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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 191.

Ref: Sheet 28 S.W.
Edition 6a, 1/20,000.

Headquarters,
11th March 1918.

The following will be the arrangements for projecting gas on the front of the 5th Australian Division.

1. The targets to be engaged fall into three groups:
 - (a) THE GIANT, 0.12.c.2.6. THE TWINS 0.11.d.9.2.
 - (b) FLY and WASP, 0.23.b, and PILLEGREMS FARM, 0.24.central.
The above two targets are on the left brigade front.
 - (c) DATUM HOUSE, 0.36.a.4.3
This target is on the right brigade front.
2. The date and hour of this discharge will be notified later. A raid will be made on the night after the discharge of gas. The ZERO hour for gas discharge will probably be between 10.0 p.m. and midnight.
3. The limits of direction of wind are from S.W. through W. to N.N.W., but these limits may be modified later. The velocity will not be more than 8 m.p.h.
4. The responsibility for discharging the gas will rest with the G.O.C. Brigade concerned, and in making his decision as to discharge he will seek the technical advice of the Special Company officer. In all cases ample notice will be given to this Headquarters as to whether gas will or will NOT be discharged and also when gas bombs are being taken forward.
5. The B.A.B. Trench Code No. 4 will be used for all messages in connection with the discharge of gas. In addition, all men will be warned that in case of capture by the enemy they are not to answer any questions, especially in relation to gas offensives.
6. Lieut. H.G.L.STRANGE M.C. R.E. (O.C. No.III Section of "Z" Special Co. R.E.) will make all arrangements for carrying parties, horse transport, and tramway trucks direct with the Headquarters of the right brigade, for the operations contemplated on the front of that brigade.
Lieut. C.I.SIMONS R.E. (O.C. No.I Section "Z" Special Co. R.E.) will similarly make arrangements with Headquarters of the left brigade for all targets opposite that front.
7. A special gas alert will be maintained in the forward area of the brigades in the line as soon as brigade headquarters are notified that gas bombs are being taken forward.
8. All troops within 800 yards of any of the targets specified above and also any troops in the line of fire of the projectors will be moved to a flank at the hour of discharge. Maps will be prepared and handed to Brigade Headquarters by "Z" Special Co. R.E., shewing the areas thus affected.
9. It is hoped to discharge the following number of projectors:

Against THE GIANT and THE TWINS	...	240
Against FLY and WASP	...	200
Against PILLEGREMS FARM	...	200
Against DATUM HOUSE and locality	...	560.

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The contents of these bombs will be in the proportion of two C.G. (a lethal gas) to one of N.C. (a gas which penetrates the German mask and causes coughing, thus rendering it difficult to keep the mask adjusted.)

10. A shrapnel ^{shoot} will be arranged by the artillery over each of the targets engaged after the ZERO hour of gas discharge. No gas shell will be used by the artillery on the night arranged for this operation until after the hour of projector discharge, in order that the enemy may be taken completely unawares.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Beck
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 11.30 a.m. to:

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Headquarters
17th March 1918.

To all recipients of 5th Australian Division Order No.191.

With reference to 5th Australian Division Order No. 191:-

1. The following alterations and additions will be made:-
 - (a) Para. 3. is cancelled and the following substituted:-
 "The limit of direction of wind for the projector discharge on THE GIANT and THE TWINS is W.S.W. through W. to N.N.W.; the safe wind limits for the other targets are from S.W. through W. to N.N.W.
 The velocity will not be more than 8 m.p.h.
 - (b) Para. 9. Line 5 should now read as follows:-
 "Against DATUM HOUSE and locality ... 600."
 (40 are directed beyond DATUM HOUSE towards GARDE DIEU.)
2. Reference para. 7. Gas bombs are now being installed in both forward brigade areas. A special gas will therefore be maintained throughout the whole of the forward zone forthwith.
3. Reference para. 8. Maps have been issued to Infantry Brigades in the line, Divisional Artillery, and Flank Divisions, showing the areas:-
 - (a) From which all troops are to be cleared;
 - (b) In which gas masks are to be worn from ZERO minus 5 minutes until ZERO plus 15 minutes.

J.H. Peck

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.



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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 192

Headquarters,
12th March 1918.

1. (a) The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade in the right brigade sector and area of the Divisional front during the night of 15th/16th March 1918 - relief to be completed by 8 a.m. on 16th instant.
(b) On completion of relief command will pass to G.O.C. 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. A strong covering party will be kept out in front of front line of posts until relief of front system of forward zone is complete. This covering party will be supplied by the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
In addition to the above, the ordinary protective arrangements will obtain.
3. Advanced parties of 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will go into the line on night 14th/15th instant, and corresponding parties of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will be withdrawn.
4. The nucleus garrisons of the front system of the Second (Corps) Zone at present supplied by the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will be withdrawn immediately after stand down on the morning of the 15th instant, and will be replaced by garrisons of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade during daylight of 15th instant.
5. Field working parties, at present supplied by the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade, will be discontinued from 4 p.m. 14th instant until the morning of the 18th instant when they will recommence and will be supplied by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- The right brigade machine gun group will come under command of the G.O.C. 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of the relief of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- All trench stores, trench maps, works policies, log books, and air photographs will be handed over on relief.

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- . Completion of relief will be notified to Divisional Headquarters by wire, in code.
- . ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. Peck

Lieutenant-Colonel, G.S.
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 9 p.m. to.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 193.

Reference Map O.31 - U.24
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WARNETON, 1/10,000.

Headquarters,
21st March 1918.

1. On the night 21st/22nd March 1918, an operation with Stokes Mortars having for its object the gassing of the enemy in his trench systems about U.6.c and U.6.a, will be carried out.
2. ZERO hour will be 2.30 a.m.
3. The operation will only take place provided the wind is between N.W. and S.S.W. inclusive, and provided the wind velocity is greater than 2 m.p.h.
4. During the operation the O.C. No. 2 Special Co. R.E. will establish himself at 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
5. A similar operation is taking place simultaneously on the left brigade front of the 2nd Australian Division.
6. The following code will be used:

RATIONS	will mean	"Conditions favourable"
RUM	will mean	"Conditions unfavourable at present."
RETURNS	will mean	"Conditions unfavourable - operation cancelled."
7. Immediately the operation is over, the 8th Infantry Brigade will wire to Divisional Headquarters the number of rounds fired, e.g. N.G. 250, C.G. 300.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

J. H. Beck
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 3 p.m. to:
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Divisional Artillery	5
Divisional Engineers	6
5th Pioneer Battalion	7
Divisional Signal Co.	8
Divisional Train	9
Divisional Gas Officer	10
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- Divisional Engineers
- 5th Pioneer Battalion
- Divisional Signal Co
- Divisional Train
- D.G.O.
- D.B.O.
- Divisional Salvage Co
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- D.A.D.V.S.
- D.A.D.O.S.
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- 4th Australian Division
- 3rd Sq. A.F.C.
- "Z" Special Co. R.E.
- No. 2 Special Co. R.E.
- AQ.

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With reference to Division Order No. 193, the operation referred to therein will be carried out tonight, 22nd/23rd March, provided weather conditions are favourable.

- 2. ZERO hour will be 11 p.m.
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

[Handwritten signature]
 Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
 5th Australian Division.

22nd March 1918.



