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WAR DIARY.

GENERAL STAFF, V CORPS.

APPENDICES.

July 1st - 31st, 1916.

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V CORPS OPERATION ORDER No.70.

H.Q., V Corps.
7/7/16.

1. Under instructions from Second Army, the following re-adjustments of the line will take place:-

- (a) 7th and 2nd Australian Brigades and 1st Anzac Artillery are to be relieved by the 24th Division to-morrow night, July 8th/9th.
- (b) 50th Division will extend its right to-morrow night to the KEMMEL - WYTSCHAETE Road inclusive, under arrangements to be made between G.O.C. 50th and 24th Divisions.

2. Artillery.

Owing to the extension of front to be covered by the 24th Divisional Artillery, the relief of the 50th Divisional Artillery will not be completed. Certain batteries required for the defence of the left of the 24th Division on completion of the adjustment of the line will be placed at the disposal of the 24th Division.

3. The whole of the Heavy Artillery covering the V and IX Corps on their new fronts will be under the V Corps.

4. Boundaries for Defence on back lines between V and IX Corps will be the same for the present.

5. Completion of the relief to be reported.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. F. Bond

B.G., G.S.,

V Corps.

Issued at 10.45 p.m.

	No.		No.
24th Division.	1, 2, 3.	G.O.C., R.A.	15.
50th Division.	4, 5, 8.	G.S.	16.
1st Division.	7, 8, 9.	C.	17.
1st Anzac	10.	B.D.H.S.	18.
IX Corps	11.	A.D.O.S.	19.
H.A., V Corps	12.	A.D.A.S.	20.
11th H.A.G.	13.	A.P.M.	21.
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		File	25.
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Reference: FIFTH CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 71.
Map Sheet 20
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V. Corps.
19/7/40.

1. 20th Division, XIV Corps is to relieve the right and centre brigades of the 24th Division, and the 50th Division is to relieve the left brigade of the 24th Division, reliefs being completed on night July 20th/21st.

2. Reliefs will take place as follows:-
July 19th.

(a) 4 Battalions 20th Division will arrive by bus and relieve 4 Reserve Battalions 24th Division.

Buses will arrive as follows:-

Right Bde.	1 Bn.	KORTEPYP (T.M.G.B.C.S.)	Arrive about 3 p.m.
Centre Bde.	1 Bn.	DRAKOUTS	Arrive about 7 p.m.
Right Bde.	1 Bn.	DEPIT PONT (for RED BOSS) (T.M.G.B.C.S.)	Arr. about 10 p.m.
Centre Bde.	1 Bn.	BULFORD (T.M.G.B.C.S.)	Arr. about 10 p.m.

Buses will return via BALLEUL and METHEM conveying relieved Bns. 24th Division to Milote in METHEM area as arranged by V Corps "Q".

50th Division will relieve 2 Bns. left Bde. 24th Division in front line as far south as trench D.5 inclusive.

(b) July 20th.

4 Bns. 20th Division from reserve will relieve 4 Bns. 24th Division in front line in right and centre sectors i.e. from Trench 133 inclusive to Trench D.5 exclusive.

4 Bns. 20th Division will arrive by bus and be located in reserve as in para. (a).

Bns. of 24th Division on relief will proceed to bivouac area by bus as arranged by V Corps "Q".

(c) In all cases relieved troops must be ready to engage without delay.

(d) Buses will pass through TRENCH "Q" will arrange for guides.

3. All other details will be arranged direct between 20th and 24th Divisions.

4. Subsequent to the infantry relief the artillery of the 24th Division is to be relieved by the artillery of the 50th (Glister) Division. Orders will be issued later.

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5. Command of the left sector 24th Division will pass to G.O.C., 50th Division on completion of relief on night 19th/20th instant.

Command of the right and centre sectors 24th Division will pass to G.O.C., 20th Division on completion of relief on night 20th/21st instant.

6. Progress of relief will be reported.

7. Please acknowledge.

Approved

R.G.D.S.
V Corps.

