

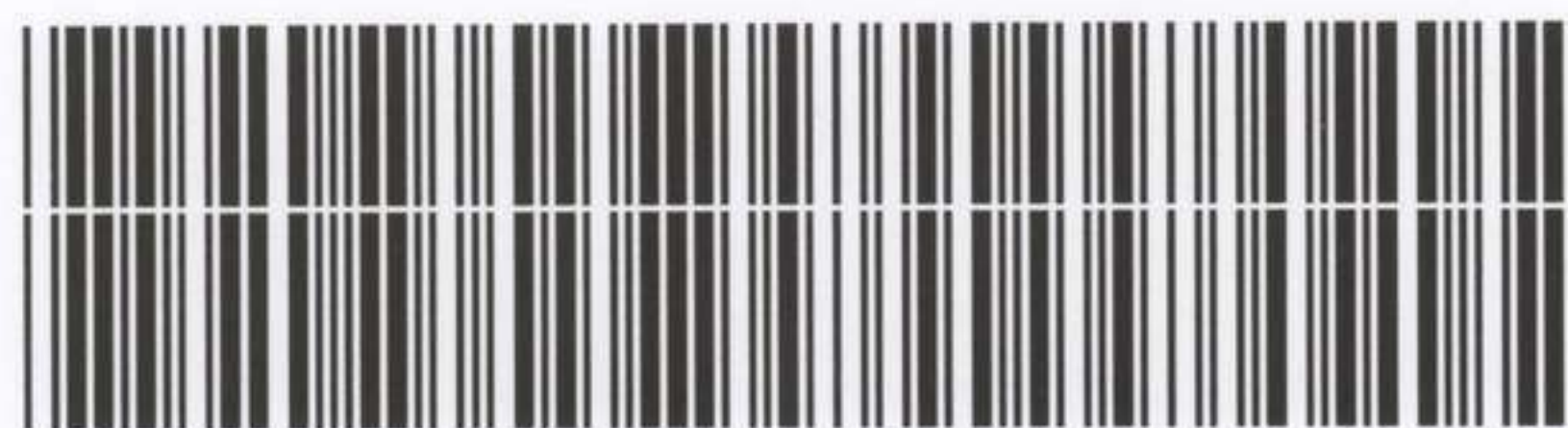
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JULY 1918

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ST. GRATIEN	JULY 2nd		<p>A letter of appreciation of the work of the Y.M.C.A. was sent to the Divisional Representative by the Divisional Commander, who referred gratefully to the large free distribution of cocoa, biscuits, cigarettes, etc. to the troops in the line. All ranks highly appreciated the efforts of the Y.M.C.A.</p>	
	3rd		<p>In the monthly recommendations for Commands and Staff appointments the Divisional Commander recommended: - Brigade Command - Lieut.-Colonel C.S. DAVIES, DSO.; Battalion Command - Major B.A. WARK, DSO; Staff Captain - Captain R.A. SALMON, MC., and Captain E.A.C. MACFARLANE, MC; A.A. & Q.M.G. - Lieut.-Colonel E.M. RALPH, DSO; D.A.A.G. or D.A.Q.M.G. - Captain H.W. CUMING, MC; Artillery Brigade Command - Major F. THORNTHWAITE, MC; Artillery Staff - Major F. THORNTHWAITE, MC; Engineer Command - Major H. GREENWAY, DSO., and Major W.G. FARQUHAR, DSO.</p>	
	4th		<p>The A.A. & Q.M.G. left for England on leave and was away until the 18th.</p> <p>In reply to an inquiry from Australian Corps, the Divisional Commander stated that he had no vacancy for Lieut.-Colonel W.K.S. MACKENZIE, DSO., who until recently commanded Australian Infantry Base Depot. In the event of a vacancy occurring, he much preferred to recommend an Officer from this Division to fill it.</p>	
	5th		<p>The D.A.A.G. saw the D.A.A.G., Army Headquarters, and discussed generally the question of Courts Martial.</p>	
	6th		<p>Approval was received for return to Australia - services no longer required - of Captain D.J. VINE-HALL, 53rd Battalion, concerning whom adverse reports had been submitted. He left on 15.7.18.</p> <p>The G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade recently submitted a cutting from a Melbourne paper in which it was stated that the Defence Department had agreed that Officers invalided to Australia would not be returned to their Units, as there were at present a larger number of Officers waiting absorption than could be conveniently placed. Brig.-General ELLIOTT quoted the case of Lieut. R.V. MOON, V.C., 58th Battalion, who had been discharged in Australia but had promptly re-enlisted as a Private in order to rejoin his Unit, and his commission had been restored to him. Lieut. R.J. JOHNSTON, 59th Battalion, was another</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN.	July 6th		<p>Officer who desired to rejoin his Unit. There were other Officers whom he would like to get back if they were fit for service. The Divisional Commander, in forwarding the correspondence, asked that each case be considered on its merits. It was most desirable to get back to their original Battalions officers who by distinguished service had proved their worth. The D.A.G., A.I.F. replied that the policy had been adopted because of the large surplus of Officers, the ample provision for future vacancies by the sending of candidates to Cadet Schools, and the necessity to reduce the number of Battalions in the A.I.F. Arrangements had now been made, however, for a record to be kept of invalided Officers who desired to serve abroad again. The Divisional Commander in future would be informed when Officers were being invalided to Australia and asked to state whether, in the event of the Officer in question being again passed fit for general service, he would be prepared to accept him with his old rank in his former Unit.</p>	
	8th		<p>Five Officers and 26 other ranks were sent to England for duty with the Training Battalions. This was necessary in view of a recent decision to increase the instructional cadre of the Training Battalions, and was separate from the ordinary reliefs.</p> <p>A small party from this Division left for 3rd Australian Divisional Headquarters to join other A.I.F. personnel selected to proceed to PARIS to take part in FRANCE'S DAY celebration on 14th instant.</p> <p>Approval was given for the despatch of another party on transport duty and leave in Australia. The following were selected :- C.Q.M.S. A. MOTT, C.Q.M.S. A.R. ANDERSON, Sgt. W.C. COX, T/Cpl. T.J. BINGLEY, Dvrs. T.H. OLDEN, H.L. BRAND, G.L. FURLONG, J. STANFORD, Ptes. E.L. SPALDING and W.E. SING, DCM.</p> <p>A reply was received from D.A.G., A.I.F. with reference to the question of separation allowances as mentioned in last month's diary. It was stated that approval had been given for the payment of separation allowance at the rate of 6d. per day for each child to all ranks from Corporal to W.O. (Class I). The object of this was to relieve the hardship to men with children which now occurred on their promotion to Corporal and upwards, and to remove the anomalies pointed out by this Division.</p>	
	9th		<p>The Divisional Commander received from the G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade particulars of service and death of Lieuts. S.G. FACEY, DCM., (59th Battalion), M.D. KNIGHT, MC., (60th Battalion), and J.C. MOORE, MC. and Bar, MM., (60th Battalion), whom he described as "three</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN.	9th		<p>of the most gallant Officers I have ever had the honour to command". These three Officers had been killed in action during the attack near VILLE-sur-ANCRE on 4th/5th July, 1918. Each of them had a fine record of gallant service in several engagements and they were amongst the most promising Officers of the Brigade.</p>	
	10th		<p>Circular Memorandum No. 60, showing an analysis of the number of absentees of the Division was issued to all Units (copy attached). Commanding Officers were instructed to give this subject special attention, and endeavour to reduce the numbers in future.</p>	
	12th		<p>Major R.W.W. WALSH, DSO., 8th Field Ambulance, took command of 15th Field Ambulance, with the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel, vice Lieut.-Colonel K. SMITH, CMG., who left on 6.7.18 to take up the duty of A.D.M.S. 4th Australian Division.</p>	
	13th		<p>The C.O., 5th Machine Gun Battalion, had recently drawn attention to the standard of efficiency of the reinforcements. Insufficient time seemed to have been devoted to range work. The men were not volunteers for M.G. work, but had been detailed from the Overseas Training Brigade. He was strongly of opinion that men should be volunteers for this work, and that in making the final selection consideration should be given to the age and physique of the men. In many cases men far too old and not physically fit to become machine gunners were sent forward, and the efficiency of the Units in the field suffered in consequence. This report was passed on by the Divisional Commander, who stated that he concurred in the remarks of the C.O. M.G. Battalion. On 13.7.18 a reply was received. The matter had been referred to the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., who in the course of a lengthy report stated that the present condition of affairs was that he had not the numbers sufficient to supply all weekly demands. Each combatant arm of the service looked to receiving its fair proportion of men above the average, physically and intellectually. Artillery, Engineers, Signal Engineers, and M.G. all desired men whose average was better than the Infantry average, and on the whole got them. If, however, each of these arms specially selected all its personnel, the result would be that Infantry would suffer unduly. If volunteering for these arms was prescribed, the requisite numbers in most cases would not be obtained. The total resources in men were now very limited, and it was consequently impossible to supply the ideal reinforcements for every arm. The reduction of training period for machine gunners naturally and inevitably meant less complete training. Every effort was made to satisfy</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN.	July 13th		<p>requirements of the special arms, but it was no longer possible to keep up the reinforcements for each of these special arms from among men who were (a) volunteers, and (b) specially selected.</p>	
	14th		<p>The Divisional Commander dealt with four cases of men convicted for desertion. He personally interviewed the prisoners, and as a result recommended the suspension of sentences of three of them.</p> <p>Lieut.-Colonel W.R. CHEESEMAN, MC., who had returned from hospital, again took command of 53rd Battalion, and T/Lieut.-Colonel A.C.S. HOLLAND relinquished his temporary rank and command of the Battalion.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. submitted the names of several former Officers of the Division (prisoners of war) who were eligible for promotion to rank of Captain in accordance with rules for appointment and promotion, and asked for the Divisional Commander's remarks and recommendations regarding their proposed promotion. A reply was sent that no objection was offered to the suggested promotions.</p> <p>The Divisional Salvage Officer (Captain C.E. VINER) submitted a long report regarding his recent visit to HAVRE and inspection of Ordnance Salvage Depot. Copies of this report were circulated to Units of the Division, and it was suggested that the information would provide good material for lecturettes to all ranks to show the importance of salvage work.</p>	
	15th		<p>The Divisional Commander dealt with three cases of men convicted for desertion, and in all cases recommended the suspension of the sentences.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander, in a communication to D.A.G., A.I.F. stated that generally speaking he agreed with a suggestion by the D.A.D.P.S. that Brigade Field Post Offices should be attached to A.S.C. Companies. A hard and fast rule on the matter should not be made, but the G.O's.C. Brigades should be left to decide when it was advisable to adopt this procedure.</p>	
	16th		<p>Instructions were given to 15th Infantry Brigade to send Lieut. J.R. HODGSON, 60th Battalion, to England, where arrangements were being made for his return to Australia - services no longer required. Adverse reports regarding this Officer had been submitted by the G.O.C. Brigade and the C.O. 60th Battalion, and in consequence of these reports the Divisional Commander had recommended that Lieut. HODGSON be returned to Australia. Lieut. HODGSON left on 18.7.18.</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN.	July 17th		<p>The D.A.A.G. attended a conference at Corps Headquarters regarding the question of supplies and purchasing from Expeditionary Force Canteens on behalf of Divisions.</p> <p>A party of 4 Officers and 80 other ranks proceeded to Fourth Army Rest Camp at EU for a period of 10 days. They left FRECHENCOURT at 9 a.m. on the morning of the 17th by lorry for PERNOIS, entraining at the latter place for the Rest Camp. On 26.7.18 a second party from this Division, consisting of 9 Officers and 250 other ranks, went to the Rest Camp.</p>	
	18th		<p>Captain J.B. LAING, MC., 57th Battalion, was sent to England for duty as Adjutant 14th Training Battalion.</p>	
	19th		<p>Major G.D. SMITH, MC., (D.A.Q.M.G.) was evacuated to hospital (sick).</p>	
	21st		<p>A recommendation was submitted for the award of the Victoria Cross to Lieut. I.G. THOMPSON, 58th Battalion, who was killed in action whilst gallantly leading his men against the enemy. Another recommendation for the Victoria Cross was submitted on the 24th, when the name of Sgt. D.E. COYNE, 31st Battalion, was forwarded. This N.C.O. was fatally injured through throwing himself on a bomb in order to save the lives of his comrades.</p> <p>The A.A. & Q.M.G. visited the Reinforcement Wing and Nucleus at PERNOIS.</p>	
	23rd		<p>In reply to a letter from D.A.G., A.I.F., the Divisional Commander stated that he could recommend Major L.E. BEAVIS, DSO., (5th Aust. Divisional Artillery) and Captain W. BRIDGEFORD, MC., (M.G. Battalion) for Staff Training, but he was unable to recommend Captain J.H. CROMBIE (54th Battalion).</p> <p>The Divisional Commander saw two men who had been sentenced to penal servitude for desertion. He decided to recommend suspension of sentence in each case.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander saw the D.A.A.G., Corps Headquarters, with reference to administrative matters in connection with his temporary command of the Australian Corps.</p>	
24th		<p>The D.A.A.G. left for England on leave.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander forwarded to Corps Headquarters protests received from the C.R.E. and C.O. Pioneer Battalion against the system of allotting reinforcements to the Pioneer Battalion and asking that the system be amended so that the Pioneer Battalion would</p>		