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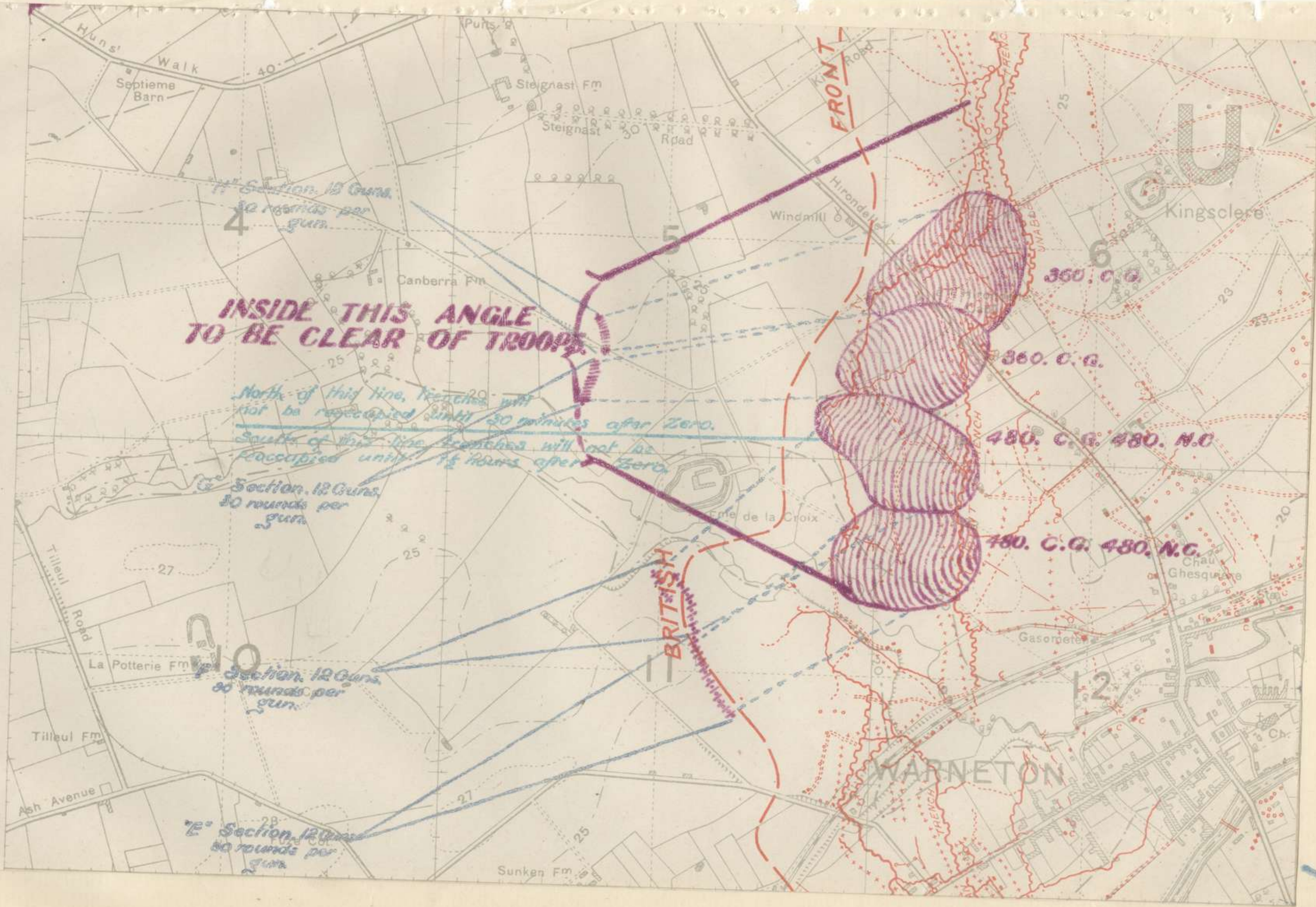
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 194.

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Honorary
23rd March 1918.

- The 5th Australian Division will be withdrawn from the line between the 24th and 26th March and will move into Corps Reserve.
- (i) The 1st Australian Division will take over the sector and area of the three left battalions of the 5th Australian Division on the nights 24th/25th and 25th/26th March. Command will pass at 10 a.m. 26th March.
- (ii) The 2nd Australian Division will take over the sector and area of the three right battalions of the 5th Australian Division on the nights 24th/25th and 25th/26th March. Command will pass at 10 a.m. 26th March.
- The 1st Australian Division will take over the left group of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and the 2nd Australian Division will take over the right group of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery. These groups will be formed of Army A.F.A. Brigades, and the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will remain in superimposed positions under orders to move at short notice. Detailed instructions will be issued by the G.O.C., R.A. Australian Corps.
- On relief the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will be concentrated as follows:-

Divisional Headquarters	DRANOUTRE
8th Infantry Brigade	RAVELSBERG, NEUVE EGLISE Area.
14th Infantry Brigade	LOCRE Area.
15th Infantry Brigade	KORTEPYP Area.

Details with regard to areas will be issued later.
- 5. All defence schemes, maps, works policies etc., will be handed over on relief. All working parties and detachments furnished by the 5th Australian Division will be relieved.
- 6. Instructions for the relief of Engineers and Pioneers, Machine Guns and Medical Units will be issued by the C.R.E., O.C. 5th Machine Gun Battalion and A.D.M.S. respectively.
- 7. Separate instructions will be issued by the Administrative Branch.
- 8. The established rules with reference to distances between units on the march, and action to deal with hostile aeroplane attack will be observed.
- 9. Routes will be selected by units with a view to avoiding localities known to be subject to enemy shelling, such as villages etc.
- 10. Subject to the terms of this order, arrangements for relief will be made direct between the Brigade Commanders concerned.
- 1. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A Peck
Lieut.-Colonel G.S.
5th Australian Division.

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Issued at 12 midnight to:-

	Copy No.
8th Infantry Brigade	1
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15th Infantry Brigade	3
5th Machine Gun Battalion	4
5th Pioneer Battalion	5
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Divisional Engineers	7
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Divisional Train	9
Divisional Gas Officer	10
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TABLE OF MOVES BASED ON 5th AUST. DIV. ORDER No.194.

Serial (1)	Unit (2)	Date (3)	From (4)	To (5)	Remarks (6)
1	2 Bns, 15th Bde	24/3/18	WULVERGHEM	KORTYPYP "A" Camp T.26.b.5.6 CANTEEN CORNER T.26.c.5.1	Camps will be available at 4 p.m. 24/3/18.
2	2 Bns, 14th Bde	24/3/18	Support Position Left Forward Bde area.	RIDGEWOOD No. 2 Camp, N.5.a.9.2 SEDDOM Camp N.5.c.5.2.	Camp will be available after 5 p.m.
3	30th and 32nd Bns, 8th Bde.	24th/25th March	Line	WULVERGHEM	Take over camps vacated by battalions described in Serial No. 1.
4	2 line Bns. 14th Bde (54th and 56th and L.T.M.B.)	24th/25th March	Line	Support positions left forward bde.	Take over positions vacated by Bns. described in Serial No. 2
5	14th Bde H.Q.	24th/25th March	REGENTS DU GOUTS N.29.c.4.4	RAMILLES Camp	15th Bde to arrange to hand over sufficient accommod- ation for one night.
6	2 Bns. 8th Bde	25th March	WULVERGHEM	ALDERSHOT Camp T.20.a.1.1 VAUXHALL Camp T.13.c	-
7	2 Bns 15th Bde 15th L.T.M.B.	25th March	ROSSIGNOL and RAMILLES Camps	KORTYPYP "B" Camp T.26.b.9.4 ROMARIN Camp B.4.a.9.3 T.M. Camp "BULFORD" T.20.c.5.0.	Camps will be clear by 4 p.m.