Issued at 2.30 a.m.

to	Nos.
24th Division.	1, 2, 3.
20th Division.	4, 5, 6.
50th Division.	7, 8, 9.
36th Division.	10.
41st Division.	11.
XIV Corps	12.
II Anzac Corps.	13.
Canadian Corps.	14.
Corps H.A.	15.
11th H.A.G.	16.
No. 1 Squadron R.F.C.	17.
A.D.C., for G.O.C.	18.
G.O.C., R.A.	19.
C.E.	20.
C.	21.
D.D.H.S.	22.
A.D.O.S.	23.
A.D.a.S.	24.
A.P.M.	25.
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V CORPS OPERATION ORDER No.72.

H.Q., V Corps
July 19th, 1918.
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(1) The relief of the 24th Divisional Artillery by the 36th (Ulster) Divisional Artillery is to commence on the night 21st/22nd July, and be completed on night 23rd/24th July.

Two Brigades R.F.A., 36th (Ulster) Division will be ready to commence the relief on the 21st instant and the remainder on the 23rd instant.

Details of relief to be arranged direct between 24th and 36th Divisions.

(2) 9 Two-inch trench Mortars now in action on the 24th Division front will be handed over to the Ulster Division, personnel only being relieved. A similar number will be taken over by the 24th Division from the 36th Division. Of these, five Mortars will be left in position on the present 24th Division left Brigade front.

Arrangements for relief of the personnel will be made between C.R.As concerned.

3. Please acknowledge.

G. F. Boyd
B.C., G.S.,

Issued at 5 pm.	To	Copy No.:
	24th Division	1
	36th Division	2
	50th Division	3
	36th Division	4
	V Corps Heavy Artillery	5
	No. 1 Bdn. R.F.A.	6
	Second Army	7
	G.O.C., R.A., V Corps	8
	A.D.C.,	9
	Q., 10. G.M., 11 A.D.C.S., 12	
	War Diary, 13/14 File 15.	
	Spare 16/17/18.	

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V CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 73.

V Corps.
20/7/44.

1. Under orders from Second Army -
 - (a) 36th (Ulster) Division is placed under orders of V Corps.
 - (b) 20th Division is to be relieved and held in readiness to entrain.
 - (c) 24th Division will be prepared to commence entraining any time after 6 p.m. 21st instant. The Artillery is to follow the infantry.
2. (a) 2nd Canadian Division is to relieve the 149th Infantry Brigade 50th Division, the relief being completed by the morning of the 23rd instant - see attached table. Details to be arranged between Divisions concerned. Command to pass on completion of relief.
 - (b) The Left Group 50th Divisional Artillery will continue to cover the front of the Canadian Brigade and operate under the orders tactically of the G.C.C. 2nd Canadian Division.
 - (c) 8-inch Trench Mortars in 149th Brigade sector will remain as at present.
 - (d) The boundary between V and Canadian Corps for defence will be the VICTRAT - WALLDART Road, inclusive to the Cavalier Corps, the road being common to both Corps for traffic.
3. The 20th Division will be relieved as follows:

The 108th and 109th Brigades 20th (Ulster) Division will relieve the 59th Infantry Brigade 20th Division and the 149th Brigade 50th Division will relieve the 51st Infantry Brigade 20th Division.

The relief of the 51st Infantry Brigade will be completed on the night 22nd/23rd instant and that of the 59th Infantry Brigade on the night 23rd/24th instant, in accordance with table attached.

Details to be arranged between Divisions concerned.
4. G.C.C. 24th Division will take over command of the whole line from the RIVER MOUL to the VICTRAT - WALLDART Road on completion of relief.
5. The relief of the 24th Divisional Artillery by the 50th Divisional Artillery will take place as ordered, except that, by order of Second Army, personnel only will be relieved.

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6. The 80th Infantry Brigade, 80th Division will be relieved on the night July 24th/25th by troops of the II Anzac Corps under arrangements to be made by V Corps and will move into billets in SPANTERDAK Area ready to entrain.
7. (a) A Brigade of the 80th Divisional Artillery in support of the 8th Division will be relieved on the night 24th/25th July by a Brigade of the 8th Divisional Artillery and will move into reserve ready to entrain, under orders to be issued by 'G' V Corps.
 (b) The remaining artillery of the 80th Division will be relieved by the 8th Divisional Artillery by the night of the 24th/25th instant and move into reserve as above.
8. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE:

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 G.F. B...
 V Corps.