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ST. GRATIEN.	July 24th		not receive the rejects of other arms of the service. These views were supported by the Divisional Commander.	
			Preliminary instructions regarding a programme of entertainment and amusements for the troops, to be carried out whilst the Division is out of the line, were issued to Units in Circular Memorandum 64 (copy attached). C.O's. were asked to take the matter up without delay. The Divisional Commander agreed to £105 being distributed for ^{Apizes} from Divisional Funds. This amount was subsequently increased to £210.	
	26th		Advice was received from Australian Corps that it was proposed to appoint Lieut.-Colonel J.W. CLARK, DSO., (30th Battalion) to the command of a Battalion of the Overseas Training Brigade, and he should be sent to England as soon as convenient.	
			The A.A. & Q.M.G. was present at a conference with G.O's.C. 8th and 14th Brigades to discuss administrative matters in connection with forthcoming operations.	
	27th		A reply was received from Corps Headquarters to the proposal submitted last month that "B" Class personnel on M.G. Battalion Headquarters should be replaced by "A" Class men. It was stated that the consideration of man power in the A.I.F. made it imperative to conserve the supply of "A" Class men by the allotment of "B" Class men to such duties within establishments as could be performed by men of that category. A modification of the establishment on the lines suggested by the Division could not be approved.	
	28th		The Divisional Commander met Surgeon-General HOWSE, V.C., and Mr. MANIFOLD, M.H.R., who called to discuss with him the matter of sending men of inferior physique to the A.I.F. for service in France. The Divisional Commander expressed his firm opinion against such a policy, which he considered was likely to be a source of great danger to the efficiency of the force.	
	31st		D.A.G., A.I.F., had asked for nomination of Officers suitable for attachment to British formations as Staff learners for a period of about three months. On 31.7.18 the names of Captain A.C. WHITE, MC., and Captain E.A.C. MACFARLANE, MC., were submitted. The Divisional Commander had before him a number of men of various Units who had been tried by Court Martial and sentenced on charges of desertion or absence without leave. He.	

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ST. GRATIEN.	July. 31st		<p>questioned them regarding their service, the reasons which prompted them to leave their Units, etc., and in most cases decided to recommend the suspension of the sentences in order to give the men an opportunity to "make good" again.</p> <p>A telegram was sent to A.I.F. Headquarters asking that arrangements be made for the immediate return to France of several Staff and Commanding Officers who were on leave.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> At the beginning of July the total strength of the Division was :- 874 Officers and 16,681 others.</p> <p>Taken as a whole, the Division was up to establishment in Officers, the deficiencies in some of the Infantry Battalions being balanced by a surplus in other Units. In other ranks the Division was short to the extent of over 700. The 32nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 58th, 59th and 60th Battalions all showed deficiencies exceeding 100.</p> <p>At the end of the month the Divisional total strength stood at :- 876 Officers and 16,654 others.</p> <p>Several of the Infantry Battalions were still showing deficiencies of more than 100. Amongst the Infantry Battalions only the 29th, 31st and 57th were up to establishment. In other ranks. Artillery, Engineers, M.G. Battalion, Pioneer Battalion and other Units showed a surplus.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES.</u> Battle casualties of the Division during the month of July were as under :-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Killed</th> <th colspan="2">Wounded</th> <th colspan="2">Missing</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Off.</th> <th>O.R.</th> <th>Off.</th> <th>O.R.</th> <th>Off.</th> <th>O.R.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>141</td> <td>38</td> <td>862</td> <td>-</td> <td>10.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Killed		Wounded		Missing		Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	12	141	38	862	-	10.
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ST. GRATIEN.	1918.		<p>For the operations on 4th July, reserve rations and water, also ammunition were procured. These were distributed to the Brigade assisting in the operation. Consequent upon this operation, the 14th Infantry Brigade increased their sector, taking over from the 48th Battalion. Amongst the stores taken over were 880 General Purpose Reserve Rations. As a result the total reserve rations of this nature held in "C" Divisional sector was increased to 6,880.</p> <p>On the 4th instant 77 horses were received from No.4 Field Remount Section, PICQUINY, and these were distributed to the various Units requiring same, as shewn by the remount demand submitted recently.</p> <p>During the early part of the month great difficulty was experienced in procuring supplies of fresh vegetables. The small supply arriving at Railhead was further accentuated by the inability of the Divisional Vegetable Plots at CAMON to supply. The matter was represented to Corps and an improvement was effected.</p> <p>On the night of 17th/18th July the 15th Infantry Brigade was relieved by the 8th Infantry Brigade. The hand-over was completed satisfactorily.</p> <p>Twenty-three riders, still deficient from the previous remount demand were sent forward on the 10th instant. These were received from No.4 Field Remount Section and handed to the various Units requiring same.</p> <p>Owing to the re-organisation of the Corps Area, the 8th Infantry Brigade handed over part of their sector to the 58th Division on the night of 27th/28th July. 2,400 Reserve Rations were handed over to the 58th Division together with 300 tins of water.</p> <p>On the morning of the 29th instant an operation was carried out which resulted in the capture of two lines of enemy defences. For this operation arrangements were made for the provision of reserve water, rations and ammunition. Authority was also sought and obtained for the issue of rum.</p>	

