

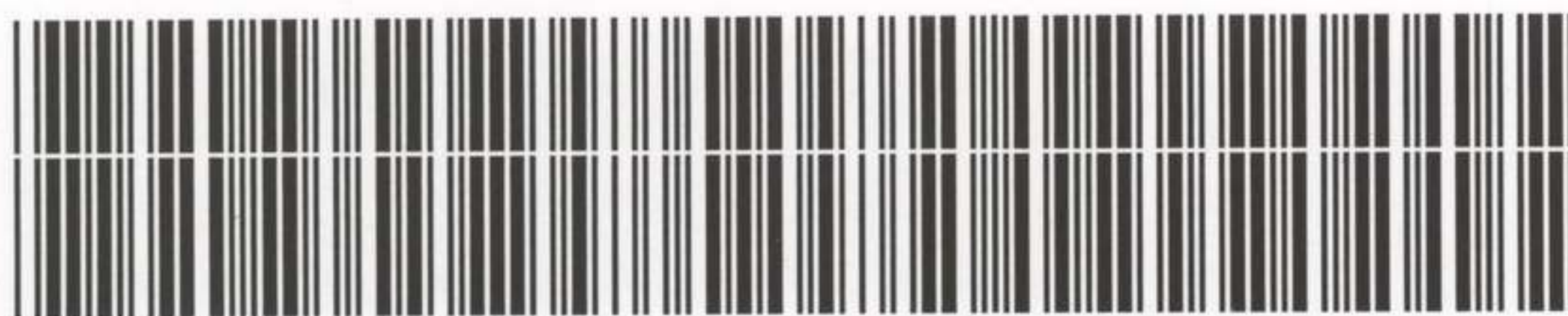
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 72.

Divisional Headquarters,
12th April, 1918.

1. The 1st Australian Division (less artillery) on detrainment at HAZEBROUCK and HONDEGHEM on 12th and 13th April, will assemble Brigade Groups as under:-

1st Brigade Group near STRAZEELE.
2nd Brigade Group near LA MOTTE.
3rd Brigade Group near MORBECQUE.

As each battalion arrives it will be moved forward to its allotted section.

2. 28th R.F.A. (Army) Bde. is allotted to the division.

3. On arrival at STRAZEELE, LA MOTTE and MORBECQUE, defensive localities for Brigade Groups will be prepared so as to cover HAZEBROUCK should a hostile attack develop from the direction of NEUF BERQUIN-MERVILLE-St. VENANT.

The interval between the defensive localities will be watched by patrols supported by Machine and Lewis Guns. Maps defining brigade responsibilities have been issued to Brigade Commanders.

4. Units will move out to their allotted positions covered by advanced guards.

5. Units will be held in readiness for prompt action either to the front or flanks at all times.

6. Detailed reconnaissances will be carried out without delay.

7. Transport lines will be situated well back.

8. Tool and Engineer dumps have been established at STRAZEELE STN. for 1st Brigade; HAZEBROUCK Main STN, for 2nd Brigade; near MORBECQUE STN. for 3rd Brigade.

9. Progress reports will be sent in giving information as to detrainment and development of defences at six (6) hour intervals commencing at 6 p.m. on 12th inst.

10. A.P.M. will establish Battle Straggler Posts on all important roads approximately on the line STEENBECQUE STN - Le TIR ANGLAIS-BOORE. Forward of this stragglers will be collected under orders of Brigades by all units.

11. Divisional Headquarters are at BECKE temporarily.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(20) J. A. Blamey
Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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4-6. War Diary.
7. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
8. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
9. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
10. 28th R.F.A. (Army) Bde.
11. C.R.E. 1st Aust. Div.

12. 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.
13. 1st Aust. M.G. Battalion.
14. 15th Corps.
15. 5th Division.
16. 29th Division.
17. 31st Division.
18. 50th Division.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
8th. April. 1918.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 42.

1. While the Division is in its present area, training will be continued. The period available will be short and training will be carried out with the object of
 - (i) hardening the troops
 - (ii) improvement of marksmanship.
2. (i) Route marches and cross country runs probably give the best means of hardening the troops.
 (ii) Rapid loading will be practised daily. Training in fire discipline and fire control by subordinate leaders must be carried out every day also. Mobile reserves of ammunition will not be drawn for this purpose. Further supplies will be available shortly.
3. Infantry will be practised in the use of the new rifle grenade discharger. The increased range given to the Mills grenade by this has proved of the greatest value in breaking up enemy attacks several waves deep. Prisoners have spoken of a barrage of these rifle grenades as the most deadly thing that they have met. Efforts are being made to increase the number on issue to each unit.
4. While nothing must be done to lower the offensive spirit, and the idea of withdrawal and looking backward is to be combated, it must be recognised that on a large front action in other parts of the battlefield may necessitate withdrawals.
 At least one tactical exercise in effecting a withdrawal will be carried out by the senior officers of each infantry brigade, and one by the officers of each unit.
 The main principles to be adhered to are
 - (i) The selection of the covering position.
 - (ii) Detailing the covering force and ensuring that it takes up its covering position in good time.
 - (iii) Methodical withdrawal to a definite position.
 Detailed instructions for withdrawals have been issued to Brigade Commanders.

W. H. L. L. L.
 for Colonel.
 General Staff.
 1st Australian Division.

Sufficient copies are issued for distribution down to Battalions.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters.
9th April. 1918.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 43.

SUBJECT;- Defence Against gas.

1. (i) The pamphlet S.S. 193 - Standing Orders for Defence against gas (O.B./192) will be taken as a general guide for gas measures in the present corps area.
(ii) The more specific instructions contained in First ANZAC General Staff Circular No. 109 dated 22nd November 1917 (paras 4 - 7) hold good generally.
2. The western boundaries of the gas zones in the present corps area will be as follows;-
 - ALERT ZONE.
HEMPCOURT - BREBLE - HEILLY - BONNAY - LA NEUVILLE
- AUBIGNY (all inclusive).
 - READY ZONE.
BAIZIEUX - FRANVILLERS - LA ROUSSEY-BUSSET - CLISY
(all inclusive).
 - PRECAUTIONARY ZONE.
ALIMES - RAINEVILLE - PIERREHOT road.
3. The limits of the "ALERT" and "READY" zones will be marked as laid down in Section 1 of S.S. 193 by divisions.
The "Precautionary Zone" limits will be marked by the Corps.

G. Blamey
Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

No.	From.	To.	Information.		Received.
			(continued) Intervals between defensive localities to be watched by patrols supported by M.G. and L.Guns. 5th Division directed on line HAVERSQUERQUE - LA MOTTE.		
6.	B.G.G.S. XV Corps.	G.S.O.1 (telephone)	Outlined situation - Guards Bde. extending from K.16 to K.6.b. near road NEUF BERQUIN. This line was carried by 29th Division through Sq. F.19- E.30. 29th Division now withdrawing - danger of leaving a gap here - B.G.G.S. asks that any troops available be pushed in to support the left of the Guards Brigade.	12/4/18	5-30 p.m.
7.	G.S.O. 1	B.G.G.S. 2nd Army (telephone)	Informed B.G.G.S. Corps that staff officer had gone out to arrange matters with 2nd Brigade in accordance with instructions. B.G.G.S. undertook to confirm verbal instructions by wire.	6-10 p.m. 12/4/18.	
8.	B.M.2nd Bde.	1st A.D.	B.M. 2nd Brigade rang up to say that an officer of the Surreys had reported to Col.HERROD, 7th Bn. that enemy had penetrated at E.22 and E.28. Col.HERROD says that his line holds but he does not attach much weight to the report. Front line is being heavily shelled. 5th Bn. is standing to Brigade H.Q. are established at D.23.a.1.3.	12/4/18.	6-55 p.m
9.	B.M.2nd Bde.	1st A.D.	B.M. 2nd Brigade reports that the enemy have penetrated out line at E.22. and 28. No further information. 1 Coy. 7th Bn. has moved up to counter attack and re-establish the line. 6th Battn. is standing to on support line.	13/4/18	7-15 p.m.
10.	1st A.D.	G.O.C. 1st A.I.Bde.	G.O.C. 1st A.I.Bde. was informed. He reports that he has one battalion in SEC BOIS in touch with 2nd Brigade.	"	7-20 p.m.
11.	B.M.1st Bde.	G.S.O.1.	B.M.1st A.I.Bde. says they have 3 sections of M.Gs on line in front of STRAZEELE.	14/4/18.	11-10 p.m

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No.	From.	To.	Information.	Received.
1.	2nd Army	G.O.C.	Message received from B.G.G.S. XV Corps 9-20 a.m. 50th Division report 7-55 a.m. line has given way W. of MERVILLE in a N.W. direction. 4th Guards Bde. advancing on NEUF BERQUIN - LA MOTTE - MERVILLE Road. Enemy cavalry reported in direction NEUF BERQUIN. XV Corps - No reserves in LA MOTTE - HAZEBROUCK Rd. vicinity.	12/4/18. 1000
2.	"	G.S.O.	No sign of enemy cavalry along road through Forest of LA MOTTE - a few mules and limbers N. of forest and scattered parties of our troops. Wood empty. 2nd Army Aerial - 200 feet.	" 1000
3.	"	1st A.D.	Operation Order No. 17. Authorizing withdrawal to line STEENWERCK Stn - Pont D'ACHELLES - NEUVE EGLISE - WULVERGHEM WYTSCHAETE. all inclusive. In touch with 88th Bde. of XV Corps on right and with XXII Corps at PICK HOUSE. The II, VIII, and XXII Corps to be withdrawn gradually to the Battle Zone. XV Corps to be taken over by 2nd Army at 12 noon on 12/4/18. Corps consists of 29th, 31st, 34th, and 40th Div., 74th Inf. Bde. 1 Bn. 49th Div., 1 Bde, 49th Div.	11/4/18 12 midnight
4.	"	1st A.D.	At noon 12th administration of 1st Aust. Div. will be transferred to XV Corps. XV Corps will not use 1st Aust. Div. without reference to 2nd Army. 1st Aust. Div. will be retained by 2nd Army as reserve for defence of HAZEBROUCK. (Ref. G.187 of 12th inst).	12/4/18 11 a.m.
5.	"	"	1st Aust. Div (less Arty) will assemble Brigade Groups as under <div>1st Brigade Group. (1st) STRAZEELE. 1 " " (2nd) LA MOTTE. 1 " " (3rd) MORBECQUE.</div> As soon as Brigade H.Q. 2 Bns, and 1 M.G. Co. of each Group have arrived they will be moved forward to above locations. On arrival at STRAZEELE, LA MOTTE and MORBECQUE defensive localities for Brigade Groups will be prepared so as to cover HAZEBROUCK should a hostile advance develop from the direction of NEUF BERQUIN - MERVILLE - St. VENANT.	12/4/18 0600.

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No.	From.	To.	Information.	Date	Time received.
12.	G.S.O.1 29th Div. (phone)	1st A.D.	Situation on left as follows. Remnants of 29th Division still holding the VIEUX BERQUIN Fme LABIS Road to F.13.b. thence northwards west of wood in F.7.c. Enemy has attacked northwards along the METEREN BECQUE and a gap is believed to exist between the left of the 29th Div. and right of the 33rd Division covering 3 French Bns. have been detailed to get into touch with the left of our 1st Bde. and to fill the gap. The 29th Division have sent an officer direct to BORRE to ask 1st Bde. to provide an officer for liaison duties with the French Commander. Remnants of the 29th Division in Sq.F.18. 13 and 12 will probably be withdrawn tonight to Sq.E.Cent. along the railway. Information above repeated to 1st Bde. by phone at 6 p.m.	13/4/18	5-50 p.m.
13.	B.M.1st Bde.	G.S.O.1. (telephone)	7th Bn. front. Guards and 5th Division have withdrawn to our outpost line which has now become firing line. Line normal in Sq.E.22. reported break through incorrect. Reported breakthrough in E.28. is now being investigated by Brigade Intelligence Officer. C.O. Pioneer Bn. has reported and is in touch with Brigade H.Q. Battalion is now moving through HAZEBROUCK.	13/4/18	8-5 p.m.
14.	B.M.1st Bde.	G.S.O.1 (Telephone)	B.M. 1st Brigade. 1st Battalion established as follows. E.9.central - E.4.central. coming into contact with 3rd Battalion about E.5.central.	13/4/18	8-50 p.m.
15.	B.M.2nd Bde.	G.S.O.1 (telephone)	Line of the 2nd Brigade is intact. Enemy is reported attacking in the vicinity of VERT RUE - SQ.E.29. Artillery are engaging this target.	"	9 p.m.
16.	2nd Army "I"	G.S.O.1. (telephone)	Air reconnaissance over area MERVILLE - ESTAIRES - LUCON between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. reports concentration of troops about 3000 in all and much transport moving N.W. towards ESTAIRES. Much transport moving W. on ESTAIRES - NEUF BERQUIN Road. Considerable number of enemy in and around MERVILLE. General direction of Movement N.W.	"	9-50 p.m.

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From C.M.G.O. XV Corps.

40th Div. Machine gun will come under orders of 31st Div.

Telephone. Conversation with G.S.O. 29th Division. 3-5 p.m.
13/4/18.

Reported enemy attacking in the vicinity of MERRIS. Does not think the 31st people there are feeling extremely strong and would like us to let him know at once if we hear of the Bosche coming through near STRAZEELE.

J.D.R.

Telephone from G.S.O. 31st Div. 5 p.m. 13/4/18.

The Guards Bde. are now in line.

K.15, K.19.central, E.28.c.0.0. some elements may be in front surrounded but still fighting. The line held by 1st Aust.Div. north of E.28.c. is now the front line.

G.O.C. 4th Guards Bde. thinks that the line held by 2nd A.I.Bde in E.22. and E.28. is very thinly held.

When asked the G.S.O. 1 31st Div. stated that the 5th Div. had previously taken over Guards Bde.line as far north as K.10.d. but he could not account for the Guards holding the line in K.15. except that they might have fallen back behind the 5th Div.

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From.	To.	Time Received.	Information.	In:Out: Telephone.	Date.
2nd A.I.Bde.	1st A.D.	10-15 a.m.	You will move up your two reserve sections and take up positions with one section on the general line K.14.d.6.3. to E.28.c.9.9. and one section on the general line E.28.c.0.0. to E.17.b.0.6. establishing the guns in rear of line held by the infantry and covering the gaps between their posts acknowledge addressed 2nd M.G.Coy. repeated 7th and 8th Battalions and 1st Aust.Div.	IN	13/4/18.
31st Div.	" "	1-12 p.m.	Right heavily shelled attacked this morning. Enemy brought up armoured car which was driven off. Enemy got through line in small numbers but line is now reestablished and enemy patrols being rounded up. Left Brigade very heavily attacked and our posts E. of MERRIS and F.7.c. driven in but main line is held and attack repulsed on our front but attack continuing on left and on 33rd Division. Our line now X 26. Central E.6.b. central E.2.d.5.0. FME LABIS. 29th Division hold about 600 yards front to F.24.b. central thence our line goes through LA COURDONNE to K.11.b. central where believed now in touch with 5th Div. Australians report well dug in behind our line.	IN	"
5th Div.	" "	9 ? a.m.	Following from 90th Inf.Bde. urgent. Situation is now fairly quiet. D.C.L.I. getting well dug in about 150 yards in front of CAUDESCURE ARRAWAG Road ends. Added 11th Corps 31st Div. 1st Aust.Div. 13th Brigade.	IN	"
2nd A.I.Bde.	" "	1-5 p.m.	Six hourly report AAA 7th Bn.holding line from K.14,D, to E.28.c. to 8th Battalion from E.28.c. to E.17.b. 6th Battalion in support on general line CANAL DE LA NIEPPE to LA MOTTE to Pt. SEC BOIS. 5th Battalion in reserve at LE TIR ANGLAIS 1 Section 2nd M.G.Coy. supporting 7th Battalion 1 Section 8th Bn. and 2 Sections 6th Battalion 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. in reserve at LE TIR ANGLAIS. 2nd Field Coy. working in 7th and 8th Bn. areas. 2nd Field Co. at MORBECQUE. Bde.H.Q.moving to LE TIR ANGLAIS at 1 p.m. No word from 1st Pioneer Bn. or half Sec D.A.C.	IN	"

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From.	To.	Time received.	Information.	In:Out: Telephone.	Date.
1st A.I.Bde.	1st A.D.	4 p.m.	92nd Brigade reports line very thinly held in Sq.E.12. E.18. and E.24. and no support available. I have moved a battalion to SEC BOIS with orders to ascertain the local situation move up and hold the line should it yield. The enemy pressure does not appear very severe in this vicinity and I do not anticipate any immediate trouble. My composite battalion is meanwhile digging in on the line E.9.central - E.4.central. Div.reptd 2nd Bde.	IN	13/4/18
XV Corps.	" "	4 p.m.	Situation report. Enemy attacked 4th Guards Brigade this morning about 10 a.m. on front K.10.b. to E.30. central. The attack penetrated at a few points but the line had been re-established and a few prisoners taken. At the same hour he also attacked the 92nd Brigade front in the neighbourhood of MERRIS. Our outposts were drawn in but the attack was otherwise repulsed and the remainder of the line is reported intact. 21st Div.report that an attack on the 33rd Div. front was also driven back. Addsd Second Army repeated all concerned.	IN	"
5th Div.	" "	5-35 a.m.	PRAY reports situation 9p.m. left Battalion hold K.9.d.3.1. to K.10.central thence 100 yards east of ARREWAGE CAUBESCORE Road to K.4.c.2.4. line being well dug. Left in touch with Austn. Two Coys. E.Surreys digging in on south edge of BOIS DAVEL to E.28.d.9.3. Right battalion hold K.15.b.2.9. - K.15.central K.15.d.1.8. to K.15.c.5.1.. One Coy. Devons H.14.d.1.4. One Coy. Gloucesters digging in K.14.b.4.5. to K.15.a.0.0. One cavalry squadron J.11.b.9.7. another J.15.c.5.4. Enemy quiet. Addsd Corps and 1st Aust.Div. repeated PACK AND PILL.	IN	"
2nd Bde.	" "	8xam. 6-27 a.m.	In furtherance of our AZB 66 6th Battalion have moved up to position 8X IN allotted 5th Battalion at present moving up to its position as allotted. 7th Battalion report "That message received" from one of its companies timed 9-15 p.m. " 12th inst. and repots company digging in "A line E.17.b.2.3. to railway line E.5.c.3.0. "Detailed disposition report to be sent us" later. They received "Information from 86th Brigade. Enemy line about 1000 yards in front of B. Coy. 7th Battalion and south through E.18.b. and E.24.b. Very little enemy information available at present. Everything quiet Enemy at present shelling HAZEBROUCK.	IN	

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No.	From.	To.	Information.	(3)	Date.	Time Recd.
17.	B.M.2nd Bde.	G.S.O.1. (telephone)	Enemy are pressing heavily in direction of VIEUX BERQUIN and have pressed back left post of 8th Bn. in E.17.a.5.6. Colonel MITCHELL has gone forward to investigate the position and to ascertain if 2nd Brigade are still in touch with 1st Brigade. B.M.informed it is essential that we should maintain our line and maintain connection with 1st Brigade. 1st Brigade has heard nothing except that the enemy have been endeavouring to assemble in the area off VIEUX BERQUIN during the morning. Artillery have kept it well under fire. (Above sent out to units)		14/4/18	2-30 p.m.
18.	B.M.2nd Bde.	G.S.O.1 (telephone)	Post at E.17.a.5.6. reported to have disappeared altogether and enemy coming up in large numbers in about E.23. 6th Battalion standing to. Divisional Commander directs that half of 6th Battalion to be sent up immediately and other half to be in readiness to follow on according to situation.		"	2-50 p.m.
19.	Arty.liaison Off 2nd Bde.	G.S.O.1 (telephone)	Artillery Liaison officer 2nd Aust.Inf.Bde. rang up to say no change in line of 2nd Brigade.		"	3-20 p.m.
20.	1st Bde.	G.S.O.1 (telephone)	1st Brigade H.Q. shelled - moved into a farm house at W.25.a.5.8.		"	5-5-p.m.

