

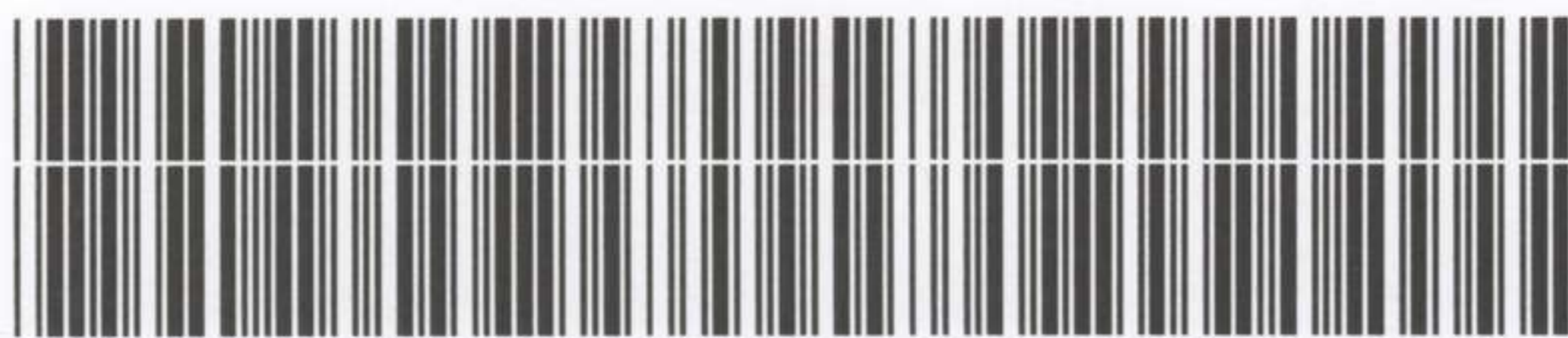
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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

FOURTH ARMY. (General Staff).

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Summary of Events and Information

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Place Date Hour

QUERRIEU 17th
to
24th
Novr.,
1916.SITUATION. The situation during the week has remained unchanged.OPERATIONS. There have been no operations of importance.WORK. Work has been expedited on our front, support and communication trenches, also on the provision of dug-outs. Work on the repair of roads and railway construction has been pushed forward.ARTILLERY ACTION.Our own. During the past week our Heavy Artillery has continued to bombard the enemy's defences. The Field Artillery both by day and night has attempted to stop all work and movement behind the enemy's lines. It has also co-operated with the Heavy Artillery in some of their bombardments. Counter-battery work has been vigorously pursued with the aid of aircraft when possible. On the 23rd November 51 hostile batteries were engaged with aeroplane observation.Hostile. The enemy's artillery has not been very active. FLERS, GUEUDECOURT, LONGUEVAL and the battery positions in the valleys in the neighbourhood of GINCHY have been persistently shelled, otherwise the hostile fire has taken the form of intermittent shelling on areas in rear of the front trench systems. Gas shells have been employed at times against the battery positions about GINCHY. MONTAUBAN was shelled on the 23rd by a gun of large calibre (probably 9.45 inch). On the 18th about 30 rounds were fired into ALBERT by a H.V. gun (probably 13.5 inch). 2 rounds also fell into the town on the 23rd.AERIAL.

On the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st there was practically no flying owing to weather conditions. Very few hostile aircraft were seen. On the 22nd hostile aircraft was seen in normal numbers. Several combats took place, as a result of which two hostile machines were brought down within our lines and another was destroyed in the enemy's lines. On the 23rd hostile aircraft were more active than usual: six indecisive combats were fought.

....RELIEFS.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

FOURTH ARMY. (General Staff).

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<p>QUERRIEU to 24th Novr., 1916. (continued)</p>	<p>17th - 24th Novr., 1916.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><u>RELIEFS.</u> The following reliefs have taken place in conjunction with the re-distribution of the Army front.- On the night 17/18th the 1st Division relieved the 50th Division from M.17.d.9.5 to M.17. central. On the night 18/19th the 48th Division took over the front of 50th Division from M.17 central to M.16.d.8.7. On the night 21/22nd the 1st Division relieved the 2nd Australian Division from N.19.b.4.7 to M.17.d.9.5, thus extending the right of the III Corps to its new boundary. On the night 20/21st and 21/22nd the 5th Australian Division relieved the Guards Division from N.34.b.9.9 to N.21.d.2.6, thus extending the right of the Anzac Corps to its new boundary.</p> <p><u>MOVES.</u></p> <p><u>17th Novr. Guards Division.</u> Artillery from XIV Corps area to area 3 plus ARGOEUVES and ST. SAUVEUR.</p> <p><u>18th Novr. 8th Division.</u> Transport 1 Bde. group from XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES. <u>20th Division.</u> 1 Field Coy. from area 4 to DAOURS.</p> <p><u>19th Novr. 4th Australian Divn.</u> Divisional artillery from K area to TALMAS and VILLERS BOCAGE. 1 Squadron Wilts. Yeomanry arrive COCQUEREL for XV Corps Cav. Regt. <u>8th Division</u> (1) Transport 1 Bde. from ARGOEUVES and LONGPRE to area 4. (2) Transport 2 Bdes. from XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES. (3) Personnel 2 Bdes. by train XIV Corps to area 4.</p> <p><u>1st Ind. Cav. Divn.</u> (1) "A" battery R.H.A. from FRIVILLE to EAUCOURT. (2) "U" battery R.H.A. from MOYENNEVILLE to ETOILE.</p> <p><u>20th Novr. 4th Australian Divn.</u> Artillery from TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE to BUSSY and BONNAY.</p> <p>.....<u>30th Divn.</u></p>	<p>374</p>

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QUERRIEU	1916		<p><u>MOVES, continued.</u></p> <p><u>20th Novr.</u> <u>30th Divn.</u> Artillery from BUSSY and BONNAY to TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE. <u>8th Divn.</u> (1) Personnel 1 Bde. group from XIV Corps to area 4 by train. (2) Transport 2 Bde. groups from ARGOEUVES to area 4. <u>1st Indian Cav. Divn.</u> (1) "A" Battery R.H.A. from EAUCOURT to BETHENCOURT. (2) "U" Battery R.H.A. from ETOILE to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.</p> <p><u>21st Novr.</u> 1 Squadron S. Irish Horse from COCQUEREL to HALLOY en route to Second Army. <u>30th Divn.</u> Artillery from TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE to "K" area and GROUCHES. <u>17th Divn.</u> Artillery from II Corps (Fifth Army) to XIV Corps. <u>1st Indian Cav. Divn.</u> "A" Battery R.H.A. from BETHENCOURT to MOLLIENS. <u>1st Cav. Divn.</u> Warwickshire R.H.A. Battery from Fifth Army to XIV Corps.</p> <p><u>22nd Novr.</u> <u>33rd Divn.</u> Artillery from Fifth Army to TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE.</p> <p><u>23rd Novr.</u> <u>33rd Divn.</u> Artillery from TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE to XV Corps area. <u>40th Divn.</u> Less artillery arrives CANAPLES area.</p> <p><u>24th Novr.</u> <u>40th Divn.</u> Less artillery from CANAPLES area to area 6.</p>	
			<p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Novr. 17th.</u> O.A.D. 211, addressed to all Armies, was received, giving the general policy of the British Armies in France for the Winter, and the proposed plan for the resumption of offensive operations.</p> <p>(b) Artillery instructions 4/A.A./361 were issued, giving certain modifications to organisations</p>	Appendix 1