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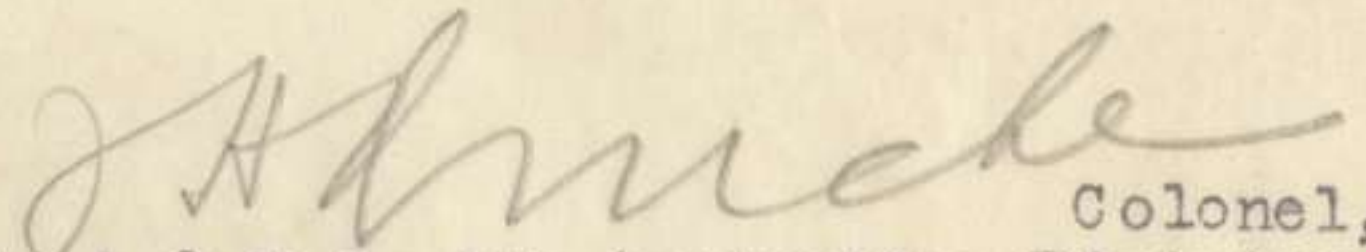
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	July		<p>The present position in the sector regarding G.P.R. and S.P. Rations is 4,480 G.P.R. and 3,000 S.P. The quantities authorised are 6,000 G.P.R. and 3,000 S.P. Authority was sought from Corps to increase the present holdings to the authorised amounts. Suggested locations were given.</p> <p>Tests were carried out with the No.37 Grenade and a new anti-tank grenade. The No.37 is an improvement on the No.27. A stronger charge is inserted and the report submitted after trials was very favourable. The possibilities of the anti-tank grenade were such as to lead to a satisfactory report being furnished on that also.</p> <p>The Division fully maintained its reputation in the "Economy Figures" during the past month. Solder, fat, paper, cardboard, etc. ^{returns} were all satisfactory. Though not so high as has been previously reported, the figures were sufficient indication that everything possible, without impairing the efficiency of the Division, is done.</p> <p>On the last two days of the month "C" Divisional Sector was handed over to 18th Division. The relief was completed without any hitch. The arrangements made for the hand-over were such as to call for an appreciation from the incoming Division. This was especially the case in the Baths handed over between the respective Divisional Baths Officers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  Colonel, A.A. & Q.M.G. 5th Australian Division. </p>	

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-----ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 72.
-----Headquarters,
8th July 1918.P. U. N. in HORSES.

1. Sufficient attention is not being paid to preventing P.U.N. in horses in the Division, in spite of the very numerous orders which have been issued.
2. Officers and other ranks do not seem to understand what is required, or else have not seen the orders.
3. At several units visited lately a considerable quantity of ashes with nails plentifully sprinkled through, were found in close proximity to the horse lines or tracks. If this occurs at Transport lines it is not surprising if it is found in other places.
4. Receptacles for putting loose nails in should be placed at all Transport lines and in such other places as are considered suitable; the boxes being marked, 'Pick up nails and put them here', or some such wording.
5. Special instructions are to be given to all cooks, as it is a common thing for boxes with nails in them to be burnt in the cooks' fires and the ashes containing nails to be carelessly scattered round when the fires are 'cleaned out'.
6. It must be realised that it is impossible for the Veterinary staff to prevent injury to horses through nails, and all ranks should be frequently warned in unit orders to do their best to assist in preventing injury to horses in this manner.

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

Issued to all Div. Units.

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,
11.7.18.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 74.S.I.W. CASES.

Sufficient care is not being exercised by C.Os. in dealing with S.I.W. and accidental injury cases.

The instructions printed on the back of Army Form 3428 are frequently neglected, particularly in regard to the obtaining of evidence or statements in regard to the case. Army Forms 3428 reach this Office in a mutilated and dirty condition, the writing in many cases not being legible. In other cases the signature of the medical officer in para. 2 is omitted.

Doubt seems to exist in some cases in regard to para.4(a). Men who meet with accidents whilst taking part in sport etc. are frequently shown as "NOT in the performance of military duty". This is incorrect as a man is on military duty unless he is doing some act contrary to Orders or instructions or some act which might reasonably be regarded as unnecessary and unjustifiable in the interests of the service.

Special attention was directed to S.I.W. cases in 5th. Australian Division Circular Memorandum No.33 of 11.12.16, which is republished hereunder : -

" 1. Cases of self-inflicted wounds occur at intervals in the Division. Past experience with the Courts of Inquiry held in such cases has almost invariably been that witnesses actually on the spot allege they "saw nothing till they heard the shot". Such statements may be true at times, but their uniformity indicates that sometimes they are not true. The result has been that some men who, in all probability, have wilfully wounded themselves have escaped with trifling punishments for negligently wounding themselves.

2. The G.O.C. Division therefore wishes me to say that in all cases of self-inflicted wounds the utmost inquiry is to be made absolutely at once by specially qualified officers fully cognisant of their duty, who are to get the truth from witnesses, however unwilling. All possible effort must be made to elicit the facts. Inquiries have at times been perfunctory or dilatory; this must cease, and anyone guilty of the crime of wilful self-wounding must have the offence sheeted home, in order that he may meet with fitting punishment. "

Attention is directed to Fourth Army "A" Notes, pages 25 to 29 which deal fully with this matter, and also to A.R.O. 1886 and 1922. Page 25, para. 47(a) of Army Notes requires special attention.

The following instructions issued by D.A.A.G., Fourth Army, on 28.4.18 are republished for information : -

" Owing to the present circumstances it is recognised that the trial of men for negligently wounding themselves will be difficult to arrange without considerable delay and it is important that men admitted to No.12 C.C.S. should be disposed of and evacuated to the Base as soon as possible to prevent congestion.

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Under these conditions it has been decided that as many of these cases as possible shall be dealt with summarily on the documentary evidence available by the Camp Commandant Fourth Army, under whom the men in No.12 C.C.S. have been placed for discipline - see A.R.O.1922.

Formations will therefore, in such cases, take no action as regards arranging for a Court Martial but will forward A.F. W.3428 and statements of witnesses as soon as possible through Brigades and Divisions to this Office.

All cases in which this is possible will then be dealt with summarily under arrangements made by this office: A.F. B.2069 will be forwarded to the Base by Camp Commandant Fourth Army and the Division concerned will be notified by this Office of the award made.

This arrangement will not be possible in the case of senior N.C.Os. e.g. Corporals or Sergeants: instructions as to their trial will be issued by this Office.

The importance of notifying the Medical Unit to which a man who has wounded himself is admitted, that the wound is self-inflicted must be noted: this notification should if possible accompany the man to the Field Ambulance, as otherwise he will probably be evacuated to the Base and then to England as a battle casualty. "

There is no excuse for carelessness and irregularities in dealing with S.I.W. cases if the above instructions are carefully read.

Staff Captains and Adjutants must thoroughly examine Forms 3428 before sending them to Divisional Headquarters in order to prevent the unnecessary waste of time and labour that occurs if they have to be sent back for revision - a delay which often results in failure to satisfactorily complete the cases owing to the necessary witnesses having in the meantime become casualties.

Attention is also drawn to G.R.O. 3867 of 25.4.18 which is not being complied with. When reporting in daily casualty wire S.I.W. cases the man's regimental number, rank, name and initials, should be stated. Accidental injuries will be reported in numbers only.

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For

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

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Copy No.....

Headquarters,
15.7.18.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 75.Issued in connection with 5th Aust. Div. Order No.215.1. RELIEF:

The 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and the left Battalion of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade on the night of 17th/18th July.

2. RAILHEAD:

The Supply Railhead remains as at present.

3. SUPPLY DUMPS:

The Supply Dumps remain as at present.