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In: Out: Telephone.	Date.
1st A.I.Bde.	1st A.D.	7-16 p.m.	Report received by Left Battalion from 92nd Composite Bn. in front of them is as follows. Enemy attacked in large numbers turning the Left flank of the Cameronians forcing them to withdraw to N and S. road through X 19. and 25. Sender requests LAMP to extend his left Coy. Request not complied with as approaches from the N and S are covered by standing patrols. It appears that we shall be engaging the Bosche along our whole front tonight or tomorrow.	IN	13/4/18.
160Bde. R.F.A.	"	12-59 a.m.	S.O.S. lines A Battery VIEUX BERQUIN church to LA BECQUE B Battery XXXXXXXX LA BECQUE to E.23.c.3.0. C Battery E.23.c.3.0. to E.29.a.9.0 D Battery VERTE RUE LA BECQUE VIEUX BERQUIN church. This S.O.S. will only be fired on orders from these H.Q. Added all batteries repeated 1st Aust.Div. for information.	IN	14/4/18
33 Div.	"	3 a.m.	2 prisoners captured south of METEREN this evening state that 11th and 81st Divs. attacked today. 81st Div. with 4 Btns. attacked METEREN and the road and ridge to be captured at all costs. They attacked in a north easterly direction. One prisoner states the attack will be renewed renewed either during the night or at dawn. The prisoner says the attack will probably take place during the morning. Their losses today were very heavy from our machine guns. They also complain of losses from their own artillery. Prisoners of 11th Reserve Div. states attack was by one Battalion of each Regiment and the remaining 2 battalions of each regiment will probably be used tomorrow. Added 9th and 15th Corps repeated 33rd Div. Arty 1st Aust. 34 and 25 Divisions.	IN	"
2nd A.I.Bde.	"	1-24 a.m.	Enemy appear to be massing in considerable numbers in VERTE RUE E.29, moving up from K.6.b. a party of about sixty enemy are moving forward in rushes in direction of our line from E.28.9.7. Artillery is getting on to this party and VERTE RUE considerable amount of shelling on forward area.	IN	
1st A.I.Bde.	"	5 a.m.	Morning report. Situation very quiet along whole front. with exception of shelling of STRAZEELE between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Enemy shelling has been quiet. Occasional bursts of enemy M.G. fire on roads in forward area.	IN	

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From.	To.	Time.	Information.	Date.
2nd Bde.	1st Aust. Div.	5 p.m.	2 posts in E.17.c. have been knocked out, one by heavy minenwerfer A platoon has gone up to re-establish them.	14/4/18.
			CORPS COMMANDER XV Corps visited this H.Q. at 2 p.m. and emphasised the urgent necessity of holding our present position in view of certain operations on other sectors of the front.	
			MAJOR HARRISON attached to this Division reported to the 133rd French Division for duty as Liaison Officer.	
HMxxxxxx 1st A.D.	" B.M 1st D.A.	8-15 p.m.	Enemy has placed a heavy 5.9 and 4.2 barrage down on our posts in E.11.s, and E.5.c. Large concentration of enemy troops is reported in K.5.d. (Action taken). Both of these are being attended to by guns.	

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From.	To.	Time.	Information.	Date.
GOC 1st Bde.	1st A.D.	12-5 p.m.	Enemy is still coming up on 1st Bde. front but is not attacking at present. Liaison arrangements now complete. Col. Cooke has reported.	14/4/18.
1st A.D.	BM 2nd Bde BN 57 D.A.	1-15 p.m.	Enemy advancing in short rushes in E.28.d. and E.29. at VERTE RUE. Also advancing similarly from K.6.b. Informed XV Corps.	
2nd Bde. (Wire)	1st A.D.	2-30 p.m.	Left Battalion reports enemy pressing heavily from VIEUX BERQUIN Road and have pressed in our extreme left post.	
		3 p.m.	Previous wire from 2nd Bde. repeated all concerned and 2nd Brigade ordered to push forward half of support battalion to deal with enemy and remainder of this battalion if situation requires it.	
		3 p.m.	Wire to 3rd Brigade and Pioneers to hold 1 battalion at half hours readiness. Remainder of Brigade and of units of Divisional reserve at 1 hours readiness.	
1st A.D.	BM 34 D.A.	3 p.m.	Large parties of enemy still coming up VIEUX BERQUIN road and along road running W. through E.22. and 23. 3 Bdes. R.A. on this vicinity and also bearing. (Action taken)	
Maj. HARRISON	1st A.D.	3-30 pm.	Giving dispositions of French Brigade. He can be got through IX Corps and CAESTRE and then Advanced Brigade of 133rd French Division. (Action) G.O.C. and G. informed.	
2nd Bde. (Wire)	1st A.D.	3-49 pm.	Situation quietening. Enemy attacked strongly about E.22,d.O.O. but was driven off.	
C.O. Irish Guards thr. 31st Div.	1st A.D.	4-20 pm.	Situation well in hand. Between 12 noon and 2 p.m. heavy attack launched at VERTE RUE and VIEUX BERQUIN. Our artillery smashed up enemy troops and infantry accounted for remainder.	
95 Inf. Bde. BM 34th D.A.	1st A.D. "	5-5 p.m. 5-10 p.m.	H.Q. moved to J.5.c.3.2. 160th Bde. R.A. received a message timed 5-2 p.m. from Liaison Officer stating that road from VIEUX BERQUIN to NEUF BERQUIN are full of BOSCHE. Both Brigades firing on the cross road from the church to K.6.b.5.8. Heavies also joining in.	

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In: Out: Telephone.	Date.
29th Div.	1st Aus.Div.	5-55 a.m.	Troops of 86 and 87 Brigades have completed assembly and are moving to area P.36. S.E. of St.SYLVESTRE. Addsd 15 Corps repeta 31st Div. and 1st Aust.Div.	IN	14/4/18
1st A.I.Bde.	"	7-40 a.m.	My line is now linked up as directed on the left and my front is clear of friendly troops. I have taken over command of the sector.	IN	"
2nd A.I. ^B de.	"	8 a.m.	About 1 a.m. this morning an enemy party estimated at 100 approached our lines in mass at approx. E.23.a.1.3. Our post at that position waited until the party was about 20 yards distant when guns and rifle fire they opened with Lewis guns and rifle fire. Enemy hurriedly retreated leaving behind 5 M.Gs and 18 dead including 1 Off. This number was actually counted and it is probable that more casualties were inflicted on the enemy.	IN	"
33rd Div.	"	8-50 a.m.	Enemy reported massing at OUTERSTEENE. They also attacking about X.27. and 28. Addsd 9th Corps 34 Div. 1st Aust.Div. 25th Div. 133 French Div.	IN	"
2nd A.I.Bde.	"	9-55 a.m.	Reference AZB 103 of this morning. Only identification obtainable is a shoulder strap with numeral 141 and papers which give 2 E/141	IN	"
33rd Div.	"	11-44 a.m.	Enemy have been attacking 19th Bde. strongly since 6 a.m. but have been repulsed everywhere. 19th Bde. are holding their own and still have some reserves in hand. Addsd 9th Corps 15 Corps 34, 25, 29 and 1st Aust.Divs. 33 Arty, and 133 French Div.	BN	"
33rd Div.	"	5-15 p.m.	Situation quiet. Nothing further to report.	IN	"
2nd A.I.Bde.	"	5-48 a.m.	Morning report. Situation along Brigade subsector quiet. LA MOTTE being intermittently shelled. Good shooting observed on buildings at E.28.d.1.3. and vicinity. Wind variable. Gas shelling nil.	IN	"
33rd Div.	"	1-42 a.m.	19th Bde. report timed 12 noon. 1st Cameronians repulsed attack this morning on the right of the 19th Bde line. 1st Cams. are in satisfactory touch with the 1st Aust.Div. on their right. Situation S.E. of METEREN reported as quiet for the present. Addsd 9th Corps 15th Corps 34, 25, 29, 1st Aust.Divs. 33 Div. Arty. 133 French Div. 98 and 100 Inf.Bdes.	IN	"

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From.	To	Time redd.	Info ation.	In: Out: Telephone.	Date.
33rd Div.	1st Aust.Div.	3-16 p.m.	Two orderlies 1st Battalion 225 Reserve Regt 49th Res Div. captured by our 108 Bde. at 5 o'clock this morning N.W. of MESSINES. 225 R.I.R. relieved 76th R.I.R. 10th or 11th. Prisoners thought that main effort was to be made from the MERRIS METEREN BAILLEUL line northwards while the 49th Res.Div. was to pass by minor operations northward westwards towards the KEMMEL HILL. Prisoners speak of heavy losses. One company practically wiped out yesterday. Addsd 9th Corps I repetd 2nd Army I 25th Div. 34th Div. 1st Aust.Div.	IN	14/4/18
2nd A.I.Bde.	"	2-30 p.m.	Our left Bn. reppts enemy pressing heavily from VIEUX BERQUIN Rd. and have pressed in our extreme left post at E.17.a.5.6. Addsd 1st Aust.Div. 1st A.I.Bde.	IN	"
5th Div.	"	3 p.m.	Situation 12-30 p.m. enemy left trenches K.25.d. but were driven back by our fire. 2 p.m. enemy reported massing in BRICKFIELDS in large numbers. Heavy shelling of front line right Bde. continues but no infantry action. Addsd 11th Corps Reptd 61st and 1st Aust.Divs. PRAY.	IN	"
31st Div.	"	3-25 p.m.	4th Guards Brigade are at K.l.c.3.2. Telephone lines are down. We are trying to repair. They are not in touch with their Battalion and have nothing to report.	IN	"
2nd A.I.Bde.	"	3-47 p.m.	Situation quieting enemy strongly attacked strongly about 22.d.0.0. but was driven off further particulars later.	IN	"

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From.	To.	Time Recd.	Information.	In: Out: Telephone.	Date.
1st Aust.Div.	1st M.G.Bn 1st Bde. 3rd Bde.	10-15p.m. sent.	One section Vickers guns will be placed at disposal of 1st Inf.Bde. from 21st Coy. Place of these guns in support system will be taken by one section 3rd M.G.Coy. Addsd 1st M.G.Bn. repeated 1st and 3rd Brigades.	OUT	14/4/18
33rd Div.	1st A.D.	9-47 p.m.	Situation report. In continuation of G 90 counter attack by 1½ companies of New Zealanders towards steam mill entirely successful. Enemy reported running away and offering good targets to Lewis guns and rifle fire. Actual line not yet certain but situation completely restored. Rest of front quiet at present. Addsd 9th Corps repeated 15 Corps 29 and 1st Aust.Div. 33rd Div. Arty 133 French Div. 98 Inf. Bde. and 100 Inf.Bde.	IN	"
32nd Div.	"	4-0 p.m.	Telephone communication with 4th Guards Brigade re-established.	IN	"
1st A.I.Bde.	"	6-35 p.m.	May two sections of Vickers Machine guns be made available to me this evening please. I can make very good use of them against moving targets out in front. Guns of 1st Company are at present disposed whilst they guarantee the effective defence of the high ground in case the line should break Cannot take the fullest advantage of the moving targets which are presenting themselves out in front at present.	IN	"
5th Div.	"	10-6 p.m.	Enemy attacked twice during the day on centre of the Div. front. The line at K.15.c.5.1. was forced to withdraw slightly but was reestablished by counter attack of support Coy. Enemy attacked in five waves. Our observers reported large numbers of the enemy on road from LE SART to LEVERBOIS No. attack developed owing to our artillery fire. Considerable movement of enemy troops was also seen on MERVILLE LA MOTTE road. Motor lorries were observed on the NEUF BERQUIN VIEUX BERQUIN road.	IN	"

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In: Out: telephone	Date.
3rd A.I.Bde.	1st A.D.	8-53 a.m.	Progress report. Deepening and camouflaging continued. Duck boards salvaged latrines dug and ammunition recesses being constructed.	IN	14/4/18.
1st A.D.	XV Corps.		Two wounded prisonere brought in last night from vicinity MERRIS - both 51st R.I.R.	OUT	15/4/18.
33rd Div.	1st A.D.	5-45 a.m.	Wounded prisoner of 7th Co. 131 Regt. 42nd Div. captured N.E. MERRIS states no definite plans known to him but expects attack to take place this morning in a N.W., W direction probably by two battalions 131 and one battn 17 Regiments. Losses now 50 per cent of strength. Objective of attack STRAZEELE.	IN	15/4/18.

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From.	To.	Time Recd.	Information.	(1)	In: Out: Telephone.	Date.
2nd A.I. Bde.	1st A.D.	5-40 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy movement in K.5.b, and d successfully dealt with by our artillery. In small groups enemy dispersed. E.28.c.4.2. intermittently shelled with 5.9 direction MERVILLE. Small parties of enemy seen during day about E.2.9.a.		IN	15/4/18
1st Bde.	"	4-40 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Slight shelling of STRAZEELE during the afternoon. Constant movement of troops in wood at F.7.c.		IN	"
5th Div.	"	5-53 p.m.	Situation report. Situation quiet. Hostile activity much decreased. Party of German stretcher bearers busy during night. Shortly after daybreak several low flying EMAs flew over our lines. Enemy seen forming up to attack from K.5.central to K.11.central. Artillery fire broke up attack. 4 of our airmen attacked enemy with M.G. fire during night. Right brigade established a line from K.31.b.2.5. to K.25.d.5.0. K.25.d.6.5. K.26.a.2.4. thence to original line. During this operation enemy suffered considerably.		IN	"
XV Corps.	"	6-50 p.m.	Two wounded prisoners captured southwest of MERRIS about 9 p.m. yesterday. One belongs to 1st Coy. the other 6th Coy of 51st R.I.R. 12th Rest.Div. states their regiment relieved near ACHEVILLE night 9/10th by 395th I.R. 9th Rest.Div. On relief 51st R.I.R. marched to HENIN LIETARD and thence proceeded by march carried out between 6 and 9 p.m. straight into the line on the battle front. 38th R.I.R. and 51st R.I.R. came into line about 10 a.m. on 14th inst. 23rd R.I.R. already in line. Prisoners do not know what div. they relieved. Attack carried out 7-30 p.m. yesterday by 38th R.I.R. and 23rd R.I.R. in front line and 51st R.I.R. in support. Objective heights south west of MERRIS		IN	"

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In:Out: Telephone.	Date.
1st Bde.	1st A.D.	7-40 p.m.	Please forward the workings of the aeroplane squadrons working over this front.	IN	15/4/18
XV Corps	"	11-30 p.m.	Send divisional wing and all reinforcements of RADISH to BERGUETTE urgently required. Wire despatch.	IN	"
33rd D.A.	"	1-10 p.m.	French report that majority of enemy appear to be in region MERRIS Fme GERBEDOEN.	IN	"
23rd Div.	"	8-6 p.m.	From 4 p.m. today 33rd Battalion M.G. Corps will establish H.Q. at Div.H.Q. MONT NOIR. Accommodation will be allotted by "Q". 33rd Btn. M.G. Corps to acknowledge.	IN	"
XV Corps	"	10-40 p.m.	Confirming telephone message of this evening. Please arrange for 2 guides to show and explain defences referred to in this office No. 622/IG dated 15/4/18 at your 3rd Bde.H.Q. D.3.d.1.0. at 9 a.m. tomorrow to officer of 29th Div.	IN	"
XV Corps.	"	6-40 p.m.	Prisoners state that attack impending on line BAILLEUL KEMMEL. Yesterdays operations preliminary to this. Intention to penetrate to a depth of 3000 to 4000 yards.	IN	"
XV Corps.	"	7-21 p.m.	Evening report. Very quiet day. STRAZEELE and south of same was shelled at intervals during the day with 4.2	IN	"
XV Corps.	"	6-16 p.m.	Northern boundary XV Corps will run as follows. Front line at X.25.a.6.6. - ROUGE CROIX inclusive to LE BREARD inclusive - HONDEGHEM inclusive - STAPLE inclusive. Maps of Corps area will be forwarded later.	IN	"
XV Corps	"	12 a.m.	Morning report. Division holding Corps front report very quiet night. Captures two wounded prisoners.	IN	"
33rd Div.	"	7-16 p.m.	Situation unchanged. Quiet all along the front.	IN	"
33rd Div.	"	3-25 p.m.	Situation report. Situation unchanged. Now fairly quiet along our front.	IN	"
33rd Div.	"	7 a.m.	Situation unchanged. Hostile shelling normal.	IN	"

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From.	To.	Time recd.	(3) Information.	In:Out: Telephone.	Date.
33rd Div.	1st A.D.	4-45 xxx	Right bn report our arty shelling 100 yards rear of their 1st posts in X.25. Inform Austn. bde and arty covering your front that our troops are in front of point of junction on line given as arranged with liaison officer 1st Bde. 19th Bde. not withdrawing as suggested as 1st Bde. M Cameronians reports receiving barrage map coming into force midnight 14/15th from 9th Wing. Arrange to adjust barrage line to confirm to our dispositions.	IN	15/4/18
5th Div.	"	2-30	Situation quiet on Div.front	IN	"
5th "	"	6-10	Situation remains unchanged.	IN	"
1st Bde.	"	5-10 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Intermittent scattered shelling of rear areas during night. Very quiet on front posts 1st 10 p.m. from 10 p.m. 2 wounded prisoners of 51st R.I.R. 12th Div. captured.	IN	"
2nd Bde.	"	6-7 a.m.	Morning report. Situation general quiet. Heavy shelling and M.G. fire on the left.	IN	"
"	"	1-40 a.m.	Relief complete,	IN	"
3rd Bde.	"	6 p.m.	Progress report. On the left the 12th Btn. has all posts completed. All wet posts have been duckboarded. 2½ Coys. frontage has been wired. On the right 11th Bn. have improved all posts by thickening parapets and paradoss. 2 shell holes constructed into a platoon post at D.12.d.a.3 and D.12.d.4.8. 10th Bn. improved posts put in ammm. recess and post erected 60 yards tactical wire. Drain posts and paid special attention to camouflaging.	IN	"
3rd Bde.	"	1-3 p.m.	Under 1 Bde orders posts being dug east of BORRE in W.19.b and d. These do not coincide with our line Please arrange co-ordination.	In	"

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In:Out: Telephone.	Date.
3rd Bde.	1st A.D.	1 p.m.	Progress report. Left subsector- 10 posts complete 6 over 50% complete. Wire being put out. Stakes and material being collected.	IN	15/4/18
2nd Cav.Div.	"	6-25 p.m.	2nd Cav.Div.H.Q. are moving to BEARINGHEM from LE GRAND HASARD forthwith.	IN	"
29th Div.	"	4-30 a.m.	See my G 92 of 14th April. All guns M.G. 29th M.G. Bn. now at St.SYVESTRE CAPPEL Sheet 27 P.29.a.5.8.	IN	"
29th Div.	"	2-15 p.m.	29th M.G.Bn. consisting at present 16 fully manned guns will be prepared to move at one hours notice in case of attack on 1st A.D. front. Will move to cross roads L'HOFFAND and N.23.d repertoire to take up positions for the defence of HAZEBROUCK under orders of 1st A.D.	IN	"
C.R.E	"		Personnel working on reserve system of Div.sector under C.R.E. direction. 3 Officers 200 O.Rs No.68 Labour Bn. 4 Off. 400 O.Rs No. 78 CHINESE Bn. 26 Off. 500 O.R. No.2.Prov.Bn. 5 Off.60 O.Rs 2nd Cav.Fld.Sqn. 1st and 1st Pioneer Bn. Work digging and wiring.		
31st Div.	"		4th Guards Brigade relieved by 1st Australian. 31st H.Q. closed. Div.H.Q. now at HONDEGHEM.	IN	"
1st A.D.	XV Corps 5th and 33 Div.	6 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy movements K.5.b and d dealt with by Arty. Constant movement of troops in wood F.7.c. dealt with by Arty. E.28 c,4 shelled intermittently from direction MERVILLE STRAZEELE slightly shelled during afternoon.	OUT	"
"	XV Corps	5 a.m.	Morning report. Situation unchanged.	OUT	"
"	XV Corps		2 wounded prisoners brought in last night from vicinity MERRIS Both 51st R.I.R.		"
"	XV Corps 4th Sqn. R.A.F.	12-5 a.m.	2 enemy planes report to have come down in E.15.b	OUT	"

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From.	To.	Time Recd.	Information.	In:Out: Telephone	Date.
1st A.D.	XV Corps	12-45 a.m.	Wounded prisoner taken by left Brigade this afternoon belong to 51st R.I.R. 12th Res.Div.	OUT	15/4/18
"	3 Bdes.	7 p.m.	Following from 9th Corps. Prisoner states attack impending on line BAILLEUL to KEMMEL. Yesterdays operations preliminary to this. Intention to penetrate to a depth of 3000 or 4000 yds.	OUT	"
"	1 Bde.	12-5 a.m.	Approx. line now held by 19th Bde. runs from junction with 1st A.D. at NORD HELE to Approx. X.20.c. central from this point the cross roads at X.22.a. The Queens have fallen back to line prepared from X.20.a.6.5. to X.20.b.9.8. to X.21.b.9.8. E. of latter point line runs from cross roads X.22.a.1.1. to Steam Mill as before. Gaps caused by taking up of new lines by 1st Queens being filled satisfactorily by support platoon of N.Z. Bn. Line of posts around METEREN being held at a distance of 150 yards from outskirts of the village. Latter report. Hevy shelling on 9th Bde front and METEREN and BAILLEUL. At 4 p.m. enemy attacked left Bn. front of 19th Bde. Situation not yet clear. 1½ Coys. N.Zs have been sent forward to clear up situation and if necessary restore the line. 19th Bde. confident that situation is in hand.	OUT	"
"	1-2 Bdes.	1-50 a.m.	Message from 33rd Div. timed 11-50 p.m. begins. 19th Bde. report that prisoner captured by their right Bn states that an attack was to have been carried out this evening by three Bns. on a small front. It did not take place owing to shortage of ammunition and heavy casualties. Prisoner thinks attack will be carried out tomorrow but does not state where.	OUT	"
"	3 Bdes. 57 D.A. M.G. Bn.	3 p.m.	Prisoner recently captured states that an attempt to take BAILLEUL will take place today.	OUT	"
"	C.R.E. 2nd Bde. 5th Div.	6 p.m.	1 officer from each 2nd Bnld Coy. and 2nd Bde. at discretion of G.O.C. 2nd Bde. will be detailed to meet a representative 5th Div. at Sq. K.1.c.6.2. at 10 a.m. 16th. Fixed definite To fix definite point of junction for support line. This point has been fixed approx. at Sq. K.2.d.5.7.	OUT	"