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5th Australian Division.

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Details as regards quarters of the above units, and quarters for Machine Gun Battalion, Engineers, Pioneer Battalion, and Administrative units will be arranged by the administrative branch of the Staff.

24th March 1918.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
8	15th Bde H.Q.	25th March	RAMILLIES CAMP	TROIS ROIS Camp T.20.c.7.7	Bdes. concerned to arrange clearance, 1.e.5th A.I. Bde and 15th A.I. Bde.
9	14th Bde H.Q.	25th March	RAMILLIES CAMP	LOCRE M.20.c.4.4	1.e.13th and 14th Bdes.
10	2 Bns. 14th Bde	25th March	RIDGEWOOD and SEDDON Camps	WAKFIELD Huts and DONCASTER Huts, M.29.c.3.5	Camps will be clear by midday, or as arranged by brigades direct.
11	2 Bns 14th Bde 1.T.M.Batt.	25th March	Support position left forward brigade area	BUR BARACKS M.29. a.8.8, KEMMEL Shelters N.19.d.4.4 T.M. Batt. Camp M.18.d.8.3.	-do-
12	2 Bns 8th Bde (29th and 31st Eng. L.M.B.)	25th/26th March	Line	NEVER EGGLISE T.14.a. 4.2, Hutting Camp T.15.b.4.5, KENT Farm T.25.d.2.1	-do-
13	4th Bde H.Q.	25th/26th March	Line	WATERLOO CAMP S.18.d.2.1	-do-

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 195

Ref:- Sheets HAZEBROUCK 5A,
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Headquarters
25th March 1918.

1. With reference to warning message G2909 of the 24th inst., and table issued on 25th inst., the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) accompanied by headquarters and three sections of the 5th Australian Divisional M.T.Co. will be transferred by rail and by road on the 27th inst., from the Second Army Area to the Third Army Area.
2. On arrival in the ACEUX Area (Third Army) the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will come into G.H.Q. Reserve.
3. Administrative instructions, including details of train arrangements will be issued separately.
4. "A" Echelon 5th Division Headquarters will close at DRANOUTRE at 9 a.m. on 27th inst., and will re-open in the new location, which will be notified later, at 5 p.m. on the same date.
"B" Echelon of 5th Division Headquarters will open at DRANOUTRE at 9 a.m. on 27th inst. and close on the departure of the last train.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.H. Peck
Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 10 p.m. to	Copy No.	Copies to:-	Copy No.
8th Infantry Brigade	1	Australian Corps	18-19
14th Infantry Brigade	2	Area C'dant, WIPPENHOEK	20
15th Infantry Brigade	3	" " RENINGHELST	21
5th Pioneer Battalion	4	" " METEREN	22
5th M.G. Battalion	5	R.T.O. BAILLEUL	23
Divisional Artillery	6	" HOPOUTRE	24
Divisional Engineers	7	" GODEWAERSVELDE	25
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Serial (1)	Unit (2)	Date (3)	From (4)	To (5)	Remarks (6)
1.	14th Inf. Bde. 53rd & 55th Bns.	25/3/18	RIDGEWOOD and SEDDON	HOPOUTRE Area - RENINGHELST.	By light railway entraining at GORDON FARM N.4.b. Each train 360 men at following times.- 10, 10.30., and 11 a.m. 12 noon 12.30 p.m. 1 p.m. Billets from Area C'dant RENINGHELST
2.	8th Inf. Bde. 30th & 32nd Bns.	25/3/18	WULVERGHEM	HOPOUTRE Area - WIPPENHOEK	March. Billets from Area Commandant, WIPPENHOEK
3.	14th Inf. Bde. 53rd & 55th Bns.	26/3/18	RENINGHELST	HOPOUTRE Area - WIPPENHOEK	March. Billets from Area Commandant, WIPPENHOEK
4.	8th Inf. Bde. 30th & 32nd Bns.	26/3/18	WIPPENHOEK	GODEWAERSVELDE	March. Billets from Area Commandant, GODEWAERSVELDE
5.	Balance of Trans- port. 14th Inf. Bde	26/3/18	LYTSCHEETE Area	HOPOUTRE AREA	March
6.	Balance of Trans- port. 8th Inf. Bde.	26/3/18	-do-	GODEWAERSVELDE	March
7.	14th Inf. Bde. 54th & 56th Bns. 14th L.T.M.B.	26/3/18	Support Position Left Forward Bde.	HOPOUTRE Area - RENINGHELST	By Light Railway entraining at LA POLLE N.21.d. 360 men to each train. Train times and billets as for serial No. 1.
8.	8th Inf. Bde. 29th & 31st Bns. 8th L.T.M.B.	26/3/18	KEMEL Area	GODEWAERSVELDE	By bus, embussing on LINDENHOEK- KEMEL - LA CLYFFE Road, but avoiding cross roads, KEMEL & LINDENHOEK. Brigade will arrange debussing point.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
9.	Pioneer Bn (less 1 Co.)	26/3/18	WYTSCHAETE AREA - present locations	HOPOUTRE Area	March. Come under orders of 14th Bde Commander on 26/3/18. Billets from 14th Bde. Group.
10.	1 Co. Pioneers	26/3/18	-do-	GODEWAERSVELDE	March. Come under orders of 8th Inf. Bde. Group 26/3/18. Billets from 8th Bde. Group.
11.	Engineers 8th, 14th & 15th Field Cos.	26/3/18	-do-	Affiliated Bde. locations	March. Come under orders of respective Bde. Groups on 26/3/18
12.	5th M.G. Bn.	26/3/18	-do-	8th, 14th, 15th Cos to affiliated Bde Areas. H.Q. & 25th Co. to 8th Bde Area	March. Come under orders of Bde. Groups on 26/3/18. O.C. M.G. Bn to arrange accordingly
13.	Salvage Co.	26/3/18	-do-	ETEREN	March. Come under orders of 15th Inf. Bde. Group
14.	Mob. Vet. Section	26/3/18	-do-	HOPOUTRE Area	March. Come under orders of 14th Inf. Bde. Group
15.	18th, 28th, 29th A.S.C. Cos. & Div. Train H.Q.	26/3/18	-do-	Co. to affiliated Bde. Areas. Div. Train H.Q. to 8th Bde Area	March. Come under orders of Bde. Groups on 26/3/18.
16.	Field Ambulances Sanitary Sect. att. to 15th Field Amb.	26/3/18	-do-	Affiliated Bde. Areas.	March. Come under orders of Bde. Group on 26/3/18.
17.	Div. H.Q. (less Arty) & less Officers & O.R.'s moving by road.	27/3/18	-do-	ETEREN	March. Entrain at CAESTRE

H. Peck

Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th Australian Division.

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ADDITION TO TABLE OF MOVES ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH WARNING ORDER IN MESSAGE No. G2909

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18.	$\frac{1}{2}$ S.A.A. Section	28/3/18	Present location	LODEWARSVELDE	Entrain in accordance with orders to be issued later
19.	Remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ S.A.A. Section	28/3/18	-do-	CAESTRE	-do-

W. Beck

Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th Australian Division.

25th March 1918.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

OPERATIONS

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.

Headquarters,
30th March 1918.