4. RESERVES OF RATIONS AND WATER:

The 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will hand over to 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade on relief all Supporting Point Rations under their charge. The quantities are :-

I.28.b.8.3.	500	Rations P.M. & Biscuit.	50	Tins Water.
I.24.b.3.5.	500	"	"	"
I.13.c.5.2.	500	"	"	"
C.23.d.2.6.	500	"	"	"
I.10.central	500	"	"	"
I.5.d.1.6.	500	"	"	"

This ration consists of 10 oz. biscuit and 3/4 Tin P.M.

The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will hand over to 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade on relief the following "General Purpose Reserve" Rations :-

J.11.a.6.7.	600	Iron Rations	75	Tins Water
D.27.b.2.3.	600	"	75	"
D.29.b.4.3.	600	"	75	"
J.9.b.8.2.	600	"	75	"
J.5.a.15.90.	600	"	75	"

The 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade will hand over to the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade on relief of left Battalion the following "General Purpose Rations" :-

J.17.b.3.8.	600	Iron Rations	75	Tins Water
J.16.b.6.9.	600	"	75	"

This ration consists of 1 lb. Biscuit, 1 Tin P.M., 1 Grocery Ration.

The dates of taking over these rations will be marked and signed on the notice boards affixed to each lot of rations.

5. TRENCH AND AREA STORES:

All Trench and Area Stores will be taken and handed over in situ.

6. AMMUNITION SUPPLY:

The ammunition supply remains as at present.

Divisional Duties/

7. DIVISIONAL DUTIES:

The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will take over from the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade the duties of water wardens at all watering points, duties with Area Commandants, etc.

8. SANITATION:

Sanitation certificates will be rendered by all Units regarding the sanitation of area taken over, cleanliness of trenches, dug-outs, cookhouses or other accommodation. (Copies of these certificates have been forwarded to Brigades and formations).

9. TENTS AND TRENCH SHELTERS:

All tents and trench shelters will be accounted for. Tents and trench shelters in Brigade Schools and transport lines which may not be handed over will be shewn in return as having been taken over.

10. RAIDING STORES:

All raiding stores will be handed over at Brigade Headquarters. This particularly applies to "Tommy" clothing and armour.

11. RETURNS:

All handing over returns and receipts will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters within 48 hours of the taking over.

12. BOUNDS:

The villages of PONT NOYELLES and QUERRIEU with the exception of QUERRIEU CHATEAU and the houses occupied by a Battalion H.Q. in QUERRIEU and Artillery Brigade H.Q. and "C" Divisional Police Detachment in PONT NOYELLES are placed out of bounds for billeting. Troops and transport will be allowed to enter and pass through these villages on duty, but no troops will remain in the villages.

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

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	Copy No.		Copy No.
8th. Infantry Brigade	1	D.A.D.V.S.	13
14th Infantry Brigade	2	5th.Div. Salvage Co.	14
15th Infantry Brigade	3	Camp Commandant	15
5th. M.G. Battalion	4		
5th. Pioneer Battalion	5	Copies to :-	
5th. Div. Artillery	6	H.Q. Australian Corps	16
5th. Div. Engineers	7	"G"	17
5th. Div. Signal Co.	8	A.D.C. to G.O.C.	18
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A.P.M.	11		
D.A.D.O.S.	12		

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,
19.7.18.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 76.
-----GRAZING AND CARE OF CROPS.

A complaint has been received from the O.C. French Mission, Fourth Army, to the effect that several instances have occurred since the publication of G.R.O. 4207 of horses being allowed to graze on crops.

This matter has been repeatedly referred to in D.R.O's. and in instructions from Divisional Headquarters to individual Units.

The matter is a very serious one, as "it is of the utmost importance that the productivity of the land should not be interfered with unless necessitated by military exigencies".

In future, the Divisional Commander will hold O's.C. Units responsible for any offences of this nature committed by members of their commands.

Horses which are allowed to graze on fields where no crops are growing must be attended by a sufficient number of men to prevent them straying on to crops. Officers commanding Units, or Officers in charge of horse lines, are to be ordered to detail (to take charge of grazing parties) either Officers or senior and reliable N.C.O's, to whom a copy of G.R.O. 4207 should be given.

Arrangements are to be made for the frequent patrolling of areas which contain sown fields or crops, with a view to seeing that the G.R.O. in question is complied with.

The cutting of any kind of crop without authority is not to be permitted.

In future any breaches of G.R.O. 4207 are to be immediately reported to Divisional Headquarters, and the Divisional Commander will decide whether the case is to be tried by F.G.C.M.

G.R.O. 4207 is to be promulgated in all Units at frequent intervals so that Reinforcements may be made aware of it.

E. H. Raepf
For A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Australian Division, Colonel,

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 77.

Issued in connection with 5th Australian Divisional Order No. 219.

Headquarters, 28th July 1918.

1. QUARTERING.

Advance parties will in all cases report to the Area Commandants concerned, for billeting.

2. TRANSPORT.

The 5th Aust. Div. Train will arrange to provide the following transport -

- 2 G.S. wagons per Battalion.
- 1 G.S. wagon per Brigade H.Q. and L.T.M. Bty.

O.C., 5th Aust. Div. Train will arrange direct with Brigades, when and where wagons will report. Separate instructions will be issued in connection with the embussing arrangements.

3. REFILLING POINTS.

- 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. - QUERRIEU-AMIENS Road, H.25.a.1.9.
- 14th do. - VAUX.
- 15th do. -

Will be notified later.

4. GAS STORES.

All gas stores will be handed over in situ, and receipts obtained.

5. AREA STORES.

All trench and area stores will be handed over in situ. NO TENTS OR TRENCH SHELTERS WILL BE MOVED OUT OF THE AREA. Care must be taken that no limber covers, or tarpaulins on charge to units under Mob. Store Tables are left in the area. Receipts must be obtained for all area stores, tents and trench shelters handed over and lists submitted to Div. Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.

6. SANITATION.

Sanitation certificates will be rendered by all units regarding the sanitation of the area handed over; cleanliness of trenches, dug-outs, cookhouses and other accommodation.

7. General Purpose Reserve and S.P. Rations/

7. GENERAL PURPOSE RESERVE AND SUPPORTING POINT RATIONS.

The following General Purpose Reserve Rations will be handed over -

Right Sector.

J.22.d.2.4.	600	Iron rations,	75	tins Water.
J.23.b.3.2.	600	do.	75	do.
K.19.c.05.10.	240	do.	75	do.
J.29.b.75.15.	400	do.	75	do.
J.20.c.20.70.	240	do.	75	do.

Left Sector.

J.17.b.3.8.	600	do.	75	do.
J.16.b.6.9.	600	do.	75	do.
J.24.b.6.8.	600	do.	75	do.
J.9.d.8.2.	600	do.	75	do.
J.11.d.central.	300	do.	75	do.

The following Supporting Point Rations will be handed over -

I.29.b.8.3.	) Approx. 500 rations at each point. This ration consists of 10 ozs. Biscuit and $\frac{3}{4}$ tin of P.M.	50	tins Water.
I.24.b.3.5.		50	do.
I.13.c.5.2.		50	do.
C.23.d.2.6.		50	do.
I.10.central.		50	do.
I.5.d.1.6.		50	do.

The greatest care must be taken in the handing over of these rations. All receipts must be legibly made out, initials, name, rank and unit of person taking and handing over must be clearly stated. The location at which handed over must be stated in every case. Receipts for rations handed over will be forwarded to Div. Headquarters within 24 hours of completion of relief.

8. AMMUNITION.

All units will move out with full echelons. Ammunition in the line, at Platoon, Company and Battalion Headquarters and Brigade Dumps, will be carefully checked and lists prepared for handing over. Great care must be taken with all S.O.S. signals, Tank Signals, (Green and Red. Illum. 1") and Message Carrying Rockets. Receipts for ammunition handed over to be forwarded to Div. Headquarters within 24 hours of completion of relief.

9. CLOTHING STORE:

Will be situated at CARDONETTE.

10. CORPS F.P. COMPOUND:

Will remain on the POULAINVILLE-AMIENS Road, 1,000 yards from POULAINVILLE.

11. BATHS/

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1. BATHS.

The following baths will be available for the Division -

RIVERY HOSPICE,
CARDONETTE.

Corps Baths are situated at COISY, for which allotment may be obtained from N.C.O. in charge. Arrangements may be made by the 15th Inf. Bde. for the use of the 2nd Aust. Div. Baths at LA MOTTE. If this is practicable, clean clothing will be supplied by the 5th Div. Baths Officer.

12. MARCH DISCIPLINE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL.

The conditions laid down in Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 will be strictly observed.

The A.P.M. will arrange the relief of the control of his present area and will arrange to take over the control of the Support Area, and the Div. Compound. He will submit a report to Div. Headquarters immediately upon completion.

13. WORKING PARTIES.

Brigades will arrange for the relief of all their working parties, water picquets, etc. by the incoming Brigades.