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	IN: OutN Telephone	Date.
1st A.D.	2nd Bde.	12-30 p.m.	The following dated 14th Added 1st M.G.Bn. repeated 1st and 3rd Bde. is forwarded for information. One section Vickers guns will be placed at disposal of 1st A.I.Bde. from 21st Coy. Place of these guns in support system will be taken up by one section 3rd M.G.Coy.	OUT	15/4/18
"	57th D.A.	5.10 a.m.	33rd Div. report that Our arty is shelling about 100 yards behind their first posts in X.25. Front line runs X.23.c.0.3. X.25.central X.25.b.7.8. X.20.central Point of junction with their Division X.25.a.0.0. Please adjust barrages.	OUT	"

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In:Out	Date.
33rd Div.	1st A.D.	1-54 p.m.	Further reference to G 136 of today we are holding ridge running Nor h of METEREN and comeronians are on red line from X.8.central to X.56.	IN	16/4/18.
33rd Div.	"	10-6 a.m.	Some of the enemy are reported to have penetrated into METEREN. Situation is being dealt with.		
33rd Div.	"	4-32 p.m.	Situation. Line from right DIVNAL boundary to METEREN BECQUE One company is astride the main METEREN-CAESTRE road in X.15.a. and x. We hold trenches around windmill in X.16.a. thence to and along switch line to left divl boundary Later reports timed 3-15 p.m. We now hold the whole of METEREN.		
33rd Div.	"	6-30 p.m.	Latest report. Line runs X.25.d.5.5. to X.20.central Between latter point and X.9.d.5.0. situation not xlear. From X.9.d.5.0. line runs easterly to switch line thence to left Div. boundary		
33rd Div.	"	11-40 p.m.	The french report they are satisfied with their counter attack on METEREN. The 133rd French Div. will now hold the line from the right at the Cross roads at X.20.d. where they will gain touch with the 4th Aust.Bde. to about X.16.b. where the 98th Bde. will get in touch with the left of the French Div. Troops in the area taken over by the french on relief not mentioned in G.146 will concentrate as follows. 5th Bn. tank Corps CONVENT E.19.b.8.6. 4th Kings Le ROSSIGOLD E.20.d.8.6. 18th Mddlx regt pioneers Convent R.19.b.8.6. No troops relieved owing to the counter attack by the french will have their positions until the french line is firmly establishrd. 1st Cameronians will come under orders of 98th Bde. to R.20.c. Completion of all reliefs and moves and locations of H.Qs will be reported to Div.H.Q.		
33rd Div.	"	11-50 p.m.	19 prisoners 40th and 7th Coys. 268 Res.Rgt. 81st Res.Div. captured W. of METEREN midday. State attack on METEREN orderd to be carried out as soon as 11 Bav.Div. on right had advanced 81st Rd attacked with 268 RVR and 269 R.I.R. each two battns each four Coys. 268 R.I.R. expected to be relieved tonight by 267th R.I.R. 81st RD followed attacking line of support 9 to 13 Relieved 35 Div. night 13/14 No knowledge further operations. Heavy losses today. Survivors of 4th Coy. few.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In:Out	Date.
2nd Bde.	1st A.D.	5-20 a.m.	Wounded prisoner who has 222 on shoulder strap and who states he belongs to 2 K 222 I.R. 48th Ers.Div. was captured in E.28.c. at 1-30 a.m. this morning.	IN	16/4/18.
2nd Bde.	"	6 a.m.	Morning report. All quiet since attempted enemy raid in E.28.c. at 13-15 a.m. Our artillery most efficiently dealt with massing of enemy in E.22.d. with result that no attack developed there. 1 wounded prisoner captured in E.28.c. belonging to 2 K 222 R.I.R. 48th Res.Div. Wind NNE 5 mph.		
2nd Bde.	"	6 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Portion of front line E.28.c. has been intermittently shelled. Our artillery very active. Wind N.W. 5 mph Hostile low flying aerial activity Nil. CAUDESCURE shelled this morning with 4.2s and 5.9s Church tower destroyed.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-42 a.m.	Morning report. Quiet night. STRAZEELE heavily shelled in bursts.		
1st Bde.	"	4-34 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy arty active against X.19.c. at 12 noon. About 300 77s fell in 15 min. STRAZEELE has been shelled with 5-9s since 11 a.m. Low flying hostile planes NIL.		
1st Bde.	"	12-40	Prisoners taken in Sheet 36A. Identification 12 Coy. 3 Bn. 17th I.R. 42 Div. Prisoner states that casualties have been inflicted to the extent of 50 per cent of the divisional strength during the last 8 days. A new div. were due to relieve this div, tonight.		
5th Div.	"	6-14a.m.	Situation report. Situation quiet on the whole of the Divl. front		
5th Div.	"	12-4 p.m.	Situation. Unchanged. Enemy M.G. snipers active against Bde. front.		
33rd Div.	"	10-6 a.m.	Some of the enemy are reported to have penetrated into METEREN Situation is being dealt with		
33rd Div.	"	1-50 p.m.	A certain number of the enemy under cover of fog this morning worked throughour line in X.16. and into METEREN from the east Between 11 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. our troops are believed to have been holding their line the same as yesterday south West of METEREN also around the WINDMILL in X.16.a. thence along the switch line to the eastn Divl. boundary. 2nd Corps of 1st Middx Rgt. have been ordered up to clear the village of METEREN. Very littke artillery fire but considerable machine gun fire.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	IN:Out:	Date.
33rd Div.	1st A.D.	12-40 p.m.	Report received 12-5 p.m. from mounted patrol. Enemy in possession of METEREN. Our troops holding line from X.20.a. line X.15.a. X.10.c. Joining switch line about X.11.a.	IN	16/4/18.
Meteor.	"	11-11 p.m.	Forecast wind north or N.W. 20 to 30 mph gale at about first on coast dull with some rain or mist Vicāib. indiff. or poor cold wind midnight and 4 a.m. NNW 18 mph.		
H.A. XV Corps	"	11-59 p.m.	Our intelligence officer obtained locations of your front line from you yesterday and today was informed that there was no change. The liaison officer now gives your line as further advanced in places and staff officer here today as further back. Line especially doubtful as regard 2nd Aust. Bde. Will you please say which correct for purpose of S.O.S. Does line as given by you to our Intelligence Officer yesterday still hold good.		
Meteor.	"	5-56 p.m.	Forecast wind between West and North 10 to 15 mph probably increasing again later. Dull with some rain drizzle and mist cold indifferent visib wind 7 p.m. midnt and 4 a.m. N.W. 8 mph.		
4th Bde.	"	12 p.m.	No objection to Lts. G.H. SMITH F.H. HOSEUN and 2/Lt. W.M. LOGAN refts offcers. 15th Bn. being transferred to 45th Bn. 2/Lt. E.G. SELLARS is now reift offer. but an original member. Hope 2/Lt. W.M. LOGAN is not confused with Lt. M.J. LOGAN also an original member and who is urgently required by 15th Bn.		
3rd Bde.	"	9-54 p.m.	Bde. H.Q. will close at the present location at 12 noon and reopen the same hour at D.3.c.9.9. Sheet 36A.		
2nd Bde.	"	1-47 p.m.	Enemy reported massing before posts in SECLIN Artillery advised. Enemy opened rapid fire with 7.7 at 12-30 a.m. Enemy attacked No. 5 post E.28.c.5.2. after minenwerfer bombardment attack repulsed Casualties about 5.		

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From.	To.	Time Recd.	Information.	In:Out: Teleph.	Date.
3rd Bde.	1st A.D.	9-58 p.m.	9th Battalion in position left sub-section.	IN	16/4/18.
3rd Bde.	"	10-36 p.m.	12th Battalion in position at PRADELLES 10 p.m.	"	"
2nd Bde.	"	7-6 p.m.	Point selected for Junction of support line with Brigade on our Right is K.2.d.7.7.	"	"
33rd Div.	"	7-3 p.m.	19th Inf.Bde. (less 1st Cameronians) will be relieved tonight April 16th and 17th as follows. The right of the line about X.25.c. to Cross Roads X.20.c. by 4th Aust.Bde. From Cross Roads X.20.c. to left of 19th Inf.Bde. line by 98th Inf.Bde. . 1st Cams. will remain in their present position in the red line and will come under command of the 98th Bde. from 10 p.m. tonight April 16th. On relief the 5th Scottish Rifles will concentrate at LECOQ DE PAILLE (R.3.Q.a). 2nd N.Z. entrenching Bn. will concentrate at PIEBROUCK R.27.a. 11th Field Coy. .R.E. to R.28.d.4.5. 19th Inf.Bde. J.Q. to Divisional H.Q. at R.15.a.2.1. 98th Inf.Bde. will establish a strong point at the cross roads X.20.c. which will be inclusive to 98th Inf.Bde. 33rd Bn. M.G.Corps will withdraw as many guns as possible into Divisional reserve and will report the position they are concentrated in. Completion of all reliefs and moves and H.Qs of units will be reported to Divisional H.Q. Boundary between 1st Aust. and 33rd Div. will be notified later.		
33rd Div.	"	9 p.m.	Situation report. Situation unchanged. Quiet and line intact.		
15th Corps	"	6-18 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day slight shelling of our front line. Captures 1 O.R. wounded previously reported.		
33rd Div.	"	7 p.m.	Two prisoners 9th Coy. 269th Reserve Regt. 81st Res.Div. captured north of MERRIS early this morning. 269th R.I.R. originally in reserve line at a distance of 1 to 2 Km. Relieved 267th R.I.R. in front line morning 14th about 400 mtrs met by heavy flanking M.G.fire. Two coys. in this advance of which two platoons utterly wiped out. No knowledge of further operations.		

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In Out	Date,
All concerned	1st A.D.		Morning report. Enemy made a minor attack on our line in E.28. and E.22 at 12-30 a.m. this morning with heavy artillery and minenwerfer barrage. In E.22 our artillery effectively dispersed him massing. Party of enemy reached our post at E.28.c.5.2. but all were repulsed and one prisoner taken. Intermittent heavy bursts of fire on STRAZEELE during night. Otherwise quiet.	OUT	16/4/18.
XV Corps 33rd Div.	"	3-45 p.m.	Following report through 1st Aust.F.A.Bde. states that street fighting was going on in METEREN. Enemy had reached the church and seemed to be about X.15.d.1.9. British line appeared to be about X.15.central. Enemy barrage about line X.7.c.6.0. to X.7.central. Probably time this seen was about 2-45 p.m. Report came indirectly and may not be completely reliable.		
XV Corps 33rd Div.	"	4-5 p.m.	Reference G.287 This information now confirmed timed 3 p.m.		
Army "I" Corps "I"	"	9 a.m.	Wounded prisoner captured this morning in Sheet 36A E.28.c .central identification 2 Coy. 1st Bn. 222 R.I.R. 48th Res.Div. Prisoner a corporal appears reliable. This division left ABSACE a fortnight ago, divisions down there taking over larger sectors. Casualties during last two days enormous. 135 killed and wounded in prisoners battalion during last two days. Moral of troops very poor. They were to attack and take BOIS D'AVAIL yesterday, but owing to casualties attack was postponed. This morning raiding party of 2 or 3 officers and 200 B.Rs were to obtain prisoners or identifications after a preliminary 10 minutes or ¼ hour artillery preparation. Party were then to return to original line. Casualties inflicted upon this party very heavy, and according to prisoner no identification was obtained by enemy, those who were not wounded ran back to their lines. One battalion of 222 R.I.R. in line, raiding party belonged to support battalion and passed through front line troops.		

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From.	To.	Time Recd.	Information.	In: Out Telephone.	Date.
XV Corps.	1st A.D.	3-15 p.m.	Aerial observer reported that only hostile shelling observed S.W. of METEREN at 2-30 p.m. Enemy firing rockets at X.15.d.2.6.	Telephone.	16/4/18
GSO 1	BM 2nd Bde.	10-15 p.m.	S.O.S. been reported on 2nd Bde. Front. Meaning of artillery fire going on.	"	17/4/18.
GSO 1	3rd Bde.	10-17 a.m.	Re S.O.S. on 2nd Bde. front. Keep 3rd Bde. close on hand. Heavy artillery fire on line between STRAZEELE and ROUGE CROIX. Apparently Bosche cannot make the situation out on account of the French coming down.	"	"
GSO 1	Sig-Mstr.	10-40 a.m.	Put all operations calls on Col. BLAMEYS phone.	"	"
GSO 1	BM 1st Bde.	10-44 a.m. (priority)	Re S.O.S. Right Brigade say S.O.S. not on their front.	"	"
GSO 1	BM Div. Arty.	10-45 a.m.	Think S.O.S. is over. B.M. 1st Brigade says Arty. closed down. Probably shut down as no repetition of S.O.S. They work on a programme.	"	"
CO M.G. Bn.	GSO 1.	10-50 a.m.	C.O. M.G. Bn. wants to know whether any redistribution of M.Gs is necessary as a result of last night's operations. Instructed by GSO 1 to consult with 1st Brigade on the matter.	"	"
GSO 2	GSO 1	10-59 a.m.	Will not open office until word received from GSO 1 who is holding on here prior for a while longer.	"	"
GSO 1	Sig. Mstr.	10;59 a.m.	Will hold on to office here for a while. Will let you know in good time when to close down and open up in the new place.	"	"
BM Arty.	GSO 1	11-1 a.m.	Grand SEC BOIS is on fire. GSO 1 thinks that Bosche is rather disturbed at situation. GSO 1 will not open new office for a while longer. Good deal of shooting in the Par Sec Bois.	"	"

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	IN:Out.	Date.
15th Corps 1st A.D.		7-12 a.m.	Morning report. At about 12-20 a.m. under cover of heavy arty and minenwerfer barrage enemy attacked our line in E.28. and E.22. In E.22. our arty came down on his troops assembling and dispersed them. In E.28.c. he advanced as far as one of our posts but was completely repulsed leaving one wounded prisoner. None of our men are missing. Heavy intermittent shelling of STRAZEELE. Captures 1 O.R. wounded.	IN	16/4/18.
15 Corps	"	12-5 p.m.	Following wire from 9th Corps repeated for your information. The 1st Australian Div. have been ordered to take over the front stated from the 33rd Division whose H.Q. are at BOESCHEPE. Details of relief to be arranged between Divisions concerned.		
15th Corps	"	6-15 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day slight shelling of our front line Captures 1 O.R. wounded previously reported.		
15 Corps Q	"	12-19	If you can arrange loan with Gunboat H.A. No objection Otherwise regret not available.		
5th Div.	"	12-24 p.m.	Situation unchanged. Enemy M.Gs snipers active against the Bde.front		
29th Div.	"	1-30 a.m.	Ref G.96 of today. One battn of 29th Div. Bde and half M.G.Coy. will remain at E W.8. ready to move to ROUGE CROIX if required. Remainder of Division to return to billets but ready to turn out at half an hours notice.		17/4/18.
C.R.E.5th Div.	"	9-35	Will arrange to link up with your lines.		
15th Corps	"	8 p.m.	Ref. G.85. of 14th. 31st XXX Bn. M.G.Gun. Corps will come under orders of 31st Div. forthwith.		
5th Div.	"	6-20 p.m.	Evening report. Hostile arty active about 11-20 a.m. to 12 noon Front line shelled by 77 mm and houses in rear by 4-2s 11-0 a.m. a few gas shells were fired into BOIS DES VACHES. Our snipers got a few targets during the day. E.E. active. Prisoners captured Nil.		

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In Out	Date.
XV Corps 33, 5, Div. 3rd Bde.	1st A.D.	5-30 p.p., M	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Enemy artillery shelled forward zone lightly during day. CAUDESCURE shelled church tower destroyed.	OUT.	16/4/18.
1st Bde. 5 Com. Bn.	"		As valuable plant at BORRE has been removed No. 5 Composite Bn, is withdrawn from the defences of that town and is under the orders of C.R.M. of this division for work on defences.		
3 Bdes.	"		Following received from liaison officer with French 10 a.m., Outpost line runs. X.20.cent., X.12.Cent., X.16.4.0.0. X.10.c.2.0., X.10.c.6.4., X.10.b.6.9. Continuous line being dug in rear from X.19.a.5.7. PHINEBOOM, LA BESNCE Fm, LES 4 FILS AYNOW.		
4th Sqn. R.A.F.	"		In continuation of G. 316 of today pilot and observer were badly injured. Following markings in plane B 830 and 18.		17/4/18.
All concd.	"	1-20 p.m.	3rd Aust. Bde. will be relieved in 2nd Zone by by 31st Div. and will move into the area COURT CROIX-ROUGE CROIX-BORRE-PRADELLES One battn. will take over position now held by battn of 29th Div, in W.17.B and D with H.Q. at W.17.d.4.9. One battalion will be located in the vicinity of ROUGE CROIX. Bde. will be prepared to operate as far north as FLETRE-METEREN Road. Troops will be kept in constant readiness for action. and will dig in in accordance with instructions for Defence Organisation Move of 3rd Bde. should be completed by 5 p.m. today. D.H.Q. will be informed when each battalion has completed move. Acknowledge.		
M.G. Bn. 1st, 3rd Bde.	"	11;30 p.m.	Reference G.A.10.3rd M.G. Coy. less one section remains with 3rd Bde. One section remains under command 1st Bde.		
3 Bdes. C.R.A.	"	11 p.m.	Under instructions from XV Corps Counter preparation as carried out today will be put down along the Corps front 4-15 to 5-15 a.m. tomorrow 18th inst.		
3rd Bde.	"		Warning order. The 3rd A.I. Bde. will be prepared to move to the ROUGE CROIX area. Acknowledge.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In: out: Telephone.	Date.
Army	GSO 3	10-55 a.m.	Army rang up to say S.O.S. on left of Foret de Nieppe	Telephone	17/4/18.
GSO 1	EM 2nd Bde.	11-11 a.m.	Re another S.O.S. Reason for asking is that Army say S.O.S. went up at 10-25 a.m. Probably saw some Bosche flares.	"	"
GSO 1	GSO 2	11-15 a.m.	Just leaving	"	"

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In Out	Date.
15th Corps	1st A.D.	11-5 p.m.	Movement of 3rd A.I.Bde. into position ordered in your G.136 completed at 7 p.m.	OUT	17/4/18.
All Concd.	"	5-30 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy artillery was particularly active on the left Bde. front this morning and at about 10 a.m. he launched attack against about positions in E.6.b. and X.25. both of which were repulsed with loss to the enemy. Enemy has shelled BORRE, PRADELLES, STRAZEELE, and SEC BOIS and approaches during the day. His M.G. has been active about E.6.c. and D during the afternoon. Enemy low flying planes were active throughout the the day and bombs were dropped and machine guns fired from E.A. on SEC BOIS.		

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In-Out-	Date.
3rd Bde. 31st Div.	1st A.D.		Accommodation in reserve Bde area trenches will be handed over on relief to garrisons of the 31st Div. detailed for defence of the trenches.	OUT	17/4/18
3rBdes.C.R.A.	"		At the request of the French 1 Bn. of the 29th Div. has been moved forward and is in position on the line W.17.b.8.8. W.17.b.4.5. W.17.d.9.2. with H.Q. at W.17.d.4.9. 2 M.Gs are pushed forward about COURTE CROIX and the COUTRE CROIX - METEREN Road. 2 other M.Gs are at Bn.H.Q. Lidison officer with French reports French are not in occupation of METEREN but are on the outskirts.		
3 Bdes.	"	4-9 p.m.	98th Inf.Bde. report that this morning the enemy attacked from X.16.a.3.9. to X.10.d.9.1. but the attack was driven off and a great many Germans killed.		
All Concd.	"		Morning report. Left Bn. right Bde. report their support area being shelled by H.E. and gas the latter fallen mostly in E.14.d. and E.15.c. Left Bde. reports heavy enemy shelling of STRAZEELE from 3 a.m. forward dispositions of Left Bn. as yet uncertain.		
All concd.	"		1st and 4th Aust.Bns. are in touch at Sq.X.25.c.7.8. Line then runs X.20.c.3.0. X.20.a.7.4. Scottish troops on their line have been relieved. 1st Aust.Bn. reports that Scottish troops are still in line to the East from the METEREN -BECQUE at X.20.a.7.4. Our casualties during last night operations were very light. Amount of hostile arty fire was greatly increased yesterday and last night.		
All Concd.	"		The left Brigade reports that the position gained last night by us in E.6.b. was attacked by about twp hundred of the enemy at about ten A.M. At the same time the portion of the line west of the METEREN BECQUE was attacked. Both attacks were repulsed and our line is intact. C.O. left Bn. states, that it is important that METEREN be reoccupied as it dominates his position.		
4th Sqn XV Cps.	"	4-9 p.m.	One of our R.E.8 planes driven down by enemy planes at D.18.c.3.7. at 2 p.m. today.		
XV Corps	"		Locations as at 6 a.m. 19th inst. D.H.Q. WALLON CAPPEL 1st A.I.Bde. H.Q. Sh.27 WM25.a.5.8. 2nd Bde. H.Q. Sh 36A D.24.a.8.1. 3rd A.I.Bde. H.Q. Sheet 27. W.13.b.1.1.		