METHOD OF ISSUE OF ORDERS

It is probable that the Division will be engaged in operation of an offensive or defensive nature in the near future. Consequently, in order to avoid deluging units with a mass of orders and instructions just prior to such operations, an endeavour will be made to issue orders in the form of preliminary instructions from time to time, and finally to summarize these instructions in a final order. Many amendments of the details are inevitable, naturally, but the general principles, laid down in F.S.R.I and amplified in S.S. 135 "The Training and Employment of Divisions 1918" and kindred pamphlets will remain the same. The Divisional Commander wishes all ranks to study these pamphlets closely, so that by correct application of the principles contained therein success in action may be ensured.

It is recommended, also, that the method of issue of orders and instructions followed by the Division should be carried out by ALL units, so that every man may know the action required of him.

2. The points which will be dealt with in these instructions are as follows :-

"G" BRANCH OF THE STAFF.

- (i) Method of issue of orders.
- (ii) Work required to organize our own defensive system for the attack or defence, including the construction of Battle-Headquarters and Observation Posts, and the improvement and development of existing accommodation and communications.
- (iii) Assembly areas, and the allotment of tracks and trenches.
- (iv) Artillery plan, including preliminary bombardment, barrages, time tables and liaison, and organization into groups.
- (v) Employment of machine guns.
- (vi) Allotment and employment of engineers and pioneer units in attack and defence, and preparations for taking forward engineer material and stores.
- (vii) Signal communications.
- (viii) Co-operation with R.F.C.
- (ix) Action of tanks.
- (x) Intelligence arrangements, including the disposal of prisoners of war and captured documents, and the arrangements for obtaining, sifting and distributing information concerning the enemy.

- (xi) Maps to be carried.
- (xii) Liaison officers.
- (xiii) Arrangements for synchronisation of watches.
- (xiv) General objective or line of Corps with objective or line of divisions on flanks.
- (xv) What is known of the enemy opposing the division.
- (xvi) Objectives or defensive area of division, and brigades.
- (xvii) Location and movement of Headquarters.
- (xviii) Use of Smoke and Gas.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH OF THE STAFF.

- (xix) (a) Number of officers and other ranks to accompany assaulting battalions. (b) Appointments of understudies for staff and nomination of officers to command in the event of casualties. This will be issued confidentially to those whom it concerns.
- (xx) Fighting kit, including ammunition, flares, rations etc., to be carried, and arrangements for storing surplus kit.
- (xxi) Administrative arrangements, including the formation of ammunition, store, ration and water dumps, and arrangements for keeping them filled.
- (xxii) Medical arrangements.
- (xxiii) Police arrangements for traffic control in the forward area, and for straggler's posts.
- (xxiv) Formation of mixed unit from stragglers collected at Divisional Headquarters, to be known as "5th Australian Division Mixed Brigade".

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

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

- OPERATIONS -

Headquarters,
30th March/18.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS.

The following officers are detailed for liaison duty as under:-

Unit	Name of officer	Remarks
Right flank Div.	Capt. A.C. WHITE M.C. 30th Bn.	Report when ordered.
Left flank Div.	Capt. L. McDONALD 57th Bn.	-do-
Right Inf. Bde.	Capt. C.J. BLOMFIELD M.C. 31st Bn.	-do-
Left Inf. Bde	Capt. H.A. ROBERTS 56th Bn.	-do-

The O.C. Divisional Signal Company will allot a motor cyclist despatch rider to Liaison Officers for duty as required.

Details with regard to the information required have been issued separately to the officers concerned.

- The right and left infantry brigades will each detail an officer with 2 runners to act as brigade liaison officer with flank brigades. Details will be arranged direct between G.O's.C. flank brigades.
- The Reserve Infantry Brigade will detail similar parties to act as brigade liaison with right and left brigades.
- The exchange of these parties will take place at 12 noon on the day previous to the attack. Names of the officers selected will be reported to this office 24 hours prior to attack.

Battalions on the flank of infantry brigades will arrange liaison by exchange of officers with neighbouring battalions, including those of neighbouring Divisions. Runners will be detailed to accompany these officers.

Care will be taken to acquaint neighbouring formations and units with the position of Brigade, Battalion, and other Headquarters should any change take place during the operation.

- 7. Arrangements will be made for the attachment of artillery liaison officers to the headquarters of Brigades. The utmost use will be made of the services of these officers, who should be consulted on all matters appertaining to artillery work. Battalion and Company Commanders will make every endeavour to get and keep in touch with artillery F.O.O's during the operation and to afford them every facility in their power to assist them.
- 8. Arrangements will be made for the attachment of forward liaison officers to the battalions detailed for the attack of the final objective. These officers will be accommodated at battalion headquarters and given every facility for carrying out their duties.

W. Peck

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

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Preliminary Instructions
No. 1

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,
30th March 1918.DUTIES OF LIAISON OFFICER.

(Not exhaustive but suggestive.)

- 1. Know general plan of attack or defence of Division and Brigade he is with, and reasons for its adoption.
- 2. Know reasons in details for any rather abnormal line of action.
- 3. Frontages, Depths, Leapfrogging, and numbers employed.
 - (a) for waves:
 - (b) mopping up:
 - (c) carrying:
 - (d) reserves:
 - (e) covering consolidation.
- 4. Numbers of Stokes and Machine Guns going forward, or in line.
- 5. Roughly, bombs etc. dumped.
- 6. Details of approach march.
- 7. Places for us to assemble in case we attack through another Division, or through our own troops.
- 8. Administrative details, water, rations, stragglers etc.
- 9. Probable length of our approach march.
- 10. Raiding prior to zero, and practice barrages.
- 11. Probable difficulties of round we shall have to encounter.
- 12. Roughly, organization of Division's battalions in attack and defence, and success it met with. What alterations, if any, they advise.
- 13. Artillery plan - both Divisional and Heavies.
- 14. Machine Gun barrages and direct fire positions.
- 15. Smoke and Gas.
- 16. Action of R.E. and Pioneers.
- 17. State of our newly consolidated lines and the enemy's lines.
- 18. Our wire, if any, in front of the new lines and the enemy's.
- 19. Signal arrangements.
- 20. S.O.S. arrangements including repeating posts.
- 21. Positions of, and likely positions for, various Headquarters.
- 22. Aircraft.

DURING THE FIGHT.

- 23. To keep us fully in touch, not by repeating a flow of potty messages, but by giving periodical resumes every one to three hours and whenever anything really important happens.
- 24. All possible information about the enemy, as gleaned not only from any Intelligence documents that may pass through his hands, but also from the opinions expressed by the Divisional Commander and Staff as to enemy's attitude, dispositions, moral, strength, defences, tactical methods, artillery activity, use of smoke or gas, light signals, statements by prisoners etc., etc.


Lieut-Colonel G.S.
5th Australian Division.

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Aust: Corps H.A.
No: 9/398.
12th March, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER No: 129.
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Reference Target Maps :-
HOUTHEN & WARNETON, 1/10,000.

1. Raids are being carried out by 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION during the night 13/14th March on DATUM HOUSE, RIFLE FARM and JULY FARM.
2. Corps Heavy Artillery will co-operate as detailed in attached table.
3. Counter-battery instructions are being issued by C.B.S.O.
4. Hour of Zero will be notified later.
5. Each Brigade will detail one officer to synchronise watches at Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery at 6 p.m. 13th March, 1918.
6. 106 fuzes will not be used unless specially ordered.
7. Please ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. A. G. Hardet

Major, R.A.,

Issued at 8 p.m.

Brigade Major, Aust: Corps Heavy Arty.

