handed over to the C.O. of the latter's Unit with instructions to have it sent out of the country forthwith, and a certificate to the effect that this has been done will be obtained from the C.O. In cases where the offender is a civilian or a person subject to Military Law who does not belong to a formation or Unit in the B.E.F. special instructions should be asked for regarding the disposal of the camera.

1641. ORDERS.

Attention is directed to : -
 General Routine Orders 2529 - 2598
 Second Army Orders 1101 - 1147
 1st ANZAC Orders 352 - 365
 A.I.F. Orders 816 - 847, Together with Lists 218, 220, 221, 222, 224, 225, 227, Appointments, Promotions etc. and Lists 219, 223, 226, Extracts from "London Gazette".

Special attention is directed to : -
 Second Army Orders 1140 - Information from Men taken Prisoners. This Order to be brought to the notice of all ranks.
 Second Army Order 1146 - Grenades for instructional purposes.
 1st ANZAC Order 359 - Pay for Personnel proceeding to Schools.

1642. BLANKETS.

Owing to the heavy demands for blankets that are being received from all theatres of operations, and for the troops at home, great difficulty is experienced in supplying the large numbers that are in consequence demanded. It has been stated that blankets are, at times, received at home to be dealt with as woollen rags, which are not in fact unserviceable. The greatest circumspection should therefore be used in condemning blankets, and those which are repairable should be returned to the Ordnance Depot, PARIS. They should not be condemned as woollen rags, nor should they be used for any other than the legitimate purposes for which they are issued.

1643. LOST CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

The following is the method for adjusting charges for lost or damaged clothing and equipment, the cost of which has to be borne by the soldier : -

The amount to be charged is the value of the damaged or deficient article assessed according to the period the article has been in wear. In no case, however, will the charge be reduced to below one quarter of new value.

1644. SOLES, INNER, FOR GUM BOOTS.

Notification has been received that Soles, Inner, for Gum Boots will not be issued automatically with the Boots. The soles should therefore be demanded separately as required.

W. M. M. M. M.

Colonel,

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NOTICES.JEWISH NEW YEAR.

Services for members of the Jewish faith will be held on Monday September 17th in the Cinema Hall, BAILLEUL, at 11 a.m. and at Lord Roberts' Soldiers' Club, ST. OMER, at 3 p.m. The Rev. D.I. FREEDMAN C.F. will officiate. Officers Commanding Units are requested to afford all ranks every facility to attend the service nearest to their location.

LOST:

Bicycle No. E. 748, from Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Train.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ROUTINE ORDERSby
Major-General J.T. Hobbs, C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th. Australian Division.
-----Headquarters,
16.9.17.GENERAL STAFF.

NIL.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.1645. WILIS OF MEMBERS OF THE A.I.F.:

With reference to A.I.F. Order 843 of 7th, reports will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters by 20th instant stating whether the instructions contained in the above-quoted Order have been carried out.

1646. ENTRENCHING TOOL - WEARING OF:

Whenever troops are in the front line or likely to be engaged in operations against the enemy, the entrenching tool head will be worn in front of the body below the waist belt.

1647. PROMOTION:

The following promotion is approved : -

5th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing.

No. 1767, Private H.A. SKENE, 58th Battalion, to be Corporal (under the provisions of A.I.F. Order 213 and amendments). Dated 18.5.1917.

5th Australian Divisional Engineers.15th Field Company, A.E.

No. 502, Temp. Company Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class II) C.A.W. EISHOLD reverts to the rank of Sergeant on Company Sergeant Major WILKINSON rejoining his Unit. Dated 12.9.1917.

1648. SALVAGE:

Special attention is directed to Circular Memo. on "SALVAGE", copies of which have been issued to all Formations and Units.

1649. SALUTING:

The Divisional Commander wishes C.O's of Units to impress on all men the necessity of keeping up the good name of the Division as regards saluting in the new area.

J. H. H. H. Colonel,
A. & Q.M.G., 5th Australian Division.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ROUTINE by ORDERS

Major-General J.T. Hobbs, C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th. Australian Division.Headquarters,
21.9.17.GENERAL STAFF.

NIL.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.1650. HONOURS AND REWARDS:

The XIXth Corps Commander. has pleasure in awarding the Military Medal to the undermentioned N.C.O's and men for gallantry and devotion to duty in action.

No.29874	Sgt. W.O. JEFFREY.	13th Aust. F.A. Bde.
1102	" P.M. POTTAGE.	do.
2046	Gnr. R.E. HENDERSON.	do.
1921	" B.B. GILHOULEY.	do.

The Divisional Commander offers his congratulations to the recipients.

1651. APPOINTMENTS:

The following appointments are approved : -
8TH. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

31st Battalion.

2/Lieut. J.J. CAIRNS to be Assistant Adjutant vice Lieut. R.J.S. SPAIN. Dated 7.9.17.

Lieut. R.J.S. SPAIN to be Lewis Gun Officer vice Lieut. L.J. TROUNSON, M.C. Dated 7.9.17.

1652. ORDERS:

Attention is directed to : -
General Routine Orders 2599 - 2622.
Second Army Orders 1148 - 1171
1st Anzac Orders 363 - 378
A.I.F. Orders 848 - 855, Together with Lists 228 and 229, Appointments, Promotions etc.

Special attention is directed to : -
1st Anzac Order 377 - Chinese coolies - Sale of Goods to.

1653. PROMOTION:

The following promotion is approved : -
8TH. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.
31st Battalion.
No. 359, (Acting C.S.M.) BRIDGLAND to be Company Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class II) vice No. 424 C.S.M. SPILLING promoted. Dated 23.8.17.

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1654. REVERSION:

Company Sergeant Major C.W. BAUER, 5th Pioneer Battalion, has reverted to the ranks at his own request. Dated 20.9.17.

1655. WATERING ARRANGEMENTS:

DRINKING WATER

1.	G.29.b.central	No.7 Water Tanks.
2.	G.29.d.6.3.	No.46 Water Tanks.

HORSE TROUGHING

Supplied from the waterworks at POPERINGHE and from the GROOTBECK Stream.

No.4		
Camp	G.23.c.6.3.	1 Set of Troughing (new)
"	G.29.a.7.9.	1 Set of Troughing
No.4a	G.29.c.8.7.	1 Set of Troughing (new)
No.6		
& 6a	G.22.d.2.4.	1 Set of Troughing (new) G.29.d.2.9. in RENINGHELST Staging Area No.10 but used by Nos. 6 and 6a.
No.1		
Camp	G.24.c.0.5.	Pond supply uncertain.
No.14		
Camp	G.28.b.5.3.	Pond supply uncertain.