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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QUERRIEU.	1916. 17th to 24th Novr., 1916. (continued)	-	<p><u>GENERAL, continued.</u></p> <p>organisations of artilleries of Corps.</p> <p>(c) <u>Novr.18th.</u>The Commander-in-Chief held his weekly conference of Army Commanders, at which letter No. O.A.D.211 was considered.</p> <p>(d) <u>Novr.21st.</u>Letter O.A.D.226 was received from G.H.Q. giving instructions as regards the relief of the Sixth French Army as far South as a point 1,000 yards North-east of BOUCHAVESNES. The relief to commence on the 1st December.</p> <p>(e) <u>Novr.23rd.</u>Further artillery instructions were issued, in continuation of No. 4/A.A./361 (Appendix 1), numbered G.G.361.</p> <p>(f) <u>Novr.24th.</u>A letter was issued to Corps, etc., No. G.G.209/21, in amplification of G.G.361 (Appendix 2), allotting counter-battery zones.</p>	<p>Appendix 2.</p> <p>Appendix 3.</p>

Robert B. Mason
General,
Commanding Fourth Army.

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Appendix 1

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III Corps.
XIV Corps.
XV Corps.
1st Anzac Corps.
4th Brigade R.P.C.

ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS.

With reference to Fourth Army No. 299/⁶⁶N (G)
dated 16th instant.

Para. 4 (a) and (b).

1. The following modifications to the present organisations of the Artillery of Corps will be carried out.

2. One Group of Heavy Artillery of the 1st Anzac Corps will be attached to the III Corps, to cover the new front taken over by the III Corps.

3. The Heavy Artillery of the XIV Corps will be attached to the 1st Anzac Corps; the necessary guns and howitzers will continue to cover the front held by the XIV Corps.

The B.G. Heavy Artillery, XIV Corps, will remain in Command of his Groups but will work under the orders of the B.G. Heavy Artillery, 1st Anzac Corps.

The G.C.C. XIV Corps will deal direct with the B.G. Heavy Artillery, XIV Corps as regards his own Corps front.

4. Counter-battery organisations and the areas they deal with will remain the same as at

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present. The G.O.C. III Corps will satisfy himself that the night line and night-firing arrangements of the 30-pounder guns (belonging to 1st Anzac Corps Counter-battery Organisation) which cover his new front, fulfill his requirements.

5. The Divisional Artillery of the III Corps will be responsible for the Artillery defence of the whole of the III Corps front, as newly constituted.

Similarly, the Divisional Artillery of the 1st Anzac Corps will be responsible for the Artillery defence of the whole of the 1st Anzac Corps front, as newly constituted.

Corps will arrange direct to take over such artillery positions as they may require from the units they are relieving, exchanges of guns to be carried out where necessary.

6. Arrangements for carrying out the above instructions will be made direct between Corps, and will be completed by 8 a.m. ^{24th} November.

III & Anzac Corps by 8.0 am. 23rd inst.
Anzac Corps and IV Corps by 8.0 am 26th inst

Para. 4 (c) and (d).

7. To meet the requirements of all four Corps, which will be holding the line, the Heavy Artillery of the Fourth Army will be gradually re-distributed.

8. It is intended that on completion of this re-distribution the Heavy Artillery of each Corps will be composed as follows :-

Nature.	III Corps.	1st Anzac Corps.	XIV Corps.	XV Corps.	
H.A. Groups.	6	16	5	4*	*Another expected.
4.7" Batteries.	2	2	1	1	
60-pdr. " (4-gun)	2	2	3	3	
" " (3-gun)	4	3	3	3	
6" Gun. "	1	1	1	1	
6" How: " (26-c)	6	6	7	6	
6" " " (30-s)	1	1	-	-	
8" " "	4	4	2	4	
9.2 " "	4	3	4	4	
12" " "	1	1	1	1	(tractor-drawn)
15" Howc.	1	-	1	-	
9.2" Gun.	-	1	-	-	

9. H.A. Groups, and Heavy and Siege Batteries will be transferred from the III, 1st Anzac, and XIV Corps to the XV Corps as under :-

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Nature.	III Corps.	1st. ANZAC Corps.	XIV Corps.	Total.
H.A. Groups.	1	2	1	4
4.7 Batteries.	-	1	-	1
80-pdr. " (4-gun)	2	-	1	3
" " (3-gun)	1	2	-	3
8" Gun. "	1	-	-	1
3" How. " (24-6)	2	-	-	2
8" " "	1	-	-	1
9.2" " "	-	2	-	2
12" " "	-	-	1	1
			(tractor drawn)	

Heavy Artillery Group Headquarters will be detailed by the Army.

Heavy and Siege Batteries will be detailed by the Corps concerned.

10. Arrangements for the transfer of the above Artillery units will be made direct between Corps. An opportunity offers, the units to be transferred will be withdrawn from the line; by this means the ultimate transfer will be rendered somewhat less dependent upon a long spell of fine weather.

Further instructions will be issued as to dates on which the Heavy, Siege and Divisional Artillery destined for the XV Corps will be required to take up their positions.

11. It is anticipated that during the next few months, the Heavy Artilleries of all four Corps will be more or less

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equalled by the addition of new Howitzer Batteries and
the withdrawal of a few 60-pounder and 4.7 Gun Batteries.

(Sib.) H.D. Budworth

17/11/1916.

M.G., R.A. Fourth Army.

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WALLINGTON
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III Corps.
XIV Corps.
I Anzac Corps.
XV Corps.
4th Bde. R.F.C.

ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS.

With reference to Fourth Army No. 4/A.A./381 of 17th instant, and 305(G) of 22nd instant.

1. Para. 3 of 305(G).

Divisional Artilleries of the XIV Corps will relieve the Field Artillery of the French IX Corps under arrangements to be made direct between Corps.

2. Para 2 of 4/A.A./381.

This Group of Heavy Artillery will be re-transferred to the I Anzac Corps from noon, November 30th.

Para 3 of 4/A.A./381.

The Heavy Artillery of the XIV Corps will be re-transferred to the XIV Corps from noon, December 2nd.

3. Para 8 of 4/A.A./381.

For purposes of detailing batteries and groups for allotment to the XV Corps the Heavy Artilleries of Corps will be considered to consist of the units at their disposal after noon, December 2nd.