Issued to :-

- Copy No:
1. G.O.C.R.A.
 2. 5th Aust: Divn: G.
 3. 5th Aust: D.A.
 4. 12th Brigade, R.G.A.
 5. 18th " "
 6. 36th " "
 7. 41st " "
 8. 52nd " "
 9. C.B.S.O.
 - 10 Staff Captain.
 11. 3rd Squadron, A.F.C.
 12. 6th Balloon Coy.
 13. File.
 - 14 - 16. War Diary.

RAID - 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DATE	T I M E.		BRIGADE	BATTERY	CALIBRE	SHELL	FUZE	Maximum No: of rds, to be expended.	TARGET.	REMARKS.
	From.	To.								
NIGHT 13/14 March 1918.	Zero	Zero plus 30 minutes	12 Bde.RGA.	242 Siego.	6" How.	H.E.	Delay.	120 rds.	0.24.a.5025 PILL FARM. 0.24.c.6545 LAKE FARM. 0.24.c.8505 0.30.b.5030 One How on each.	Rate of fire :- 6" Hows: One round per gun per minute with occasional pauses.
	"	"	12 Bde.RGA.	5. R.M.A.	15" How.	H.E.	Delay.	4 rds.	U.6.b.2030 KINGSCLERE.	
	"	"	41 Bde.RGA.	1 Siego.	6" How.	H.E.	Delay.	120 rds.	0.36.d.30.50. 0.36.d.5590 OORONG FM. 0.36.b.2550 ESPERANCE CABT. 0.29.d.5015 GUARD FM.	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO.172.

Headquarters,
13th March, 1918.

Reference Maps 1-10,000 KORTENWILDE and BAS-WARNETON.

1. Raids will be carried out on the night 13th/14th March, 1918, as under by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade:-

- (a) By the 58th Battalion, Australian Infantry,
 - (i) Front line trench between 0.35.d.81.80 and 0.35.d.75.99 & ground beyond for about 50 yards.
 - (ii) Second line of trenches in front of DATUM HOUSE between 0.36.c.15.98 and 0.36.a.20.20.
 - (iii) DATUM HOUSE Pill-box.

(b) By the 60th Battalion, Australian Infantry, Objectives - JULY FARM and RIFLE FARM.

2. C.O. MESSINES Group will arrange the Field Artillery programme for para 1 (a). The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery are assisting with 1-18 pr. Battery. Details of Support required will be arranged by C.O. MESSINES Group with C.O. LEFT GROUP, 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

C.O. OOSTTAVERNE Group will arrange the Field Artillery programme for para 1 (b).

3. C.O.'s MESSINES and OOSTTAVERNE Groups will forward their programmes to this office for approval by the C.R.A.

4. The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery are making a diversion in U.11.d & U.17.b at ZERO HOUR.

5. Counter Battery and Heavy Artillery Support has been arranged and will be given by the AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

6. Times will be synchronised under arrangements to be made by this office.

7. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Right Brigade Sector during the night March 15th/16th.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

A. Stilton

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11.50 a.m. to :-	Copy No.	Copy No.
MESSINES Group.	1.	C.D.S.O. (thro' A.C.E.A.) 12.
OOSTTAVERNE Group.	2.	14th. A.I. Brigade. 13.
HOLLERHEKE Group.	3.	15th. A.I. Brigade. 14.
C.O. LEFT Group, 2nd.A.D.A.	4.	R.O. 15.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	5.	File. 16.
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.	6.	War Diary. 17 - 19.
1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	7.	Staff Captain. 20.
"GW" 5th. Aust. Divn.	8.	6th. (Army) Aust.F.A. Bde. 21.
"Q" 5th. " "	9.	"Q" AUSTRALIAN CORPS. 22.
R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	10.	SIGNALS, 5th. D.A.H.Q. 23.
H.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	11.	

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 144.

Ref. Maps: BAS WARNEBON 1/10,000
KORTEWILDE 1/10,000

12th March, 1918.

1. (a) Two Raids will be carried out simultaneously by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade on 14th March, 1918 at 3.30 a.m..
(b) No. 1 Raid will be against the enemy front and support lines on both sides of the CINEME ROAD in O.35D and O.36.A. respectively and DATUM HOUSE and will be carried out by the 58th Battalion with a party of 5 Officers and 74 Other Ranks.
No. 2 Raid will be against RIFLE and JULY FARMS and will be carried out by the 30th Battalion with a party of 2 Officers and 50 Other Ranks.
2. Each Raid will be covered by an Artillery and Machine Gun box barrage and No. 1 Raid will in addition be supported by the 15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery. Details of Artillery, Machine Gun and Light Trench Mortar Action will be issued separately to all concerned.
3. The objects of the Raid are:
(a) To kill or capture as many of the enemy as possible.
(b) To destroy enemy defences and obtain identifications.
4. All details of the Raids will be arranged by the Battalion Commanders concerned.
5. The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade are co-operating by making a CHINESE ATTACK against FLY BUILDINGS at the same hour.
6. Watches will be synchronized through the Brigade Signal Office at 10.0 p.m. on the 13th March and at 1.0 a.m. on the 14th March, 1918.
7. Reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Street
Major,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



Issued at 10.0 p.m.

To.	Copy No.	Copy No.
58th Battalion	1.	8th Field Coy. A.E. 10.
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15th L.T.M.B.	4.	14th A.I. Brigade 13.
MESSINES Group Artillery	5.	15th Field Ambulance 14.
OOSTRAVERNE Group Art'y.	6.	5th Aust. Division 15.
Copies to:		B.G.C. 15th A.I. Bde. 16.
57th Battalion	7.	War Diary 17, 19.
59th Battalion	8.	File 20.
15th Field Coy. A.E.	9.	

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Headquarters,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,
12th March, 1918.

Headquarters,
5th Aust. Div.,

In continuation of this office S.G.22/10 of the 8th inst. hereunder please find outline of raids to be carried out by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade on the night 13th/14th March.

No.1 RAID To be carried out by the 58th Battalion with a party of Officers and 74 Other Ranks against the following objectives (1 party to each objective).

- (a) Front line trench between _____ and ground beyond for about 50 yards.
- (b) Second line of trenches in front of DATUM HOUSE between _____

(c) DATUM HOUSE Pill box.

Wire is being cut in front of the objectives daily and also at selected spots along the front.

At Zero hour a barrage of 18 pounders and Stokes Mortars will be placed on the first objective lasting until Zero plus 2 minutes.

At Zero plus 2 minutes the 18 pounders will lift 100 yards and the Stokes Mortars switch outwards covering the flanks. No. 1 Party secure the first objective pushing riflemen well forward under the barrage. At Zero plus 6 minutes the barrage lifts to the second objective where it remains for two minutes - Nos. 2 and 3 parties meantime passing through No. 1 Party.

At Zero plus 8 minutes the barrage lifts about 100 yards till Zero plus 9 when it lifts about 100 yards and remains down until the cease fire is given. No. 2 Party then secure the second objective and search for suspected M.G. Positions. When the trench is occupied No. 3 Party move through No. 2 Party and enter DATUM HOUSE Pill Box, having first thrown in an egg bomb. A "Booby Trap" of Stokes Mortars will be left in the Pill Box.

SHELLS

No. 3 Party will return along the road covered by Nos. 1 and 2 parties. When No. 3 reports all through No. 2 Party will return covered by No. 1 Party who will then make their own way back keeping close to the road. At Zero hour when the barrage falls Machine Guns will form a box barrage outside the third objective and 4.5" howitzers will be employed in neutralizing all troublesome points. The Machine Guns and Howitzers will fire from Zero until the cease fire is ordered.