CI COLONIALE MILITAIRE, OUDERDON-POPERINGHE ROAD.

G.29.b.10.0. This is frequently used when other supplies fail.

1656. SUPPLIES:

No green forage is to be purchased by British or Colonial Troops in the non-invaded portion of Belgium. D.D.S. & T. S/506/1 of 11.9.17.

J.H. Mische
Colonel,
A.A. & C.M.G., 5th Australian Division.

NOTICES.

LOST: Bicycle No. 21187 from 5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters. Branded "AQ" also Rising Sun and figure 5 on rear mud-guard and lower bar of frame. Evidently taken away in mistake for Bicycle No. 15474. Information to 5th Aust. Divisional H.Q.

FOUND: Near Church, RENINGHELST. Black leather wallet. Owner may have same by describing contents to Camp Commandant, 5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters.

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

 ROUTINE by ORDERS

Major-General J.T. Hobbs, C.B., V.D., Commanding
 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
 22.9.17.

GENERAL STAFF.

N I L.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

1657. DISCIPLINE AND EFFICIENCY:

The Divisional Commander desires to thank most heartily all ranks for the great interest and energy displayed during the recent period of Rest and training.

The Division has earned a reputation for good discipline and efficiency of which it may well be proud, and well merits the success, with a minimum of casualties, to which it is entitled and which it may confidently be expected to achieve in the forthcoming operations.

1658. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMMONWEALTH BANK:

As a safeguard against fraud and to ensure that remittances paid by Commonwealth Bank to Chief Paymaster are correctly credited to accounts of members of the A.I.F. concerned, it is desired that the following particulars be furnished when corresponding with the Manager, Commonwealth Bank, New Broad Street, London, in connection with remittances from Australia : -

- (1) Pay Book Number.
- (2) Branch in Australia at which account was opened.

J.H. Huche

Colonel,
 A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Australian Division.

NOTICE.

LOST - From C.R.E.'s Office. BICYCLE, Service pattern, front brake only, rear carrier bent, No.E.8005 on saddle pillar, lug painted green, No.2 Section white paint lower bar. Information to C.R.E., 5th Australian Division.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major-General J.T. Hobbs, C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th. Australian Division.-----
Headquarters,
24.9.17.GENERAL STAFF.

N I L.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

1659. ORDERS: Special attention is directed to : -
1st Anzac Corps Order 383 - Water Mains - Dugouts to be clear of.

1660. APPOINTMENTS:

The following appointments are approved : -

8TH. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.32nd Battalion.

Lieut. L.S. BROWN to be Bombing Officer vice Lieut. C.M.
TAYLOR. Dated 22.7.17.
Lieut. C.L. PROCTOR to be Bombing Officer vice Lieut.
L.S. BROWN. Dated 2.9.17.

1661. BATHING:

Bathing in the ZILLBEKE Lake is strictly forbidden as the water from this lake is used for drinking purposes in the forward areas.

1662. WASTE OF CLOTHING:

It has been brought to notice that there is a very considerable waste of clothing and equipment due to non-return of articles replaced by new. Figures to hand shew that the value as rags of unserviceable clothing not returned during the last year by the B.E.F. in France was nearly a million pounds sterling. All unserviceable clothing, particularly that made of wool, is required for re-manufacture.

To prevent the continuance of waste the following procedure will be adopted forthwith, where not already in force : -

1. Commanding Officers will ensure that articles of clothing, necessaries and equipment are really worn out before replacement, and will see that charges are made, in accordance with G.R.O. 1865 for articles lost or rendered unserviceable through negligence.

2. All unserviceable clothing (including unserviceable clothing from Divisional Baths etc.) will be returned to Ordnance Officers of Formations; accommodation for this purpose and additional personnel (men of Employment Companies) necessary will be provided by Headquarters of Formations.

3. Ordnance Officers will keep a record by Units and institutions of all articles of new clothing issued and of unserviceable articles returned. The record will be compared monthly and in any case where the clothing returned is less than 90% of that issued the

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matter will be reported to Formation Headquarters for disciplinary action.

4. Unserviceable equipment and stores will, as heretofore, be returned to Railheads or to Salvage Dumps. Salvage Officers will keep a record of each description of stores. The Formation C.O. will be in close touch with the Salvage Officer and will be responsible that no serviceable Ordnance stores are sent to the Base which can be utilized to meet outstanding authorized requirements.

1663. JACKS, LEWIS GUNS:

Q.M.G. has notified that jacks are now available for issue on a scale of one per Battalion.

D.A.D.O.S. is being instructed regarding method of demand.

1664. GROUND SHEETS, ISSUE OF:

The following telegram has been received from the Quartermaster General and is repeated for immediate action: -

"A.3/914. 20.9.17. A.A.A. (Owing to difficulty experienced at Home in supplying Ground Sheets, found necessary to issue Mackintosh Capes in lieu to meet demands from Formations and reinforcement centres until Ground Sheets again available AAA. Therefore essential everything done to keep demands to lowest figure and to save every available Ground Sheet."

1665. GROUPING OF HORSES:

Owing to the number of casualties that have been inflicted on horses through hostile bombing, and as a result of a recent reconnaissance of horse lines by our own aircraft which has disclosed the fact that the present grouping of horses is most vulnerable, steps are to be taken in all cases where horses are thickly collected to redistribute them into smaller groups in the same field as long as the fine weather lasts. All permanent horse standings which are being constructed should be close to metalled roads and easy of access.

J.H. Murchie

Colonel,

A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Australian Division.

NOTICES.

DAY OF ATONEMENT:

Services for members of the Jewish Faith will be held on Wednesday September 26th instant at BAILLEUL - Cinema Hall - at 11 a.m., and at ST. OMER (Lord Roberts Soldiers' Club) at 3 p.m. The Rev. D.I. FREEDMAN, C.I., will officiate. Officers Commanding will afford all ranks every facility to attend.

LOST:

On night of 22nd instant; BLACK MARE; flame face; 15 hands. BROWN GELDING; Mark 8 on near fore; black points; off fore sand crack.

Information to 8th K.O. Yorks L.I.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

 ROUTINE by ORD. RS

Major-General J.T. Hobbs, C.B., V.D., Commanding
 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
 27.9.17.

GENERAL STAFF.