The III Corps and I Anzac Corps will arrange forthwith to cover their own Corps fronts with the Heavy Artillery that they will retain after the re-distribution.

In the event of the III Corps wishing to take over the guns of any batteries of the I Anzac Corps in position; or of the I Anzac Corps wishing to take over any guns of batteries of the XIV Corps in position, the number of the batteries to be exchanged and their positions will be communicated to the M.G.B.A. Fourth Army by the evening of the 25th instant.

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Para. 9 of 4/A.A/361.

The III, I Anzac and XIV Corps will detail forthwith the batteries to be transferred to the XV Corps, a list of the batteries selected to be forwarded to M.G.R.A. Fourth Army by 6 p.m. the 24th instant. These batteries, except any of the XIV Corps which may be able to cover the XV Corps front from their positions under arrangements made between the XIV and XV Corps, should be withdrawn from the line as early as possible, with due regard to weather and roads.

4. Para. 5 of 305(6).

The XIV Corps will arrange direct with the French IX Corps to carry out the Heavy Artillery reliefs. In some cases it should be possible for Heavy Artillery Batteries of the XIV Corps to cover a portion of their new front without changing position.

The date of relief must be dependent to a great extent on the weather and on the state of the roads but it is desirable that it should be completed as early as possible.

5. Acknowledge.

(Sd.) A. A. Montgomery,

Major General,

23rd November, 1916.

General Staff, Fourth Army.

Copy to :- "Q".
C.E.
D.D. Sigs.

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III Corps.
XIV Corps.
I Anzac Corps.
XV Corps.
4th Brigade R.F.C.
3rd Wing R.F.C.

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In continuation of Fourth Army No. G.G.561 dated
23rd instant.

Counter-battery zones are allotted to Corps as shown
below.

The dates on which the new dividing lines, between the
III Corps and I Anzac Corps; and between the I Anzac Corps and
XIV Corps will come into force, are also shown.

The ultimate dividing line between the XIV Corps and
French Sixth Army or XV Corps will be communicated later, a
probable dividing line is however shown; this may assist in
the siting of new battery positions.

III Corps.

W boundary - as at present - (a line x roads M.25.d.7.5 -
railway junction G.16.a.1.6 - along the
line of the railway to the north.)

E boundary - a line through FLERS x roads N.31.a.3.1.
and x roads H.27.a.7.1.
(To come into force at noon November 30th.)

I Anzac Corps.

W boundary - a line through FLERS x roads N.31.a.3.1.
and x roads H.27.a.7.1.
(To come into force at noon November 30th.)

S.E boundary - a line through road junction T.4.b.1.4.
and S.E. edge of LUBDA Copse (O.13.)
(To come into force noon December 2nd.)

XIV Corps.

N.W boundary - a line through road junction T.4.b.1.4.
and S.E. edge of LUBDA Copse (O.13.)
(To come into force noon December 2nd.)

S.E boundary - as at present. (a line T.10.b.7.5 - Mill
O.31.b.2.7 - edge of Wood O.3.c.5.0.)
Ultimately, a line through SAILLY SAILLISEL,
road junction U.14.a.3.9. and LES QUATRE
VENTE Pme. (P.31.c.)

24/11/1916.

(Sd.) G.E. Boscawen, Major,
for M.G., G.S., Fourth Army.

1st November, 1916.

GENERAL STAFF,
HEADQUARTERS,
4th ARMY.
No.....
Date.....

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1st November, 1916.

1. Except for a small operation on the right of the XIV Corps, which was unsuccessful, no operations were undertaken during the day.

2. XIV Corps.

The situation was unchanged in the morning. The front and support lines of the 17th Division were shelled during the night. SUNKEN ROAD, NEEDLE TRENCH and T.8 central were shelled during the night.

LESBOEUFs was heavily shelled during the morning; a large number of gas shells were used.

The 100th Bde. (33rd Division) carried out an attack in conjunction with the French IX Corps on BORITSKA and HAZY Trenches at 3.30 p.m. The ground East of LESBOEUFs was heavily barraged by the enemy during the attack. No progress was made by our troops in the attack, the failure appearing to have been due to enfilade machine gun fire. The French gained their objectives on the right. During the attack a hostile barrage extended from N.34.a.0.5 to N.27.b.5.0.

Hostile artillery was very active in the afternoon round T.8.central and RAINBOW.

3. ANZAC CORPS.

During the night the situation was normal. During the day the hostile artillery was quiet during the morning, but active during the afternoon. M.36.b. was heavily shelled for about an hour at midday, but little damage was done.

4. III Corps.

Trenches were reported to be very wet. After the recent heavy rains the sides of the communication trenches have fallen in in many places, thus making it impossible for carrying parties to bring up supplies. Operations which had been arranged for Novr. 2nd were therefore postponed to a later date.

The day passed quietly, except for the usual shelling of front system and LE SARS.

5. Fifth Army.

Except for the usual artillery activity, there was nothing to report.

6. AIRCRAFT.

64 hours were flown by 71 pilots.

....During

1st November, 1916.

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No.....

During the day there was high wind, with rain and cloud.

One successful trench reconnaissance was made. 7 batteries were engaged and 4 direct hits obtained. 2 emplacements were damaged and 22 batteries located.

Hostile activity was below normal. 2/Lts. W.S.Mann and A.E.Wynn, No. 9 Squadron, are missing. A machine was seen to land near LE TRANSLOY.

7. PRISONERS.

Corps	During the day.		Since 7th Octr. incl.		Up to 6th Octr. incl.		Grand total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
XIV	-	-	7	502	197	5736	204	6238
I Anzac	1	22	4	285	145	5824	149	6109
III	-	1	9	541	62	3126	71	3667
C.C.S.	-	-	9	404	50	4221	59	4625
VIII & X	-	-	-	-	8	544	8	544
	1	23	29	1732	462	19451	491	21185

8. CASUALTIES.

No report received.

9. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE.

A.A.	..	63
13 pdr. S.	..	951
,, H.E.	..	75
18 pdr. S.	..	23142
,, H.E.	..	14,042
4.5" How. H.E.	..	6,887
4.7" Mk VI S.	..	12
,, H.E.	..	242
60 pdr. S.	..	1,314
,, H.E.	..	1,107
6" How. H.E.	..	298
6" 26 cwt How.	..	3,195
6" Mk VII S.	..	10
,, H.E.	..	50
8" How. H.E.	..	491
9.2" How. H.E.	..	1,094
15" How. H.E.	..	8

Summary of Special ammunition other than shown in Daily Summaries. Expenditure during October.

<u>4.5" How.</u>					<u>60 pdrs.</u>				
<u>C.B.R.</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>T.H.</u>	<u>S.K.</u>	<u>J.</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>S.K.</u>	<u>C.B.R.</u>	<u>J.</u>	
1305	2093	2019	4144	500	351	1744	1396	398	

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HEADQUARTERS,
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4.7" Mk. VI

P.S.