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From.	To,	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
15th Corps	1st A.D.	10-48 p.m.	Counter preparation as carried out today will be put down along the Corps front from 4.15 to 5.15 A.M. tomorrow the 18th inst.	IN	17/4/18
BARREL		3-47 p.m.	One of our planes came down at D.17.d.5.7. Pilot and observer both badly injured. Plane now guarded.		
1st A.D.	H.A.XV Corps		Line of front posts runs K.4.c.4.3., E.28.c.2.6., E.22.d.0.0. E.22.b.1.0. E.22.b.9.3., E.16.b.9.1., E.11.c.2.0. E.11.a.8.7. E.6.c.0.9., E.6.a.8.2., W.30.c.8.1., X.25.a.1.2., X.25.a.3.8.	OUT	16/4/18.
"	3 Bdes.	<u>Time sent.</u>	Pigeon message despatched by 2nd Bav. Res. Jager Battn. indicates presence of ALPINE Corps N.W. of NEUF BERQUIN at 6-30 p.m. 14th.		
"	XV Corps 29 Div 31 Div. 5th Div.	8-10 p.m.	Following message received at 133rd French Division H.Q. from Infantry Commander timed 1950 begins. Enemy have asked for barrage south west of METERN. Our attack delayed one hour on account of late receipt of orders.		
"	XV Corps C.R.A 2nd Bde. 3rd Bde. 5th Div. 29th Div. 31st Div. 33rd Div.	11-10 pm.	1st Aust. Bn. advanced from forming up line of French whose attack appears to have been very much delayed. Left flank of battn now rests about X.20. central not in touch with the French. Scottish troops still in front line are being relieved. 4th Aust. Bn. took advantage of the bigger operation to advance its line and seize enemy forward positions in Sqs. E.6.b.4. and X.25.c. Enterprise carried out by one Coy. and was entirely successful. 75 enemy killed and several wounded prisoners of 17th Regt. 42 Div. One prisoner states local attacks to be carried out tomorrow in this vicinity by another division which is to come through his division.		
"	2nd Bde.	3-15 p.m.	Army H.Q. is very anxious to obtain an early identification opposite the right of the division. If suitable objective can be selected consider question of raid as soon as you think fit.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
15th Corps 1st A.D.		8-21 a.m.	Situation report. Under cover of the French operations on the left the 4th Aust.Btn. advanced its line and seized the enemys forward positions in E.6.b, and X.25.c. 75 of the enemy were killed and several wounded prisoners were taken. The reports indicate that French have reached a line X.27 to X 18 Touch was obtained with the French at Z.20.a.9.5. The forward dispositions of our left Btn. still uncertain. Heavy shelling of STRAZEELE and Gas shelling of support lines north of the FORET de NIEPPE is reported since 3 a.m.	IN	17/4/18
15th Corps	" _b	10-48 a.m.	Heavy artillery fire on line STRAZEELE ROUGE CROIX since 9 a.m. S.O.S. about E.6 about 10 a.m. 29th Div. has one Battn W.17. and 18 other Bns. ordered to W.7. 31st Div. to be prepared to take place of 3rd Aust.Bde. if that Bde. is ordered to move, by 1st Aust.Div.		
15th Corps	"	12-40 a.m.	1st Aust.Div. will move reserve Bde. to PRADELLES ROUGE CROIX COURTE CROIX. a battn about each of the latter point. 31st Div. to relieve 3rd Aust.Bde. in HAZEBROUCK defences and to be prepared to counter attack should any part of the Corps line be broken. 29th Div. to continue work on second zone south of CAESTRE. Battn 29th Div. in W.17 and 18 to be withdrawn to work when relieved by Battn of the reserve Aust.Bde. xxxxxxx .		
15th Corps	"	1-20 a.m.	31st Div. to be prepared to relieve 2nd Aust.Bde. tonight if ordered.		
1 ₅ th Corps	"	7-35 p.m.	Situation report. About 10 a.m. after a heavy bombardment the enemy attacked our ppsitions in E.6.d and X.24 Both attacks were repulsed the enemy losses are reported heavy. Our positions are intact Hostile Arty active. BORRE PRADEELLES STRAZEELE and SEC BOIS have been heavily shelled. Low flying R.A. very active throughout the day xxxxxxxxxxxx firing on our troops with M.G.		
15th Corps	"	5-15 p.m.	Staff officer reports that trench which have been dug by Btn. 29th Div. in neighbourhood of COURTE CROIX runs W.17.b. 5.0. to W.11Md.7.0. The task of battalion located in this area is to ensure defence of COURT CROIX, Trench must be dug east of that place.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
33rd Div.	1st A.D.	3-58 p.m.	Prisoner 9th Regt. 38th Div. was captured in METEREN this morning. He states that his divn only came into the line tonight. They had been resting at the neighbourhood of LILLE and had taken no part in the fighting up to date.	DN	17 ⁴ /18.
33rd Div.	"	1-28 p.m.	Two prisoners 12 Coy. 17 Regt. 42nd Div. captured NW of MERRIS last night. State 3rd Bn relieved 2nd Bn. night 14/15 2nd Bn. have not attacked since although they expect to do so in support until 13th where severe loss inflicted by aeroplane bomb on 11th estimated 50 casualties. One prisoner prisoner 2nd Coy. 96th Regt. captured near METEREN last night. States 1st Bn. came up to relieve another Bn. same regt last night Left LILLE about 10th. Since then in support in village unknown.		
33rd Div.	"	2-58 p.m.	98th Inf. Bde. report that this morning the enemy attacked from X.16.a.3.9. to X.10.d.9.1. but the attack was driven off and a great many Germans killed.		
33rd Div.	"	9 p.m.	Situation report. Situation unchanged. Quiet and line intact.		
33rd Div.	"	9-18 p.m.	Situation has generally been quiet today with the exception of a heavy barrage at 10-5 a.m. on switch line held by ARGYLLS and tank Battn and shelling of METEREN. This was followed at 10-30 a.m. by enemy attack on METEREN and high ground vicinity of WINDMILL completely repulsed by 2nd A. and S.H. 5th Tank Battn 2nd N.Z. entrenching Battn and French. Shelling of tracks and roads in Brigade area throughout the day as also Red and Blue lines with field H.V. guns also 5.9 Hows.		
15th Corps	"	3-20 a.m.	29th Div. will hold one brigade in readiness to support the left flank of the Corps in case of heavy attack tomorrow morning. Bde. will be disposed as follows. One btn at present in huts at W.7.d. will be in position of readiness on the road ROUGE CROIX to COURTE ROUGE by 5-30 a.m. Bde less one battn will remain in billets and be prepared to move up at short notice The above troops will not commence work on defences until the situation on the left flank of the Corps is clear.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In-Out	Date.
29th Div.	1st A.D.	1-13 p.m.	Battalion of 29th Provisional Bde. is digging in with good results progress in vicinity of W.17.central.	IN	17/4/18.
Maj. HARRISON	"	2-30 p.m.	G 307 received and submitted. Am not connected by telephone direct yet but can get through Army and this French Div. Am at Q.26.d.5.8.		
29th Div.	"	1-15 p.m.	Remaining 2 battns of 29th Prov. Bde. will be moved at once to LE PEUPLER W.7.b. 8 M.Gs to be moved at once to LE PEUPLER to come under command of Gen. Jackson. A.D.M.S. will arrange for A.D.S. A.P.M. to report to 29th Prov. Bde. for battle posts. 2 Fld. Coys. R.E. and de ails of 88 inf. Bde. to be ready to move at half hours notice.		
3rd Bde.	"	9-56 a.m.	Brigade O.P. reports enemy shelling our Left Bde. forward area.		
3rd Bde.	"	8-40 p.m.	10th Bn. in position 6-15 p.m. H.Q. W.9.b.2.9. 11th Bn. in position 7 p.m. H.Q. W.17.d.4.9. M.G. Coy. less 2 Sects. at W.13.a 2.8.		
2nd Bde.	"	5-28 a.m.	Morning report. Left Bn. report that their support area is being shelled by H.E. and gas. Front line along sub sector generally quiet. Gas shells have fallen mostly on E.14.d. and E.15.c. Wind light W breeze.		
2nd Bde.	"	3 p.m.	One of our planes R.E.8. driven down by enemy planes at D. 18.c.3.7. at 2 p.m. today.		
1st Bde.	"	6-0 a.m.	Morning report. Heavy enemy shelling of STRAZEELE from 3 a.m. E.4.c. shelled with has at 4-30 a.m. and forward dispositions of left Bn. as yet uncertain.		
5th Div.	"	1-7 p.m.	Situation report. Very heavy hostile barrage along front of RT Bde. and RT Btn. of left Bde. started at 9-25 a.m. continuing till 11-32 a.m. Out field and Heavy arty. replied. No. Inf. action followed. Situation now quiet.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date
1st Bde.	1st A.D.	5-28 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy artillery very active during day. BORRE PRADELLES STRAZEELE and approaches received particular attention. Enemy reported massing troops in E.11,d. Have been dealt with by artillery. Enemy M.Gs have been active from E.6.c. during afternoon. Several lowflying planes over SEC BOIS and BORRE at 1-30 p.m. Planes dropped bombs and fired M.Gs into SEC BOIS.	IN	17/4/18
2nd Bde.	"	4-36 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy arty intermittently active in E.8, E.9, and E.28. Few gas shells intermingled with H.E. in vicinity of PT SEC BOIS. 3 low flying enemy planes over D.18. 24 and E.13 19 at 2 p.m. apparently spotting gun positions one of our planes brought down by E.A. at 2 p.m. in D.18.c. Enemy planes very active over forward positions. Enemy movement along VERTE RUE VIERHOUCK Rd.		
No.5.Com.Bn.	"	6-12 p.m.	Move complete Bth H.Q. now at V.23.c.8.2. Sheet 27.		
29th Div.	"	2-6 p.m.	Battn and 2 M.G. in W.17. has entrenched itself in line of posts from W.17 D.21 to W.17.b.8.9. and one Coy. of this Battalion and 2 M.Gs is in posts east of West of Contre Croix Cross Roads W.18.central.		
29th Div.	"	4-4 a.m.	29th Provisional Bde. will move one battn and 4 M.Gs forward to W.17.a. This battn. to be in positions by 5-30 a.m. It will get into touch with French H.Q. at W.15.d. and Austln Btn. at H.Q.X.19.a.1.8. and be prepared to support the left of the 1st Aust.Bde. and the right of this The french XX in case of any hostile attack being made. An advanced guard from this btn. will be at W.18.central the remainder of the Bde. will remain in present positions but prepared to move at very short notice.		
29th Div.	"	8 a.m.	No.3.battn is in position as follows W.17.b.8.8. W.17.b.4.5. W.17.d.9.2. with H.Q. at W.17.d.4.9. 2 M.Gs are pushed forward about COURTE CROIX on the COURTE CROIX - METEREN Road remaining 2 being with H.Q. of the battn.		

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FROM.	To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In out	Date.
1st A.D.		1st A.D.	12-38 p.m.	second Army Intelligence Forecast. Begins. Enemy Divisions known to be in line are sufficiently strong to allow of resumption of attack at any moment between St. JANS CAPP L and KEMMEL. Bad weather and heavy losses sustained yesterday render probable postponement until tomorrow of attacks elsewhere. Ends.	OUT	18/4/18.
All concd.		"	10-30 p.m.	Counter preparation 4-30 a.m. to 5-15 a.m. tomorrow 19th inst.		
All concd.		"	1-20 p.m.	Warning order. 3rd Aust. Bde. will relieve 33rd Div. and 133rd French Div. in the line from Sq. X.20.c.8.8. to Sq. X.16.b.9.5. approximately 2nd Inf. Bde. will be relieved by 31st Div. and will move into Divisional Reserve in area THIEUSHOUK - CAESTRE LE PEUPLIER ROUGE CROIX now occupied in part by 29th Div. Reliefs will take place on night of 19/20th inst. One battn. 3rd Bde. will be disposed in vicinity FONTAINE HOUK LA BESAGE Fme on completion.		
1,2. Bdes.		"	12-50 a.m.	33rd Div. report Enemy patrol reported to have penetrated through French line in X.15.a.		
3 Bdes.		"		Counter preparation will be carried out tonight by artillery from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. similar to that of last night.		
1st Bde.		"		The C.O. French Bn. West of METEREN reports that the Germans used the road running S.W. from X.15.d. to X.21.a. and the road through X.15.d - X.15.a. in their attack on METEREN. These roads can only be engaged by M.G. fire from about NORD HELF on account of a bank on the E. side of the road. Can you arrange to enfilade this road in case of any further trouble.		
Xv Corps 33 Div. 5th Div.		"		Two prisoners of 38th R.I.R. 12th Res. Div, captured in E.28.c. at 5-30 a.m. this morning.		
All concd.		"	5-10 a.m.	Morning report. Small parties of enemy attempted to attack left Bde. front at 6 p.m. but were easily repulsed. Heavy shelling on W.30.b. and D between 4-30 and 6 p.m. otherwise quiet night on Div. front.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
33rd Div	1st A.D.	6-22 a.m.	Situation Night quiet at 6 p.m. enemy attacked left flank of Kings on main FLETRE METEREN Road, and penetrated to farm at X.15.a.1.0. In considerable strength was ejected by French counter attack at 11-30 pm and line reestablished. Further details follow. Left flank of Bde. secured and touch obtained with 7th Duke of Wellington Regt. at Divl. boundary Road running just W of B in BLAUVENLANDT secured.	IN	18/4/18
33rd Div.	"	9-53 a.m.	From 12 noon April 18th until the 33rd Div. take over the line again on night April 18th 19th all British troops in the area X.20.central X.5.d. are under the command of G.O.C. 133rd French Div.		
33rd Div.	"	8-55 a.m.	Prisoner 4th Coy. 268 Res.Regt. 81st Res.Div. captured S.W. of METEREN this morning. Details follow.		
33rd Div.	"	7-20 p.m.	The O.C. French Battalion just west of METEREN reports that when the Germans attacked METEREN they used the road running south west from X.15.d. to X.21.a. X.15.d. and X.15.a. or the road through X.15.d. and X.15.a. In the first case they cannot be engaged with M.G. fire except by your people near NORDHELF on account of a bank on the eastern side of the road. Can you arrange to enfilade this road in case of any further trouble.		
33rd Div.	"	7-55 p.m.	Situation unchanged.		
33rd Div.	"	8-10 p.m.	Situation Quiet all along the front.		
15th Corps	"	8-53 a.m.	The following message received from 2nd Army. Timed 11-52 p.m. 17th. The Army Commander wishes to place on record his appreciation of the gallant conduct of the troops under your command in the present fighting. It is worthy of all praise and he wishes the ranks to be informed.		
15th Corps.	"	12-3 p.m.	2nd Army Intelligence forecast. Begins. Enemy Divisions known to be in line are sufficiently strong to allow of resumption of attack at any moment between St. JANS CAPPEL and KEMMEL. Bad weather and heavy losses sustained yesterday render probable postponement until tomorrow of attacks elsewhere.		
XV Corps	"	3-16 p.m.	The 3rd Cav. Bde. will move to the area EECHE-GODEWAERSVEDLE R 19. THIEUSHOUK- CAESTRE with an advanced guard of 1 regt. about the road FLETRE-LE ROUKLOS -HILLE The adv. H.Q. will be established in or near THIEUSHOUK The rear H.Q. at a suitable location about EECHE or GODESWAERSVEDLE. The Bde. will be prepared to operate to cover		

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1st D.A.	1st A.D.		Counter preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning 19th inst between 4:30 a.m. and 5-15 a.m. Targets as detailed in O.O.No.4 Series 2 except para 6 sub para E. Expenditure 49 rounds from gun and how. Acknowledge.	IN	18/4/18.
2nd Bde.	"	4-40 a.M,	Morning report. Quiet throughout the night on Bde,subsector. Calm Wind.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-22 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet along the sub sector. Low flying E.A. nil. Wind N. 15 mph.		
2nd Bde.	"	10-26 a.m.	Two prisoners one of 10 K one of 12 K 38 R.I.R. 12th Res.Div. captured in E.28.c. 5-30 a.m. this morning.		
1st Bde.	"	4-45 a.M,	Morning report. Heavy shelling on W.30.b. and D from 4-30 p.m. to 6 p.m. last night. At 5 p.m. small parties enemy attempted advance but were easily driven off. Situation quiet since.		
1st Bde.	"	4-55 p.m.	Evening report. Very quiet day enemy artillery trench mortars inactive. Intermittent bursts of M.Gun fire during afternoon. Low flying planes nil.		
1st Bde.	"	10-18 p.m.	Major.H.G.VERNON 2nd Bn. and Major.E.A.LLOYD 4th Bn. reporting to Left and Right Bdes. respectively for Liaison duty.		
5th Div.	"	6-57 a.m.	Morning situation report. Hostile arty searched the LESART LA MOTTE BAUDET Road between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. A few gas shells were fired otherwise Hostile arty.quiet M.G.fire active from houses about K.15.b.6.8. and K.10.d.0.5. Indirect M.G.fire was active on our roads in rear. Enemy sent up very few lights during the night Out arty carried out increased harrassing fire commencing at 4 a.m.		
5thDiv.	"	12-20 p.m.	Situation report. S.East edge of WOOD shelled intermi tently from 6 a.m. onwards and Le TOUQUET was shelled between 9 a.m. and 9-30 am.		
5th Div.	"	6-26 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Eastern edge of BOIS MOYEN and LA MOTTE BAUDET intermittently shelled. About 20 4.2s round LE TOUQUET at 4 p.m. P .of W. nil low flying E.A.nil.		

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XV Corps.	1st A.D.		Further prisoners reported. 2 men of 12th Res.Div. captured in E.28. wandering in search of lost. One prisoner of same division captured exp in E.6. Further details later.	OUT	18/4/18.
All concd.	"		Evening report. Quiet day on whole of Divisional sector. Intermittent bursts of M.G. fire on left subsector during the afternoon. Prisoners during last 24 hours 2 Officers two O.Rs		
2nd Army "I"	"	4-10 p.m.	Several members of one of our units have notified noticed the hands of the HAZEBROUCK Church V.22.c. clock which has been stopped at twenty minutes to eleven. No doubt for some time. Moving in a peculiar manner. Entrance to the church was attempted but all doors are locked. A sentry has been placed on each door, and personnel and being sent to investigate matter.		
All concd.	"		Prisoner taken in X.20. Sh.36A, last night gives following information Belongs to 267th R.I.R., 81st Res.Div. His Division has been at WARSAW and near Austrian border where they underwent strenuous training. Left there a week ago and his company commander states that this division which is a poor one is to form first line of an attack tomorrow morning. Active divisions, the 12th and the 11th Bavarians were seen in rear and were to continue the push. Prisoners own regiment expected to have to advance to a depth of two kilos. and then the others were to push through. Prisoner states he saw artillery and M.Gs all ready to participate in the advance and all his people have been supplied with iron rations.	OUT	19/4/18.
All concd.	"		Please wire as soon as possible changes in locations waggon lines or no change report.		
1st M.G.Bn.	"		No objection to your remaining but you will be liable to be moved on as your billets are outsidenour present area. Further instructions reference another area will follow.		
All concd.	"		2nd Army Intelligence forecast. In spite of heavy losses sustained on 17th and 18th inst., in attacks on First and Second Armies enemy will continue his offensive. Operations towards STRAZEELE and KEMMEL are probable in immediate future.		

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			left flank of 15th Corps on event of enemy penetrating our positions S.W. or N. of METEREN. The horses of the Adv. Guard may be withdrawn by night. BGC 3rd Cav. Bde. will report as early as possible to 15th Corps H.Q. the exact locations of his H.Q. and xxx the rough dispositions of his BDE	IN	18/4/18.
15th Corps 1st A.D.		7-21 p.m.	1st Aust. Div. report a quiet day along whole front. Very little hostile arty. fire. MGs active against left Bde. sector. Capture 2 Officers (1 wounded) and 2 O.R.		
15th Corps	"	7-56 p.m.	French artillery are carrying counter preparation on front of 9th Corps at 5-30 a.m. 15th inst. 1st Aust. Div. and G.O.C.R.A. 15th Corps will arrange for similar counter preparation between 4-30 a.m. and 6 a.m. the 17th inst.		
15th Corps	"	mm9-15 p.m.	Counter preparation will be put down along the Corps front from 4-30 to 5-15 a.m. tomorrow 19th inst.		
29th Div.	"	11-56 a.m.	Ref. 29th Div. Order No. 200 para 2. ZERO hour will be two p.m. Para 4 (D) no working parties will be required tonight.		
133 F. Div.	"	1-44 a.m.	Artillery commander suggests the retention of 110 and 112 British Bdes. in their present positions to support the left of our line from the night 19th 20th Please consult Corps and wire decision Harrison Liaison Officer XXXXX 133rd French Division.	IN	19/4/18.
1st A.D.A.	"	8-10 p.m.	Our artillery counter preparation carried out between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and 4;30 a.m. to 6-15 a.m. enemies communications, harassed during day numerous observed shoots in vicinity of VIEUX BERQUIN Hourse at E.11Mb. 70.45. and E.6.c and d N.F. call answered in E.24.a.80.80. enemy movement in E.18.c. and D E.24.a. and B farm at F.13.a.1.6. railway F.7SA and D. and wood in F.7.c. engaged during day. Hostile artillery very quiet 20 rounds 5.9 near W.20.a. 30. 60. during night and 5.9. on W.19.a. 6 rounds 4.2 on D.16.b. from 105 deg. T.B. from D.17.a.20.70. and A. Few rds 15 CM on positions at D.12.a.3.3. Hostile working parties in E.18 and E.24. new trench from E.6.b.4.92 to road junction at E.6.v.6.5. M.Guns located at E.6.d.2.8. E.6. Central X.21.a.2.3. and X.20.c.95.85.		
31st Div.	"	9-5 p.m.	92nd Bde. H.Q. will be at D.11.d.3.7. and not as stated in Div. order 300.		