N I L.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

1666. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES:

The following messages have been received by the Divisional
 Commander : -
From the Army Commander (through 1st ANZAC). -

" Please accept and convey to the 4th and 5th Australian
 Divisions, and to all troops engaged, my hearty congratulations
 on their great success today. "

From II ANZAC Corps Commander. -

" Heartiest congratulations from us all on your complete
 success and on having accounted for such a large number of the
 enemy. "

1667. COMMUNICATIONS - APPRECIATION OF WORK DONE:

The Divisional Commander has received the following letter
 from the Chief Engineer, 1st ANZAC : -

" I wish to bring to your notice the excellent work done
 for me on the advanced roads in the 1st ANZAC Corps Area by
 your Officers and men of your Field Companies and 5th
 Australian Pioneer Battalion, previous to the battle of the
 20th September, 1917. I am certain you fully appreciated
 what had been done on communications and will be glad to
 know that your people were largely instrumental in their
 construction. "

1668. PROMOTION:

5TH. AUST. DIV. REINFORCEMENT WING.

No. 1767, Private H.A. SKRINE, 58th Battalion, to be Corporal (under
 the provisions of A.I.F. Order 213 and amendments). Dated 10.8.17.
 This cancels notification in D.R.O. 1647 of 16.9.17.

1669. ORDERS:

Special attention is directed to : -
 General Routine Order 2625 - Salutes- Insignia of Officers of the
 U.S. Army.
 2629 - Leave.
 (Over. 1st ANZAC Orders/)

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1st ANZAC Orders 381 - Bathing
 383 - Water Mains - Dugouts to be clear of.
 391 - Bombing Grounds.
 394 - Bread - Wastage of.

J. H. Mehe

Colonel,
 A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Australian Division.

NOTICES.

LOST: In the vicinity of DICKEBUSCH at about 5.10 p.m. on the 22nd instant; one Mule; Age 7 years; Branded N V B ; a scar on rear quarter. Information to 5th Aust. Divisional Train.

LOST: Bay Gelding; Aged; Star near hind; Coronet white; branded I near rump; S off hind foot; F.C.E. on rear hind foot. Information to C.R.E., 5th Aust. Division.

LOST: Black Mule Gelding; branded S on off hind foot; F.C.E. on near hind. Information to C.R.E., 5th Aust. Division.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BLARINGHEM.	Sept.	4th	In view of the fact that Pack Transport would probably be the principal means of transport during the forthcoming operations it was decided that the whole of the first line transport of the Division should be given instruction in pack transport work. Lieut. BERGLUND, (29th A.S.C.) and Sergt. BEACH, M.M., (28th A.S.C.) were appointed to carry out this instructional work under the supervision of the S.T.O.. (O.C., Div. Train).	
		7th	An inspection of the Pack Transport Troop was made by the G.O.C. Division. Instead of each unit making its own arrangements for the clipping of horses and mules during October, 1st ANZAC advised that it had been decided that each Division is to establish a central clipping depot where all the animals in the Division will be clipped. With this end in view the skilled labour required for working such a clipping depot was selected and instructions issued that the men selected were to be left behind with the nucleus personnel.	
		8th	The 5th Pioneer Battalion moved to 1st ANZAC Corps Area. 5th Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters were established at the Chateau, St. MOMELIN and instructions were issued to the C.R.A. that all field guns were to be thoroughly overhauled whilst in the rest area.	
		9th	The Division lost 9 animals from bombs dropped by enemy aircraft on the 57th Battalion transport lines.	
		11th	The D.A.Q.M.G. and Staff Captains visited the Ordnance Depots at CALAIS.	
		12th	The D.A.Q.M.G. and D.A.D.O.S. visited Corps Headquarters and made arrangements with regard to the supply of socks during the winter months and also the equipment of the Reinforcement Camp.	
		13th	The 25th (Divisional) M.G. Co. arrived at STEENBECQUE from England. Col. LEANE, A.D.O.S., A.I.F. (England) visited the Division and inspected clothing and boots.	
		14th	The drying rooms at the MOOLENACKER Laundry were very unsatisfactory and the Division sought the approval of higher authority with a view to remedying the present defects. Instructions were received from Corps to proceed with the suggested alterations. The work was immediately put in hand.	
		15th	Whilst the Division has been in the rest areas, a system of exchange has been arranged between Infantry Transport Officers and A.S.C. Transport Officers. An inspection of the whole of the first line transport of the Division showed that this transport had reached a very high stage of efficiency. 75 officers and other ranks attended a demonstration at the Second Army School of Cookery, HAZEBROUCK.	

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	Septr.	18th	Divisional Headquarters moved to the RENINGHEIST Staging Area.	
		20th	All units circularised as to the necessity of preserving Australian pattern boots by the use of dubbin.	
		23rd	Divisional Headquarters moved to WALKER Camp.	
		to	The Divisional Pack Transport Troop was concentrated at H.23.d.central. The system under which	
		30th	it was worked is explained in Appendix 'A' attached	
			The system of supply of ammunition, rations and water, whilst the Division was in the line, is explained in Appendices 'B', 'C' and 'D' attached. These improvised systems gave general satisfaction and will be again adopted in operations of a similar nature.	
		24th	In connection with the baths erected at BLARINGHEM by this Division, the attached letter was received from the Area Commandant, BLARINGHEM.	
		23rd	The progress of the operations of the 25th and 26th, from the 'Q' point of view is con-	
		to	tained in Appendix 'E'.	
		30th	The measure adopted by the Ordnance services are set forth in Appendix 'G'.	

J. H. M. G.
Colonel.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Australian Division.





Colonel
A.A.A. 2nd Australian Division

[Handwritten signature]

2044 The message received at the 10.15 a.m. on 9th Oct. is as follows: 'C' Division
 2279 The progress of the operations of the 2nd and 3rd Divs from the 10.15 a.m. report of 9th Oct. is con-
 2444 In connection with the report received at BUNNINGHAM on 9th Oct. the attached letter
 2044 The progress of the operations of the 2nd and 3rd Divs from the 10.15 a.m. report of 9th Oct. is con-
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all to be prepared in manuscript and the final copy submitted to the Director of Intelligence for approval.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

2nd DIVISION

Form 6 1917

APPENDIX

COPY.

Area Commandant,
Elaringham 78.A.
5th Aust.Div.

Q.105/2097/ 24.9.17.

SUBJECT :-

Shower Baths.

From Area Commandant,
ELARINGHEM.

To D.A. & Q.M.G.,
1st ANZAC Corps.

20th Septr. 1917.

I have taken over from the officer in charge, the new shower baths erected in this area by the 5th Australian Division, 1st ANZAC Corps.

The building which is of first class design and construction and which is solidly erected, is capable, so the officer in charge informs me, of easily providing baths with an ample supply of hot water for 1,500 men daily, and since completion, has been used continuously for about that number.