No. 2 RAID: To be carried out by the 60th Battalion simultaneously with No. 1 Raid. This raid is divided into two parties: (1) of 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks and (2) of 1 Officer and 30 Other Ranks. No. 1 Party will be known as the Right Party and will have as its objective JULY FARM. No. 2 Party will be known as the Left Party and will have as its objective RIFLE FARM. O/C attack will be in our front line. An Artillery bombardment of two minutes will be put down on the objectives at Zero hour and at Zero plus 2 minutes the barrage will lift to form a box and the raiding parties will enter the objectives. The cease fire will be given by the O/C attack. A Machine Gun Barrage will also be formed outside the Artillery and Howitzers will be employed on neutralizing fire from Zero hour till cease fire.

The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade have been asked to co-operate by putting up a Chinese Attack at Zero Hour with Artillery.

Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to:
14th A.I. Brigade.
WarDiary (3).
File.

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- 18th Bn
- 7th Bn
- 2nd Bn
- 2 Special Com

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Asst. Comdant
 17/9/44
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COUNT BATTERY - AUSTRALIAN CORPS H.A.
*****COUNTER BATTERY ORDER NO 39/9

1. In support of a raid to be carried out on the night of the 13/14th inst, the following targets will be engaged.
2. Fire will commence at Zero, and continue till Zero plus 30 mins unless otherwise ordered.
3. Rates of fire as laid down in No 39/6 of 10.3.18.

12th BRIGADE.

70 S.B.	PY 41, 51, 54, P 27 d 3020, P 32 b 7060.
263 S.B.	PZ 8, 20, 101.
319 S.B.	PZ 19, 163, P 34 b 5060, P 35 a 0550.

18th BRIGADE.

117 S.B.	VX 111, V 4 d 9020, VX 10.
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41st BRIGADE.

6 S.B.	PY 74, VW 15 (V 2 d 1845)
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36th BRIGADE.

2(AUST)S.B.	} as for Order No 39/6 dated 10.3.18.
1(AUST)S.B.	

52nd BRIGADE:

10 S.B.	VW 21, 23, 24, V 14 b 8415.
29 S.B.	PZ 73, VZ 3.
82 S.B.	VW 28.

4. Zero hour will be notified later.
5. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. ✓

R.A. Wilson Comd

for. Lieut. Col. R.A.

C.B.S.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTY.

12.3.18.

Issued at 8 p.m.

Copies to:- No 1, R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

2. Brigade Major, H.A.
3. Staff Captain, H.A.
4. 5th AUST. DIVN. G.
5. 5th AUST. DIV. ARTY.
6. 52 Brigade.
7. 12 Brigade.
8. 41 Brigade.
9. 36 Brigade.
10. 18 Brigade.
11. 3rd Squadron.
12. 6th Balloon Co.
13. File.
14. Spare.



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55th. Battalion.

53rd.. Battalion.
 54th. Battalion.
 56th. Battalion.
 14th. M.G. Coy.
 14th. L.T.M.B.
 25th. M.G. Coy.
 HOLLEBEKE Group.
 3rd. AustzInf. Bde.
 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 5th. Australian Division.)

For information.

(1). In conjunction with the 15th. Inf. Bde. minor operation to be carried out against JULY and RIFLE FARMS on the night 13th/14th. March, the 55th Battalion supported by HOLLEBEKE GROUP Artillery, will carry out a "Chinese Attack" against FLY BUILDINGS.

(2). The 55th Battalion will arrange in conjunction with the 14th. F. Coy. to place five sets of 3 dummy figures each in position approximately on the line O.17.d.3.1. to O.17.d.40.25. after dusk on the 13th March. These are to be operated from the vicinity of S.P.1.O.17. (O.17.c.8.3.) by a party under the orders of LIEUT. MILLER, 55th Battalion.

(3). The artillery will co-operate with a bombardment on FLY BUILDINGS and machine gun positions in the vicinity from Zero to Zero plus 2 minutes. A box barrage will then be placed round FLY BUILDINGS and a bombardment on HIGH and CENTRE FARMS continued until Zero plus 15 minutes or cease fire.

(4). The figures will be raised at Zero, and from Zero on raised and lowered as long as possible, until cessation of the bombardment.

(5). Zero hour will be notified later.

(6). 55th Battalion acknowledge.

13.3.18.



[Signature]
 Major,
 BRIGADE MAJOR,
 14th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

Headquarters
AUSTRALIAN CORPS



HEADQUARTERS 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.		
No.	43/5	3926
Date	16-3-18	

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A copy of the report by the C.O. 55th Battalion on the Chinese Attack carried out in co-operation with the raids by the 15th Infantry Brigade on the night 13th/14th March is forwarded herewith.

J. J. Hobbs

14th March 1918.

Major-General,
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

*Copy taken for
W. D. Gray
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 ADDITIONAL REPORT ON DUMMY RAID CARRIED OUT ON FLY BUILDINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH RAID BY 60th BATTALION A.I.F. is forwarded herewith:-

A patrol of L.N.C.O. (Sgt. BOURKE) and 9 O.R.'s left S.P.2.O.17. at midnight to form covering party for working party placing dummy figures in position. This patrol observed an enemy party of 20 at a point about 120 yards in front of our wire, and were forced to return. At 2 p.m. they moved out from TINY FM in an easterly direction between parallel hedges and were followed by the working party with dummy figures which were set up without incident in rough echelon on western side of trench and barb wire from O.17.d.20.35 to O.17.d.30.45. This trench is in good order and the wire which is German forms a good obstacle. From tracks around it appears it appears to have been made use of recently by the enemy.

Patrol and party then withdrew to S.P.1.O.17., the garrison of which had been withdrawn.

At ZERO plus 10 minutes the enemy apparently picked up the figures by flare light and concentrated a M.G. barrage on to them. Flares and M.G. fire appeared first to come from some distance back and gradually move forward. Party report that enemy front line positions were greatly strengthened by M.G. fire by about ZERO plus 15 minutes. At this time enemy flares - white only - were thrown in large numbers into dummy figures and an extremely heavy M.G. and MW barrage was put on to them. By the flare light one of the figures was observed to be jammed and standing upright.

No. S.O.S. was sent up by enemy and apart from a few H.E. Shrapnel on S.P.1.O.17 there was no artillery fire.

At 5.30 a.m. heavy M.G. and MW fire was also directed on to S.P.1.O.17. Much of the latter fire came from direction of CENTRE FARM and M.G.'s were firing from BANG, WHIZ, and FLY BLDGS.

In addition a M.G. was firing on ground in front of S.P.6.O.23 from a point just across hedge in front.

Pineapples fell in vicinity of Adv. Coy. H.Q.

Flares were thrown from FLY BLDGS and from a point about O.17.d.7.6. L.T.M. Co-operation was obtained in hopes of knocking down the standing figure but as the flares discontinued it was not possible to observe result.

A M.G. and Stokes barrage is suggested round figures after dusk this evening to prevent enemy from investigating them. Owing to the heavy fire this morning till daybreak it was impossible to bring them in.

From the amount of fire which the figures drew, the operation was highly successful in diverting fire.

13/3/18.

(sgd) P.W. WOODS Lieut-Colonel,
 Commanding 55th Battalion A.I.F.

Headquarters
5th Australian Div.