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15th Corps 1st A.D. 6-34 a.m. Morning report. Quiet night. Light hostile shelling in the vicinity of STRAZEELE.					IN	19/4/18.
15th Corps	"	1-46 a.m.	The enemy attacked the Belgians yesterday south of WERCKEN Mercken and entered their line but were immediately driven out by a counter attack leaving 700 prisoners 10 M.Gs and 1 field gun in the Belgians hands . An attack early this morning north east of ROBECCQ on the 1st Army front was repulsed and 19 prisoners taken. Another between GIVENCHY and FETUBERG still in progress at 11;30 a.m. Strong attacks on the whole front from ALEVETTE Bridge to RIEZ - DUVINAGE were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy and about 200 prisoners taken.		18/4/18.	
15th Corps	"	9-30 a.m.	Junction with 34th Div. is very indefinite indefinite . I recommend that boundary be fixed as follows. Cross Roads X.11.c.5.9. inclusive to 15th Corps thence to Road Junction X.4.a.5.3. and westward along track to R.33.a.3.2.		19/4/18.	
15th Corps	"	6-58 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day reported on right Bde. front No report from left Bde. at present. Considerable E.A. activity during the day. 4 planes reported flying low and 2 groups of 10 and 8 flying high.			
15th Corps	"	6-58 p.m.	Authority given for RADISH to retain H.Q. at MANCHESTER.			
15th Corps	"	1-40 am.	Following from 2nd Army begins. Intelligence forecast. In spite of heavy losses sustained on 17th 18th in attacks on 2nd and 1st Armies enemy will will continue his defensive operations towards STRAZEELE and KEMMEL are probable in the immediate future.			
15th Corps	"	7-48 p.m.	Lewis gunBn. of 4th Bde. Tank Corps and No. 1.M.M.G. Bty. at present attached to 33rd Div. will come under orders of 1st Aust. Div. on completion of relief of 33rd Div. by 1st Aust. Div. these will units will march on 20th April to area between HAZEBROUCK and BORRE under orders to be issued by 1st Aust. Div. O.Gs units should report as early as possible at H.Q. 31st Div. WALLON CAPPEL for instructions regarding billets allotted and employment on arrival at 31st Div.			

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15th Corps	1st A.D.	8-11 p.m.	Counter preparation will be put down along the Corps front from 4-15 a.m. 4-45 a.m. and 5.5 5-25 a.m. tomorrow 20th inst.	IN	19/4/18.
15th Corps	"	9-19 p.m.	Following wire from 2nd Army timed 6-30 p.m. begins. The enemy attacked the Belgian Army near NIEUPORT today. Attack was repulsed with heavy loss 15 Germans captured. Total captures by Belgians in successful counter-attack frs on April 27th S. of MERCKEN 755 prisoners 1 field gun and 42 M.Gs. On one battn front alone 350 dead Germans were counted.		
15th Corps	"	9-17 p.m.	Air observers report 4-45 p.m. - 6-10 p.m. Hostile barrages 1000 yards east of west of and parralel to SCHAEKKEN BERTHEN Road (R.35 - R.22) Above barrage from batteries in X.29.a. b, and d and X.16.c.		
15th Corps	"	1-40 p.m.	Air observers report 8-45 a.m. 11-15 a.m. Front quiet No movement seen N.W. of line OUTERSTEENE NEUF BERQUIN		
15th Corps	"	11-40 p.m.	Reference GUNBOAT order No. 186 dated 18th April para 5. C.R.As of RADISH and BROOM will take command of the artillery at present covering the fronts of RADISH and LAVENDER respectively as ordered. The movement of the batteries as ordered in GUNBOAT Arty.Inst.No. 17 dated 18th April is postponed.		
15th Corps	"	11 p.m.	Reference 15th Corps Order No. 186 para 1. for X.12.a.2.2. read Cross Roads X.11.c.5.9. inclusive.		

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1st Bde.	1st A.D.	6-36 p.m.		IN	19/4/18.
1st Bde.	1st A.D.	6-36 p.m.	Enemy relief suspected opposite Right Bn. tonight.		
1st Bde.	"	12 Mid.	In reply to G. 371. 1st Bn. W.7.a.7.8. 2nd Bn. W.1.c.8.3. 3rd V.23.d.6.2. 4th Bn. V.5.c.2.4. Bde.H.Q. W.19.a.0.2. No.2.Coy.A.A.S.C. V.5.c.5.1. 1st M.G.Coy. W.7.c.7.9.		
1st Bde.	"		4th Bn. reports this evening that as usual result of operation on night 16th/17th inst. there remained 9 men unaccounted for. This information has been slowly coming in because of the fact that all platoon Comdrs. became casualties. All roll calls were not possible till night 17/18th since then a thorough search has been made for bodies without result. It is concluded that the men are P o W.		
5thvDiv.	"	6-16 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Patrol from Left Bn.Left Bde. killed 2 Germans 223 I.R. rest fled.		
5th Div.	"	1-30 p.m.	Situation report at 5-15 a.m. Enemy barraged our line at CAUDESCURE for ten minutes. Very quiet since.		
5th Div.	"	10-22	Changes in disposition. 13th Bde.H.Q. J.26.b.3.3. 15th Bde. R.F.A. J.26.a.6.1.		
33rd Div.	"	3-15 a.m.	Situation unchanged. Our arty.active north west corner of METEREN was on fire and by the light of the fire enemy troops and transports could be seen moving N.W. on the BAILLEUL St.JANS CAPPEL Road. Our arty dealing with them.		
33rd Div.	"	7-22 a.m.	Situation unchanged.		
33rd Div.	"	4-22 p.m.	Ref 33rd Div.Order No. 298 dated today. The 34th Div. are extending their right tonight April 19/20 to X.11.c.5.9. Boundary between 1st Aust.Div. and 34th Div. will then run through X.10.b.9.5. The right of the 34th Div. will be held by 5th Scottish Regt. of the 18th Infy.		
33rd Div.	"	12-3 a.m.	Situation unchanged. Slight enemy shelling and some gas shells in R.26.b. and D In the neighbourhood of battery positions.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
2nd Bde.	1st A.D.	7-5 p.m.	Evening report. situation on subsector front quiet one plane over our front. Wind N.N.W. 15 mph.	IN	18/4/18.
2nd Bde.	"	9-22 p.m.	Following will be new location and estimated time of completion of move Bde.H.Q. LE PEUPLIER 12-30 a.m. 5th Bn. THIEUSHOUK move complete 6th Bn. ROUGE CROIX Midnight, 7th Bn. LE PEUPLIER 12-30 a.m. 8th Bn. BOHRE area 1-30 a.m. 2nd L.T.M. LE PEUPLIER 12-30 a.m.		
2nd Bde.	"	9-28	Ref.evening situation report. This wire left this office at 4-55 p.m.		
2nd Bde.	"	12-30 p.m.	Prisoner		
1st Bde.	"	4-50 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet at present. Slight shelling in vicinity of STRAZEELE during night. M.Gs and T.Ms inactive. Movement of men observed in E.6.b. since 1-30 a.m.		
1st Bde.	"	2-55	Will arrange to enfilade road with 2 guns now at X.20.a.1.6. and 2 guns at X.19.a.2.0.		
1st Bde.	"		Prisoner states that objectives were indefinite. Coy.Comdr.had told them they would advance a distance of about 2 Km 21km or so. 268th R.I.R. were to follow on then 269th R.I.R. following 268th R.I.R. prisoner distinctly saw men of the 62nd I.R. and 63rd I.R. 12 Divisions in rear of them ready to follow on the attacklikewise the 11th Bav.Div.were to participate in the attack. Whilst in R'ATIBOR prisoner underwent strenuous training in Coy.Bn. Reg.Div. and a large Army Corps manouvre lasting 4 days. Aeroplanes participated. Trenches dug in Prisoners Coy. had to cut through 7 metres of barb wire with wire cutters through which gap Cavalry passed. Prisoner saw the Dragoon Guards and some Lancers Regt. about 15 or 20 Kilo. in rear		
1st Bde.	"		Prisoner taken X.20. this evening identification 5 Coy. 2 Btn. 267 R.I.R. 81 REs.Div. Prisoner reliable Pole states this division were on garrison duty WARSAW 2 years then to 6 months in R'ATIBOR 5 kilos from Austrian frontier. Left R'ATIBOR 1 week ago. Prisoners coy.Comdr. told them they were to attack tomorrow morning early. This Div. a poor one were to compose part of the 1st wave followed by active divisions who were to continue the push. He is confident of the probability of the attack tomorrow for the following reasons. 1 supplied with iron rations, 2, Saw Arty. and M.Gs ready to advance with Infantry. Further interrogation follows.		
1st Bde.	"	4-50 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day. Slight scattered shelling.		

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1st A.D.A.	1st A.D.	8-22	Our trench mortars activity as follows 6 inch NEWTON 30 rds. on Farm BERULIEU BLDGS many direct hits 30 rounds on Houses at E.29.a.30.90. E.28.c.85.90. and E.28.c.20.80. very satisfactory roof lifted off latter 10 rounds harrassing fire on E.6.c.60.25. and E.6.c.55.90. at request of infantry 8 rounds on enemy party of about 30 at E.12.a.30.65. and E.11.b.7.6. casualties caused 1 gun at E.29.d.60.55. totally destroyed enemxxxfire by enemy fire at 5 a.m. Hostile arty 77 4.2 and 5.9 on STRAZEELE Rly Station and dump near same 4-45 a.m. barrage on T.M. positions from E.16.b. to E.5.c. for about 10 mins. 7 a.m. 10 rounds 4.2 on dump in rear of STRAZEELE station all above shelling from S.E. enemy activity around E.12.a.30.65. and E.6.b.60.30. Hostile battery at E.30.a.90.30. In a house engaged by 101 battery 4.5. HOW house set on fire and completely demolished.	IN	19/4/18.
Aust Corps	"	9-30	Radishes Blackbird Kxxxx leaves Thame for Carulin 1000 hours 20th inst.		
1st A.D.A.	"	6-30 p.m.	Counter preparation will be carried out tonight and tomorrow morning as under.. Tonight from 7-20 p.m. to 7-40 p.m. and from 8-5 p.m. to 8-25 p.m. expenditure 30 rounds per gun and 4.5 in HOW. Tomorrow morning from 4-20 a.m. to 5-30 a.m. expenditure 60 rounds per gun and 4.5 i How. Targets as detailed for this morning.		
1st A.D.A.	"	10-30	Times for counter preparation ordered for tomorrow morning in BM 801 are cancelled and following substituted. From 4-15 a.m. to 4-45 a.m. and from 5-05 a.m. to 5-25 s.m.		
1st M.G.Bn	"	11-50 p.m.	Estimated strength of Coys. as follows. 1st Coy. 10 Off. 208 O.R. 2nd Coy. 13 Off. 193 O.Rs 3rd Coy. 15 Off. 190 O.Rs 21st Coy. 12 Off. 199 O.Rs reinforcements are absorbed in above figures.		
3rd Bde.	"	5-10 p.m.	11th Bn. line left estimated completion 12;30 p.m. 12th Bn. line Right estimated completion 1 a.m. 9th Bn. Chincboom - La Bassee 3 a.m. 10th Bn. Fontain Houch midnight.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-52 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet along the subsector. Wind N.W. 4 mph.		

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In out	Date.
3rd Bde.	1st A.D.		Corps have recommended to Army that the following be the Northern boundary. Cross Roads X.11.c.5.9. inclusive to XV Corps, thence to road junction X.4.a.5.3. and westward along back to R.33.a.3.2. It is expected that this will be approved.	OUT	19/4/18.
3 Bdes. C.R.A.	"	3-45 p.m.	In view of information given by prisoner this morning and the difficult nature of the relief on the new left subsector particular care is to be taken to be on the alert against enemy action. New locations and estimated time of completion of moves to new locations of all units moving will be reported to D.H.Q.		
3 Bdes.	"	7-21 p.m.	Counter preparation will be carried out tonight and tomorrow morning as under. Tonight from 7-20 p.m. to 7-40 p.m. and from 8-5 p.m. to 8.25 p.m. expenditure 30 rounds per gun and 4.5 in.HOW Tomorrow morning from 4-20 a.m to 5-30 a.m. expenditure 60 rounds per gun and How. Targets detailed for this morning.		
3 Bdes.	"	10-53 p.m.	Times for counter preparation ordered for tomorrow morning in G.373 are cancelled and following substituted. From 4-15 a.m. to 4-45 a.m. and from 5-05 a.m. to 5-25 a.m.		
1st Bde.	"		92nd Bde. H.Q. will be at D.11.d.3.7. and not as stated previously.		
33rd Div.	"		A sergeant and 10 O.Rs of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at present occupying a farm at X.19.a.4.9. are guarding, Is it belonging to that unit.		
All concd.	"	5-20 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet slight shelling in the vicinity of STRAZEELE Enemy movement observed in E.6.b. Since 1-30 a.m.		
XV Corps	"		Probable locations from 6 a.m. 20th to 6 a.m. 21st inst. D.H.Q. St. SYLVESTRE CAPPEL 1st Bde H.Q. W.25.a.5.8. 2nd Bde H.Q. V.7.b.3.6. 3rd Bde H.Q. X.1.a.0.0.		
All concd.	"	12-10 p.m.	Headquarters were established at St. SYLVESTRE CAPPEL.		
All concd.	"	6-41 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day. Slight scattered shelling.		
XV Corps 25th Div.	"		Enemy relief suspected on the E.6., E.11., front tonight. Special artillery programme is being carried out.		

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33rd Div.	1st A.D.	12-3 a.m.	Situation unchanged. slight enemy shelling and some gas shells on R.26.b. and IN D in the neighbourhood of battery positions.		19/4/18.
33rd Div.	"	6-5 a.m.	Command of sector now passed to G.O.C. 1st Aust.Div.		20/4/18
33rd Div.	"	4;18 a.m.	Relief of 98th Bde. by 3rd Aust.Bde. complete.		
33rd Div.	"	8-2 p.m.	33rd Div. report centre closes at STAPLE at 4-30 p.m. 33rd Div. H.Q. opens at LE TROIS ROIS Q.26.b. Sheet 27 1/40000 at same hour.		
15th Corps	"	9-19 p.m.	The following from Second Army timed 6-30 p.m. begins. The enemy attacked the Belgian Army near NIEUPORT today a Attack repulsed with heavy loss. 15 Germans captured total captures by Belgians in successful counter attack on April 17th S of MERCKEM 755 prisoners 1 field gun and 42 M.Gs. On one battalion front along 350 dead Germans were counted.	IN	19/4/18.
15th Corps	"	6-55 p.m.	Morning report. Relief of right Infantry Bde. of 1st Aust.Div. complete 2-45 a.m. Situation quiet. Slight increase of artillery and M.G.activity against centre Bde. sector. 30 gas shells into STRAZEELE.		20/4/18.
15th Corps	"	2-50 a.m.	Counter preparation is being carried out on 9th Corps front from 4 a.m. to 4-30 a.m. and from 5 a.m. to 5-30 a.m. today.		
15th Corps	"	2-7 a.m.	Following from 2nd Army begins. Prisoner captures near DONEGAL FARM 10XX N.31. states his Div. is being relieved tonight by two unknown Divs. who are expected to attack tomorrow or next day.		
15th Corps	"	10-15 a.m.	Air observers called for flares along Corps front from 6-10 a.m. to 7-50 a.m. Flares lit at E.17.c.2.0.25. E.11.central and X.25.v.5.5.		
15th Corps	"	11-28 a.m.	Second Army Intelligence forecast. Begins. It is probable that the enemy is completing his preparations for resumption of attack on the MONT DES CATS-MONT KEMMEL ridges.		
15th Corps	"	11-8 a.m.	Second Army reports air reconnaissance 6-15 a.m. to 6-45 a.m. high height 1/2000 feet. Army front quiet no movement observed. Roads in vicinity NEUF BERQUIN clear. Enemy shelling MONT ROUGE.		
15th Corps	"	6-58 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day reported on Right Bde.front. No report from left Bde. at present. Considerable E.A. activity during the day and		

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1st A.D.A.	1st A.D.	1-9 p.m.	The exchange of positions between 1st Aust.Div.Arty and 57 Div.Arty. is postponed until further orders. Change of command will take place as detailed in order No. 6. that is at 10 a.m. tomorrow C.R.A. 1st A.D. will be in command of all field arty. covering 1st Aust.Div. and command of field arty. covering covering 31st Div.Arty. will pass to C.R.A. 57th Div. Acknowledge.	IN	19/4/18.
9th Corps	"	1-30 a.m.	28th French Divn. have captured prisoner of 22nd Bav.Rgt. 11th Bav Div. near DONEGAL FARM. States his Div. is being relieved tonight by two unknown Divs. who are expected to attack tomorrow or next day.	IN	20/4/18
31st Div.	"	5-40 a.m.	Situation report. Quiet nothing to report.		
31st Div.	"	1-34 p.m.	With 15th Corps and 1st Aust.Div. approval the Australian garrison in SEC BOIS will remain until 31st Div. extends front line to north. This implies that for present north Div. boundary will be same as previous with Australian boundary for defence.		
Meteor	"	5-25 p.m.	Wind between West and South about 5 mph.		
1st A.D.A.	"		Counter preparation will be carried out this evening from 7-35 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 8-15 p.m. to 8-45 p.m. Expenditure 35 rounds per gun and how. Acknowledge.		
Harrison	"	10-10 p.m.	French unable to send their proportion to our suggested instructional posts tonight but will do so tomorrow.		
31st Div.	"	5-44 p.m.	Situation report. Quiet Prisoners and material nil. Enemy aircraft right sector fairly active left sector fairly active up to noon.		
2nd Bde.	"	1-41 am 7-5 p.m.	Relief complete.		
3rd Bde.	"	5-8 a.m.	Situation quiet on front. Artillery active LNR 3 3 B Machine guns active on 10.A Aircraft and trenchmortars inactive. Casualties nil. Wind light S.E.		
3rd Bde.	"	3-20 a.m.	Eleventh battalion report relief complete.		
3rd Bde.	"	3-21 a.m.	M.G. relief complete.		
3rd Bde.	"	3-20 p.m.	Twelfth bn. report relief complete.		

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			planes reported flying low and 2 groups of 10 and 8 flying high.	IN	
15th Corps 1st A.D.		2-56 p.m.	Reference G 806 of 31st Div. dated 20/4/18. Approval is given for the Aust. garrison to remain in SEC BOIS until 31st Div. extends front line to North.		20/4/18.
15th Corps	"	6-40 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day Scattered hostile shelling. Captures nil.		
15th Corps	"	8-44 a.m.	Counter preparation will be carried out put down along the Corps front from 4-10 - 4-35 a.m. and 5-0 - 5-30 a.m. tomorrow. 21st.		
1st A.D.	1 & 3 Bdes.	3-25 pm.	Essential to obtain identification early tonight if possible in order to ascertain enemys intentions with regard to attack.	OUT	20/4/18.
Meteor.	Meteor		Wire wind forecast for tonight. Urgent.		
"	All concd.	6-20 pm.	Operation referred to in 1st Aust. Div. Order No. 77. is postponed for 24 hours.		
"	3 Bdes.		Forward as soon as possible list and location of O.Ps being used by your brigade.		
"	3rd Bde.		34th Div. are extending to the right tonight 19/20th inst. to X.11.c.5.9. The right of the 34th Div. front will be held by the 5th Scottish Rifles of the 18th Bde.		19/4/18.
"	3 Bdes. CRA.	10 p.m.	Counter preparation will be put down along the Corps front from 4-10- 4-35 am, and 5-0 - 5-30 a.m. tomorrow.		20/4/18.
"	3 Bdes.		Counter preparation will be carried out this evening from 7-35 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 8-15 to 8-45 p.m.		
"	All concd.		Morning report. Shelling increased during night particularly on W.36.d. X.25.c. STRAZEELE. 30 gas shells in STRAZEELE. M.Gs active on left Bde. front.		

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From.	To.	Time sent.	Information.	In Out	Date.
1st A.D. XV Corps		8-45 p.m.	Command of right brigade sub sector passed to G.O.C. 31st Div. at 1 a.m. after relief and command of 98th Bde. 133rd French Sector passed to G.O.C. 1st Aust. Div.	OUT	20/4/18.
"	All concd.	6-41 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet vday. Slight scattered shelling.		29/4/18'
"	" "		Morning report. Shelling		
"	" "		Evening report. Quiet day. Scattered shelling. prisoners and war material nil.		20/4/18.