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10. WEATHER.

Very bad. High wind, rainstorms and cloud all day.

11. MOVES and ARRIVALS.

12th Divn. (1) Transport Field Coys. and Pioneer Bn. from TALMAS to Third Army.

(2) Personnel Field Coys. and Pioneer Bn. from I Anzac Corps to Third Army.

2nd Ind. Cav. Divn.

From area 3 to Cavalry Corps area.

20th Divn. (1) Less artillery commences to move from area D to area 3.

4th Aus. Divn.

(1) Less artillery commences to move from area 6 to area D.

12. COMPOSITION OF FOURTH ARMY.

III Corps 1*, 15, 48*, 50.

XIV ,, 8*, 17, 29*, 33.

I Anzac Corps 1A*, 2A, 5A.

Army Reserve (XV Corps H.Q., Guards, 4, 4A, 20.
(2nd Ind. Cav. Divn., 2nd Cav. Divn.)

* Corps reserve.

13. GENERAL.

(a) At 10.10 a.m. the following telegram was sent out to Corps, 4th Bde. R.F.C. and Fifth Army :-

"G.2748.

Ref. Fourth Army 299/57 (G), dated Octr. 31st para. 2 AAA For Novr. 2nd read Novr 3rd AAA Acknowledge."

(b) At 10.45 p.m. instructions were issued [299/58 (G) attached] for the attacks of the III Corps and I Anzac Corps on the objectives included in the Green Line to take place on the 5th November.

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GENERAL STAFF, HEADQUARTERS, 4th ARMY.
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III Corps.	XV Corps.
XIV Corps.	Fifth Army.
I Anzac Corps.	Third Army.
4th Bde., R.F.C.	Sixth French Army.
2nd Cav. Div.	Adv. G.H.Q.
	Cavalry Corps.

For *299/58(G)*

GENERAL STAFF, HEADQUARTERS, 4th ARMY.
No. <u>299/58(G)</u>
Date <u>1.11.16</u>

1. With reference to Fourth Army No. 299/58(G) dated 30th October, 1916, paras. 5 and 6.

2. The attacks of the III Corps and I Anzac Corps on the objectives included in the Green Line on the map issued with the above quoted order will, weather permitting, take place on the 5th November in conjunction with the attack of the right of the Fifth Army.

The hour of Zero will be notified later.

3. Acknowledge by wire.

Adams

H.Q., Fourth Army,
1st November, 1916.

Major-General,
General Staff, Fourth Army.

Issued at 10.45 pm

2nd November, 1916

GENERAL STAFF,
HEADQUARTERS,
1916th ARMY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 2nd November, 1916.

1. A successful operation was undertaken in the evening by the 51st Infy. Bde. (17th Division), which captured, by means of a surprise attack, the portion of ZENITH TRENCH still held by the enemy. No other operations were undertaken.

2. XIV-Corps.

The night was quiet all along the Corps front. Hostile artillery was active on the Right Brigade (100th Brigade), 33rd Division, during the day.

A surprise attack on the uncaptured portion of ZENITH TRENCH was successfully carried out by the 51st Infy. Bde. (17th Division) and a strong point established at the junction of ZENITH and ECLIPSE TRENCHES.

The attack itself was carried out by the 7th Bn., Border Regiment, and was planned and arranged on the initiative of the Battalion Commander.

Previous to the attack the Battalion Commander took his Company Commanders up to GUSTY TRENCH. He explained to them directly how he wished the attack carried out. He also made a careful reconnaissance of that portion of ZENITH trench which was to be attacked, from positions in battalion sectors on his right and left. On the night 1st - 2nd November, four patrols were sent out to make a thorough reconnaissance of the ground that had to be crossed. It was found to be broken up by shell holes.

The attack was planned for dusk (5.30 p.m.) on 2nd November. At this hour the company that carried out the attack was situated in the southern part of MISTY Trench and the northern part of GUSTY TRENCH. The whole company, under the command of Captain NASMITH, got out of the trench and worked its way to a ^{line} parallel to the portion of ZENITH Trench to be attacked, and awaited orders. It took half an hour to get the company into line. When everything was ready for the attack to be launched the whole company crawled forward and no portion of the line was discovered by the enemy until within 25 yards of the hostile trench. The right of the line was then seen by the enemy and heavily fired on. As soon as the hostile fire opened the whole line rushed forward and entered the enemy's trench. Heavy bayonet fighting took place in the trench, especially on the right, that is, the portion from which our advance had first been seen by the enemy. The enemy were surprised, but there was hard bayonet fighting and bombing for a short time before all of them were disposed of. Some 25 Germans were killed in the trench, our casualties in the assault being one officer and one man killed and about eight wounded.

As a result of the complete surprise, the enemy's artillery was unable to make out the situation. There was no artillery fire on our part, beyond the ordinary night firing, prior to or during the attack, but at 8.0 p.m. artillery night lines were lengthened 200 yards beyond ZENITH TRENCH and 50 yards up ECLIPSE trench, and

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2nd November, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF,
HEADQUARTERS,
4th ARMY.

No.
Date.....

the rate of artillery fire increased. A strong barrage was put down by the enemy, from time to time, on RAINBOW Trench and a less severe barrage on MISTY and GUSTY trenches.

Directly it was found that the attack had been successful the left company (7th Border Regt.) which was occupying the northern part of MISTY TRENCH, went forward and commenced to dig a trench (the present BLIZZARD trench) from the junction of ECLIPSE and ZENITH trenches to a point in MISTY Trench.

A small counter-attack was made by some 30 Germans who emerged from ECLIPSE Trench; these were all disposed of, four of them being made prisoners. Several other small independent bombing attacks were made during the night.

A block was made at first at the junction of ECLIPSE and ZENITH trenches and, later, some 150 yards up ECLIPSE Trench.

The situation on the right was for some time obscure, as a pocket of Germans still remained between the right of the 7th Border Regt. in ZENITH trench and the left of the 7th Lincolnshire Regiment, the battalion occupying the portion of ZENITH trench already in our hands.

At 11.0 p.m. the 7th Lincolnshire Regiment relieved the Border Regiment.

By means of a small patrol enterprises on the 1st and 2nd November the left Brigade (98th Infy. Bde.), 33rd Division, advanced their line from DEWDROP along the SUNKEN Road in N.34.d., 35.c., 35.a. and a trench was dug from N.35.a.0.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - N.35.c.2.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

3. Anzac Corps.

During the day the enemy shelled COBHAM Trench. Also FLERS Trench and ABBAYE Road were shelled with 5.9's and gas shells, but the damage was slight.

Hostile aeroplanes were active, but were driven off by our anti-aircraft guns.

4. III Corps.

The night was quiet with very little shelling.

The enemy barraged 26th AVENUE during the morning and again during the afternoon.