Issued at 17.55 pm
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24th Division.	1,2,3.
80th Division.	4,5,6.
80th Division.	7,8,9.
36th Division	10,11,12
41st Division	13
XIV Corps	14
Canadian Corps	15
II Anzac Corps	16
Corps H.A.	17
11th W.A.C.	18
Co. 1 Sqn. P.F.C.	19
A.D.C. for G.C.C.	20
G.O.C. R.A.	21
C.D.	22
C.	23
D.O.M.S.	24
A.O.C.S.	25
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V CORPS OPERATIONS ORDER NO 74.

Geny. No. 26

H.Q. V Corps,
21/7/18.

1. Reference V Corps Operations Order No 73, para 4, the G.O.C. Ulster Division will establish his Headquarters at MONT MOIN by the night 23/24th and take over command of the sector held by his two Infantry Brigades on completion of relief of the 50th Brigade, 20th Division.

2. The following moves of 50th Division will take place :-

The 100th Infantry Brigade moves by bus from BOLLANSELE ~~to~~ 23rd instant. - Will not arrive at ROMANIN before 7 p.m.

Two field companies and the Pioneer battalion will concentrate in the LOCRES - LA CLYFFE Area by the night 24/25th instant, moving via STEEVOORDE and ABEELE.

An officer will be sent to Canadian Corps Headquarters, ABEELE, re billets for night 23/24th, and to the 50th Division Headquarters, WESTOURE, re billets for night 24/25th.

4. The remainder of the 50th Division will concentrate in the MONDECHEN Area by the night 24/25th. The 107th Infantry Brigade should march tomorrow if possible.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE:

G. F. Bryn

B. G. G. S.,
V Corps.

Issued at 3 p.m.
to

	<u>No.</u>		<u>No.</u>
50th Division.	1, 2, 3.	A.D.C., for H.Q.C.	18.
20th Division.	4, 5, 6.	G.O.C.R.A.	19.
38th Division.	7, 8, 9.	C.E.	20.
41st Division.	10.	Q.	21.
XIV Corps.	11.	D.D.H.S.	22.
Canadian Corps.	12.	A.D.O.S.	23.
II Anzac Corps.	13.	A.D.A.S.	24.
V Corps H.A.	14.	A.P.M.	25.
11th H.A.G.	15.	War Diary.	26, 27.
No 1 Sqn, R.F.C.	16.	File.	28.
Second Army.	17.	Spare.	29, 30, 31, 32.

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FIFTH CORPS OPERATION ORDER, No. 75.

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Ref. Map
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H.Q., V Corps,
22nd July, 1916.
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1. The following moves will take place on the dates stated. Paras. 3 and 4 of V Corps Operation Order No. 74 dated 21st July 1916 and Table issued with V Corps O.O.No.73 will be amended accordingly.

2. July 23rd.

(a) 20th Division.

(i) 59th Infantry Brigade Group to concentrate in LOCRE-LA CLYFFE area as follows :-

2 Battalions from WAKEFIELD and DONCASTER HUTS to camps at M.18.d.8.0 and N.1.a.8.2.

Personnel of 2 Battalions from trenches to DONCASTER and WAKEFIELD HUTS by busses which will be at Le ROMARIN at 7 p.m.

Affiliated Divisional troops by arrangement between 20th and 50th Divisions.

(ii) 60th Infantry Brigade Group from STEENWEROK area to METELEN - BERTHEN - BAILLEUL area, and to clear BAILLEUL by 11 a.m.

(iii) 61st Infantry Brigade Group from METELEN - BERTHEN - BAILLEUL area to HONDEGHEM area (V.2.central).

Pioneer Bn. from S.17.b. to HONDEGHEM area.

Route. METELEN - FIETRE - CAESTRE road.

(b) 36th Division.

107th Infantry Brigade Group from HONDEGHEM area to STEENWEROK area.

Route. Via STRAZEELE and MERRIS.