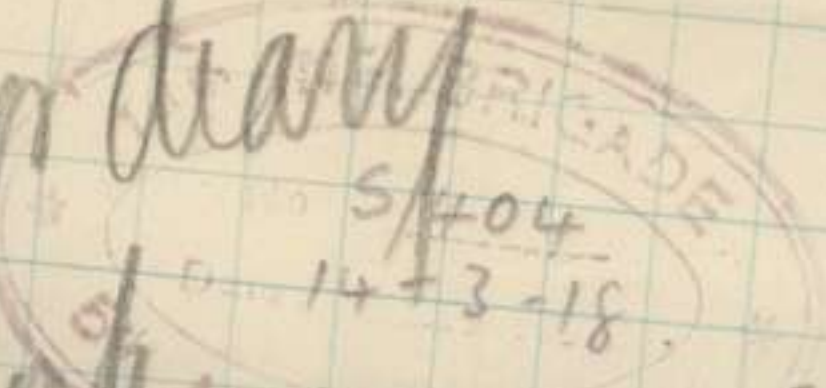
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report on Dummy Raid carried
out on the Buildings.
Please return after
perusal.

14-3-18.

A.C. Woolleych Lieut.
P.O. 14th A.I. Bde.

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No SOS was sent up by enemy and apart from a few HE shots on SP 1.0.17 there was no artillery fire.

At 5.30 am heavy M.G. and MW fire was also directed onto SP 1.0.17. Much of the latter fire came from direction of CENTRE FM and M.G.s were firing from BANG, WHIZ and FLY Bldgs. In addition a M.G. was firing on ground in front of SP 6.0.23 from a point just across hedge in front.

Pineapples fell in vicinity of Ado Coy HQ.

Flares were thrown from FLY Bldgs and from a point about 017 d 7.6.

Additional Report on Dummy Raid carried out on FLY Bldgs in conjunction with Raid by 60th Bn A.I.F. is forwarded herewith.

A patrol of 1 NCO (Sgt Bourke) and 9 OR left S.P. 2.0.17 at midnight to form covering party for working party placing dummy figures in position. This patrol observed an enemy party of 20 at a point about 120 yds in front of our wire, and were forced to return. At 2 am they moved out from TINY FM in an easterly direction between parallel hedges and were followed by the working party with dummy figures which were set up without incident in rough echelon on western side of trench and barbed wire from 017 d 20.35 to 017 d 30.45. This trench is in good order and the wire which is German forms a good obstacle. From tracks found it appears to have been made use of recently by the enemy. Patrol and party then withdrew to S.P. 1.0.17 the garrison of which had been withdrawn.

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A. Wood Lieut.-Col.
Comdg 55th Bn A.I.F.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date. 14th March, 1918 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	T I M E.	P U R P O R T.
1	F.N. 27	5th D.A.	3.57 pm	All back and stopping. F.Q. 89 have stopped.
2	F.Q. 89	5th D.A.	3.58 am	(Three prisoners, but don't know if all are back. Told to verify with
			3.59 am	(Col. Caddy and inform me.
3	5th D.A.	G.S.O 1	4.3 am	Informed, but says prisoners are in North.
4	F.N. 27	5th D.A.	4.4 am	Continuing firing. Have 3 prisoners and 1 casualty.
5	5th D.A.	H.A.A.C.	4.7 pm	Informed and asked for C.B. to continue.
6	F.Q. 89	5th D.A.	4.8 pm	Three prisoners of 163. Have C.B. stopped. Have just them to continue.
				All wires gone. Waiting for a runner.
7.	F.Q. 89	5th D.A.	4.15 pm	Are cease firing. All back, 1 casualty, 3 prisoners. Have informed
				F.N. 27.
8	5th D.A.	C.B.	4.18 pm	Informed.
9	F.N. 27	5th D.A.	4.19 pm	Have stopped firing.
10	5th D.A.	G.S.O 1	4.19 am	Informed and corroborated, but said only 1 prisoner in S 226 R
11	5th D.A.	3rd D.A.	4.21 am	Informed. Normal identification.
12	5th D.A.	F.Q. 89	4.27 am	Put burst of fire on raided spots presently.
13	F.N. 27	5th D.A.	4.28 am	Four prisoners. Informed of above.
14	5th D.A.	E.X. 103	4.29 am	Informed of result. Asked to put down bursts during remainder of night
				on FLY BUILDINGS.

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- 55th Battalion.
- 53rd Battalion.
- 54th Battalion.
- 56th Battalion.
- 14th M.G. Coy.
- 14th L.T.M.B.
- 25th M.G. Coy.
- HOLLEBEKE Group.
- 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 5th Australian Division.)

For information.



Reference this office G14/1025 of 12th March.
 Zero hour 3.30 a.m.
 55th Battalion acknowledge.

RECEIVED
 MILITARY MESSAGE
 G14/1064
 Date 13.3.18

13/3/18.

J. Slinderson
 Major,
 BRIGADE MAJOR,
 14th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE.



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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge. Nc. of Message.....

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Recd. at m.

PRIORITY Sent Service. Date.....

Kaloodland At..... m. From.....

To..... By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

Lieut-Col. G.S. *75m/40 Du Sigs Dm/20*

TO *812uff/De Pions Duant adms Z Spec Coll*

4 " " Duwengo D Bo

75 " " Duwengo D Bo

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* G 1057	13	622/936	AAA
CCC	214	829	842
003	030	434	841
003	014	aaa	ACKNOWLEDGE

noted L.G.M. JMR.

From **5th AUST. DIV.**

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Kaloodland*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

Prefix..... Code..... m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			
	At.....m.		Date.....	
	To.....		From.....	
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

PRIORITY
La Goodland
 Lieut-Col. G.S.

TO { Aust. Corps
 1st Aust. Div. 4th Aust. Div.
 5th Aust. Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* 1658	13	622/986	AAA
NNN 201	824	829	003
030	473	827	003
014	aaa ACKNOWLEDGE		

From

Place **5th AUST.DIV.**

Time

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SECRET.

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* Headquarters

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

8th Infantry Brigade
 14th Infantry Brigade
 15th Infantry Brigade
 25th Machine Gun Co
 5th Pioneer Battalion
 Divisional Artillery
 Divisional Engineers
 Divisional Signal Co.

A.D.M.S.

D.B.O.

D.A.D.O.S.

D.M.G.O.

"Z" Special Co. R.E.

"AQ"

- * 1st Australian Division
- * 2nd Australian Division
- * 4th Australian Division

} For
 } information.

The following is an outline of raids to be carried out by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade on the night 13th/14th March 1918.

No. 1 RAID. To be carried out by the 58th Battalion with a party of Officers and 74 Other Ranks against the following objective (1 party to each objective).

- (a) Front line trench between 0.35.d.81.80 & 0.35.d.75.99 and ground beyond for about 50 yards.
- (b) Second line of trenches in front of DATUM HOUSE between 0.36.c.15.98 and 0.36.a.20.20
- (c) DATUM HOUSE pill box.

Wire is being cut in front of the objectives daily and also at selected spots along the front.

At Zero hour a barrage of 18 prs. and Stokes mortars will be placed on the first objective lasting until Zero plus 2 minutes.

At Zero plus 2 minutes the 18 prs. will lift 100 yards and the Stokes mortars switch outwards covering the flanks. No.1 Party secure the first objective pushing riflemen well forward under the barrage. At Zero plus 6 minutes the barrage lifts to the second objective where it remains for 2 minutes - Nos. 2 and 3 parties meantime passing through No.1 party.

At Zero plus 8 minutes the barrage lifts about 100 yards till Zero plus 9 when it lifts about 100 yards and remains down until the cease fire is given. No.2 party then secure the second objective and search for suspected M.G. positions.