14. AREA COMMANDANTS.

The Area Commandants of LA HOUSSOYE and FRANVILLERS will be relieved on the 31st inst, by officers to be detailed by the incoming Division. They will despatch all personnel at present with them to rejoin their respective units. All books and papers relative to the Area will be handed over to the incoming Area Commandant, a receipt obtained for same and forwarded to Div. Headquarters.

15. AUST. COMFORTS FUND.

Capt. SHERWOOD, 5th Aust. Div. Representative, will be located with 5th Div. Headquarters at ALLONVILLE, near Church, Billet 29, Grand Alley.

16. DIV. CANTEEN.

The present location will be taken over on the 31st inst. by the relieving Division. The 5th Aust. Div. Canteen will then be located at ALLONVILLE.

17. Y.M.C.A:

Will move to ALLONVILLE on the 31st inst. and will distribute to Brigades from that location.

18. SALVAGE COMPANY will, upon relief, accompany the Division to the

----- Support Area.

19. D.A.D.O.S./

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- 19. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location.

- 20. S.A.A. SECTION will be relieved on the 31st inst..

- 21. MOB. VET. SECTION will be relieved on the 31st inst, and will
----- move to G.24.d.8.2.
- 22. SOLDIER RECOVERY KILNS.

Solder recovery kilns will be taken over by the incoming Division.
A list of kilns in the new area, and their location, will be for-
warded to Div. Headquarters within 24 hours of the relief.
- 23. REINFORCEMENTS.

The 5th Div. Staging Camp will be located on the afternoon of the
30th at ALLONVILLE.
The following arrangements will hold in regard to reinforcements -
8th Brigade and Units East of ALLONVILLE.

Personnel will stage at ALLONVILLE. Packs will be collected by
units.
14th and 15th Inf. Bdes.

Personnel will move to units direct from Corps Staging Camp, near
VAUX. Packs, etc. will be collected direct from the Corps
Staging Camp by units.
- 24. BURIALS Officer will hand over all information to relieving Offi cer.

- 25. TRANSPORT LINES.

The location of transport Lines will be notified to Division
within 24 hours of relief.
- 26. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. Brucke

Colonel,

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

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8th Inf. Bde.	1	Div. Baths Offi cer.	16
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15th do.	3	Camp Commdt..	18
5th Pioneer Bn.	4	Area Commdt. St. GRATIEN	19
5th M.G.Bn.	5	do. LA HOUSSOYE	20
C.R.A..	6	do. FRANVILLERS	21
C.R.E..	7	do. ALLONVILLE	22
5th Div. Sig. Coy.	8	do. PONT NOYELLES	23
5th Div. Train.	9		
S.S.O.	10	Copies to:	
A.D.M.S.	11	Aust. Corps.	24
5th Div. Sal. Coy.	12	4th Aust. Division.	25
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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,
1.7.18.C I R C U L A R M E M O R A N D U M N O. 59.LEAVE TO PARIS - TRAIN SERVICE FROM FOURTH ARMY AREA.

From CANAPLES - LONGPRE Line and AMIENS - ABBEVILLE Line by Passenger Train to ABBEVILLE :-

AILLY-SUR-SOMME	.....	dep.	16.23
PICQUIGNY	.....	"	16.40
HANGEST	.....	"	16.53
LONGPRE	.....	arr.	17.05
CANAPLES	.....	dep.	16.32
PERNOIS	.....	"	16.37
ST. LEGER-LES-DOUART	.....	"	16.44
FLIXECOURT	.....	"	16.55
LONGPRE	.....	arr.	17.11
LONGPRE	.....	dep.	17.11
PONT REMY	.....	"	17.28
ABBENVILLE	.....	arr.	17.42

Thence by Personnel Train from ABBENVILLE to ROUEN at 21.10 due ROUEN at 5.34.

Also by returning Supply Trains to ROMESCAMPS from :-

POULAINVILLE	.....	dep.	14.25
LONGROY GAMACHES	.....	"	14.00
VIGNACOURT	.....	"	11.00
MARTAINNEVILLE	.....	"	22.30

Forward from ROMESCAMPS, Personnel Train at 2.15, due ROUEN at 5.34. All timings of Return Supply Trains to ROMESCAMPS are liable to variation.

SALEUX:- When there is no Return Supply Train from SALEUX, small parties may travel by French passenger Train to ROUEN, as under :-
SALEUX dep. 7.05 ROUEN arr. 11.54
" " 18.12 " " 23.00

All troops travelling on Leave by French Passenger Trains must purchase Railway Tickets, obtainable at reduced Military Rates.

Men will be collected at ROUEN, and special trains will be run from ROUEN to PARIS, and in the reverse direction, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The timings between ROUEN and PARIS are as follows :-

ROUEN (RIVE GAUCHE)	.....	dep.	6.08
PARIS (ST.LAZARE)	.....	arr.	10.55
PARIS (ST.LAZARE)	.....	dep.	14.33
ROUEN (RIVE GAUCHE)	.....	arr.	19.16

In the return journey men will go into the Reinforcement Camps at ROUEN, and be forwarded to destination by Reinforcement Trains.

P.T.O.

TRAIN SERVICE FOR LEAVE MEN VIA BOULOGNE.

EX FOURTH ARMY AREA.

Ailly-sur-Somme	dep. 16.23
Picquigny	dep. 16.40
Hangest	dep. 16.53
LONGPRE	arr. 17.05

Canaples	dep. 16.32
Pernois	dep. 16.37
St.Leger-les-	
Domart	dep. 16.44
Flixecourt	dep. 16.55
LONGPRE	arr. 17.11

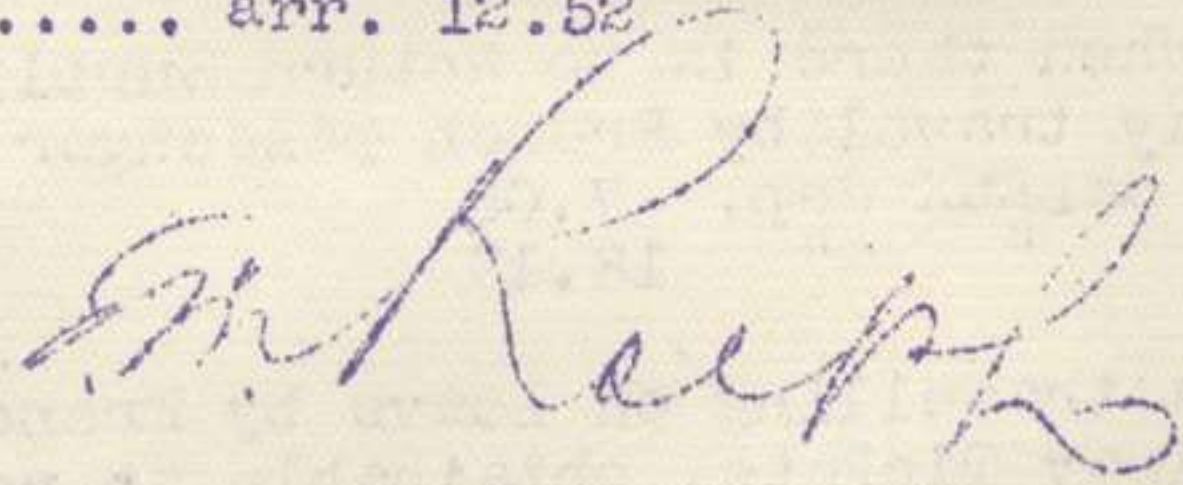
Longroy Gamaches..	dep. 15.06
Gamaches Halte ...	dep. 15.12
Maisnieres	dep. 15.26
Martainneville	
St.Maxent	dep. 15.44
Oisemont	dep. 16.06
Wirry	dep. 16.20
Allery	dep. 16.28
Airaines	dep. 16.38
LONGPRE	arr. 16.53

LONGPRE	dep. 17.11
Pont Remy	dep. 17.28
ABBEVILLE	arr. 17.42

St.Valery	dep. 13.43
Noyelles	arr. 15.55
Noyelles	dep. 22.58
ABBEVILLE	arr. 23.20

Le Treport	dep. 6.26
Eu	dep. 6.36
Woincourt	dep. 7.08
Feuquières	
Fressenneville ..	dep. 7.18
ABBEVILLE	arr. 8.12

ABBEVILLE dep. 8.24
BOULOGNE arr. 12.52



Lieut.-Colonel,
D.A.A.G., 5th Australian Division.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,
10.7.18.C I R C U L A R M E M O R A N D U M N O. 60.

An analysis of the number of absentees of this Division as on 10.7.18 shows that the number of men unaccounted for on that date is as under - Column "A". Whilst this is highly creditable in some cases, in other cases it must be regarded as most unsatisfactory.