The 48th Division commenced relief of the 15th Division on the left of the Corps front.

5. AIRCRAFT.

106 hours were flown by 84 pilots.

There was rain with low cloud during the morning, clearing about 3.0 p.m.

4 batteries were engaged and 7 located. Hostile aircraft was active after 3.0 p.m. A machine attacked by Capt. Andrews was seen to fall out of control but was not seen to crash. Later, a crashed machine was seen on the ground in the same locality.

42 plates were exposed.

2 - 20 lb bombs were dropped on WARLENCOURT.

An aerodrome of 3 hangars was seen in A.23

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Date

central.

6. FIFTH ARMY.

No operations were undertaken.

7. PRISONERS.

1 officer and 4 o.r. were reported during the day.

8. CASUALTIES.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
1/31st July (actual)	5095	120438
1/31st August ,,	1386	32770
1/30th September ,,	3060	71997
1/31st October ,,	1476	33975
1/2nd Novr. (estimated)	13	350
	<u>11030</u>	<u>259530</u>

9. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE.

A.A. ..	553
18 pdr. S. ..	24,582
18 pdr. H.E. ..	16,030
4.5" How. H.E. ..	7,741
4.7" Mk VI S. ..	51
,, H.E. ..	299
60 pdr. S. ..	2,697
,, H.E. ..	915
6" How. H.E. ..	323
6" 26 cwt How. H.E. ..	3,641
6" Mk VII S. ..	89
,, H.E. ..	111
8" Howr. H.E. ..	692
9.2" How. H.E. ..	1,200
15" How. H.E. ..	21

10. WEATHER.

Rain and low cloud, clearing about 3.0 p.m.

11. MOVES and ARRIVALS.

56th Divn. (1) Artillery from XIV Corps to VILLERS-BOCAGE, TALMAS and MOLLIENS.

20th Divn. (1) Less artillery continue move from area D to area 3.

4th Aus. Divn. (1) Less artillery continue move from area 6 to area D.

4th Divn. (1) Less artillery commence to move from area 5 to area 7.

12. COMPOSITION OF FOURTH ARMY.

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12. COMPOSITION OF FOURTH ARMY.

III Corps	1*, 15, 48*, 50.
XIV ,,	8*, 17, 29*, 33.
Anzac ,,	1A, 2A*, 5A.
Army Reserve	(XV Corps H.Q., Guards, 4, 4A, 20, (2nd Cav. Divn.

* Corps reserve.

13. GENERAL.

(a) At 10.30 a.m. the following telegram was sent out to Corps, 4th Bde. R.F.C. and Fifth Army :-

"G.2767.

Cancel G.2748 dated November 1st AAA Reference Fourth Army 299/57 (G) dated October 31st para 2. AAA For November 2nd read November 5th AAA Acknowledge."

(b) "G.2775. 10.0 p.m.

Reference Fourth Army No. 299/58 (G) of 1st Novr. para 2 for Novr. 5th read Novr 7th. Acknowledge".

Plan of attack on uncaptured portion of Zenith Tr.
at 5.30 p.m. Nov 2nd 1916



REFERENCE

- ▲ - Officer
- - Bombing Squad
- ⚡ - Lewis Gun
- A.B. - Positions where Coy. lined up.
- RED LINES - Trenches held previous to attack
- RED DOTTED - Trench dug after attack
- BLUE - Portion of Enemy Line captured

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HEADQUARTERS,
4th ARMY.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 3rd November, 1916.

1. There were no operations during the day other than a small attack on BORITSKA TRENCH, which failed, and the defeat of various counter-attacks against the portion of ZENITH TRENCH which we captured on the 2nd.

2. XIV Corps.

During the night the portion of ZENITH TRENCH captured at dusk on the 2nd was consolidated and a strong block was established at N.28.b.4.3 in ECLIPSE TRENCH.

A line joining ZENITH to MISTY TRENCH was commenced.

At 6.30 a.m. a counter-attack was attempted against the portion of ZENITH Trench captured the evening before by a party of Germans who emerged from some old gun pits E. of ECLIPSE Trench. This attack was allowed to come close up and was wiped out by Lewis gun fire.

At 7.0 a.m. another body of about 80 men stood up and made some signs of surrender. The Company Commander waved for them to come in, but, unfortunately, one of our men on the right fired at and killed one of the Germans, whereupon the remainder bolted back to cover, and during the day a number of these were shot as they bolted by twos and threes back to their own lines.

About 4.0 p.m. the enemy developed a strong counter-attack directly against ZENITH Trench and also astride ECLIPSE TRENCH. Our support line (GUSTY trench) was barraged and ECLIPSE, ZENITH and MISTY trenches were heavily shelled. The bombing post up ECLIPSE TRENCH was destroyed, but was re-established shortly afterwards. This attack was repulsed with very severe loss to the enemy. The company holding MISTY TRENCH suffered rather severely, but, nevertheless, pushed out two platoons to counter-attack the enemy's left in shell holes on the W. of ECLIPSE Trench, driving what was left of them back in disorder. The frontal attack on ZENITH TRENCH was made by some 200 Germans. This reached to within about 200 yards of our line where it was severely punished by our barrage and rifle fire. Fighting with the remains of these counter-attacks in shell holes continued till about 6.0 p.m.

During this counter-attack, the right company of the 7th Lincolnshire Regiment, which was not directly attacked, seized the opportunity of clearing up the situation at the E. end of ZENITH trench, and, by a sudden rush, surprised and captured the Germans still holding out there, who numbered about 35.

The condition of ZENITH and ECLIPSE trenches was indescribable. Part of ZENITH trench itself was merely a series of craters joined by a ditch knee deep in water. In many parts of the trench it was absolutely impassible, being waist deep in water. Several cases occurred of men sticking over waist deep in mud and having to be dug out.

The enemy's total casualties during the capture of the trench and the counter-attacks were estimated at 300.

Our casualties were 5

....officers

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officers and 75 other ranks.

The following remarks were made on this operation by the G.O.C. XIV Corps :-

"The operation was remarkable for two or three reasons-

- (i) The initiative shown by both Battalion and Company Commanders.
- (ii) The good behaviour of new drafts.
- (iii) The revelation of the state of the enemy's trenches which are evidently as bad or worse than our own."

38 prisoners were taken and 4 machine guns.

A party of the enemy who were seen walking in the open near HAZY TRENCH were dispersed by our fire.

At 4.10 p.m. the enemy dropped a heavy barrage behind the front line of 33rd Division. Hostile artillery was active on Left Brigade, 33rd Division, front during the day.

An attack was carried out by the 33rd Division on BORITSKA TRENCH at 3.30 p.m. The attack failed; our losses were reported to have been heavy.

RAINBOW TRENCH was shelled considerably during the day.

3. Anzac Corps.

During the day hostile artillery activity was rather below the normal.

FRICOURT Wood, village and neighbourhood were shelled during the afternoon by a heavy gun.