Billeting representatives to report to D.A.A. & Q.M.G., 36th Division at the Q Office, V Corps, BAILLEUL, as early as possible on 23rd instant.

3. July 24th.

Pioneer Battalion, 36th Division, from ABERLE area to S.17.b.

3 Field Companies, 36th Division, from ABERLE area to CROIX de POPERINGHE (M.32.b. central).

Billets will be pointed out to representatives at Q Office, 50th Division, WESTOUTRE.

Route -

Route, BERTHEN - ST. JANS CAPPEL - GROIX de POFERINGHE -
 Road Junction B.3.d. 1.7 - Road Junction S.14.d. 2.7.

4. Distances of 15 minutes will be maintained between Battalions and proportionately for other units.
5. Acknowledge.

J. Munster
 for B.G.O.S., Major
 V Corps.

Issued at 4 pm.

to	<u>Nos.</u>
50th Division	1, 2, 3,
20th Division	4, 5, 6,
36th Division	7, 8, 9,
1st Division	10,
XIV Corps	11,
Canadian Corps	12,
II Anzac Corps	13,
V Corps Hy. Arty.	14,
11th H.A.G.,	15,
No. 1 Sqn. RFC.	16,
Second Army.	17,
A.D.C. for G.O.C.	18,
G.O.C.R.A.,	19,
C.E.,	20,
Q.,	21,
D.D.M.S.,	22,
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War Diary	26, 27,
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Spare.	29, 30, 31, 32.

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V CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO 76.

H. H. G. Corps.
28/7/45

1. Under instructions from General Army, the 107th Inf. Brigade, 36th Division, will relieve the 123rd Inf. Brigade, 41st Div. in the front line from the River DOUVE (Trench 133 inclusive) to Trench 127 (inclusive).
2. The relief will take place on the nights 27/28th July and 28/29th July, all details of relief to be arranged direct between divisions. *N.C. & D. 28/29/45 STEAMER*
3. The boundary for defence between 36th Division and 41st Division will be as follows :-
From junction of trenches 136 and 137 to WEST POINT (U.14.d 9.9) - to POOL'S COTTAGES (U.14.d 8.3) - to WEST POINT (U.19.b 3.2) (all with exception of left branch of I.E. Battery which is retained by 41st Division) - thence in a straight line to the moat south of GRANDE MURQUE FARM at T.22.d 4.3 - thence west to road junction at T.22.d 4.4 and G.H.Q. front line at T.22.c 4.2 - to G.H.Q. 3rd line at 3.24 central.
4. That portion of the 41st Div. artillery covering the front to be taken over will remain in its present position and will come tactically under the command of the G.H.Q. 36th Division at 12 Noon on 28th inst.
5. Attached programme showing the proposals for relief drawn up by 41st Division is forwarded for information.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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S.O.S. Coy
7 Coy.

Issued at
to 13.45 13.45 13.45

50th Div.	1, 2, 3.
36th Div.	4, 5, 6.
41st Div.	7, 8, 9.
2nd ANZAC.	10.
V Corps H.Q.	11.
11th H.A.G.	12.
Second Army.	13.
No 1 Gen. H.Q.	14.