The number of cases of A.W.L. and Desertion tried by F.G.C.M. since 29.5.18 is as shown in Column "B". "A" and "B" added together give the totals in Column "C". -

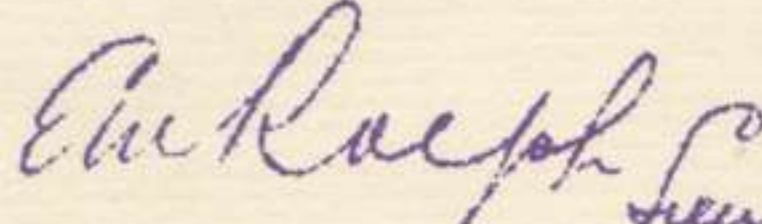
Unit	Absent at present.	Tried by Court Martial for A.W.L.	Total of "A" & "B".
	"A"	"B"	"C"
29th Battalion	3	8	11
30th Battalion	6	2	8
31st Battalion	6	8	14
32nd Battalion	5	4	9
53rd Battalion	4	-	4
54th Battalion	12	5	17
55th Battalion	5	3	8
56th Battalion	2	7	9
57th Battalion	6	5	11
58th Battalion	4	-	4
59th Battalion	8	4	12
60th Battalion	8	5	13
Div. Artillery	2	2	4
Div. Engineers	1	1	2
Pioneer Battalion	5	1	6
5th. M.G. Battalion	-	4	4
A.A.M.C.	1	-	1
Divisional Train	-	-	-
Signal Company	-	-	-
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Taken as a whole, the above reveals a very deplorable state of affairs as far as some Units are concerned as the number of men absent without leave must be regarded as indicative of the general discipline of the Unit.

The waste of man power at this critical time is also an important factor to be considered in this connection.

The Divisional Commander desires that all Commanding Officers give the matter their most earnest personal attention and endeavour as far as is possible to reduce the numbers in the future. With a determined effort on the part of all Officers and N.C.Os. a very material decrease should be possible. The present position looks very bad, both from the Unit and the Divisional standpoint, and it is hoped that this special effort will bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs.

It is proposed to publish a comparative statement on similar lines to the above monthly so that the progress made will be seen by all concerned.

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

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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,
17.7.18.

C I R C U L A R M E M O R A N D U M N O . 6 1 .

DISCIPLINARY CASES.

1. Several instances have recently occurred of disciplinary cases - some of them of a very serious nature - having been dealt with by Adjutants of Units, and, in the case of Infantry Brigades, by Staff Captains or Staff Captain Trainees without the correspondence having been placed before the C.O's. and G.O.C's. Brigades respectively. In some cases the Adjutants and Staff Captains or Staff Captain Trainees have had very little experience in dealing with disciplinary cases, and do not seem to fully appreciate their importance. In future all correspondence affecting disciplinary cases which is sent to Divisional Headquarters must be signed by the O.C. Unit or G.O.C. Brigade. The Divisional Commander directs that the same rule be put into practice in lower formations, e.g. -
C.O. to sign when submitted to Brigade Headquarters,
O's.C. to sign when submitted to C.R.E., A.D.M.S., etc. etc.
2. Special attention is also to be paid to A.W.L. and Desertion cases. Cases have recently been dealt with by the Divisional Commander in which the men found Guilty were discovered to be men suffering from nervous breakdown - men who were utter wrecks from a nerve point of view and totally unfit for front line work. Nothing appears to have been brought forward at the trial in mitigation of their crimes although the men, owing to their mental condition, were undoubtedly entitled to consideration. In one case in particular it would have been criminal to send the man into the line in the state he was in, and would certainly have been an act of great injustice to commit him to prison for the period of his sentence. The Divisional Commander in dealing with the Proceedings of a F.G.C.M. can, as a rule, only deal with it on its face value in conjunction with the man's conduct sheet. It would be of great assistance to him when dealing with the confirmation of finding and sentence to have any facts of special importance brought before his notice by the C.O. of the man concerned. In many cases it would appear that C.O's. have not dealt with the man at all. They have simply dealt with the F.G.C.M. papers in what might be regarded as an automatic manner. It is desired that when possible, before sending on F.G.C.M. Proceedings, C.O's. get into personal touch with the men who have been found Guilty, and if there are any special points elicited worth mentioning to forward them with a covering letter attached to the Proceedings so that they will come to the notice of the Confirming Authority.

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

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
18.7.18.

C I R C U L A R M E M O R A N D U M N O . 6 2 .

in addition to the leave allotment laid down in 5th Aust. Div. No. A.54/1139 of 16th instant a limited number of special leaves for the United Kingdom are allowed to the Division for allotment as the Divisional Kommander thinks fit.

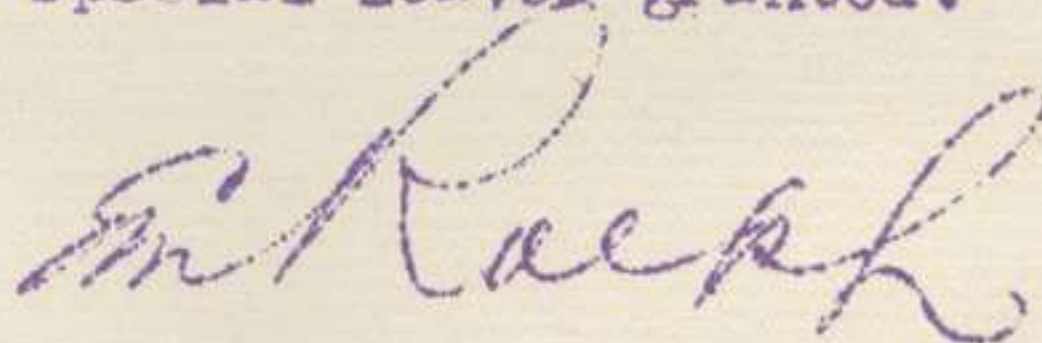
These special leaves are for Officers and other ranks whose last leave was subsequent to 7 and 12 months ago respectively.

In submitting applications for this special leave the following information must be supplied -

Rank (and No.)
Name
Unit
Last leave to U.K., or date of arrival in France.
Last leave in France
Reasons for asking for special leave.

Applications can be submitted at once, and afterwards as occasion arises.

The instructions in regard to embussing etc. as laid down for ordinary leave will apply to all special leaves granted.



Lieut.-Colonel,
D.A.A.G., 5th Australian Division.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,
22.7.18.C I R C U L A R M E M O R A N D U M N O. 63.

Cases of dysentery having occurred among the troops, the Divisional Commander wishes to impress again on all Unit Commanders the vital importance of all possible steps being taken regarding the question of Sanitation. He desires all O's.C. Units to personally interest themselves in this matter, and by personal inspection ensure the efficient carrying out of these instructions. The steps that should be taken include the particular care to see that all food is properly covered from flies and dust, the chlorination of all water, the scrupulous cleanliness of latrines and ensuring that that they are at all times kept fly-proof. As flies are the greatest carriers of the disease, all possible steps must be taken to prevent infection of food by them. As stable manure is a great breeding ground for flies, steps must be taken to see that it is not left lying about in the vicinity of cooking places, food dumps, or water. All manure, if not used in building bomb-proof walls, should be built into stacks and well beaten in to have a flat surface and covered with earth so that flies cannot penetrate. Should manure be used for building bomb-proof walls it must be similarly treated.

The Medical Officers of Units have been instructed to pay particular attention to the above points, and any recommendations made by them are to be given effect to. Should neglect to carry out the above instructions be proved against any Officer, disciplinary action will be taken against him.

Men of Units who at any time have suffered from dysentery must on no account be employed in connection with the handling of food or water.

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

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
23-7-18.

C I R C U L A R M E M O R A N D U M No. 64.

1. During the period that the Division is in support the Divisional Commander wishes all possible steps taken for the entertainment and amusement of the men. With this in view, he desires that steps be put in hand at once to arrange for Brigade Group Sports. Brigades should form necessary committees from representatives of Groups.

The Divisional Commander has approved of a grant being made from Divisional Funds as under for prizes :-

14th Brigade Group	-	£33
15th Brigade Group	-	£30
8th Brigade Group	-	£30,

and the sum of £6 each for Pioneer and Machine Gun Battalion Regimental Sports.

Personnel of Divisional Headquarters, Divisional Signal Company, Salvage Company, and Mobile Veterinary Section will be attached to 14th Brigade Group; D.A.D.O.S. personnel to 15th Brigade Group.

2. The Divisional Concert Party will be at the disposal of Brigades during the above period.

3. It is hoped that the same arrangements regarding the supply of beer can be made as on the previous occasion when the Division was out of the line.

4. Two lorries per Brigade Group will be available to take men for short journeys daily into the back areas.

5. Brigades should arrange for Bands to play at suitable times and places for the entertainment of the men. In this connection Brigades will consider the suggestion of having a Band Contest.