Concrete filter tanks have been constructed outside the main building, first for the separation of the soap from the used water, and, secondly, for the admixture of lime chloride and other disinfectants to the clarified water, which is then drained away in an antisepticised and innocuous state.

The working and planning of these baths appears to have been particularly successful.

Sd/ R. J. LEYSHON.

Major.

Original sent to H.Q., Second Army.

Copy to First ANZAC Corps.

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A
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL PACK TRANSPORT TROOP.

1. A Divisional Pack Transport Troop was organised and concentrated at H.23.d.central. To supplement the animals obtained from Infantry Brigades, 15 pack mules were obtained from the Pioneer Battalion, 18 horses and mules from the 5th Div.Signal Co. and 14 mules from the Field Remount Depot.
2. The Reserve Brigade used wheeled, (first line), transport for taking up supplies and water to units. This, together with the extra animals referred to in para. 1 above, made it possible to utilise, for the two Brigades in the line, 84 more pack animals than would have been available if individual units had worked their own pack transport.
3. The routine followed was for Staff Captains, if possible, but Q.M.s where necessary, to arrange with the O.C., Pack Transport for the number of animals required to take supplies and water to Units of Forward Brigades. The convoys were detailed by O.C., Pack Transport, who also detailed the officers who took charge of the various convoys and were responsible for taking them to spots indicated by guides supplied by Staff Captains of Brigades. Units detailed a Q.M., Q.M.S., or Transport Officer who accompanied the column and looked after the interests of his own particular unit.
4. Supplies were taken by pack animals to battalion dumps from where they were 'manhandled' under Battalion arrangements.
5. A difference of opinion exists among units as to whether the grouping of the pack transport of the Division, (as was done in this Division), is more efficient than doing the work under unit arrangements; but there is no doubt that the Divisional Pack Transport has rendered very efficient service. Trouble was experienced on one or two occasions but this would have been obviated if the Brigade arrangements had been more efficient. The same trouble would have occurred if units had been controlling their own pack transport.
6. The personnel of the Pack Transport Troop, as a whole, worked hard and continuously and rendered splendid service in setting convoys through the heavily shelled zones along the MENIN ROAD and between HOOGE and the Battalion Dumps.

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AMMUNITION SUPPLIES.

SYSTEM.

Application is made to Corps for supplies of S.A.A., Bombs, and Fireworks. 'G' must indent for all classes of fireworks other than Signal D.I. 1 and 1 1/2 inch.

On Corps acknowledging wires, the supplies are sent forward from Corps Park, to Main Divisional Dump at H.23.d.1.0.

From this point supplies are sent forward by wheel or pack to HOOGE or to forward areas if required.

At the present time limbers can proceed as far as CLAPHAM JUNCTION or GLENCORSE WOOD.

The S.A.A. pack transport is always loaded up at the main dump and regulated at HOOGE to any advanced dump.

G.S.wagons of S.A.A.section are sent forward to HOOGE and dump near crater loads during the day.

The S.A.A. pack transport, after delivering loads forward at night, return to HOOGE and reload for forward areas.

ORGANIZATION OF DUMPS.

Main Divisional Dump.

In charge of Div. Bomb Officer with a staff of men for detonating and loading and unloading. D.B.O. connects with D.H.Q. by phone.

Advanced Div. Dump.

In charge of Reserve Brigade Bombing Officer and small staff, always looks after S.O.S. Signals and regulates the pack transport going forward. Forward Brigade Bomb Officers report to him daily their requirements, which are communicated to D.H.Q. from P.H.Q. at HOOGE. Guides for transport going forward of HOOGE will report to Officer at Advanced Divisional Dump. He will reload the pack-transport mules on return to HOOGE with the supplies that have been dumped during the day by the G.S.wagons. These mules will be able to do at least three trips during the night.

ALLOCATION OF DUTIES OF BRIGADE BOMBING OFFICERS.

Right or Left Brigade.

In charge of all right or left Brigade Dumps. Responsible that the Battalion battle dumps are in suitable positions and that they are far enough advanced to be of immediate service in the case of an advance.

Reserve Brigade Bombing Officer.

Responsible for regulating all ammunition sent forward by G.S.wagon, G.S.limbered wagon or pack. At present the regulating station is HOOGE. Responsible for the care of S.O.S. Signals, day-light or night, and must keep Division informed of the stocks on hand daily. Responsible for sending forward to Advanced Brigades, (if wanted), any supplies from the HOOGE Dump. The mule transport is available for this after delivering its first load forward.

DIVISIONAL BOMBING OFFICER.

In charge of Main Divisional Dump. He must be in constant touch with Division. 'Q' by phone and by runner if necessary. He will be responsible for the supervision of the Main Dump. For the detonating of all ammunition sent forward. For the regulation of loads. For the careful laying out of the Dump and for the dispatch of all ammunition sent forward. He will keep his stock well in hand. Will always have sufficient detonated to meet urgent demands and will keep the D.A.Q.M.G. informed of all requirements. He will report daily at 10 a.m. to 'Q' all stocks on hand at the Main Dump. He will indent direct on the D.A.C. for all transport required.

LOCATIONS OF DUMPS.

Main Divisional Dump	BRIDGE HOUSE	H.23.d.1.0.
Adv. -do-	HOOGE	J.18.a.8.5.
Brigade Dump	CLAPHAM JUNCTION	
-do-	GLENCORSE WOOD.	
Battle Dump		J.14.a.8.9.
-do-		J.14.a.4.7.
-do-	EUTTE.	
S.A.A. Section, D.A.C..		H.23.c.6.5.

Appendix 'C'

S U P P L I E S .

1. Supplies were drawn from Railhead and taken to Brigade Supply Dumps, H.33.a.8.4, Sheet 28, by an improvised supply column consisting of second line (train) transport. Supplies were issued to Units from these dumps and taken to Quartermasters' Stores by Train Transport.
2. At Quartermasters' Stores rations were prepared for consumption and tied up in bags ready for packing. These bags of supplies were loaded on to pack animals and sent to Battalion dumps - BLACK WATCH CORNER, (J.15.b.02.8) - for Units comprising the Right Brigade and the Mound, (J.10.a.6.8.) for Units comprising the Left Brigade. The columns were met by guides at previously arranged spots.
3. Supplies for Units of the Reserve Brigade were sent to Q.M.s' Stores on wheels, (first line transport).
4. It was possible to send supplies well beyond HOOGE on wheels but it was quite impossible to park a troop of pack transport in the forward Brigade Areas, nor was there a suitable spot where wheeled transport could be unloaded and pack transport loaded up.

Appendix
DWATER SUPPLY.