A.D.C. for G.O.C.	15.
G.O.C.	16.
C.O.	17.
Q.A.	18.
D.D.M.S.	19.
A.D.C. for G.O.C.	20.
A.D.C. for G.O.C.	21.
A.D.C. for G.O.C.	22.
A.P.C.	23.
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Stores.	26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Date.	Units.	From.	To.	In relief of.	Position of unit after relief.	Remarks.
Night July 27/28.	Advance Parties- M.G's 107th Inf. Bde. (38th Div.)	STEINWERCK AREA.	Trenches - Left Sector 41st Division.	M.G's and T.M's 122nd Inf. Bde.	NIEPPE.	1 section 288th Fd Co R.E. to move to Left Sector F.I. Divn. under arrangements to be made between G.I.B's concerned.
	2 battns 107th Inf. Bde (38th Division)	STEINWERCK AREA.	GRAND MURQUE and G.F.Q. Line.	2 battns 122nd Inf. Bde.	Bivouac in S.10. a & c.	T.M's of 122nd Inf. Bde. will be withdrawn from the Sector (without relief.)
Night July 28/29.	Advance Parties- M.G's, T.M's 122nd Inf. Bde.	NIEPPE and S.10. a & c.	Trenches - Left Sector - New Zealand Division.	M.G's and T.M's 2nd New Zealand Bde.	New Zealand Area.	Relief of advanced Dressing Stations to be arranged between A.D.M.S's concerned.
	2 battns 122 I.B.	S.10. a & c.	HOUPLINES and Subsidiary line Left Sector N.Z. Divn.	2 Battns 2nd N.Z. Bde.	New Zealand Area.	
	2 battns 107 I.B. (38th Div.) 2 battns 107 I.B. (38th Div.)	STEINWERCK AREA. GRAND MURQUE & G.F.Q. Line.	GRAND MURQUE & G.F.Q. Line. Trenches Left Sector 41st Div.	2 battns 107 Inf. Bde. 2 battns 122 Inf. Bde.	Trenches. Bivouac in S.10. a & c.	Command to pass on completion of relief. Bde P.Q. to move to PAROT.
Night July 29/30th.	2 battns 122 I.B.	S.10. a & c.	HOUPLINES and Subsidiary Line	2 battns 122 Inf. Bde.	Trenches	Command to pass on completion of relief.
	2 battns 122 I.B.	HOUPLINES & Subsidiary Line.	Trenches-Left Sector N.Z. Div.	2 battns 2nd N.Z. Bde.	N.Z. Area.	

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V CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 77

H.Q., V Corps.
22/7/13.

Under instructions issued by Second Army, the 19th Division (less Divisional Artillery) will move by march route to the V Corps area as defined on the attached map.

Divisional H.Q. will be established at the Chateau FLETRE by 4 p.m. 28th instant. Standings and billets for the A.S.P. and D.S.O. will be at METEREN and will be allotted on application to the Town Major there.

The move will be carried out as follows:

Date	Unit	From	To	Route
July 28th	54 Inf. Bde. Gp.	WALLEN-CAPPEL	METEREN Area	HAZEBROUCK - STRATELT - road junction X 20.1. 2.0
	55 Inf. Bde. Gp.	BLARINCHEN	WONDSOMEN Area	as arranged by Division.
	56 Inf. Bde. Gp.	WALLEN-CAPPEL	WALLEN-CAPPEL Area	via LITRE.
July 29th	53 Inf. Bde. Gp.	WONDSOMEN	BOBWARRE - VELDRE Area	St. SYLVAIN - BOBWARRE - VELDRE - BOBWARRE - VELDRE.
	53 Inf. Bde. Gp.	WALLEN-CAPPEL	FLETRE Area	HAZEBROUCK - Cross roads V. 2. 2. - CAPPEL - FLETRE.

5. The Divisional Artillery move will be completed on 27th instant as arranged, and will be billeted in the LITRE area 0:30 p.m.

6. An officer of the G. Staff will report to the G. Officer V Corps, HAZEBROUCK, to receive more detailed information as regards billets.

Advanced billeting parties will be held in readiness to move at very short notice as per my order.

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5. Instructions as to railheads will be communicated as soon as these are known.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. P. Bond
B.C., G.S.,
V Corps.

Issued at 4-30 pm.

to

	Nos.
18th Division.	1, 2, 3.
50th Division.	4, 5, 6.
38th Division.	7, 8, 9.
41st Division.	10.
II Area.	11.
Canadian Corps	12.
V Corps H.A.	13.
11th H.A.G.	14.
Second Army	15.
No. 1 Sqn. R.F.C.	16.
A.D.C. for G.O.C.	17.
G.O.C.R.A.	18.
C.E.	19.
Q.	20.
D.D.M.S.	21.
A.D.O.S.	22.
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OR. 5230
25/7/16

50th Div.,
33th Div.,
41st Div.,
2nd Amac,
V Corps H. Art'y,
11th H. Art'y.,
Second Army,
No 1 Sqn, R.F.C.,

Reference V Corps Operation Order No 76 dated 24/7/16, the following corrections are notified:-

(a). para 1. The front to be taken over by the 30th Division from 41st Division will be from the River DUVY (Trench 133 inclusive) to Trench 136 (inclusive), and not as previously stated.