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
3rd Bde.	1st A.D.	9-16 a.m.	Situation quiet on front. Artillery active on R.33.b. machine guns active on X.10.a. Aircraft and trench mortars inactive Casualties nil. Wind light S.E.	IN	30/4/18.
3rd Bde.	"	5-35	N N 323		
3rd Bde.	"	1-54 p.m.	9th Bn. relief complete other Bns. almost complete.		
3rd Bde.	"	5-5	Slight hostile artillery activity. Bursts off Cross Roads at X.13.b.6.0. and X.1.a.7.8. since 9 a.m. Casualties nil. Visibility fair. Prisoners or material captured nil.		
1st Bde.	"	4-22 a.m.	Morning report. Shelling increased during night particularly in W.30.d, X.25.c. and STRAZEELE. 30 gas shells fell in STRAZEELE and vicinity between 9-30 and 9-45 p.m.		
Gas 1st Bde.	"	7-11 a.m.	Shell gas report. STRAZEELE 9-30 p.m. to 9-45 p.m. 30 shells 2nd Bn. and 4th Bn. warned. I require six GAS ALERT notice boards.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-36 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day Scattered shelling.		
1st Bde.	"	5-36	Reference Vickers Machine Guns. I have arranged to withdraw 1 section of 21st M.G.Coy. from forward positions to square W.28.c. to cover the flank of the spur. These guns are being replaced forward by guns of the 1st M.G.Coy. and I would like the guns of the 21st M.G.Coy. above mentioned to come again under command of O.C.21st M.G.Coy. Please notify if approved.		
34th Div.	"	9-40 a.m.	Situation along div, front quiet. Gas shelling of left Brigade reported 7 a.m. Patrol of left centre Bde. returned 5 a.m. saw no indications of enemy attack.		
34th Div.	"	2 p.m.	Situation to 12 noon. Enemy very quiet and little movement visible. Hostile T.M. at S.11.c.40.85. active at 9-45 a.m. Occasional slight shelling falling near HOOGENACKER and enemy planes flying low over front line trenches.		
34th Div.	"	5-46 p.m.	Situation report. Situation quiet. German gas shooting on R.28.c. and D		
34th Div.	"	9 p.m.	Situation quiet. Occasional shells on front systems Enemy aeroplanes over our line during latter part of afternoon.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
34th Div.	1st A.D.	5-42 a.m.	Relief complete.	IN	21/4/18.
"	"	2-56 a.m.	Situation unchanged. Strong harrassing fire proceeding by our guns Very little enemy fire.		
"	"	2-18 p.m.	Situation quiet. Low flying planes bombing back areas including battery positions. During afternoon movement small parties on road S.15.d.1.8. Motor lorries used BAILLEUL-RAVELSBERG road 4-20 p.m. and 6-40 p.m. Train moving S.E. seen S.28.c. at 11-55 a.m. Enemy lamp signalling from tower Hotel de Villers BAILLEUL, 6-5 a.m.		20/4/18.
"	"	6-5 a.m.	Command of the line passed from G.O.C. 34th Div. to G.O.C. 133rd French Div. at 6 a.m.		21/4/18
1st Bde.	"	4-55 a.m.	Morning report. Very quiet night on whole front. Light scattered shelling on forward area during last 12 hours. Enemy M.Gs and T.Ms active.		
Gas 1st Bde.	"	10	Shell gas report. Nil.		
1st Bde.	"	4-17	Situation quiet. E.A. active. One British plane crashed in D.5.		
1st Bde.	"	8-45 p.m.	3rd Bn. now in position at E.1.b.6.7.		
3rd Bde.	"	4-53 a.m.	Morning report. Enemy artillery quiet during the night. M.Gs active on roads etc. in forward area. A few scattered Gas shells fell on our sector. 10-30 p.m. enemy dropped 8 bombs in X.7.a. Casualties 1 O.R.killed 2 O.R wounded.		
3rd Bde.	"	4-45 p.m.	Evening report. Scattered shelling on rear areas. Forward areas quiet. 3 p.m. concentrated shoot on X.31.a. and C. Enemy aeroplanes active over our area flying very low and using machine guns also dropping light bombs on movement Estimated casualties 2 O.R. wounded.		
3rd Bde.	"	10 p.m.	R.31.c. being shelling with 7.7 from S. of METEREN.		
3rd Bde.	"	8-55 p.m.	Much movement throughout day observed along road through 17.a.central At sunset 4 enemy observed retiring along same road wearing packs.		

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1st A.D.	All concd.		2nd Army intelligence Forecast begins. There is no evidence of any change in the enemys intentions.	OUT	21/4/18
"	CRA 1st Bde.		31st Div. reports poison gas shelling at D.24.a.		
"	3rd Bde.		French unable to send their proportion of international posts last night will do so today.		
"	3rd Bde.		N N 854 904 713 891 891 874 911 894 988 862 788 609 812 855 713 892 892 713 888.		
"	Maj.Harrison.		L 14 noted.		
"	All concd.		Evening report. Scattered shelling over rear areas. Forward areas quiet. Concentrated shoot on E.36.a. at 3 a.m. Enemy aeroplanes active over our area flying very low. One british plane crashed in D.5. Hostile planes using M.Guns and dropping light bombs.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date
31st Div.	1st A.D.	5-44 a.m.	Situation report. Wind slight.	IN	21/4/18
31st Div.	"	11-21 p.m.	Poison shell D.24.a.		
31st Div.	"	5-22 p.m.	Situation normal. A few low flying E.A. over K.3. Prisoners and material nil.		
133 Fr.Div.	"	9-8 a.m.	Genl.VALENTINE apris commandant de son front. Mouvement provu effective sans incindent.		
Harrison.	"	12-26 p.m.	French orders as follows. The right battalion will establish liaison posts in front line and about junction of second lines. Exact location will be fixed by mutual reconnaissance. Aust.will provide interpreters to each post. French strength one section one machine gun. We provide own officer one platoon one Lewis gun. Acknowledge.		
Harrison.	"	9-51 p.m.	The French Div. ask you not to shoot on Square X.17.b.8.2. till 10 p.m.		
15th Corps	"	5-50 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet slight scattered shelling only during the night. Bombs were dropped just E.of FLETRE at 10-30 p.m.		
15th Corps	"	11-33 a.m.	Second Army Intelligence forecast. Begins. There is no evidence of any change in the enemys intentions.		
15th Corps	"	11-57 a.m.	Forward by noon 24th inst. names of officers who are fluent french linguists. Medical classification to be stated in each case.		
15th Corps	"	7-38 p.m.	Ref.15th Corps 410/5G of 15th. No 1 motor machine gin Coy. will be located temporarily about EBLINGHEM.		
15th Corps	"	9-48 p.m.	Counter preparation will be put down along the Corps front from 4 - 4-25 am tomorrow 22nd.		
15th Corps	"	6-54 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet on forward areas. Enemy carried out a concentrated shoot at 3 p.m. on Q.36.a. (N of FLETRE). Scattered shelling over rear areas. Low flying enemy aeroplanes very active over Corps front. Captures nil.		
1st A.D.A.	"		Counter preparation will be carried out from 4 a.m. to 4-25 a.m. and from 4-45 a.m. to 5-15 a.m. on 22nd inst. Total expenditure of ammunition 50 rounds per gun and how. Acknowledge.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
133rd F.Div.	1st A.D.	10-40 p.m.	Request that our artillery will not fire at less than 600 yards in front of the 133rd French Div. between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. If a barrage if asked for then this arrangement is cancelled. Artillery (1st A.D.A) informed. SLM.	Telephone.	21/4/18.
15th Corps	"	12-16 p.m.	Enemy artillery reported active about D.24.a. and BORRE using gas shell	IN	
2nd Bde.	"	10-23 a.m.	Locations as at 8 a.m. 23rd inst. 2nd Bde.H.Q. W.24.a.5.8. 5th Bn. X.19.a.2.6. Line left 6th Bn. W.28.b.2.2. Line right. 7th Bn. support left 8th Bn. support right. 2nd M.G.Coy. W.28.b.7.4. 2nd A.L.TM.Bty W.21.c.4.8. 2nd Bde.Composite Bn. V.24.d. 2nd Bde.wagon lines P.35.c.0.0.	IN	22/4/18.
1st Aus.Div.	"	8-31 a.m.	D.10. report. Badly wounded prisoners taken this morning in square X.25.d.1.9. Identification 2 M.G.Coy. 63 Inf.Coy. 63 Inf.Reg. 12th Div. Came into line two days ago relieving a reserve division the number of which was unknown to prisoners. Prisoners 1 Officer 1 Corporal.		
1st Bde.	"	4-29 a.m.	Situation report. Fairly quiet Moderate shelling. Gas shells fell on BORRE during night and were scattered over communications.		
1st Bde.	"	4-25 p.m.	Re Bde.Order 82 para 6. Completed.		
Gas 1st Bde.	"	8-3 a.m.	Shell gas report. Ten or twelve shells 9-30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at W.19. central.		
1st Bde.	"	3-15 p.m.	Location report. Bde.H.Q. W.7.b.9.4. 1st Bn. Q.35.b.2.4. 2nd Bn. W.9.b.0.4. 3rd Bn. W.13.a.2.8. 4th Bn. W.7.b.4.5. 1st M.G.Coy. Le PEUPLIER 1st L.T.M.B. Le PEUPLIER.		
1st Bde.	"	4-30 p.m.	Evening report. Increased artillery activity during day. Concentration shoots against STRAZEELE and E.4.b. between 1 p.m. and 1-15 p.m. Two wounded prisoners of 63rd I.R. 12th Div. captured early this morning.		
3rd Bde.	"	4-54 a.m.	Morning report. Scattered shelling over squares X.4.5 9 and 10. M.Gs and shipers active on roads in forward area. Enemy aircraft between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. using machine guns on small movement. Material captured two light M.Guns found in the N M L by patrol. Casualties. 1 Officer killed 5 O.Rs wounded.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
3rd Bde.	1st A.D.	6-48 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy artillery active on squares X.2.a. and X.4 c X.3.c. Enemy aircraft very active and flying very low. Two bombs dropped in D.9.b. Casualties nil.	IN	22/4/18.
31st Div.	"	5-26 a.m.	Situation report. Unchanged. Some scattered gas shelling. No retaliation for our counter preparation. Our Arty. very active. slight increase in enemy harassing fire. Enemy shelled E.26. with poison shells.		
31st Div.	"	2-35 p.m.	Poison shell E.27.b.		
31st Div.	"	6-17 p.m.	Situation quiet slight artillery activity on RUE DU BOIS and SECLIN during afternoon Captures 1 O.R. already reported.		
15th Corps	"	6-42 a.m.	Morning report. Some scattered gas shelling during night on right Div. sector. Neighbourhood of BORRE also shelled with gas. Hostile machine guns active on roads in left section. No retaliation for our counter preparation Captures two light machine guns found in No MANS LAND.		
25th Corps	"	10-40 a.m.	Composite Bn. of 39th Div. now attached 1st Aust. Div. will rejoin rejoin its Div. in EPERLECQUES area on 30th April under arrangements to be made by 15th Corps. Q		
15th Corps	"I" "	1-35 p.m.	Intelligence Forecast from 2nd Army. "I" begins. Delay in enemys resumption of offensive here is admission of very heavy losses and of his decision not to renew attacks until these losses are made good, and fresh plans elaborated. It is probable that enemys preparations are now well advanced and that he will continue his attempts to capture MONT KEMMEL. These attempts may be made in the course of the next two or three days possible in conjunction with attacks N of WYTSCHAETE and against the junction of ourselves and the Army on our left. There are indications that an endeavour may also be made to turn the MONT DES CATS position from the N by an advance towards CAESTRE.		
15th Corps	"	8 p.m.	Counter preparation will be put down along the corps front from 4-12-4-30 a.m. and 4-45 - 5-20 a.m. tomorrow 23rd inst.		

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All concd.	1st A.D.		Evening report. Right Brigade reports. Increased artillery during day. Destructive concentrated shoots on STRAZEELE and E.4.b. at 1 p.m. Wind Wire down to left Brigade but situation quiet there throughout day. Some shelling of vicinity of FLETRE. Prisoners during last 24 hours 2 Off. and 1 N.C.O.	OUT	22/4/18
All concd.	"		Evening report. Enemy machine guns active on roads in left sub-sector Moderate shelling over whole sector. Some gas shell fell in BORRE and vicinity during the night. E.A. active during evening using M.Gs on our troops. Material captured two light M.Gs found by patrol in NO MANS LAND.		
4th Sqn.RAF	"		Enemy plane was brought down by Lewis Gun fire at R.31.a. Sheet 27. 113 R.F.A. Bde. has mounted a guard over it pending your action. Aviator is a prisoner wounded and is at R.13.a.1.6.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
15th Corps I	1st A.D.	4-23 p.m.	Following received from 2nd Army 3-40 p.m., Air reconnaissance carried out between 11-45 a.m. and 12 noon by Sqn. of 1st Army at 9/12000 feet over area MERVILLE - NEUF BERQUIN - ESTAIRES - LESTREM reports large numbers of troops in small parties in ESTAIRES. Three parties each about 200 just outside ESTAIRES on ESTAIRES Rd. NEUF BERQUIN-ESTAIRES MERVILLE and ESTAIRES DOULIEU roads respectively direction uncertain. Eight transport wagons stationary on road just S. of LESTREM in R.8.d. All other roads in area clear.	IN	22/4/18.
15th Corps	"	7-50 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Hostile arty. active on the right of Corps front. Destructive shoots were carried out on STRAZEELE and area E.4.b (S.W. of STRAZEELE) FLETRE also shelled during the day Captures 2 Officers (wounded) aviators 1 O.R.		
15th Corps	"	9-7 p.m.	Reference evening report captures for 1 O.R. read 2 O.R.		
15th Corps	"	10-16 p.m.	Harrassing fire will be kept up every night during hours of darkness and will be continued till observation becomes possible in the morning. Exclusive of counter preparation at least the following number of rounds per gun will be fired each night 18 pdrs 20 4-5 Hows. 15 , 6 inch How. 30 60 pdrs 35 6 inch.gun 25. Other natures as the situation demands		
1st A.D.A.	"		Counter preparation will be carried out from 4-12 a.m. to 4-30 a.m. and 4-45 a.m. to 5-20 a.m. on 23rd inst. Expenditure 50 rounds per gun and how. Acknowledge.		
1st A.D.	Exd 1st D.A.		S.O.S. relays:- Right Brigade X.19.a.25.65. W.29.d.1.2., W.22.d.9.8., W.29.b.35.95. Left Brigade:- X.13.d.0.9., X.8.c.3.7., X.8.b.5.1., X.2.c.1.4., X.9.a.1.7., X.3.c.8.6., R.32.d.9.5.	OUT	22/4/18
"	All coned.		D.1.0 report. Badly wounded prisoners taken this morning on Square X.25.d.1.9. Identification 2nd M.G.Coy. 63 Inf.Reg. 12th Div. Came into line 2 days ago relieving a Reserve Division the number of which was unknown by prisoner. Prisoners 1 Officer and 1 Corporal.		
"	"	7-35 p.m.	Continuation of G.453- Left Bde. report enemys artillery active on Squares X.9.a. X.4.c. X.3.c. Enemy aircraft active and flying low. Twk bombs dropped in D.9.B.		

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From.	To.	Time sent.	Information.	In out	Date
1st A.D.	All coned.		Enemy attacked French Corps on KEMMEL HILL position today. First report stated KEMMEL HILL was captured. Latest information is as follows. Situation 1 p.m. appears to be as follows. British still in GRAND BOIS. Line thence through VIERSTRAAT and N.16.b. Air reports at 12 noon say that no hostile troops are on KEMMEL HILL or KEMMEL VILLAGE and that French reinforcements are entering village from LA CLYTTE and moving up KEMMEL HILL on N.19.c. and D N.20.a. and B. and N.21.a. and C. Towards DRANOUTRE situation is obscure 416 Regiment holds the wood west of DRANOUTRE and LOCKENHOF FARM.	OUT	25/4/18.
"	3 Bdes.		Each Bde. will nominate the following instructors for Corps Reinforcement Camp Divisional Wing, by tomorrow 26th inst. stating qualifications. From those nominated 1 Officer and one N.C.O. L.G. Instructors and two N.C.Os musketry instructors will be selected. One Officer and 1 NMC.O. L.G. Instructor One N.C.O. musketry instructor. -		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	InnOut	Date.
1st A.D.	1st A.D. Army I Corps I	2-28 p.m.	D.10 report. Prisoner taken this morning in X.20.v. Identification 269 R.I.R. IN 81st Res.Div. Normal. Prisoner was badly wounded and evacuated.		25/4/18.
Sig AYA	1st A.D.		Ref.H.L.53 Morning report from 3rd Bde. Time before "FLETRE bombed" for 10-30 a.m. read 1-30 a.m.		
1st A.D.	3 Bdes.		Counter preparation will be cancelled carried out for ten minutes at 4-45 a.m. OUT tomorrow 26thbinst.		
"	All concd.		Evening report. Light scattered shelling on divisional sector. Hostile aircraft very active over forward area of left Bde.in early morning. Prisoners one O.R. wounded.		
"	2 & 3 Bdes C.R.A.		Prisoner captured by French near DRANOUTRE states that enemy is to attack at 5 a.m. today. Attack to be preceded by gas bombardment.		
"	All concd.		Morning report. Gas prohector attack carried out against MERRIS at 10 p.m. Wind was unfavourable locally for a similar attack on METEREN. Enemy ar- tillery very active particularly on Right Bde. throughout the night. Enemy aircraft active. Night dropping bombs on the whole divisional sector. The whole Our casualties and damaged caused not yet known. FLETRE was gassed One wounded prisoner captured in X.20.c.		
"	15th Corps		One of our planes No B 5102 crashed in W.28.a. at 7-45 a.m. this morning. Both occupants killed. Enemy shelling STRAZEELE with mustard gas at 9-10 a.m.		
"	2nd Bde.		Wire newmlocation of front line.		
"	All concd.		G.H.Q. situation report 3-45 p.m. The western portion of VILLERS BRETTONNEUX is held by our troops who are reported to be advancing eastwards through the village but situation not yet clear. French line reported just west of HANGARD. Reports indicate that French troops are still on MONT KEMMEL and in the village French and British troops are being pushed up to get touch with them.		

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From.	To,	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
3rd Bde.	1st A.D.	10-46 p.m.	Locations enemy is known to occupy Farm houses at X.16.d.7.9. X.15.c.9.8. IN X.15.d.00.75. X.15.c.6.9. X.15.c.9.2. X.15.c.65.00. X.15.d.2.5. X.15.d.29.55. Posts at X.21.a.7.8. X.21.a.8.9. These locations have been reported to artillery and are being dealt with tomorrow.		25/4/18.
3rd Bde.	"	5-4- a.m.	Morning report. 9-15 p.m. Enemy opened heavy barrage on Brigade on Right and partly behind our Right Bn. no S.O.S. Fired by us and by 9-45 p.m. situation again quiet. 1-30 a.m. FLETRE bombed 3-30 a.m. enemy again opened barrage on Right Bde. sector and behind our Right Bn. who report all O.K. Since midnight FLETRE heavily gassed. Estimated casualties 1 O.R. wounded X		
3rd Bde.	"	10-19 p.m.	Situation normal.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-46 p.m.	Evening report. Light scattered shelling only on the sub sector Wind almost calm. Low flying E.A. nil. Estimated casualties Nil.		
2nd Bde.	"	5-8 a.m.	Morning report. Enemy artillery active throughout xxxx the night on the sub-sector. Enemy planes dropped bombs in E.4.b. Wind Nil Estimated casualties 2 O.R. Killed 2 O.R. wounded. 1 wounded prisoner of 269 R.I.R. captured in X.2P.c. about 11-30 p.m, last night.		
2nd Bde.	"	3-35 p.m.	Slight mustard and mixed gasses around STRAZEELE by 5.9s mixed with H.E. from 9 a.m. to noon.		
2nd Bde.	"	12-17 a.m.	Greetings which are reciprocated have been conveyed to ANZACS of this Bde.		
2nd Bde.	"	8-52	One of our planes No. B.5102 crashed behind our lines in W.28.a. Both occupants killed.		
2nd Bde.	"	9-20 a.m.	Enemy shelling STRAZEELE with mustard gas.		
2nd Bde.	"	12-10 p.m.	Prisoner captured in X.20.z. wounded about 11-15 p.m. belongs to 269 R.I.R. 81st Res.Div.		
2nd Bde.	"	10-54 p.m.	Operation detailed in Div. Order No. 77. carried out successfully. No hostile retaliation.		
2nd A.D.	"	2-14 p.m.	Best wishes and hearty greetings from all on ANZAC DAY.		