1. A reserve of 2,000 gallons of water in petrol tins, for use in case of emergency, was kept in the eastern end of the MEXININ TUNNEL.
2. Of the ten 100 gallon tanks at HOOGE four were destroyed by shell fire. The remaining six were kept full by means of two 'motor tanks' supplied by Corps.
3. It was originally intended to fill petrol tins from the tanks at HOOGE and send water forward by means of pack animals from that spot. It was found from actual experience, however, that the traffic at this spot was very congested and that a great deal of confusion was caused at times at times by shell fire. It was therefore decided to fill petrol tins with water at Quartermasters' stores. These tins of water were then loaded on to pack animals and despatched in the same convoy as the supplies.

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Sender's No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
1		"A"	Reinf. Wing.	A52/494	Send Lieuts. Clark and Donaldson, 55th Bn., to Unit	Wire
2	2.30 a.m.	"A"			Spoke to C.R.E. re Yukon Packs required. Instructed Capt. ELLIS (Bomb Officer) to deliver 20 Packs for 14th Field Company.	
3	9 a.m.	"A"	Reinf. Wing	A52/595	Send Lieut. KNIGHT, 60th Bn., to Unit.	D.R.L.S.
4	11.40 a.m.	"A"	"	A52/606	Major GATLEY to be sent to 14th Bde. H.Q. as Liaison Officer.	Wire.
5	12.15 p.m.				O.C. Escort Troop, 13th L.H. Regt., reported for instructions. He was informed he would be stationed at Shrapnel Corner to assist A.P.M.	
6	1.55 p.m.				Spoke to Staff Capt. 14th Bde., who stated Lieuts. CLARK and Donaldson not yet reported. Instructed Camp Commandant to bring them back in car taking Lt-Col. Midgley to Div. Reinforcement Camp.	
7	1.55 p.m.				A.P.M. Corps rang up asking information re location of Div. A.P.M. Location given (Ho-go).	
8	2.10 p.m.	"Q"	1st Anzac	Q101/613	500,000 S.A.A., 4000 Stokes, Always Fuses, already ordered, urgently required. Deliver H.23.4.10.	Wire

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9	2.10 p.m.	"Q"	Corps		Telephoned to Corps, who reported that ammunition wired for is being sent at once.	
10	2.50 p.m.	"Q"	3 Bde.	Q106/620	Hot food containers, Aust. pattern, obtainable at Bomb Dump (H.23.d.10).	Wire
11	3.30 p.m.	"Q"	15th Bde.	Q101/626	Reference request for S.O.S. as one mule being despatched at once as 72 dumped on MENIN ROAD about I.10.c.1.4 on South side of road as Please arrange to collect	Wire
12	3.45 p.m.	Corps	"Q"		Advising that water lorry will be sent to 5th Division to-day.	Wire
13	4 p.m.	15th Bde.	8th Bde.	Q103/634	Detail 3 Battalion Power Buzzer man to report to Lieut. Hatcher at Halfway House.	Wire
14	4.5 p.m.	Corps	"Q"	Q290	Advising that "G" Corps Park has been instructed to issue to 5th Aust. Div. from Corps Reserve S.A.A. 500,000 cartridges of D 1 1-inch 3000 1 1/2-inch 3000.	Wire
15	4.15 p.m.	15th Bde.	15th Bde.	Q101/639	Have you suggestion where ammunition should be dumped for your during night? Quantities and class wanted?	Wire

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16	4.15 P.m.	"Q"	14th & 15th Bdes.	Q107/640	Water carts will fill HOOGE tanks during night.	Wire
17	4.30 P.m.	"Q"	8th Bde.	Q103/642	Instruct six permanent Power Buzzer men to report to Lieut. Hetcher at Halfway House.	Wire
18	6.10 P.m.	"Q"	Capt. McFarlane	Q101/650	Phone or wire conditions of Hooge Dump. What is position regarding S.O.S. for day and night?	Wire
19	6.10 P.m.	"Q"	14th & 15th Bdes.	Q104/649	Guides for pack columns required outside your Brigade Headquarters midnight.	Wire
20	6.30 P.m.	"Q"	Reinf. Wing	Q104/652	Arrange for 1st line transport with 15th Bde. to report to transport lines H.29.b.3.2 - Sheet 28, as early as possible.	Wire

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21	6.15 P.M.	8th Bde.	"Q"	BE 15	Four Power Buzzer men in Battalions are with the nucleus. Five Brigade Signal Section Power Buzzer men will go to Halfway House by 8 p.m.	Wire
22	7 P.M.	"Q"	8th Bde.	Q103/655	Send four men to report to Liout. Hatcher at Halfway House instead of Battalion Power Buzzer men.	Wire
23	7.25 P.M.	"Q"	15th Bde.		Brigade Major 15th Bde., in reply to telephone message from A.A. & Q.M.G., says it is quite impossible to state where ammunition should go, but will wire if wanted, and where.	Phone
24	7.27 P.M.	"Q"	14th Bde.		Staff Captain 14th Bde. asked to have guides at Hooge at midnight to meet convoys with water and ammunition. Also asked to pass same message to 15th Bde., as they cannot hear us on telephone. Staff Captain 14th Bde. states very difficult to get guides back, but will endeavour to arrange.	Phone

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25.	7.27 p.m.	14th Bde.	"A"		Staff Captain 14th Bde. asked if Major OATLEY, Lieuts. CLARK and DONALDSON had been ordered up. He was informed they had been and car sent for them.	Phone.
26.	8.15 p.m.	Adv. Dump	D.B.O.	AD 1	"All ammunition here including S.O.S. signals and Very lights either destroyed or buried. Urgent. Send more". Arrangements made to send forward ammunition from the dump. A new site to be selected where there is less concentration of artillery fire if possible.	Wire
27	8.27 p.m.	15th Bde.	"Q"	EM 206	Ammunition should be dumped at Main Bde. Dump - J.14.a.4.7 Grenades, S.A.A., Stokes, shells and S.O.S. required. We have no troops available for carrying. Wire what arrangements being made by you.	Wire
28	8.20 p.m.	Adv. Dump	"Q"	AD 2	Hooge Dump practically wiped out. Mule load S.O.S. Signals received, handed over to Book. S.A.A. and Mills grenades urgently required forward by Book. Block reports ammunition supply O.K.	Wire
29	8.30 p.m.	C.R.E.	"Q"	12/67/25	Reference memo. from "Q" asking to have water storage at Hooge increased to at least 2000 gallons. C.R.E. replies that C.R. intends to instal a 9000 gallon tank as soon as conditions permit. He hopes to complete in 24 hours, starting to-morrow.	Memo.
30	8.45 p.m.	"Q"	D.B.O.		Telephoned to D.B.O. that transport to be ready at 9.30 p.m. - 15 limbers - Good assortment of S.A.A., grenades and fireworks - to be taken to Hooge, or another site if considered better and safer. An officer to be in charge of transport.	Phone