4. III Corps.

There has been considerable aerial activity. A number of hostile machines crossed the line during the day.

FRICOURT was shelled all afternoon by a long range high velocity gun. No serious damage.

Hostile artillery was less active on the front trenches.

The relief of the 15th Division by the 48th Division in the left sector of the Corps area was completed.

5. Fifth Army.

There were no operations on this date.

6. AIRCRAFT.

193 hours were flown by 99 pilots.

During the day there was cloud with considerable bright intervals. There was a very high wind at 10,000 ft.

One successful trench reconnaissance was made. 16 batteries were engaged and 12 direct hits obtained.

Several emplacements were destroyed and an explosion caused. 4 direct hits were obtained on trenches.

Hostile aircraft was very active. There were four combats. Lt. Pashley, No. 24 Squadron, drove down a machine apparently out of control.

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75 photographs were taken.
Sgt. Baldwin and Lt. Bentham, No. 18 Squadron,
Capt. Pemberton and 2/Lt. Cook,
Capt. Lord Lucas and 2/Lt. Anderson,
2/Lt. Knowlden and 2/Lt. Ordish, No. 22 Squadron,
are missing.

2 - 20 lb bombs were dropped on WARLENCOURT.

7. PRISONERS.

9 o.r. were reported during the day.

8. CASUALTIES.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
1/31st July (actual)	5095	120438
1/31st August ,,	1386	32770
1/30th Septr. ,,	3060	71997
1/31st October ,,	1476	33975
1/3rd November (estimated)	17	450
	<u>11034</u>	<u>259630</u>

9. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE.

A.A.	348
18 pdr. S.	22,564
,, H.E.	12,611
4.5" How. H.E.	5,428
4.7" Mk VI S.	105
,, H.E.	238
60 pdr. S.	1,849
,, H.E.	914
6" How. H.E.	89
6" 26 cwt How. H.E.	3,637
6" Mk VII S.	16
,, H.E.	29
8" How. H.E.	322
9.2" How. H.E.	1,163
12" How. H.E.	2
12" Gun H.E.	1
15" How. H.E.	28

10. WEATHER.

Cloudy, with considerable bright intervals.

11. MOVES and ARRIVALS.

- 56th Divn. (1) Artillery from TALMAS, VILLERS-BOCAGE and MOLLIENS to K area (Reserve Army).
41st Divn. (1) Artillery from XIV Corps to TALMAS, VILLERS-BOCAGE and MOLLIENS.
4th Aus. Divn. (1) Less artillery complete concentration in area C and D.
20th Divn. (1) Less artillery complete movement from area D to area 3.
4th Divn. (1) Less artillery complete movement from area 5 to area 7.

....29th Divn.

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- 29th Divn. (1) 1 Bde. (personnel) by train from XIV
Corps area to area 5.
(2) Transport 1 Bde. from XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES.

12. COMPOSITION OF FOURTH ARMY.

III Corps	1*, 15*, 48, 50.
XIV , ,	8*, 17, 29*, 33.
I Anzac Corps	1A, 2A*, 5A.
<u>Army Reserve</u>	(XV Corps H.Q., Guards, 4, 4A, 20, 29, 60, 2nd Indian Cavalry Divn.)

* Corps reserve.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 4th November, 1916.

1. No operations were undertaken during the day.

2. XIV Corps.

Hostile artillery was active all along the front, especially on the area N.35.a., LES BOEUFs, junction of MUGGY and GERMAN trenches, MISTY, RAINBOW, CLOUDY, GUNPITS and BUZZER.

3. Anzac Corps.

Nothing to report.

4. III Corps.

During the night a patrol was sent out from M.17.c. but saw nothing of the enemy. It was out for about two hours.

A German patrol seven strong advanced close to our post at M.16.a.5.9. The post fired on them, and the patrol withdrew, leaving one man dead; he belonged to the 139th I.R.

During the day hostile artillery was active on DESTREMONT FARM and LE SARS.

5. FIFTH ARMY.

No operations.

6. AIRCRAFT.

68 hours were flown by 63 pilots.

There was low cloud all day.

One successful trench reconnaissance was made.

15 direct hits obtained on trenches.

Lt. McDonald, No. 9 Squadron, obtained 12 direct hits on a trench.

One battery was successfully engaged.

Hostile aircraft was inactive.

22 plates were exposed, of which 9 were successful.

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PRISONERS.

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7. PRISONERS.

Corps	During the day		From Octr. 7th incl.		Up to Octr. 6th incl.		Grand total	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
XIV	1	36	8	547	197	5736	205	6283
Anzac	-	-	4	285	145	5824	149	6109
III	-	-	9	541	62	3126	71	3667
C.C.S.—	1	1	11	409	50	4221	61	4630
VIII & X	-	-	-	-	8	544	8	544
	2	37	32	1982	462	19451	494	21233

8. CASUALTIES.

	Officers	O.R.
1/4th November (estimated)	20	550
1/31st July (actual)	5095	120438
1/31st August ,,	1386	32770
1/30th September ,,	3060	71997
1/31st October ,,	1476	33975
	<u>11037</u>	<u>259730</u>

9. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE.

A.A.	..	1,172
13 pdr. S.	..	129
18 pdr. S.	..	30,848
" " H.E.	..	14,690
4.5" How. H.E.	..	6,913
4.7" Mk VI S,	..	168
" " H.E.	..	283
60 pdr. S.	..	2,150
" " H.E.	..	1,818
6" How. H.E.	..	176
6" 26 cwt How. H.E.	..	4,294
6" Mk VII S.	..	123
" " H.E.	..	391
8" How.	..	621
9.2" How. H.E.	..	1,487
12" How. H.E.	..	29
15" How. H.E.	..	17
12" Gun H.E.	..	2

10. WEATHER.

Dull all day.

11. MOVES and ARRIVALS.

41st Divn. (1) Arty. from TALMAS, VILLERS-BOCAGE and MOLLIENS to K area (Reserve Army).

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12. COMPOSITION OF FOURTH ARMY.

III Corps	1*, 15*, 48, 50.
XIV ,,	8*, 17, 29*, 33.
Anzac ,,	1A, 2A*, 5A.
Army Reserve	(XV Corps H.Q., Guards, 4, 4A, 29, 60. (2nd Cav. Divn.

* Corps reserve.

13. GENERAL.

(a) A letter was received from Lord Cavan, Commanding XIV Corps, at 8.0 a.m., as follows :-

XIV Corps No. S/82/103. x
Fourth Army No 397 (G).

"Fourth Army.

1. With a full and complete sense of my responsibility, I feel it my bounden duty to put in writing my carefully considered opinion as to the attack ordered to take place on November 5th.