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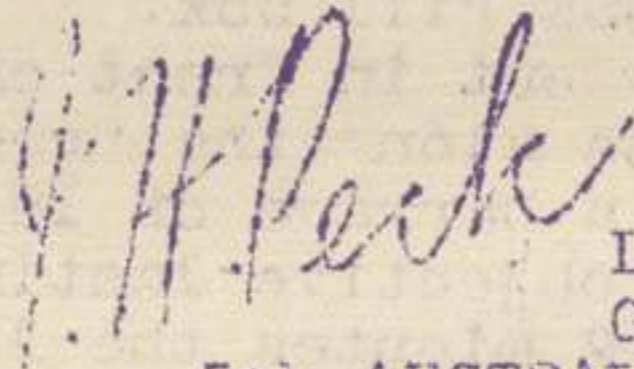
When the trench is occupied No.3 party move through No.2 Party and enter DATUM HOUSE Pill box, having first thrown in an egg bomb. A "Fooby Trap" of Stokes Mortar shells will be left in the Pill box. No.3 party will return along the road covered by Nos. 1 and 2 parties. When No.3 reports all through No. 2 party will return covered by No. 1 party who will then make their ^{own} way back keeping close to the road.

At Zero hour when the barrage falls Machine Guns will form a box barrage outside the third objective and 4.5" howitzers will be employed in neutralizing all troublesome points. The Machine Guns and Howitzers will fire from Zero until the cease fire is ordered.

No. 2 RAID. To be carried out by the 3th Battalion simultaneously with No. 1 Raid. This raid is divided into two parties: (1) of 1 officer and 20 Other Ranks and (2) of 1 officer and 30 Other Ranks. No. 1 party will be known as the Right Party and will have as its objective JULY FARM. No. 2 party will be known as the Left Party will have as its objective RIFLE FARM. O/C attack will be in our front line. An Artillery bombardment of two minutes will be put down on the objectives at Zero hour and at Zero plus 2 minutes the barrage will lift to form a box and the raiding parties will enter the objectives.

The cease fire will be given by the O/C attack. A Machine Gun barrage will also be formed outside the Artillery, and Howitzers will be employed in neutralizing fire from Zero hour till cease fire.

The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade have been asked to co-operate by putting up a Chinese Attack at Zero hour with Artillery.



Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.

12th March 1918.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(in pads of 100).

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent		
			At.....	m.	Date.....
			To.....		From.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { 2nd Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 41180	14		

Many thanks for
valuable artillery
assistance in this
morning raids aac
General HOBBS

From	S	Aust	Div
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Eddy

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 3122.
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

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Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.....	Sent, or sent out.....	Office Stamp.....
			From.....	At..... m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions				By.....	

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO
5th
Batt
Gum

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

following from end
Army begins aac
Her HERBERT wishes
to congratulate
all concerned on
successful Raid
banned out aac end

FROM
TIME & PLACE
Corps

*This line should be erased if not required.

800,000.—John Bissell, Ltd.—1927.—1000. Form C3122



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 Army Form C. 2121.
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
.....		At..... m.			From.....
.....		To.....			By.....
.....		By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { BINDER + BRACKET

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>Adc 2</u>	<u>14/3/18</u>		

<u>Corps</u>	<u>Commander and</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Hobbs</u>	<u>congratulate</u>	<u>Btton</u>
<u>Commander and</u>	<u>all concerned</u>	
<u>on</u>	<u>Success</u>	<u>of</u>
<u>night's</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>last</u>

From	<u>TOOLS</u>	
Place		
Time		

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SUGGESTED TRENCH ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION

Detail	PERSONNEL					
	Officers	Warrant Officers	Staff Sergeants and Sergeants	Rank and File	TOTAL	
					excluding	attached
				Offrs.	O.Rs.	
Headquarters (excl. attached)	5	1	5	43	5	49
Headquarters (attached)	1	-	1	2	1	3
Four Companies	25	4	16	536	25	556
Total Battalion (excl. attached)	30	5	21	579	30	605
Total Battalion (inc. attached)	31	5	22	581	31	608

Composition in Detail

Headquarters						
Leut-Col. or Major	1	-	-	-	1	-
Lieutnant	1	-	-	-	1	-
Platoon Officer	1	-	-	-	1	-
Intelligence Officer	1	-	-	-	1	-
Reg. Sergeant Major	-	1	-	-	1	-
R. Clerk	-	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks for Ord. Room	-	-	1	-	-	1
Platoon Sgt. and Cpl.	-	-	1	2	-	2
Signalling Officer	1	-	-	1	-	2
Signallers	-	-	1	-	1	-
Other Personnel	-	-	1	16	-	17
Carried Forward	5	1	4	19	5	24



Brought Forward	5	1	4	19	5	24
stretcher Bearers	-	-	-	4	-	4
orderlies for M.O.	-	-	-	1	-	1
Pioneer Sgt & Pioneers	-	-	1	8	-	9
books	-	-	-	3	-	3
binders	-	-	-	4	-	4
sanitary Duties	-	-	-	1	-	1
ratmen	-	-	-	3	-	3
Total	5	1	5	43	5	49
attached A.M.C.	1	-	-	3	1	3
TOTAL HEADQUARTERS (inc. attached)	6	1	5	46	6	52
<u>Company Headquarters each,</u>						
Major or Captain	1	-	-	-	1	-
Company Sergeant Major	-	1	-	-	-	1
signallers	-	-	-	6	-	6
Scouts	-	-	-	4	-	4
Gas Personnel	-	-	-	1	-	1
stretcher Bearers	-	-	-	4	-	4
sanitary Duties	-	-	-	1	-	1
ratmen (also runners)	-	-	-	1	-	1
runner	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total Coy. Headquarters	1	1	-	18	1	19
Total 4 Coy. Headquarters	4	4	-	72	4	76
<u>Platoons each</u>						
<u>Headquarters</u>						
batman	1	-	-	-	1	-
Platoon Sergeant	-	-	1	-	-	1
runner	-	-	-	1	-	1
ratmen (also runners)	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total Platoon Headquarters	1	-	1	2	1	3
Sections	-	-	-	27	-	27
Total 16 Platoons	16	-	16	464	16	480
Total One Company	5	1	4	134	5	139



SECRET

G22/1858

Headquarters,
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
 8th Infantry Brigade
 14th Infantry Brigade
 15th Infantry Brigade
 O.C. 5th Australian M.G. Bn.
 Divisional Artillery
 Divisional Engineers
 Divisional Signal Co.
 A.D.M.S.
 Divisional Bomb officer
 D.A.D.O.S.
 1st Australian Division
 2nd Australian Division
 4th Australian Division
 "Z" Special Co. R.E.
 No. 2 Special Co. R.E.
 "AQ"

For
 information.

Approval for the 14th Infantry Brigade to carry out a
 raid on THE TWINS, 28.0.11.d.95.25 on the night 19th/20th instant
 is requested please.

Detailed plans will be submitted later.

18th March 1918.

J. H. Peck
 for Major General,
 Commanding 5th Australian Division.

A.D.D.



SECRET*G22/2107*

Headquarters,
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
 8th Infantry Brigade
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 No. 2 Special Co. R.E.

With reference to this office letter G22/1858 of 18/3/18 and wire G2041 of 19/3/18, the raid will NOT take place tonight 20th/21st having been further postponed.

J.H. Beck
 Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff.
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

20th March 1918.

Copy to "Q"