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From.	To.	Time read.	Information.	Innout	Date.
15th Corps 1st A.D.		7-5 a.m.	Morning report. Hostile artillery active especially on Right Brigade of Right Division front. FLETRE and area EM3.d. were gassed. E.A. very active during the night. Bombing forward and back areas including HAZEBROUCK and WALLON CAPPEL. We successfully discharged gas projectors at 10 p.m. Prisoner 1 O.R. wounded captured in X.20.c. Identification normal.	IN	25/4/18
15th Corps	"	9-57 a.m.	Yesterday evening at 7-30 p.m. after an hours bombardment enemy attacked French front N.E. of BAILLEUL. He occupied front line but counter attack completely restored situation. 2 a.m. this morning enemy put down intensive gas barrage on the French front. 3 a.m. he attacked the front held by the 2nd French Cav. Corps and right of 22nd British Corps. Unconfirmed report states all hostile attacks on the 2nd French Cav. Corps were repulsed and fighting still going on left of 36th French Corps.		
15th Corps	"	3-36 p.m.	Following from Second Army timed 1-30 p.m. begins. Situation 1 p.m. appears to be as follows. British still in GRAND BOIS. Line thence through VIERSTRAAT and N.15.b. Air reports at 12 noon say that no hostile troops are on KEMMEL HILL or KEMMEL VILLAGE and that French reifts are entering village from LA CLYTTE and moving up KEMMEL HILL in N.18.c. and D N.20.a. and B. and N.21.a. and and C. Towards DRANOUTRE situation is obscure 416 Regt. holds the wood west of DRANOUTRE and LOCKEHOF FARM		
Harrison.	"	5-50 p.m.	Confirmation of telephone message. General commanding 133 OSTRICH asks in the event of enemy attack not involving RADISH that artillery and Machine gun support may be given across front of 133 OSTRICH in the area between FOWEY and NETLEY and OSTRICH front line.		
31st Div.	"	6 P.M.	Situation quiet. Some low flying E.A. over left Bde. during the day. Hostile arty. active round station north of LE PARADIS.		
31st Div.	"	5-26 a.m.	Situation report. Situation quiet some shelling of rear areas slight gas shelling in E.3.d. considerable bombing HAZEBROUCK and WALLON CAPPEL between 2 and 3 a.m. Prisoners and material Nil. Wind W		
3rd Bde.	"	11-53 p.m.	Evening report. Hostile artillery active at intervals. Enemy aircraft very active over forward area in early morning. Visib. fair. Estimated casualties 4 O.R. wounded.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
Gen.Carley	1st A.D.	1-26 p.m.	All ranks 29th Div. send greetings and all good wishes and remembrances to all old comrades of 1st Australian Division on this the third anniversary of the historic landing at Gallipoli.	IN	25/4/18.
Gen.Russell.	"	7-10 p.m.	Greetings on anniversary Gallipoli landing from N.Z. comrades of Gallipoli.		
15th Corps.	"	7-0 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day Light scattered shelling over Corps front also on BORRE PRADELLES and STRAZENLE and HAZENBROUCK by 10 cm gin. Our activity 3 concentrated shoots on hostile batteries and 7 on MERRIS OUTTERSTEENE METELEN. Long range harassing fire on cross roads etc. carried out by 6 inch and 9.2 guns. NEUF BERQUIN LABECQUE and VERT RUE and approaches to METELEN bombarded. Harassing fire of ESTAIRES and roads leading N. Captured 1 O.R. wounded previously reported.		
RUA	"	9-47 p.m.	Projector fired at 9-30 p.m. Situation normal.		
15th Corps	"	8-12 p.m.	G.H.Q. situation report 3-45 p.m. The western portion of VILLERS BRETTONEUX is held by our troops who are reported to be advancing eastwards through the village but situation not yet clear. French line reported just west of HANGARD. Reports indicate that French troops are still on MONT KEMMEL and in the village. French and British troops are being pushed up to get touch with them.		
15th Corps	"	1-10 p.m.	Following from G.H.Q. timed 11-15 p.m. begins. The enemy has gained possession of VILLERS BRETTONEUX and line runs approx. H.28.b. U.22.b. U.9.central through eastern portion of BOIS D'AQUENNE 0.23.Central to original line in P.19.b. The enemy is reported to have employed in his attack about five tanks some of which were heavy tanks said to be armed with three 2 pdrs guns. Hostile tanks were in action with our mark 4 tanks and WHIPPETS are reported to have knocked out four WHIPPETS and two female mark 4 tanks. Our male Mk 4 tanks knocked out one german tank and drove off others. Enemy losses believed heavy both 8th and 58th Divs. and WHIPPETS believed to have killed a very large number of Germans. On remainder of British front no change.		
15th Corps	"	5-25 p.m.	Information has been received from Second Army that an officer Capt. McCracken has been posted to 133rd French Div. to carry out liaison duties. On arrival of this officer you will withdraw Major. Harrison.		

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	Date.
XV Corps 31st Div.	1st A.D.	2 p.m.	A gas projector attack will be carried out tonight 26/27th against enemy OUT positions near Fme GERBEDEON Zero hour 12-30 a.m.	26/4/18.
XV Corps	"		Left Bde. reports junction posts established at X.10.b.6.6. at X.4.a.3.3. at R.33.59. Front line party is established at X.11Mc.9.4. adjoining French post at X.11.d.2.6.	
XV Corps 31st Div. 133 F.Div. 1st Bde.	"		Please cancel our G 364 Evening report should read With the exception of enemy shelling X.19.a. and C, heavily with 4.2. and 7.7s from the direction of OUTERSTEENE and the intermittent shelling of PRADELLES during the afternoon. Enemy activity has been quiet along the whole divisional front. At 3-30 p.m. enemy plane flew along left of our right Bde. front.	
All concd.	"		Morning report. Artillery quiet on right Bde.front slightly active on left C.32.c. Few gas shells fell at E.5.a.9.5.	
3rd Bde.	"		Reference COURTE CROIX SWITCH continuation. This is to be made a continuous trench tonight as far as time and labour permit.	
All concd.	"		Counter preparation will be put down tomorrow 25th inst. along the whole Corps front from 3-30 a.m. to 3-45 a.m. and along the front E.11.inclusive northwards from 4-15 a.m. to 4-45 a.m. and from 5 a.m. to 5-5 a.m.	
C.R.A.	"		The following houses are at present occupied by the 62 I.R. 12th Div. Houses round DOULIEU along both sides of road in F.29.d.55.25 to F.29.a.9.9. along road F.29.d.95 to F.30.c.7.9. houses running both sides of the following roads L.5.b.35.75. to L.5.b.0.5. L.5.b.85.80. to L.6.a.7.0. The following road is freely used by troops moving towards and will undoubtedly be used by the troops during tonights contemplated relief. From DOULIEU north to F.23.c.8.1. along mainroad to F.21.c.5.9. then up mainroad through OUTERSTEENE along road to F.2.d.15.19. then up to E.26.b.3.6. where they will take over a sector extending approximately from X.20.d.85.50. to X.26Ma.5.2.	
All concd.	"	11-45 a.m.	Following from G.H.Q. timed 10-25 p.m. Situation report. VILLERS BRETTONNEUX has been cleared of the enemy except for one small post which is being dealt with. Situation at the monument is not quite clear but steps are being taken to deal with this also. Over 600 prisoners and 27 M.Gs have been taken by us.	

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From.	To.	Time	Recd
15th Corps 1st A.D.	"	5-2 p.m.	Second Army have ordered the occupation of various rear lines. The French IN 26/4/18. have been ordered to man line east of POPERINGHE to west of BERTHEN to junction with 15th Corps in X.3.a. and 1st Aust.Div. will arrange for support troops to maintain touch with right of French troops occupying above line.
15th Corps	"	6-18 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet along whole Corps front.
31st Div.	"	5-26 p.m.	Situation quiet. Hostile artillery active on BOIS D'AVAIL AU SOVERAIN and MORBECQUE
31st Div.	"	1-26 p.m.	93rd Bde.H.Q. owing to continuous but deliberate hostile shelling has moved to C.18.b.5.9.
31st Div.	"	11-2 a.m.	Operation will be carried out as laid down in Div.Order 307.
31st Div.	"	5-51 p.m.	Situation quiet. No enemy activity to report.
3rd Bde.	"	4-37 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet on whole Bde. sector. artillery quieter than usual. Visib.fair. Casualties nil.
3rd Bde,	"	12-45 p.m.	This officer G 2512 of 25th inst. is cancelled.
3rd Bde.	"	10-50 a.m.	One officer 2/Lieut. belonging to 62nd I.R. 12th Div. captured at 8-30 a.m. this morning at X.20.b.
3rd Bde.	"	4-46 a.m.	Morning report. Unchanged. Artillery active X.32.c. L.Gs active Signals active other arms quiet. Casualties nil.
2nd Bde.	"	6-8	Reference my AZB 55 Time mentioned therein has been brought forward one hour Bde. units acknowledge.
2nd Bde.	"	4-40 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy shelled X.19.a. and C. at 4 p.m. heavily with 4-2s and 77s from direction OUTERSTEENE. PRADELLES has been intermittently shelled during afternoon At 3-30 p.m. enemy plane flew along our left section front. Wind N.W. slight. Estimated casualties one O.R.
2nd Bde.	"	4-53 a.m.	Morning report. Enemy artillery quiet on the sub-sector. Slight M.G. fire on right section front. A few gas shells fell at E.5.a.9.5. Winf slight N.W.

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FROM.	TO.	TIME	REPORT	IN	DATE
Lt. Prosetly	1st A.D.	1-10 p.m.	D.I.O. report. Prisoners give order of Battle N to S 269 R.I.R. 23 D.R. 63 I.R. 51 I.R. the 62 I.R. being in reserve round DOULIEU.	IN	26/4/18.
"	"	1-11 p.m.	D.I.O. report. Another prisoner taken this morning in X.25.c. belongs to the same Coy. as officer just reported. He was with the officer reconnoitring the front posts of the 269 R.I.R. which sector the 62 I.R. are to take over tonight. Prisoner was told to remain behind at a farm whilst the officer went forward alone. His officer was taken prisoner by our left Bde. and this private by our right Bde.		
15th Corps	"	4-58 p.m.	Following from Second Army timed 12-20 p.m. Situation report. The enemy attack against the French and 22 Corps yesterday was made on great strength 4 Fresh German Divs. attacked the British 9th Div. and 6 Divs. were employed against French. After heavy fighting enemy captured KEMMEL HILL and village though elements of French troops held on until the evening. Efforts to support them failed. Early this morning 25 British Div. and 39 French Div. counter attacked. 25th British Div. penetrated to outskirts of KEMMEL village capturing 50 prisoners. French met severe opposition on line of KEMMELBEEK advance. Right of British 25th Div. had to conform. Latest reports indicate line now runs N. of HAEGEDOURNE - KOUDEKOT - LOCRE hospice - M.24.d. N.14.b. and A - Nof R.E. farm N.14.d. N of VIERSTRAAT - SNIPERS BARN - N of St.ELOI - W. of the BLUFF - Hill 60 - ZILLEBEKE-WHITE CHATEAU. Heavy attacks developed this morning between the bluff and VOORMEZEELE. Enemy also attacking SCHERPENBERG - Reserve troops ordered to occupy line SCHERPENBERG W of VLAMERTINGHE - W. of ELVERDINGHE.		
15th Corps	"	7-40 p.m.	Refce 15th Corps No. 659 G dated 19/4/18. The boundary between Reserve Divs. area and the right and left Divn. areas from LE BREADE to GRAND HASARD will run down the middle of the LE BREADE HAZEBROUCK MORBECQUE road. Billeting accommodation on the western side of this road is therefore at disposal of Reserve Div. and billeting accommodation on the eastern side of the road at the disposal of Divs. in the line.		
15th Corps	"	10-5 a.m.	Following from G.H.Q. timed 10-25 p.m. Situation report. VILLERS BRETONNEUX has been cleared of the enemy except for one small post which is being dealt with. Situation at the moment is not quite clear but steps are being taken to deal with this also. Over 600 prisoners and 27th M.Gs have been taken by us. Situation on the BAILLEUL WYTSCHAETE front is still obscure at 6 p.m. French troops reported to be still on KEMMEL HILL and in KEMMEL village but parties of the enemy have penetrated beyond KEMMEL and allied line to west and east of this locality has been forced back. On remainder of British front no change. Hostile arty. has been active in the neighbourhood of RIEZ DU VINAGE and the CLARENCE River.		

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FROM.	TO.	Time Recd.		IN	26/4/18.
2nd Bde.	1st A.D.	8-55 p.m.	Enemy shelling PRADELLES with gas and H.E.		
15th Corps	"	12-50 a.m.	<p>Second Army Situation report timed 10-35 p.m. Following from 22nd Corps xxxxxx timed 8-55 p.m. Latest reports indicate that we have succeeded in establishing ourselves on the following general line BEAVER CORNER N.15.c. N.15.b.4.8. N.10.central N.10.b.4.7. N.5.c.7.8' along southern edge of Ridge Wood N.5.b.5.0.NB55b.7.4. with postvat BRASSERIE FARM N.6.a.3.6. VOORMEZEELE inclusive lock 8 lock 7 LA CHAPELLE and I.34.d.0.5. Theence along original outpost line. We hold an advanced post line N.15.c.9.0. SACKVILLE Road N.15.d.9.3. N.16.c.1.5. The 39th Composite Brigade retook BRASSERIE FARM at 2-45 p.m. capturing 2 prisoners and one M.G. Patrols sent to KEMMEL village were heavily fired on. Fighting today has been severe and the enemy has suffered heavily. Troops of the 49th Div. and elements of the 21st 30th and 39th Divs. bore the brunt of the fighting and carried out several counter attacks. The 25th Div. also did well in this mornings counter attack Enemy aircraft very active all day and both sides carried out heavy artillery bombardments. Three Officers and 313 O.R have passed through Corps cages these include prisoners taken by 25th Div. French report thatbthey have recaptured LOCRE village HOSPICE and LOCREHOF FARM M.29.d.</p>		
15th Corps	"	7 p.m.	<p>Evening report. Hostile artillery has been quiet except for some heavy shelling of MOOLENACKER X.19.a. and C and some activity on BOIS D'AVAIL MORBECQUE PRADELLES and STRAZEELE station E.A. flew low over right Bde. of left Div. front at 3-30 p.m, Prisoners last 24 hours 1 Officer 1 OLR.</p>		
15th Corps xxxxxx	"	9-30 p.m.	<p>Counter preparation will be putndown tomorrow 25th inst along the whole Corps front from 3-30 a.m. to 3-45 a.m. and along the front E.11.inclusive northwards from 4;15 am to 4-45 am and from 5 a.m. to 5-5 a.m.</p>		
Lt-Gen.LISLE.	"		<p>The following is the line now held. St.JANS VAPPEL to the BOUVE R south of LOCRE SCHERPENBERG - LA CLYTTE- to KEMMEL BEEK along the BEEK - north of VIERSTRAAT- North of St.ELOI Hill 60 - ZILLEBEKE - HELL FIRE CR. I personally expect the next attack to be borthwest between BAILLEUL and STRAZEELE. It is therefore important that a line covering FLETRE and ROUKHOSILLE be prepared tonight. If you want any assistance call on General Staff as I do not know whether any is available. STRAZEELE - COURTE CROIX and FLETRE must be held and recovered is lost. PHINCBOOM - LA BESACE and FONTAIN HOUCK if not recovered by immediate counter attack are not worth wasting men o regain but I am prepared to bring up a whole division to retake STRZAELE if necessary.</p>		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
15th Corps 1st A.D.		11-27 p.m.	Second Army wire timed 7-20 p.m. begins. The enemy has made repeated attacks throughout the day on the DRANOUTRE-YPRES-COMINES Canal front commencing at 9 a.m. After 3 attacks had been beaten off the enemy succeeded in capturing LOCRE at the fourth attempt. Scherpenberg remains in our hands. The enemy captured the Brasserie 28/W at 11 a.m. as the YPRES-COMINES Canal captured the Bluff and SPOIL BANK MOUND at H.36.d.8.2. rrtaken by us and posts established at O.2.a.3.8. and I.31.d.8.3. Our line believed to run KOUDEKOT FARM LOCRE CHAU M.23.c.2.7. W. of LOCRE E. of Scherpenberg N.13.a. and B. N.14.a.2.5. N.8.central KEMMEL BEEK RIDGE WOOD Elzenwaille H.36.c.5.9. LA CHAPPELLE HILL 60 Thence original line No change south of S.3.central.	IN	27/4/18.
15th Corps	"	12-30 a.m.	Second Army Situation report timed 10-35 p.m. Following received from 22nd Corps timed 8-55 p.m. Latest reports indicate that we have succeeded in establishing ourselves on the following general line. BEAVER CORNER N.15.c. N.15.b.4.8. N.10.central N.10.b.4.7. N.5.c.7.8. along southern edge of RIDGE WOOD N.15.b.5.0. N.5.b.7.4. with post at BRASSERIE FARM N.6.a.3.6. VOORMEZELE inclusive lock 8 lock 7 LA CHAPPELLE and I.34.d.0.5. Thence along original outpost line. We hold an advanced post line N.15.c.9.0. SACKVILLE Road N.15.d.9.3. N.16.c.1.5. The 39th Composite Brigade retook BRASSERIE FARM at 2-45 p.m. capturing 2 prisoners and one M.G. Patrols sent to KEMMEL village were heavily fired on. Fighting today has been severe and the enemy has suffered heavily. Troops of the 49th Div. and elements of the 21st 30th and 39th Divs. bore the brunt of the fighting and carried out several counter attacks. The 25th Div. also did well in this morning's counter attack. Enemy aircraft very active all day and both sides carried out heavy artillery bombardment. Three Three officers passed through Corps cages these include and 313 O.Rs these include prisoners taken by 25th Div. French report that they have recaptured LOCRE village HOSPICE and LOCREHOF FARM N.29.d.		26/4/18.
15th Corps	"	8-45 a.m.	Continuation of morning report. Right Div. state Prisoners captured 24 including 1 died on way back and 2 wounded. All of 3rd Battn. 221st RegtM 48th Div. 1 M.G. captured. Our casualties light. Resistance feeble though considerable numbers of enemy in small covered sliás in front line. Our barrage very good.		27/4/18

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
3rd Bde.	1st A.D.	4-50 p.m.	Evening report. Evening quiet on Bde. front. Cross roads R.31.c. Central shelled 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. estimated casualties 2 Officers wounded.	IN	27/4/18.
3rd Bde.	"	4-56	Situation report. Normal artillery active on X.15.b. other arms quiet. casualties nil.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-56 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet with exception of shelling on X.25.a. with 4-2s and 77s and X.25.b. with 5-9s Low flying hostile aircraft nil. Estimated casualties nil. Wind N.W. 10 mph.		
2nd Bde.	:	4-50 a.m.	Morning report. Heavy bursts of artillery fire on our support line during night. Otherwise quiet. Wind N.W. 6 mph Severely wounded prisoner of 12 R. 268 R.I.R. captured at X.20.c.8.8. about 2-20 a.m.		
2nd Bde.	"	1-8 a.m.	Reference my AZB 50 operation successfully carried out.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-50 a.m.	At 2-20 a.m. one prisoner 12 K 268 R.I.R. captured at X.20.c.8.8. Severely wounded.		
1st Bde.	"	4-30 p.m.	Ref. of proposed new Bde.H.Q. sheet 27 1/40,000 V.12.a.7.5. at present occupied by 102 and 103 batteries siege wagon lines British.		
29thvDiv.G.	"	12-9 p.m.	Rfco. your emendment copy No. 27 No. trace receipt of X 0081 .		
1st A.D.	All concd.		Evening report. Situation generally quiet some shelling of cross roads R.31.c. and of X.25.a. and B. Low flying hostile aircraft nil. Prisoners during last 24hours One O.R.	OUT	27/4/18.
"	"	5-17 a.m.	Morning report. Heavy bursts of fire on support line right brigade during the night. Some shelling also of X.15.b. At 8-45 p.m. enemy shelled PRADELLES with H.E. and gas Has projectors successfully discharged on GORBEDEON Fm. at 12-30 a.m. Severely wounded prisoner of 12 K 268 R.I.R. captured at X.20.c.8.8. about 2-20 a.m. has since died.		
"	1st Bde. 3rd Bde. C.R.E.	10-5 a.m.	Battalion of Reserve Bde. quartered at THIEUSHOUK will be employed on COURTE CROIX - LE ROUKLOSHILLE Switch under supervision of 3rd Field Coy.		
"	2nd Army "I"		Photos are urgently wanted by our 2nd Brigade of the following areas please E.6. F.1.a. and c. and E.12.A. and B.		