2. I have previously said that in my opinion the only way to attack LE TRANSLOY is from the South, and to this I adhere.

3. An advance across the squares N.35 and 36, from my present position with the troops at my disposal, has practically no chance of success on account of the heavy enfilade fire of machine guns and artillery from the North, and the enormous distance we have to advance against a strongly prepared position owing to the failure to advance our line in the recent operations.

4. My Corps has already lost 5,320 men in attacks in the neighbourhood of HAZY and BORITSKA Trenches.

5. I perfectly acknowledge the necessity of not leaving the French left in the air, but I would point out that when the French find an impossible task in front of them, they do not attempt it. See concrete example enclosed and marked "A".

6. I assert my readiness to sacrifice the British right rather than jeopardize the French success, but I feel that I am bound to ask if this is the intention, for a sacrifice it must be. It does not appear that a failure would much assist the French, and there is a danger of this attack shaking the confidence of the men and officers in their commanders.

7. No one who has not visited the front trenches can really know the state of exhaustion to which the men are reduced. The conditions are far worse than in the

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first Battle of YPRES, all my General Officers and Staff Officers agree that they are the worst they have seen owing to the enormous distance of the carry of all munitions - such as food, water, and ammunition.

8. Orders have been issued for the attack and every possible effort will be made by the 33rd Division to carry out the task assigned to them and I am bound to say that General Pinney has shown a fine spirit throughout. I should like to have relieved him but the 8th and 29th Divisions have only just come out of the line.

(Sgd.) Cavan,
Lieut.-General,
Commanding XIV Corps."

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- (b) This letter was forwarded by the Army Commander to the Commander-in-Chief under Fourth Army No. 397 (G), as follows :-

"C.G.S. SECRET. 397 (G).

I forward herewith the letter which I referred to in my conversation with you this morning on the telephone. What Lord Cavan says is quite correct and I am in agreement with him as regards the inability of the 33rd Divn. to undertake the attack of the more distant objectives laid down in Fourth Army operation orders. I have therefore arranged with him that his Infantry objectives for tomorrow will be limited to the following trenches ORION - POLLUX - HAZY - BORITKA and MIRAGE, but that his artillery programme will be carried out as already arranged in order to assist the French attack. I have communicated with the Sixth French Army and informed them of the change in our arrangements.

(Sgd.) H. Rawlinson,
General,
Commanding Fourth Army."

4/11/16.

- (c) In the afternoon a conference was held at A.H.Q., and was attended by -

Gen. FOCH and his Chief Staff Officer.
Gen. des Vallieres.
The C.-in-C. and Gen. Davidson.
Fourth Army Commander and his M.G., G.S.

The views put forward by Lord Cavan in the above quoted letter were supported by the Army Commander.

As a result of the conference it was decided not to attack LE TRANSLOY line but to carry out a modified attack as ordered in Fourth Army No. 299/59 (G) (attached) and Fourth Army No. 299/60 (G) (also attached).

The letter from the French mentioned in Lord Cavan's letter, para. 5, above, was as follows :-

"L.S.500.
Capt. Spiers to C.G.S. INTENTIONS.
The action of the IX Corps is under discussion.

....and

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"and will depend on the action of the Fourth Army.

The XXXII Corps will capture SAILLISEL village, BAYREUTH and GOTHA Trenches as well as PFALZ and WAGNER Trenches.

A It has been decided that the attack will not progress down the ravine East of 2790, because of the sweeping m.g. fire sure to be encountered there, but as much ground as possible will be gained on the high ground North of this ravine (2693, 2896) in the advance on the MESNIL village.

The German trenches South of SAILLISEL will be captured (LORELEI, WALLSTEIN trenches, 2481, 2279, 2076), by an attack from the North and N.W. and a line established opposite SCHRIMM trench.

If these trenches are captured, the attack of MESSIMY'S Brigade of Chasseurs (V-Corps) on the S.W. edge of ST. PIERRE VAAST Wood (FORRESTIERE, DROSSEN and HALICZ Trenches) will be greatly facilitated and it is likely the Chasseurs will go through the whole wood and establish a line opposite the GOUVERNEMENT Farm.
3/11/16. (Sgd.) E.L. Spiers.

(d) At 11.10 a.m. instructions were issued for attack on Novr. 5th [Fourth Army No. 299/59 (G) attached].

(e) Instructions were issued to XIV Corps as regards their attack on the 5th, in confirmation of verbal instructions by the Army Commander, [No. 299/60 (G) attached].

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299/59 (G)
No. 1-11-16
Date

III Corps.	XV Corps.) For information.
XIV Corps.	Fifth Army.	
I Anzac Corps.	Third Army.	
4th Bde., R.F.C.	Sixth French Army.	
2nd Cav. Div.	Adv. C.H.Q.	
	Cavalry Corps.)

1. Reference Fourth Army No. 299/58 (C) dated 30/10/18.

2. G.2775 of 2/11/18 is cancelled.

3. The attacks by the Right Division of the III Corps and the Left Division of the I Anzac Corps on the objectives included in the brown dotted line, shown on the map issued with the above quoted order, will take place at 9.10 a.m. on 5th November.

The Right Division of the I Anzac Corps will clear up the situation in N.20. central at the same hour.

4. The major operations to be carried out by the Fifth Army having been indefinitely postponed, the attacks by the III Corps and the I Anzac Corps on the objectives included in the green line on the map issued with the above quoted order are similarly postponed.

5. The major operations to be carried out by the Sixth French Army will take place on the 5th November, the hour of zero being 11.10 a.m.

The XIV Corps will co-operate with this attack under instructions which will be issued to XIV Corps.

6. Acknowledge by wire.

Callaghan

H.Q., Fourth Army,
4th November, 1918.

Major-General,
General Staff, Fourth Army.

Issued at 11.10 am

SECRET

War Diary

GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS 4th Army
No. 299/60 (G).
Date 4.11.16.

XIV Corps.

Capt. Spiers. (For information).

1. With reference to Fourth Army No. 299/59 (G) dated 4th November, 1916, para 5, and in confirmation of verbal instructions issued by the Army Commander.
2. The XIV Corps will attack MIRAGE, BORITZKA and ORION Trenches simultaneously with the French attack at 11.10 a.m. All available artillery will take part and the barrage and bombardment will be carried out as arranged for the attack of LE TRANSLOY.
3. Arrangements will be made, should the above attack be successful, to advance our line so as to join the French left at about N.36.c.6.0 with DEWDROP Trench.

H.Q., Fourth Army,
4th November, 1916.

(Sgd). A. A. Montgomery,
Major-General,
General Staff, Fourth Army.

Copy to M.G.R.A.

WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place
Date
Hour

QUERRIEU
1916.
25th
to
30th
Novr.,
1916.

SITUATION. The situation during the week has remained unchanged.

OPERATIONS. There have been no operations of importance.

WORK. Work has been carried on in accordance with the Corps Defence Scheme; work on the repair of roads and railway construction has been pushed forward.

ARTILLERY ACTION.