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Sender's No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
31	9 p.m.	"Q"	Book, D.B.O., Capt. Mc Farlane	Q101/659	An sending 40 mules load S.A.A., Stokes, grenades, V.P.A. and Signal S.O.S. aas Will arrive HOOGE approx. 11 p.m. aas If desirable to proceed further guide must be provided from B.H.Q. aas Also sending 15 limbers mixed S.A.A., grenades, S.O.S., V.P.A. and Stokes aas These may go to ULAPHAN as directed by G.O.C. Book but guide must be provided.	Wire
32	8.30- 9.10 p.m.	"A"			Major GATLEY, Lieuts. CLARK and DONALDSON reported at B.H.Q. at 8.30 p.m. and left at 9.10 p.m. for Brigade H.Q. Staff Captain informed.	
33	9.45 p.m.	"Q"	Stk. Com. Hq. D.B.O.	Q101/666	Issue 5th Pioneer Bn. the following aas 1 Box V.P.A. 1" 1 Box V.P.A. 1 1/2", 3 Night S.O.S., 3 Daylight S.O.S., 1 Box Red Ground Flares.	Wire Handed to Q.M.
34	10.17 p.m.	"Q"	Corps "Q"	Q101/670	Ammunition requirements for to-morrow aas 3000 V.P.A. 1 inch aas 3000 V.P.A. 1 1/2 inch aas 10,000 Pistol Webley aas No. 27 grenades with rods 1000 aas	Wire

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Sender's No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
35	10.45 p.m.	Adv. Dump	"Q"	AD 5	5th Div. Q101/659 acknowledged aaa Book providing guide take all to CLAPHAM JUNCTION aaa May use mules two trips from here.	Wire
36	10.55 H.m.				Spoke to A.C.M.G. Corps re Ammunition situation.	Phone
37	11.15 H.m.	Adv. Dump	"Q"	AD 4	Recovered at HOOGE about 150 thousand S.A.A. one hundred boxes Stokes, eighty boxes Mills, some No. 24.	Wire
38	11.25 p.m.	Corps	"Q"	Q 362	Issue to 5th Aust. Div. from Corps Reserve 150 S.O.S. rifle grenades signals aaa Addressed K Corps Park repeated 5th Aust. Div. aaa Deliver to Bridge House Dump H.23.d.10.	Wire
39	11.50 p.m.	Corps	"Q"	Q 368	Issue to 5th Aust. Div. from Corps Reserve cartridges Signal D 1 one inch 3000, 1½ inch 3000 aaa Addressed K Corps Park repeated 5th Aust. Div.	Wire

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Sender's No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
40	1.20 a.m.	D.B.O.	"Q"		D.B.O. rang up to say that B.M. Book reported arrival of ammunition, and that he felt the situation had now been met.	Phone
41	1.20	Dump	"Q"	AD 5	Mules & limbers arrived 1.5 a.m. Will report return.	Wire
42	2 a.m.	"Q"	"G"		"Q" informed "G" of arrival of ammunition.	Phone
43	3.20 a.m.	Adv. Dump	"Q"	AD 6	Limbers left on return journey 3 a.m. ssa Mules doing another trip.	Wire
44	3.35 a.m.	S.C. Book	"Q"		Ration convoys has reported back to Pack Transport lines after delivering full day's ration. Double ration water ration was run for all. Delivered direct to Battalions in the line. No casualties.	Phone
45	4.37 a.m.	Adv. Dump	"Q"	AD 7	Mules left here on return journey 4.10 a.m. ssa On second trip mules took from here 40,000 S.A.A., 30 boxes Stokes, 20 boxes No. 24, 6 dozen shovels.	Wire
45	5.10 a.m.	G.R.E.	"Q"		Telephone message from G.R.E. saying that he had got limbers through to J.15 ^{J7d10.0} with engineers stores.	Phone
46	5.50 a.m.	G.R.E.	"Q"		Telephone message from G.R.E. saying that well which had just been completed J.10 ^{J8d.} has been blown to pieces.	Phone
47	6.10 a.m.	D.B.O.	"Q"		Telephone message from D.B.O. saying that all pack and wheeled transport has now returned. No casualties. D.A.Q.M.G. has asked for a report regarding routes taken and nature of xxxx them. All officers and men are so fatigued and horses require attention that this report is not expected before 12 noon.	Phone

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48	7.15 a.m.	"A"	8th Bde. & Sig.Co.	458/673	300 men of 8th Bde. employed on cable burying are to rejoin their units at Halfway House immediately.	Wire
49	7.45 a.m.				Spoke to 1st Anzac "Q" re S.O.S. Grenades and S.O.S. Daylight. "G" wiring.	Phone
50	8.5 a.m.	"C"	Adv.Div. Dump	Q101/674	Wire requirements for to-day see what have you got of S.O.S. Day and Night.	Wire
51	8.10 a.m.	"Q"	14th Bde.	Q107/675	Are water tanks at your Headquarters full ?	Wire

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Sender's No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
52	10 a.m.	Rear 15th Bde.	"Q"	NO 55	Supply situation forward area 8 a.m. today and All units this Bde. have iron rations emergency and 24 hours fresh rations delivered them last night.	Wire
53	10.25 a.m.				Arranged after consultation with G.S.O. 1 to send forward to HOOGE 10 G.S. wagons mixed ammunition, including 96 S.O.S. Grenades. Transport arranged accordingly with D.S.O.	
54	10.25 a.m.	REAR "Q"	Adv. Dump	Q101/686	Sending 10 G.S. Wagons mixed ammunition and in first wagon will be 10 boxes S.O.S. Grenades, of which take great care and Wagons should arrive approx. 12.15 p.m. Arrange for unloading quickly at most suitable place and wire arrival.	Wire
55	11 a.m.	"Q"	A.P.M. 5th Aust. Div. HOOGE	A63/690	Is the REAR road safe for traffic to HOOGE wire conditions.	Wire
56	10.45 a.m.	39th & 31st Bns.	15th Bde.		Owing to failure of unit on right and consequent impossibility of going on to second objective, position very unsatisfactory. Although few casualties in attack, losing heavily now from M.G. fire. Consolidation proceeding, but line not strong. Urgently require good supply of stretchers and bearers.	Wire are
57	10.50	"A"	A.D.M.S.		Spoke to A.D.M.S. re above.	
58	10.50	"A"	15th Bde.		Reference wire regarding stretchers for Active and Arch and extra stretchers are being sent up and also bearers to clear from R.A.P. to A.D.S. are on their way and Extra men as bearers to clear battle front to R.A.P. should be provided by units accordance Preliminary Instructions No. 11 para. 3.	Wire