(b). para 1. The boundary for defence between 30th Division and 41st Division will be as follows:-

From the junction of Trenches 137 and 138 (U.14.b 10.5) - U.14.d 4.8 - U.14.e 4.8 - road junction U.20.a 9.0 - U.17.b 4.0 (inclusive) - road junction U.19.c 1.0 - T.21.a 5.1 - T.20.b 5.0 - via road to T.23.a 4.2 (inclusive) - G.H.Q. 2nd line at T.22.c 4.4 - G.H.Q. 2nd line at T.24.central.

Please Acknowledge

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V Corps.

- Copies to :-
- A.D.C. for G.O.C.
- G.O.C. S.A.
- G.E.
- D.
- D.D.M.S.
- A.D.C. J.
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- A.P.M.
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July 26th, 1916.
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50th Div.	A.D.C. for G.O.C.
34th Div.	G.O.C., R.A.
41st Div.	C.E.
II Anzac.	Q.
Canadian Corps.	D.D.M.S.
V Corps Hy. Arty.	A.D.C.S.
11th H.A.G.	A.D.A.S.
Second Army.	A.P.M.
No. 1 Squadron, R.F.C.	

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Under instructions received from the Second Army, it is notified for information :-

- (a) The 18th Division on completion of move into FLSTRE area will be attached temporarily to II Anzac Corps.
- (b) The 41st Division will be attached temporarily to V Corps from 12 noon tomorrow.
- (c) The V Corps will be responsible for the front from R. LYS to the present northern boundary.
- (d) The Artillery of 18th Division will remain in Army Reserve for the present.

W. H. H. H. H.
Major

for B.G., C.S.,
V Corps.

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V CORPS OF BATTION ORDER NO. 79.

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H.Q., V Corps.
27/7/18.

1. Under instructions from Second Army and by arrangement with Canadian Corps, Canadian Corps is to take over from the V Corps the Artillery defence of the Grizards Sector recently transferred to the 3rd Canadian Division, under arrangements to be made direct between G.O.C., B.A., V and Canadian Corps. Relief to commence on July 29th and to be completed on night of July 30th/31st. 2-160th Trench mortars will be relieved on night July 29th/30th.

2. On completion of the relief, the G.O.C., B.A., V Corps will arrange that the Divisional Artillery is so disposed that the Artillery of each Division covers its own front as much as possible, especial attention being paid to the artillery defence of St. Yves.

3. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. F. Boyd

G.O.C., B.A.,

V Corps.

Issued at 11 59pm
to

	Rec.
Canadian Corps.	1, 2, 3.
G.O.C., B.A., V Corps.	4.
V Corps H.A.	5.
50th Division.	6.
36th Division.	7.
41st Division.	8.
No. 1 Gen. R.F.C.	9.
A.D.C. for G.O.C.	10.
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V. CORPS.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

July 7th to July 15th 1916.



1. On the night of the 8th/9th July the 50th Division extended its right as far as the KEMMEL - WYTSCHAETS road inclusive in relief of a portion of the 24th Division.
2. On night of 9th/10th July two raids were carried out against the German trenches by the 50th Division.
 - (a) A party formed from 5th Yorkshire Regiment, 150th Infantry Brigade. The crater at W.34.a.8 1/2.8 1/2 was raided. Fifteen Germans are reported to have been killed and one wounded prisoner belonging to the 215th Reserve Infantry Regiment was brought back.
 - (b) A party formed from 151st Infantry Brigade rushed a hostile working party at O.7.c.4.9 and captured one of them. The prisoner belonged to the 214th Reserve Infantry Regiment.
3. On the 8th the 60 pounders searched for a hostile 5.9 in the vicinity of O.39.b.3.7 which had been shelling KEMMEL Hill.

On the 7th and 8th 4.7^a and 60 pounders carried out experiments with powder filled shell with a view to producing incendiary effects. The target was ONBAYE PARK - three direct hits were obtained but the results were disappointing as no incendiary effect was produced.