Our own. During the past week our heavy artillery has continued to bombard the enemy's defences, and has co-operated with the field artillery in short organised bombardments. Suspected enemy battery positions and dumps have been shelled. The field artillery both by day and night has searched roads and tracks, and attempted to stop enemy work and movement behind the lines. In the fog the enemy's trenches have been well searched with fire. Counter-battery work has been vigorously pursued whenever possible.

Hostile. Enemy's artillery activity has not been great. LE SARS, BAZENTIN-le-PETIT, MARTINPUICH, EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE have received attention and the enemy has also barraged our front line system of trenches for short periods. ALBERT was shelled on the 27th by a 15 cm gun.

AERIAL.

There has been almost uninterrupted fog and heavy mist during this period. On the 25th and 26th low clouds and rain prevented aerial activity. On the 27th hostile artillery showed some activity. One indecisive combat was fought. One of our aeroplanes attacked infantry in BAPAUME. On the 28th, 29th and 30th bad weather prevented aerial activity.

MOVES.

25th Novr.	12th Divn.	Artillery from I Anzac Corps to TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE.
26th Novr.	12th Divn.	Artillery from VILLERS-BOCAGE and TALMAS to Third Army area.
	33rd Divn.	(1) Personnel Pioneer Bn. by 'bus XIV Corps to area 5.
		(2) Transport Pioneer Bn. by road XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES.
27th Novr.	9th Divn.	Artillery from III Corps to TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE.
	33rd Divn.	(1) Transport Pioneer Bn. from ARGOEUVES to area 5.
		(2) Personnel 2 Field Cos. by 'bus XIV Corps to area 5.
		(3) Transport 2 Field Cos. by road XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
QUERRIEU	1918 25th to 30th Novr., 1918.	-	MOVES, continued.
			<p>27th Novr. 4th Divn. (1) Artillery from DACOURS to ARGOEUVES, ST. SAUVEUR, LA CHAUSSEE.</p> <p>20th Divn. (1) Transport 1 Bde. group from area 6 to MOLLIENS-au-BOIS.</p> <p>28th Novr. 9th Divn. Artillery from TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE to Third Army area.</p> <p>33rd Divn. Transport 2 Field Cos. ARGOEUVES to area 5.</p> <p>4th Divn. Artillery from ARGOEUVES and LA CHAUSSEE ST. SAUVEUR to area 5 XV Corps.</p> <p>20th Divn. (1) Personnel 1 Bde. group from area 4 to XIV Corps area by train.</p> <p>Transport 1 Bde. group from MOLLIENS VIDAME to XIV Corps area.</p> <p>8th Divn. (1) Personnel 2 Field Cos. from XIV Corps by 'bus to area 4.</p> <p>(2) Transport 2 Field Cos. from XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES.</p> <p>"Y" Battery R.H.A. from XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES.</p> <p>29th Novr. 4th Divn. Artillery from SELINCOURT to area 7 XV Corps.</p> <p>8th Divn. (1) Transport 2 Field Cos. from ARGOEUVES to area 4.</p> <p>(2) Personnel Pioneer Bn. from XIV Corps to area 4 by 'bus.</p> <p>(3) Transport Pioneer Bn. from XIV Corps to ARGOEUVES.</p> <p>"Y" Battery R.H.A. from ARGOEUVES to BETHENCOURT.</p> <p>Guards Divn. Artillery from area 3 to ARGOEUVES, LA CHAUSSEE, ST. SAUVEUR.</p> <p>30th Novr. 8th Divn. (1) Pioneer Bn. from ARGOEUVES to area 4.</p> <p>(2) Artillery from DACOURS to ARGOEUVES, LA CHAUSSEE, ST. SAUVEUR.</p> <p>Guards Divn. Artillery from ARGOEUVES, ST. SAUVEUR, LA CHAUSSEE to XIV Corps area.</p> <p>"Y" Battery R.H.A. from BETHENCOURT to ST. RIQUIER.</p> <p>3rd Bde. 1st Australian Divn. from Anzac Corps forward area.</p>

GENERAL. 25th Novr.

(a) A conference was held at Fourth Army Headquarters, under arrangements of G.H.Q., to decide points in connection with the relief of the French IX, XX and portion of the VI Corps by the Fourth Army.

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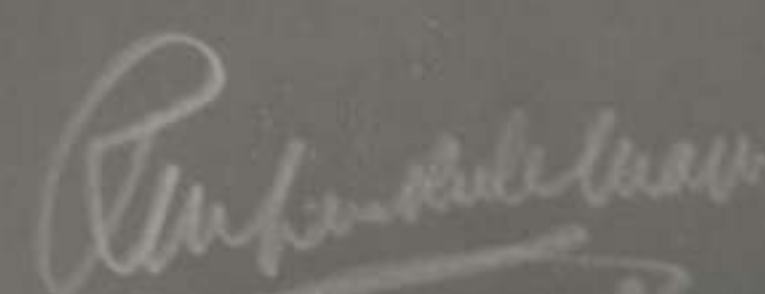
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

FOURTH ARMY. (General Staff).

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
QUERRIEU.	1916. 25th to 30th Novr., 1916. (continued)	-	<p><u>GENERAL, continued).</u></p> <p>The following representatives of Fourth Army were present :- M.G.G.S., G.S.O.2, D.A. & Q.M.G., A.Q.M.G., C.E., Staff Officer R.A., D.D.M.S., D.D.Sigs., A.D.R.T., and G.O.C. 4th Ede. R.F.C..</p> <p>A report of this conference was received from G.H.Q. (O.A.D.235).</p> <p>(b) <u>25th Novr.</u> G.H.Q. letter O.A.D. 231 was received, in reference to the proposed renewal of offensive by the X French Army South of the SOMME, and giving instructions for the assistance of this attack by the Fourth Army.</p> <p>(c) <u>26th Novr.</u> Fourth Army 305 (G) was issued, with map, showing new boundaries between XV Corps and French Sixth Army and between XV and XIV Corps, on completion of reliefs. Times and dates for the reliefs were also stated.</p> <p>(d) <u>27th Novr.</u> A continuation of Fourth Army 305 (G) was issued giving dates for transfer of command.</p> <p>(e) <u>27th Novr.</u> Fourth Army letter No. 305/1 (G) was sent to G.H.Q., in reply to O.A.D.231, of 25th November. Copy is attached.</p> <p>(f) <u>27th Novr.</u> Fourth Army G.G.361, as regards the transfer of H.A. Group Headquarters and Batteries to the XV Corps, was issued.</p> <p>(g) <u>30th Novr.</u> Instructions were issued from Army H.Q. to Corps, etc, for the assistance to be given to the French in their proposed attack South of the SOMME by the Tenth Army. (299/68 G).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">387</p> <p>Appendix 1.</p> <p>Appendix 2.</p> <p>Appendix 3.</p> <p>Appendix 4.</p> <p>Appendix 5.</p>
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