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59	11.50 a.m.	Adv. Dump	"Q"	AD 9	Your wire just received aas Ho S.O.S. day or night at this Dump aas Book and Block cannot state their requirements yet making inquiries aas Will advise as soon as possible.	Wire
60	11.55 a.m.	"Q"	Capt. Mc Farlane, Adv. Dump	Q101/694	Please speak to D.A.Q.M.G. on phone.	Wire
61	12.5 p.m.	14th Etc.	"Q"	BC 107	Four water tanks full, three destroyed. (This leaves three empty, which are now being filled from motor water wagons).	Wire
62	12.15 p.m.	A.P.M. Tools	TOOLS		Main Road good for all traffic to HOGUE aas Distance of 100 yards must be kept between every 2 vehicles to allow for turning at HOGUE.	Wire
63	12.35 p.m.	"Q"	D.B.O.	Q104/698	Above wire repeated, with following addition :- For D.A.C. wheel traffic."	Wire
64	noon	Corps "Q"	"Q"	Q101/696	May the remainder of S.A.A. be expedited aas Following required - 3000 rods and cartridges for No. 23 rifle grenades.	Wire

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65	1.30 p.m.	Corps "Q"	"Q"	Q 415	K Corps Park inquiring re missing S.A.A. aaa Demand rods and cartridges for Mills rifle not understood aaa Do you want any more Mills rifle grenades.	Wire
66	1.35 p.m.	Corps	"Q"	Q 416	Confirming telephone message, draw 170 sets Daylight Mortar Signals from OK aaa Authority HMB 110 aaa Issue 150 sets to 5th Aust. Div. balance to Corps Reserve aaa Addressed K Corps Park repeated 5th Aust. Div.	Wire
67	2.40 p.m.	"Q"	3 Bdes.	Q106/706	Arrange for guides meet convoy with water and rations at end WASHINGTON ROAD I.18.6.7.3. at 7 p.m. today	Wire
68	3.43 p.m.	1st ANZAC	"Q"	Q422	Reference Q101/670 following drawn for you today AAA 10,000 pistol webley 1,000 smoke grenades No. 27 with 750 rods.	Wire

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69	4.26 p.m.	15th Bde.	"Q"		Block states will not be able to have guides Warrington Road at 7 p.m., but will xxx have them at Culvert at 8 p.m. Some arrangements made for Block.	Phone
70	4.30 p.m.				The mules left D.B.D. with 72 S.O.S. Daylight to deliver to Captain McFarlane at A.D.D.	
71	7 p.m.				Serial 54. These wagons have returned to Dump after delivering loads to A.D.D.	
72	7.1 p.m.				40 mules and 15 limbers have left with assortment of ammunition and fireworks. Brigade guides meeting at Culvert to guide forward. A.D.D. superintending forwarding from HOOKS.	
73	7.3 p.m.				The whole of the Divisional pack transport has left for forward area, carrying hot food, day's supplies, and water and rum.	

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74	9 p.m.	D.B.O.	"Q"		The following ammunition, grenades, etc. have been despatched from Main Divisional Dump up to 6 p.m. today - S.A.A. 2,064,000 rounds, Stokes 5 inch 912, Ballistite rings 3600, R.G.No.23 3383, Grenades No.24 580, R.G. Night S.O.S. 90, V.P.A. 1 inch 2266, V.P.A. 1 1/2 inch 780, Daylight S.O.S. 100.	Phone
75	10.30 p.m.	"Q"	Corps		"Q" advises that an A.P.M. is holding our ammunition wagons up in Ypres. Spoke to Corps "Q", who states will take steps to have ammunition supply given a clear run.	Phone
76	10.35 p.m.	Adv. Dump	"Q"	AD 11	Mules left here on return trip 10.10 p.m. after completing three trips forward and r Brigade guidance and Brigades express satisfaction.	Wire
77	10.50 p.m.	15th Bde.	"A"		Staff Captain 15th Bde. reports he has instructions from Brigadier to personally conduct up to front about 50 stragglers from his Brigade who have collected at transport lines during the day.	Phone
78	11 p.m.	14th Bde.	"Q"		Staff Captain 14th Bde. advises that Pack Transport Troop took rations as far as Hooge Crater. Whilst the officer with the column was in B.H.Q. getting guides the men dumped the supplies and cleared off.	Phone

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Serial No.	TIME	FROM	TO	Sender's No.	Text of message or telephone conversation	How recd. or sent.
79	11.5 P.M.	"Q"	D.B.O.		Rang up D.B.O. and asked him to send for C.C. Pack Transport.	Phone
80	11.17 P.M.	"Q"	O.C. P.T.T.		O.C. Pack Transport Troop states a column of 52 miles went out with supplies, water, etc. 32 got through O.K. The remainder were caught in heavy shell fire at Hooge and under orders from an officer, dumped their loads and cleared out. The men returned to their transport lines, but he sent them back under an officer and a Sergt. to take the dumped loads on to Battalion dumps. A full report is being furnished. Staff Captain 14th Bde. informed. The supplies, water, hot food and rum were delivered at 8th and 14th Bde. Battalion dumps. Three casualties only (wounded). CLAPHAM JUNCTION.	Phone
81	4.45 a.m.	C.R.S.	"Q"		C.R.S. reports block in the traffic just below Hooge owing to three large tractors parking on road.	Phone
82	4.50 a.m.	"Q"	18th Bde.		Rang up 18th Bde. and endeavored to speak to A.P.M. but he could not be found. Left message with Staff Captain re blockage of road.	Phone

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83	9 a.m.				Staff Captain (Advanced) 15th Brigade rang up and asked if 40 pack mules could be supplied to carry forward supplies and water from in front of CLAPHAM JUNCTION as far forward as possible owing to shortage of men for carrying parties.	Phone
84	9.50 a.m.	"Q"	O.C. Pack T.T.		Arrangements made with O.C. Pack Transport for despatch of pack mules. 40 pack mules left at 10.15 a.m.	Phone
85	9.50 a.m.				Interviewed with reference to apparent disorganisation in 14th Bde. Pack Transport column last night, the officer in charge of the column (Lieut. TAYLOR) states that whilst he was down in the Hooze dugout arranging with the Staff Captain for guides the shelling became heavier. A panic apparently set in, and all the men, with the exception of six, threw off their loads and went away. The six men who remained worked on and made several trips with loads to forward dumps. When the drivers who went away without orders returned to camp they were sent back to Hooze again, and carried the remainder of the dumped loads forward.	
86	12.15 p.m.	15th Bde.	"Q"		Staff Capt. 15th Bde. advises that last night there was so much supplies forward in the front line that the Brigadier instructed that supplies sent up last night were to be dumped at Clapham Junction and kept there for the time being.	
87	12.20 p.m.	"Q"	Corps Q	Q104/744	Seven lorries required move Medium and Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries St. Nomelin to 5th Div. Adv. H.Q. area. Lorries should report Chateau St. Nomelin 8 a.m. tomorrow. Repeated 5th Div. Art. H.Q.	Wire