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On the 9th/our heavy batteries engaged hostile light batteries and others which had been shelling the DWAQUITS - NEUVE SOLIGNY Road.

On the 11th our 6th howitzers and heavy guns co-operated in a minor enterprise with the 24th Division. The fire of hostile ninepounder was kept down with success. Six hostile batteries that were thought likely to fire were

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engaged and fire was also switched from them to two others that were observed from KEMMEL to be active. This counter-battery work was entirely successful.

On 12th July 60-pounders twice engaged batteries at O.28.d 7.1 and O.28.c 2.3, which were reported active when DRAMOUTRE was being shelled. On each occasion the hostile shelling ceased.

4. The German heavy minenwerfer has been active against our K., L. and M. trenches but the fire of the 12 inch howitzer has checked its activities.

5. Progress has been made with the construction of an adequate support line, also the completion of a parapet throughout for the front line trenches.

Work has continued on the erection of advanced dressing stations at WATSONVILLE and TURNERSTONE.

More work has been done on the POPPY Lane Communication trenches.

6. Casualties reported from July 6th to July 12th, inclusive, are as follows :-

	<u>Officers.</u>			<u>Other Ranks.</u>		
	<u>K.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>K.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>M.</u>
50th Divn.	1	7	-	33	89	-
Corps Troops.	-	-	-	1	2	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>-</u>
		8			115	

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No. 6700-7SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.July 14th - 30th, 1916.

1. The enemy has shown increased activity during the past week with his trench mortars and minnowwerfer, but his artillery has been comparatively quiet, DRANCOURT and back areas, however, being shelled occasionally. Our artillery has carried out several organized bombardments of the enemy's positions with considerable effect and has cut wire at many points in front of the enemy's fire and support trenches. Our patrols and observers report that the enemy has not done much work in the repair of his front line and wire, but is still working assiduously on his support trenches and on the defenses of WYTHAMPTON and BESSINES. The 24th Division successfully raided the German trenches, killing and wounding several of the enemy.

2. On the night of the 13/14th our six inch howitzers, which were changing position, emptied their guns on the enemy's position at 0.35.c 9.0. The enemy put up a large number of flares and evidently expected something further to happen. During the day the six inch howitzers bombarded the enemy's trenches in PETIT BOIS causing considerable damage, and our 60 pounders silenced a hostile battery.

On July 15th the Corps Heavy Artillery, the Divisional Artillery and the Army Heavy Artillery Group co-operated in shelling a hostile battery. Our fire appeared to be accurate, some ammunition being expended and the hostile battery not having fired since.

3. On July 16th our 4.7" guns silenced a hostile battery and our 6 inch howitzers stopped the fire of a minnowwerfer.

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In conjunction with the 50th Division Artillery they also bombarded the enemy's position from H.24.c 8.5 to H.24.d 2.6. Large quantities of timber were blown up, the parapet breached and the wire cut. The German reply was feeble. On the 17th July our heavy artillery bombarded the enemy's trenches near BOIS QUARANTE (28 O.7.central).

4. On the night of the 17/18th the 24th Division raided the German trenches opposite BRUJERS. Several of the enemy were killed but no identification was made, the trench being under repair and the enemy all being in shirtsleeves. The enemy brought heavy machine gun fire to bear from his support line. On the 18th our six inch howitzers repeated their bombardment of the 16th inst. inflicting still further damage on the enemy's defences at this point.

5. On the 19th July a large enemy working party was seen in GRAND BOIS. The artillery of the 50th and 2nd Canadian Divisions and our 4.7" and 60 pounder guns opened fire at 3 a.m. and 6.45 a.m., each time with great effect. In the afternoon a heavy burst of fire was opened suddenly on a hostile battery shelling HILL 63. The battery immediately ceased fire and has not fired since. Our 60 pounders searched along a new railway in 28 O.22.c & d and stopped the fire of a gun shelling BRANOUTER. On the 20th July our six inch howitzers shelled 28 H.24.d 2.4 and 28 H.24.d 2.9 in order to stop a hostile mine-warfer which was shelling our trenches. Our 4.7" and 60 pounder guns shelled the position at which our kite balloon reported a train had stopped.