6. The foregoing is to be communicated to all ranks before the Units move out of the line.

7. Any suggestions by Brigades or Units to add to the comfort and amusement of the men should be forwarded early to Divisional Headquarters.

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

Appendix 3.

Headquarters,
5th Aust. Division,
16th July, 1918.

1. The following is the allotment of leave to the United Kingdom for the period 20th to 31st JULY, 1918. This cancels previous notification.

Unit	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Div. H.Q.	2	-	4	-	2	-	2	2	-	2	2	2
C.R.A.	2	2	2	4	2	4	2	2	4	2	2	4
C.R.E.	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
8th. Inf. Bde.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
14th Inf. Bde.	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2
15th Inf. Bde.	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4
5th. M.G. Bn.	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Pioneer Bn.	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Div. Train	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
A.A.M.C.	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
Div. Sig. Co.	2	2	-	2	-	2	2	-	2	-	2	-

2. Special attention is directed to the para. in G.R.O. 4496 relating to Officers which will come into operation forthwith.
3. Vacancies given you are allotted to Officers and other ranks in the proportion of 1 Officer to 13 other ranks. This proportion is to be strictly adhered to.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
D.A.A.G., 5th Australian Division.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
ROUTINE by ORDERS

Major-General Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
3.7.18.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

305. TRIAL OF PRISONERS AND DISPOSAL OF CASES AFTER TRIAL:

It has been brought to notice that unnecessary delays frequently occur in the disposal of charges brought against Officers and other ranks. Instances have occurred of men being kept a considerable time awaiting trial, owing to the want of a little forethought on the part of responsible Officers. This represents a serious loss in man power and a waste of money, but in addition there is a more serious aspect of the case. Generally speaking the value of a punishment is to a certain extent nullified if it is not given effect to soon after an offence is committed. To act as a deterrent a punishment should be put into operation while the offence is fresh in the minds of the offender and of other men of the same Unit. In many cases delays occur before trial owing to failure on the part of those responsible to take steps in time to secure the witnesses required. Delays of this nature frequently result in important witnesses not being available at time of trial owing to their being evacuated or killed, with the result that the accused has to be found "not guilty" even when it is quite certain that he committed the offence. In other cases unnecessary delays occur in promulgation and in sending papers on after promulgation. Whilst each of these delays may in itself be a small matter, the total amounts to a very serious loss. The Divisional Commander directs that all Officers concerned are to take steps to ensure that the delays above-mentioned are not permitted to occur in future.

306. CHARGES BY PROVOST STAFF.

The attention of all Officers is again directed to Army Standing Order 468. Numerous instances have occurred of failure to comply with this Order, particularly as regards the last sentence, with the result that cases have been dismissed when men have undoubtedly been guilty. The fact that a man has previously had a good record should only be taken into consideration when awarding the punishment, not when deciding the question of guilt.

ORDERS.

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Special attention is directed to :-

- General Routine Orders 4381 - Billeting - Allied Troops.
- 4386 - A.F. B.213.
- 4387 - Disposal of Kits and Effects of Officers and Other Ranks of the U.S. Army who become Casualties.
- 4388 - Self-Inflicted Injuries - Gas.
- 4396 - Leave - Entry on Warrants.

308. PROMOTIONS:

The following promotions are approved :-

8TH. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

29th Battalion.

No.2873, Sergeant Oscar Rene BIRDSEY to be Temporary Company Sergeant-Major (Warrant Officer Class II) vice C.S.M. MILLER to O.T.C. Dated 20.4.18.

32nd Battalion.

No.1215, Sergeant G. BISHOP to be Temporary Company Sergeant-Major (Warrant Officer Class II) vice C.S.M. BERRY to O.T.C. Dated 20.6.18.

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309. STAINING OF TENTS:

Attention is directed to instructions regarding the staining of tents. All tents in possession of Units of this Division must be stained at once. If this is not done, a report must be submitted to Divisional Headquarters stating the reason.

310. TRANSPORT MARKINGS:- M.G. BATTALION:

Under D.R.O. 105 of 21.2.18 para. (d) insert "Machine Gun Battalion 2151 - 2300". Numbers formerly allotted by Bdes. to Machine Gun Companies are cancelled.

J. A. H. H. H.

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

NOTICES.COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.

The Divisional Commander desires to acknowledge the following free distribution of comforts for the troops :-

By the Y.M.C.A.

Period 27th to 30th June.

14th Inf. Brigade, (In line).

Cocoa	385 galls.	Cigarettes	2250
Biscuits	550 pkts.	Matches	4 doz.

Centres.

- (1) Heilly Halte. Stores base and centre.
Canteen and Cocoa. Stationery and Library.
- (2) Goat Gully. 54th Battalion.
Canteen selling biscuits. Free cocoa 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. to all working parties and runners, etc. Average no. of men served nightly 200 - 250.
- (3) Cootamundra St. near R.A.P. 55th and 56th Battalions.
Central position and serving all working parties, runners etc. Average no. of men per night 300 - 350.
- (4) Left Sector. - 53rd Battalion H.Q.
Free cocoa to all men passing up and down. Average no. of men 150 - 200.
At "stand to" each morning 20 petrol tins of hot cocoa are sent to the front line.

Period 16th to 30th June.

15th Inf. Brigade. Left Sector.

Cocoa	2320 galls.	Cigarettes	1000
Biscuits	375 pkts.		

Centres.

- (1) Dugout at Ribemont. 57th and 58th Battalions. Canteen.
Free stationery and cocoa - day and night. Cocoa to all working parties at average of 50 galls. per night.
- (2) Dugout, Marrett Wood. 59th and 60th Battalions.
Canteen. Free Stationery.
Free cocoa day and night to -
(a) Line Battalion, carried up in petrol tins.
(b) All working parties, runners, etc. Average per night 90 galls.

Period 16th to 27th June.

8th. Inf. Brigade. Right Sector.

Cocoa	1240 galls.	Fruit	14 tins
Biscuits	4252 pkts.	Chocolate	3 cartons
Cigarettes	8000		(For sick men).

Centres.

- (1) Heilly.
Canteen. Free cocoa to working parties at night.
- (2) Ravine. 30th Battalion H.Q.
Canteen. Free cocoa to all. Average 94 galls. daily.
- (3) Goat Gully. 29th Battalion. Canteen and free cocoa.
- (4) Mad Mile End. 32nd Battalion. Free cocoa, biscuits and cigarettes to all.

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During March, April and May the Y.M.C.A. expended 15,620 francs in the free distribution of coffee, tea, cocoa, biscuits and cigarettes.

By AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

Period - June.

Cocoa	584 cases	Lime juice	30 cases
Biscuits	88 "	Cigarettes and Tobacco	168 "
Oatmeal	150 "	Xmas. boxes	259
Milk	150 "	Cricket Material	
Sugar	60 bags.	Bats	60
Fruits	109 cases	Balls	60
Sweets	50 "	Curry	15 cases
Mixed	156 "	Cookers	25
Socks	20 "	Gramaphones	6
Shirts	25		

JEWISH SERVICE:

A service for Officers and other ranks of the Jewish faith will be conducted by the Rev. H.L. PRICE on Sunday next, at 11 a.m., at the Y.M.C.A. Chateau Grounds, QUERRIEU.

POSTAL:

Members of the A.I.F. are advised that mails from Australia are placed on board steamers travelling by various routes. It sometimes happens that mail posted in Australia after the preceding mail has closed and been despatched may arrive in London before such preceding mail. If two mails arrive simultaneously such letters are "grouped" before delivery, and economy in circulation results. The receipt of letters of varying Australian dates in one covering envelope does not necessarily mean that delay has occurred at the Base Post Office.

The above will be republished in Routine Orders by all Units.

STRAYED:

Strayed from 14th Battery Wagon Lines on 27th instant. - MULE, Dark Brown; Height 14.3 hands; Brand 216 Near fore hoof; 2 X off fore hoof; GELDING.

Information to C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division.

STOLEN OR STRAYED:

Stolen or Strayed from 12th Battery, A.F.A., Wagon Lines on night 26th/27th June - CHESTNUT GELDING - Ride - 11 years - few white hairs in mane - 14.2 hands - Branded 7 H H near shoulder - Indistinct E on near neck.

Information to 4th A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters.

5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
ROUTINE BY ORDERS

Major-General Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
7.7.18.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

311. CONGRATULATORY:

The following telegram was received from the Corps Commander on the 4th instant : -

" Please accept my congratulations and thanks and convey same to Brigadiers and troops employed for their brilliantly executed subsidiary operations which have contributed so admirably to the complete success of our main attack. General BIRDWOOD also telegraphs his admiration of the true A.I.F. style in which the Corps has acquitted itself. "

The Divisional Commander also desires to express his deep appreciation of the splendid work done by all concerned.