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15th Corps	1st S.D.	7-10 a.m.	Morning report. Hostile activity. Enemy shelled BOIS D'AVAIL with H.E. and gas also heavy bursts of fire on support lines on right of Right Div. PRADELLES shelled with H.E. and gas. Our activity Right Div. carried out a raid in the early morning on SECLIN capturing about 20 prisoners all of the 48th Div. We successfully discharged gas projectors on FARME GERBEDEON (N.E. of MERRIS) Severely wounded prisoner of 268th R.I.R. captured by Right Div. Since died.	IN 27/4/18.
Harrison	"	8-10 p.m.	Evening report. Day comparatively calm. Less artillery activity. Aviation ditto. Patrol reports farm X.12.c.1.1. strongly held. Owing to fog no batteries were located. One body identified in S.1.d. as 193 32nd Div.	
Mj. Harrison	"	8-59 a.m.	Morning report. Nothing to report except a few scattered gas shells.	
31st Div.	"	6-35 p.m.	Poison D.11.d.	
31st Div.	"	5-53 p.m.	Prisoner of 12th Coy. 221 R.I.R. who was in charge of most northerly post of 48 Res. Div. definitely stated that 126 I.R. is on the right of 221 R.I.R. Another prisoner a corporal saw 126 I.R. in ROBERMETZ about 8 or 0 days ago. The Div. boundary between 221 R.I.R. (30th Div) 15 RUEDUBOIS (Sheet 36A N.E) E.22.a. and b.	
31st Div.	"	5-26 p.m.	Situation quiet. Captures 24 O.R. and one light M.G. already reported.	
31st Div.	"	3 a.m.	Poison in E.19.c. and E.25.b.	
31st Div.	"	9-29 a.m.	Poison shell D.12.b.	
31st Div.	"	5-59 a.m.	Situation report. Quiet. BOIS D'AVAIL Heavily shelled with gas and H.E. from 11-30 p.m. to 3 a.m. about 4000 rounds. Left sector about 20 prisoners captured all 48 Div.	
31st Div.	"	7-32 a.m.	Prisoners taken now amount to 24 including 1 since died on way back and 2 wounded. 3rd Bn. 221 Regt. 48th Div. One light M.G. captured. Our casualties light. Resistance feeble. Considerable numbers enemy in his front line in small covered slits. Our barrage very good.	
Div. 31st	"	7-46 a.m.	Div. report. 21 unwounded and 2 wounded prisoners taken in E.23.c. Order of battle uncertain. Prisoners belong to 221 R.I.R. which is N. Regt. of 48th Res. Div. N 48th Res. Div. is either 126 I.R. or 132 I.R. 222 R.I.R. is S. of 221 R.I.R.	

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From.	To.	Time Recd.	Information.	In	Date
1st A.D.A.	1st A.D.		No counter preparation harrassing fire only in the morning.	ACK.	27/4/18.
31st Div.	"	10-12 p.m.	Poison E.27.d.		
15th Corps	"	11-54 p.m.	Wire from Second Army timed 10-10 p.m. begins. G.H.Q. report timed 3-5 p.m. A hostile attack this morning opposite VILLERS BRETTONEUX was repulsed.		
15th Corps	"	10-5 p.m.	Morning report from Second Army timed 7-50 a.m. Withdrawal from advanced outpost line in second and 22nd Corps fronts successfully carried out. ZILLEBEKE sluice gates destroyed. We do not hold advanced line from BEAVER CORNER N.15.c. to SIEGE FARM N.16.c. as reported last night. Enemy holds SIEGE FARM in strength. Further to last nights report. Enemy heavily attacked RIDGE WOOD at 4 p.m. but was completely repulsed. Also attacked S.AFRICAN Bde. about 3 p.m. Arrack driven off. S.AFRICANS in good form and think they killed four Germans for each of their casualties.		
15th Corps	"	5-17 p.m.	Following from Second Army begins. G.H.Q. report 11-25 a.m. South of the SOMME allied troops made progress after heavy fighting. French Moroccan Div. is reported to hold the MONUMENT U.6.a. and old British front line as far south as U.11.d. Thence line follows west edge of HANGARD wood to copse in E.29.a. inclusive to French who also hold west portion of HANGARD. Right of Moroccan Div. was counter attacked 7 times during the day and fighting in HANGARD wood was very violent. Prisoners taken by Fourth Army in VILLERS BRETTONEUX sector bow about 900. Nothing to report on remainder of front. First Army report 1-40 p.m. ROUTE "A" Keep was captured by the enemy last night. At 4-30 enemy attacked 5th Div. front in neighbourhood of LE VERT BOIS K.26. under cover of heavy bombardment and mist. Attacking party of about 200 men was broken up by our M.G. and rifle fire, and did not reach our trenches.		
15th Corps	"	6-50 p.m.	Evening report. Situation generally quiet. Scattered hostile shelling of HAZEBROUCK NORRE PRADELLES MORBECQUE COURTE CROIX and vicinity of CAESTRE. Captures 25 O.R. (2 wounded and 2 since died) and 1 light M.G. previously reported.		

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2nd Bde.	1st A.D.		Evening report. Heavy 5-9 shelling of X.13. at 3 p.m. Right harrassing IN fire reported Bn. right Sector. Heavy barrage sgrapnel and H.E. on second Zone defences at noon. Wind 5 mph estimated vasualties nil.		28/4/18.
2nd Bde.	"	4-55 a.m.	Morning report. 5-9s and 4-2s lightly shelled reserves line during night Few short bursts from M.Gs and on roads and tracks. Wind N 10 mph Estimated casualties 1 or wounded.		
3rd Bde'	"	4-48 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy artillery active on X.1.d. xx 15 cm and 77 mm from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Harrassing fire on forward area. Visibility fair. Aircraft nil. Casualties 1 O.R. wounded.		
3rd Bde.	"	4-36 a.m.	Morning report. X.11.c. and X.16.a. intermittently shelled otherwise all arms quiet on Bde.sector. FLETRE burning all night. Estimated casualties nil.		
29th Div.	"	10-16 a.m.	YBI opened WALLON CAPPEL		
29th Div.	"	5-50 p.m.	Siyuation report. MORBECQUE shelled intermittently with 10 cm H.V gun during morning. Heavy hostile barrage on right Bde.front at 4 p.m. Counter preparation being put down. One E.A. flew low over our lines at 3-15 p.m. Captures nil.		
1st A.D.	All concd.		Evening report. Heavy shelling by 5-9s and X.13. and X.1.D. during early morning afternoon. Heavy barrage, shrapnel and H.E. on second zone defences at noon. Light harrassing fire over all forward areas. Prisoners & war material nil.	OUT	28/4/18.
"	"		Morning report. Light intermittent shelling on forward areas during the night. A few bursts of M.G. fire on roads and tracks on right Bde.front otherwise all quiet. FLETRE burning all night.		

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15th Corps 1st A.D.		7-6 p.m.	Evening report. NHostile activity. Area between METEREN and FLETRE heavily shelled by 5-9s during the early afternoon. Heavy hostile barrage shrapnel and H.E. on 2nd Zone defences of Right Bde. left Div. at noon No. Infy. action followed. Heavy hostile barrage on right Bde. of Right Div. front at 4 p.m. MORBECQUE shelled intermittently with 10 cm H.V. gun during morning. Light harrassing fire over forward area. Our activity 12 hostile batteries neutralised. Counter preparation put down at 4 p.m. by Right Div. Captured Nil.		
2nd Bde.	"	6-53 p.m.	Cancel my AZB 83 for tonight.		
1st A.D.A.	"		Counter preparation will be carried out tomorrow 29th inst. from 4-15 a.m. to 4-30 a.m. and from 4-40 a.m. to 4-55 a.m. Targets as detailed for morning of 27th in by BM 851 of 26th inst. Total expenditure 50 rounds per gun and how. Special attention will be paid to harrassing fire on roads and tracks between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. tonight on account of suspected relief. Acknowledge.		
15th Corps	"	4-15 p.m.	Special harrassing fire will be carried out on roads and tracks between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. tonight 28/29th April on account of suspected relief. Counter preparation will be put down tomorrow 29th inst. along the whole Corps front from 4-15 a.m. 4-30 a.m. and from 4-40 a.m. and 4-55 a.m.		
15th Corps	"	6-35 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet FLETRE burning all night.		
31st Div.	"	10-30 a.m.	This office closes here at 10 a.m. and reopens HONDEGHEM same hour.		
31st Div.	"	11-16 a.m.	Command of front handed over to G.O.C. 29th Div. 31st D.H.Q. opened at HONDEGHEM 10 a.m.		
31st Div.	"	5-44 a.m.	Situation quiet. Wind NNW. Inter Div. relief completed 4-55 a.m.		
2nd Bde.	"	11-55 a.m.	In reply to G.328. E.11.a.8.7. E.11.b.1.9. E.5.d.1.3. E.5.d.2.4. E.5.d.7.8. E.6.a.2.0. E.6.a.2.3. E.6.a.1.5. E.6.a.3.8. W.40.c.6.2. W.30.c.9.2. W.30.d.4.2. W.30.d.7.3. W.30.d.9.2. X.25.c.2.3. X.25.c.4.5. X.25.c.6.6. XXXXXX X.25.c.9.8. X.25.d.2.9. X.25.b.3.2. X.25.b.5.5. X.25.b.7.7. X.25.b.9.9. X.20.c.4.2. X.20.c.4.5. X.20.c.3.6. X.20.a.5.1. X.20.c.8.9. Nucleus posts constructed last night at E.6.a.6.5. and E.6.a.8.7.		

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In Out	Date.
1st Bde.	1st A.D.		No number 30 S.R.F. bombs available at present. Are they required for a special purpose.	OUT	29/4/18.
All concd.	"		Telephone message received from Corps. Bosche has SCHERPENBERG. Not sure of situation on MONT ROUGE, MONT NOIR, and MONT VIDIANE.		
"	"		Latest information from Army. Enemy holds SCHERPENBERG the cross roads at M.17.c. and the eastern slopes only of MONT ROUGE. He does not hold MONT ROUGE or any ground west of it.		
"	"		Reported loss of SCHERPENBERG was incorrect. It is still held by the French. Result of last nights and todays fighting is regarded by Army with great satisfaction.		
"	"		French definitely state that they hold LOCRE and KOUDEKOT farm. The enemy got into LOCRR but was driven out by the French whose barrage is now East of the village.		
"	"		Lieut.MINING will continue to act as liaison officer between the French Infantry Commander and the Left Brigade 1st Aust.Div. Liaison arrangements for lower formations and units will be carried out by officers detailed under orders of Brigadiers concerned. Acknowledge.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date:
2nd Bde.	1st A.D.	5 a.m.	Morning report. Enemy artillery very active and a heavy barrage atc3-13 a.m. on right section. Gas shells intermingled with H.E. used on right section. Wind N 5 mph.	IN	29/4/18.
3rd Bde.	"	5 a.m.	Morning report. Bde.relief complete 12-30 a.m. Night quiet on Bde.front.		
1st A.D.A.	"		Counter preparation will be carried out tomorrow 30th inst. from 3-30 a.m. to 3-50 a.m. and from 4-10 a.m. to 4-30 a.m. Targets as for this morning. Expenditure 50 rounds per gun and how. Acknowledge.		
1st Pioneers	"	12-59 p.m.	The Div. reserve line between P.7.w.1.2. and P.2. and 7 has been heavily shelled during the early morning and up to 11 a.m. the wire has been destroyed in a number of places and trench destroyed by shell 5.9 from a point east of METEREN.		
1st A.D.	All concd.		Evening report. Quiet day on right brigade front. Heavy shelling of rear areas of left brigade and of reserve line at North of FLETRE-MATEREN road during forenoon. Light scattered shelling over whole of left brigade during afternoon. Hostile planes very active but flying high over left section. Low flying planes crossed line on right section front at 2-30 a.m.	OUT	29/4/18.
"	15 Corps 1-25 pm. D.A.		Enemy shelled reserve line North of FLETRE-METEREN road in Sq. X.7.a. The heavily up to about 11 a.m. from a point east of METEREN. Trenches and wire have been destroyed in a number of places.		
"	XV Corps		1st Bde. report enemy carrying out extensive area shoot over whole Left Brigade area. This commenced at 5 a.m. and continues up to 11 a.m. then zzzzzz ceased. It has now recommenced. A number of enemy aeroplanes are flying at a height of approximately 5000 feet apparently observing this shoot.		
"	15th Corps		Left Brigade reports enemy planes very active over their sub-section. Flying at from 4000 to 6000 feet apparently spotting for their guns. May action be taken.		
"	All concd.		Morning report. Generally quiet except on extreme right where enemy artillery was very active. Heavy barrage H.E. and gas shells was placed on the right at 3-13 a.m. Heavy gun fire heard well on left from 8 p.m.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
15th Corps	1st A.D.	11-18 a.m.	Second Army report 10 a.m. that SCHERPENBERG cross roads in M.17.c. MONT ROUGE and MONT VIDAIGNE are occupied by the enemy.	IN	29/4/18.
15th Corps	"	12-21 p.m.	Corps Commander will hold a conference in No. 1. mess 31st Division at 3 p.m. today G.O.C., C.R.A., and G.S.O.1 of each Div. to attend if situation permits.		
15th Corps	"	6-32 p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet except for heavy barrage H.E. and gas shells on the extreme right of the Corps front at 3-15 a.m. No infantry action followed.		
15th Corps	"	8-10 a.m.	Ref. morning report. For extreme right of Corps front read extreme right of Left Div. front.		
29th Div.	"	5-17 a.m.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Heavy artillery fire on left. Wind N.E. 10 mph. Captures nik.		
1st Bde.	"	7-55 p.m.	Urgent that anti-tank guns be installed on road near X.7. central shooting towards METEREN.		
1st Bde.	"	5-15 p.m.	Situation report. Quiet day but rather active shelling of rear areas from 6 a.m to 9 a.m. Enemy aircraft fairly active over forward area this morning.		
Gas 1st Bde.	"	1-20 p.m.	Shell gas report. Nil. Have only seven five rattles seven five fans for Bde. area. Have indented some time for trench stores. Can you expedite.		
1st Bde.	"	12-40 a.m.	Relief complete.		
1st Bde.	"	4-17 a.m.	Morning report. Quiet night. Hostile artillery and M.G. fairly inactive.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-58 p.m.	Evening report. Enemy artillery quiet, on left section and light scattered shelling only on right. 50 gas shells about E.4. central between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Low flying enemy plane crossed our lines at 2-30 p.m. Wind NNE 5 mph.		
2nd Bde.	"	3-8 p.m.	Reference AZB 680. 5th Bn. H.Q. W.20.b.6.9. 6th Bn. H.Q. W.26.b.9.1.		

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FROM.	TO.	TIME	MESSAGE
15th Corps	1st A.D.	4-46 p.m.	Wire from Adv. Second Army timed 3 p.m. begins. Situation has improved IN 29/4/18. French have successfully repulsed several attacks and their line runs KOUDEKOT FARM inclusive - LOCRE CHATEAU inclusive - M.17.central through middle of LOCRE - LOCRE CHURCH inclusive - M.17.central exclusive - Slopes of SCHERPENBERG - FERNOY farm. 22 Corps Dvcs. 25 49 and 22st have all repulsed severe attacks today. Fighting going on in RIDGE WOOD 12 noon. All claim to have killed a large number of the enemy. Enemy bombardment has been very heavy but attacks only succeeded in making a small bulge near HYDE PARK CORNER A.17.central. Ends.
15th Corps	"	7-8 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day on right Div. sector. During forenoon enemy shelled heavily back areas of left section left Div. and reserve line north of FLETRE-METEREN road. Light scattered shelling of same section during afternoon. E.A. very active over left Div. front. Our heavy artillery co-operated with heavy artillery of Corps on left and carried out one destructive shoot and neutralised 19 batteries. One of our aeroplanes reported driven down by M.G. fire north of VIEUX BERQUIN about 1-45 p.m.
15th Corps	"	5-55 p.m.	Counter preparation will be put down tomorrow 30th inst. along the whole Corps front from 3-30 a.m. to 5-50 a.m. and from 4-10 a.m. to 4-30 a.m.
15th Corps	"	3-53 p.m.	Following from 2nd Army begins. Let troops know that every effort is being made by R.A.F. and A.A. guns to deal with the enemy low flying aeroplanes which are numerous. Three were crashed by our aeroplanes before 12 noon. Troops must help with M.G. fire from the ground.
15th Corps	"		Situation report. The latest reports indicate that the enemys attack this morning was delivered on a front from MONT NOIR to ZILLEBEKE LAKE On the French front the situation at 11-30 a.m. appeared to be. Heavy fighting at about LOCRE. Some enemy through as far as HYDE PARK CORNER M.17.b. and southern slopes of SCHERPENBERG but not in strength. French troops hold SCHERPENBERG MONT ROUGE MONT NOIR MONT VIDAIGNE On the 22nd British Corps front all attacks are reported to have been repulsed and the line intact except for a small portion of advanced trench. Brunt of attack came on 21st Div. 25th Div. repulsed four attacks. 49th Div. also repelled repeated attacks.
15th Corps	"	1-5 p.m.	15th Corps No. G.347 of today is cancelled. The following from Second Army begins. Liaison officer with 2nd French Cavalry Corps reports 10-40 a.m. that the report from the 22nd Corps that the Boche had taken MONT ROUGE and MONT VIDAIGNE is absolutely false. The Boche filtered through to cross roads in M.17.c. and have a footing on eastern slopes of MONT ROUGE. Message ends.

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To.	From.	Time sent.	Information.	In Out	Date
All coned.	1st A.D.	5;20 a.m.	Morning report. Gas projectors successfully discharged on MERRIS. Except for slight shelling artillery activity on front of extreme right section quiet night on whole front.	OUT	30/4/18.
All coned.	"		Salvos of 4-2s during the day round MOOLENACKER. Intermittent shelling of STRAZEELE. Line down to left Brigade but quiet day in that sub-sector.		
XV Corps	"	7-5 p.m.	Two of our planes collided and crashed at 6-25 p.m. at W.21.b.8.2.		
4th Sqn RAF	"				
1st A.D.A.	"	11-40 p.m.	Following from Corps. Harassing fire is to be intensified tonight being increased 50 per cent. Acknowledge.		

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From.	To.	Time recd.	Information.	In Out	Date.
29th Div.	1st A.D.	8-20 p.m.	situation report. quiet nothing night nothing to report. Wind N.E.	IN	30/4/18.
1st Bde.	"	11-18 p.m.	1 prisoner belonging to 156 I.R. 11 Res.Div. captured right of Right Bn. about 10 p.m.		
15th Corps	"	11-26 p.m.	Harassing fire is to be intensified tonight being increased by 50 % ACKNOWLEDGE.		
D.I.O.	"	11-45 p.m.	D.I.O report. Prisoner captured in X.20.d.3.8. this evening. Identification 5th Compy. 2nd Bn. 156th I.R. 11th Res.Div. Prisoner states the 10th R.I.R. relieved the 267th R.I.R. the day before yesterday and last night at eleven oclock the 156 I.R. took over a sector from the 10th R.I.R. 11th Res.Div. who took over on their right. Prisoner does not know whether the sector of the 10th R.I.R. was made smaller or whether the 10th R.I.Rs extreme right likewise moved.		
D.I.O.	"	12-53 a.m.	Method of capture. Prisoner a Corporal was in front post alone when three of our men fired rifle grenades following these grenades up they took prisoner and all returned to our line unwounded. Order of battle of 11th Res.Div.N. to S. 10th R.I.R. 156th I.R. 22 I.R. Prisoner states definite intentions not known but had heard that no attack would take place on this immediate front until their left had come further forward. Prisoner says no wire is in front of their posts. Prisoner states no reinforcements have been forthcoming since they went into the line at BAILLEUL in the 9th inst. Coy. rifle strength, about 61. Prisoners opinion battalion and regiment are unfit to participate in any offensive movement. They were held in readiness to march through gap which the attack was expected to make on the 29th inst. Were then ordered to relieve a sector of the 10th R.I.R.		

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1st A.D.A.	1st A.D.		No counter preparation tomorrow. Harassing fire only.	IN	30/4/18
No.2.Sp.	"	2-35 a.m.	Fired 330 CG.		
Coy.R.E.	"	2-37 a.m.	Reference my AZB 90 of 29th inst. Operation highly successful.		
2nd Bde.	"	4-30 a.m.	Morning report. Very quiet night along whole front. Enemy artillery M.Gs and T.Ms inactive. Low flying planes nil.		
1st Bde.	"	5-10 a.m.	Morning report. Slight artillery activity reported on right section front Gas projectors successfully discharged on to MERRIS. Wind N 4 mph. Estimated casualties 4 O.Rs.		
2nd Bde.	"	6-45 a.m.	Morning report. Quiet night on whole Corps front. Slight artillery activity on front of extreme right of left division. We successfully discharged gas projectors on to MERRIS.		
15th Corps	"	8-45 a.m.	In morning report. For extreme right of right division. Rear. Extreme right of left division. (altered)		
Gas 1st Bde.	"	9-47 a.m.	Shell gas report. Nil.		
1st Bde.	"	11-28 a.m.	Could photos be taken of squares X.15.a. and c. X.20.b. and X.21.a. It is suspected that new works not visible to ground observers are in course of construction.		
2nd Bde.	"	5 p.m.	Evening report. Salvos of 4.2s during day on X.19.a. and D. Otherwise quiet. Low flying E.A. nil. Wind N.E. 10 mph.		
29th Div.	"	5-18 p.m.	Situation report. Slight shelling of RUE DES BOIS (E.22.a) and CADESCURE Otherwise very quiet. Captures nil.		
15th Corps G	"	6-45 p.m.	Accommodation in LE HOUQUET for 6 officers and 120 O.R. is allotted to 1st Australian Div. for cadet school from 1st May.		
2nd Bde.	"	6-46 p.m.	Two of our planes collided and crashed at 6-25 p.m. at X W.21.c.8.2M		
15th Corps	"	7-3 p.m.	Evening report. Quiet day along the whole Corps front. Slight shelling RUE DE BOIS (E.22.a) STRAZEELE and MOOLENACKER. Our artillery carried out harassing fire on Btys. and road. Captures nil.		

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