6. The 24th Division has again come under V Corps but has now been relieved by the 20th Division. Several changes in the method of holding the line have taken place owing to the tactical situation.

Work in the construction of Trench Mortar Emplacements and Artillery Observation Posts and the deep laying of cable is progressing satisfactorily.

7. Casualties reported to V Corps from July 13th to July 18th inclusive are as follows :-

	<u>Officers.</u>			<u>Other Ranks.</u>		
	<u>K.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>K.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>M.</u>
24th Division.	1.	4.	1.	14.	66.	-
41st "	3.	7.	-	19.	160.	5.
50th "	2.	7.	-	37.	123.	-
Corps Troops.	-	1.	-	5.	9.	-
2nd Cav. Div.	-	-	-	-	8	-
	6.	19.	1.	65.	360.	5.
		10			371	
		28.			430	
		27			441	

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V CORPS.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

July 21st - 27th, 1916.

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1. Many reliefs have taken place on the front held by the V Corps during the past week, but no other event of importance has occurred. The enemy's minenwerfer and trench mortars have been active during the past week opposite the left division and our artillery have retaliated.

2. On the night 20th/21st July our 80 pdrs. and 4.7 guns fired at a train on the new COSTAVERNE metre gauge railway. On the 21st the enemy's minenwerfer were active, but our 6-inch howitzers stopped their fire by shelling the enemy's trench roadway opposite MESSINES, on which one of the minenwerfer is believed to be situated. Our 6-inch howitzers also retaliated on a hostile trench mortar in the vicinity of BOIS QUARANTE. Several anti-aircraft guns were engaged by our heavy batteries in support of an aerial reconnaissance.

3. The 22nd July passed quietly. On the afternoon of the 23rd the enemy's trench mortars again became active opposite BOIS QUARANTE and our 6-inch howitzers retaliated on the enemy's trenches in that neighbourhood inflicting considerable damage.

On the 24th July the enemy's trench mortars about PETIT BOIS were active and our 6-inch howitzers and the divisional artillery bombarded their suspected positions.

4. On the 25th the enemy again trench mortared the fronts of the 38th and 50th Divisions and fired a few 5.9 shells apparently registering. The Corps Heavy Artillery and the Divisional Artillery retaliated.

On July 26th the enemy's minenwerfer were particularly active. Our 6-inch howitzers bombarded the enemy's front and support lines with considerable effect and also shelled the hostile trench mortar positions. Our 9.8 howitzers bombarded the enemy's craters at N.24.a.6.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ and obtained 13 direct hits throwing up a large amount of material. Counter battery work by our heavy guns against the enemy's 5.7 howitzers was also undertaken.

On July 27th the enemy's trench mortars were active opposite WYTSCHAETE and were again engaged by our heavy artillery who obtained a direct hit. We also bombarded the enemy's trenches in the vicinity.

5. The Canadian Corps has taken over one brigade front as far South as the VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE road. The V Corps has gradually extended southwards and now holds its old front as far south as the River LYS, the 50th, 36th and 41st Divisions being in the line. The 20th and 24th Divisions have been relieved and have left Second Army areas, and the 18th Division has been transferred to the II Anzac Corps. The 41st Division only came under the V Corps tactically at 12 noon on the 26th. An account of its doings has not, therefore, been included in the above summary. The casualties of that Division have, however, been included.

6. Casualties reported from July 20th to 26th inclusive are as follows :-

	<u>Officers.</u>			<u>Other Ranks.</u>		
	K.	W.	M.	K.	W.	M.
30th Division	-	1	-	3	18	9
24th Division	1	-	-	1	8	-
36th Division	-	1	-	-	9	-
41st Division	-	8	-	33	80	-
50th Division	4	10	2	18	128	9
Corps Troops	-	-	-	-	8	-
2nd Cavalry Div.	-	1	-	-	13	-
	<u>8</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>4</u>
	28			313		

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Lieut. General,

Commanding V Corps.

28th July, 1916.

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