312. SHOOTING AT GAME:

Several cases have recently occurred of men and animals being hit by bullets fired by men apparently shooting game in the woods in and about the HALLUE VALLEY. Such shooting is contrary to Orders and strict measures are to be taken to put a stop to it. All offenders in future are to be tried by F.G.C.M.

313. POTATO CROPS:

All C.Os. are to take special steps to prevent the unauthorized digging of potatoes. In many cases potatoes not nearly ripe have been dug with the result that only half the yield has been obtained that should have been. The purchase of potato crops which are not fully grown is not to be allowed.

314. GRAIN CROPS:

Horses are not to be permitted to graze on grain crops anywhere in the Divisional Area. The cutting of grain crops is strictly forbidden except where same has been specially authorized. All Units are to publish instructions on this matter in their Orders and any offenders are to be tried by F.G.C.M.

315. ORDERS:

Special attention is directed to : -

Fourth Army Routine Orders	2279 - Horses - Picked up Nails.
	2280 - Protection of Horses from Hostile Bombing.
	2281 - Unoccupied Premises - AMIENS.
Australian Corps Routine Order 132	- Sick Evacuations.

Er Raepf
for Lieut.-Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G., 5th Australian Division.

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ROUTINE by ORDERS

Major-General Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th Australian Division.Headquarters,
12.7.18.ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.316. COURT OF INQUIRY:

A Court of Inquiry comprised as under will assemble at such times and places as may be appointed by the President to inquire into and report on a matter to be laid before it. Evidence will be taken on oath. The Divisional Claims Officer will attend all sittings of the Court.

PRESIDENT.

Captain C.S. TRATMAN, 32nd Battalion A.I.F.

MEMBERS.

Captain A.D. ELLIS, M.C., 29th Battalion A.I.F.
 Captain A.E. KEYS, 57th Battalion A.I.F.

Proceedings will be forwarded to D.A.A.G., 5th Australian Division.

317. PHOTOGRAPHY:

G.R.O. 3065 dated 29.12.17 is republished for information : -

" No Officer, soldier or other person subject to Military Law is permitted to be in possession of a camera or to take photographs. This Order will be promulgated to all troops arriving in this country, and will be republished periodically in the Orders of Units. Any Officer or soldier or other person subject to Military Law who disobeys this Order will be placed in arrest and the case will be reported to the Headquarters of the Army or Lines of Communication Area. (G.R.Os. 464, 1137, 1348 are cancelled). "

318. HORSES AND MULES, ETC.:

When horses or mules are attached to any Unit of the Division from Units of the British, American or French Armies, a return will be rendered once a week, made up to Friday morning, shewing number of such horses or mules attached, and their classification.

319. ORDERS:

Special attention is directed to : -
 Australian Corps Orders 185 - Drinking Water.
 188 - Looting.

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

NOTICE.STOLEN:

BICYCLE No. B9004 belonging to 13th Australian F.A. Brigade, from outside Headquarters 4th Australian Infantry Brigade between 8 p.m. and 8.10 p.m. on night of 6th instant. Information to C.O. 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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NOTICES.

STOLEN:

2 Bicycles belonging to 15th Field Company A.E. Coy. Nos. 678 and 680. Registered Nos. E.1284 and H.22080 respectively, from MARETT WOOD on 10.7.18. Bicycles were chained and padlocked together. Information to C.R.E. 5th Australian Division.

LOST:

Lost on the morning of the 7th July from 50th Battery Wagon Lines - Officer's HACK. BAY GELDING, 16 hands, no brands, forelock, large scar below off hind fetlock joint, Information to C.O., 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

LOST:

From FRECHENCOURT, on night of 14th/15th July, Black MARE, 15 hands, about 6 years old and very fat. Branded Near Rump Marks, old Sore from collar, hind legs slightly swollen, mane closely hogged. Information to No.1 Section 4th Australian D.A. Column.

LOST:

Brown GELDING (L.D.) about 15 hands, branded 171 on fore hoofs. Dark Roan GELDING (ride), 15 hands, 2 white stockings hind legs, blaze on face, Army brand on near rump.

These animals broke away from horse lines at RENANCOURT. Information regarding missing animals to Officer i/c Signals, 5th Aust. Div. Artillery.

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Colonel, 5th Australian Division

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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Major-General Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th Australian Division.

Headquarters,
28.7.18.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

326. COMMONWEALTH BANK WARRANTS:

Imprest Holders and Paying Officers must not cash Commonwealth Bank Warrants but will instruct the Holders to negotiate them at Divisional Paymaster's Office after the necessary certificate of identity has been endorsed on back of Warrant.

327. APPOINTMENTS:

The following appointments are approved : -
15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

60th Battalion.

Lieut. S.E. WOOTTON to be Assistant Adjutant vice Lieut. M. CAHILL. Dated 22.7.18.

Lieut. W.R. GANNON to be Intelligence Officer vice Lieut. L.R. STILLMAN, M.C., Dated 22.7.18.

2/Lieut. E.M. BURNS to be Lewis Gun Officer vice Lieut. C.E. PIZZEY, M.C. Dated 22.7.18.

328. PROMOTIONS:

The following promotions are approved : -
15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

58th Battalion.

No. 2608 C.Q.M.S. Walter Thomas DICKINSON to be Temporary Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant (Warrant Officer Class II) vice R.Q.M.S. OSBORNE, Killed in Action. Dated 1.4.18.
5th. Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing.

No. 5108, Pte. A.C. HUGHES, 57th Battalion, to be Temporary Sergeant whilst carrying out the duties of Instructor at 5th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing. Dated 14.7.18.

329. TRAFFIC RULES:

With reference to Fourth Army Routine Order 2039, para.78, dated 15.5.18, a return will be rendered by all Units showing how many copies of these Instructions are required, the return to be set out in categories in accordance with the above-mentioned para. and to reach this Office not later than noon on 2nd August.

330. CORPS SCHOOL:

The Commandant, Corps School, has reported certain irregularities with reference to personnel detailed to attend courses there. Action must be taken to ensure that no such irregularities occur in future. The following irregularities have been specially mentioned : -

- (a) Officers for the Infantry Course reported without rifles and equipment.
- (b) Batmen did not bring their blankets.
- (c) Officers did not bring Australian hats, the wearing of which on parade at the School is laid down in Standing Orders.

331. ORDERS:

Special attention is directed to : -
General Routine Order 4553 - Fire Policy.

332. ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM, RE-NUMBERING:

Divisional Administrative Memorandum - "P.U.N. in Horses" - dated 8.7.18, is to be re-numbered 73.

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333. PETROL TINS:

Special attention must be paid to the salvage of all petrol tins, and those surplus to the scale authorised as area stores or for water carts must be returned to S.S.O. without delay.

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

NOTICES.LOST:

On night of 24th/25th July, Chestnut GELDING, both hind legs white to hock, Blaze, Aged, 15½ hands. Information to O.C. 5th Aust. Div. Salvage Company.

LOST:

From the Wagon Lines of the 11th How. Battery, 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade, on 22nd July - Bay MARE (Ride), Star, White scar on neck. Also Bay GELDING (Ride), White snip on back, Arrow (↑) near rump. Information to 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

LOST:

COISY - VILLERS BOUAGE Road on 17.7.18, G.S. Bicycle, Coy.No. 578, Registered No. E.16252. F.W. Rim brake only. Two mud guards, with new front carrier. Information to 8th Field Company, A.E.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Major-General Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding
5th Australian Division.

Headquarters,
31-7-18.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

334. CONGRATULATORY :

The Divisional Commander desires to congratulate and most heartily thank all concerned on the complete success of the operation on Monday morning, which has won the highest appreciation and thanks of the Army and Corps Commanders, and also of the G.O.C., A.I.F. (General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O.) Perfect co-operation, secrecy, and whole-hearted determination to succeed enabled us to achieve this fine success, with very moderate casualties to ourselves and heavy losses to the Boche.

The following messages were received by the Divisional Commander :-

From Australian Corps : Following from General RAMLISON, dated 29th - "Please convey to 5th Australian Division very best thanks for their most successful operation this morning. I heartily congratulate all concerned and wish the Division every good fortune."

From Australian Corps : Message from General BIRDWOOD - "Well done."

From General RAMSAY (58th Division) : "Many congratulations on your very successful operation."

335. RE-EQUIPPING :

Infantry Brigades, C.R.E., Machine Gun Battalion, and Pioneer Battalion will forward a report, to reach this Office on 5th prox., showing the progress made in the re-equipping of their Units.

336. COOKING IN THE FIELD :

Special attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order 2349 of 25-7-18. Commanding Officers should satisfy themselves that all cooks are in possession of the pamphlet "Cooking in the Field," and that attention is given to the points contained therein.

J.H. Bunche

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