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88	2.45 p.m.	O.C. P.T.T.	"Q"		O.C. Pack Transport Troop advises 40 mules sent to 15th Bde. this morning have returned. Supplies and water were taken forward 1000 yards in front of Clapham Junction. Only casualties, three mules wounded.	Phone
89	11.30 p.m.	8th Bde.	"Q"		Hear 8th Bde. report all rations and water for 8th Bde. delivered at Black Hatch Corner without mishap.	Phone
90	9 a.m.	O.C. P.T.T.	"Q"		O.C. Pack Transport Troop reports all supplies and water for 8th Bde. last night were taken as far as Black Hatch Corner. The column with water and supplies for two Bns. of 14th Bde. were taken as far as the Butte. Supplies for another Bn. were taken well forward to a good place selected by an officer sent forward from the line to meet the convoy.	Phone

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THE RECENT OPERATIONS OF THIS DIVISION.

that
When orders were received when the Division was going to move into the line, and the approximate date was known, precautionary steps were taken as follows :-

1. I visited the new area and decided where rear and forward dumps would be situated.

2. Information gained from 1 was passed on to C.Os, Adjutants and Quartermasters of units in regard to probable trouble with vehicles because of bad forward roads, thus impressing upon them the necessity for vehicle equipment to be complete. I demanded for each Brigade several sets of brake equipment which I held at my dump.

3. As it was known that a Pack Train was to be formed I demanded a-head, large quantities of horsehair, so that it would arrive in time for all saddles to be packed before they were taken into use. This precautionary measure was also carried out regarding spare ropes for the extra number of Yukon Packs.

4. A mid-way store was taken at Steenvoerde, so that any stores arriving from Army would not have to be taken right back to the back area but would be well up towards the line, and so much time saved.

5. With regard to the machine gun Cos: the whole of the Mobilization equipment was gone through, and I provided a reserve of all ~~likely~~ spares and parts that were likely to be destroyed by an early demand on the Base. The same method was adopted as regards all Lewis Gun parts.

6. The net result of all of these precautionary measures was that on arrival in the forward area, I held stocks of all stores that were likely to be wanted urgently.

7. On arrival in the new area, constant touch was kept with Corps, Ordnance Officer Corps Troops, and "Q" Branch, Division, and this resulted in my having all the necessary battle stores which my lorries had to pick up from numerous scattered points being congregated at my forward dump well ahead of the time at which they were required. On instructions from "Q" Branch these stores were again distributed from my forward dump to the various places where the final distribution was to be made from.

8. The forward dump was also used by me to store the various stores arriving for all units that they might need while in the line. From the recent operations however, it has been proved that units in an operation of this kind have no time to draw stores. The function of the forward dump has only been one of distributing and then receiving back battle stores, and also for the receiving of messages and indents for stores likely to be required when the Division came out of the line. On ^{the} recent occasion I kept a fairly large staff there, as it was not quite known to what extent the dump would be used. On any future occasion this forward staff will be reduced to a minimum.

9. For the successful provision of stores that are required in operations requires (a) Intelligent anticipation of likely demands. (b) The services of active and energetic men as an outside staff who can be relied upon to take lorries and travel to any place whatever, pick up stores, and to take them to any given place in the shortest possible time. This outside staff in the recent operations carried out everything asked of them in a very able & efficient manner.

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10. The question of the bathing of the Division when they came out of the line was also provided for after consultation with the D.A.Q.M.G. and Laundry Officer, provision having been made for stocks to be on hand.

In conclusion I would add that the success of the provision of ordnance and battle stores depends to a very large extent to a perfect liason being carried on between "G" Branch, "Q" Branch, and the ordnance services of the Division, and when this is done a successful result may always be looked forward to.

4/10/17.

Amherst
Captain A. O. D.
D.A.D.O.S. 5th Australian Division.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 26.

Headquarters,
29th September 1917.

Preliminary Handing Over Instructions.

1. All Units will return to Advanced D.A.D.O.S. at DICHERBURCH any of the following battle stores :-
 - Bottles, water.
 - Carriers, water, bottle.
 - Pack-saddlery.
 - Hooks, pack-saddlery.
 - Carriers, water, pack-saddlery.
 - Cutters, wire, Mk. 1.
 - " " long.
 - Breakers, wire, S.A.
 - Containers, Hot food.
 - Gloves, hedging.
 - Bags, ration, waterproof.
 - Carts, water.
 - Boots, gdm, thigh.
 - Yukon packs.
2. Units will not hand over any Mobilization Stores.
3. Trench and Area Stores, as per list issued with Administrative Memorandum No. 25 will be handed over in the line. Particular attention must be paid to the number of trench shelters handed over, as any that are short will be withheld from the Division when taking over new area.
4. Rations at supporting points and Barrage rations will be handed over in their positions.
5. All ammunition and fireworks in Battle, Brigade or Divisional Dumps will be handed over.
6. Petrol tins should be collected at central spots, such as Brigade Headquarters, Brigade Dumps and Divisional Dumps, and handed over at same time as such dumps.
7. Should it not be possible to get all battle stores back to Advanced D.A.D.O.S. they will be handed over in situ.
8. Receipts must be obtained for all supplies, ammunition and stores handed over ~~under~~ and a copy forwarded to Divisional Headquarters immediately on arrival in new area.

J. H. M. C.
Colonel.
A.A. & C.M.G., 5th Aust. Division,

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Issued to :-

- 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. 1.
- 14th Aust. Inf. Bde. 2.
- 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. 3.
- 5th Pioneer Battalion. 4.
- C.K.C. 5.
- 5th Div. Train 6.
- 5th Div. Signal Coy. 7.
- 5th Div. Salvage Coy. 8.
- S.S.O. 9.
- A.D.M.S. 10.
- C.K.A. 11.
- D.A.D.O.S. 12.

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- 21st Division. 21.
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Colonel
A.D.M.S., 5th Div. Signal Coy.