

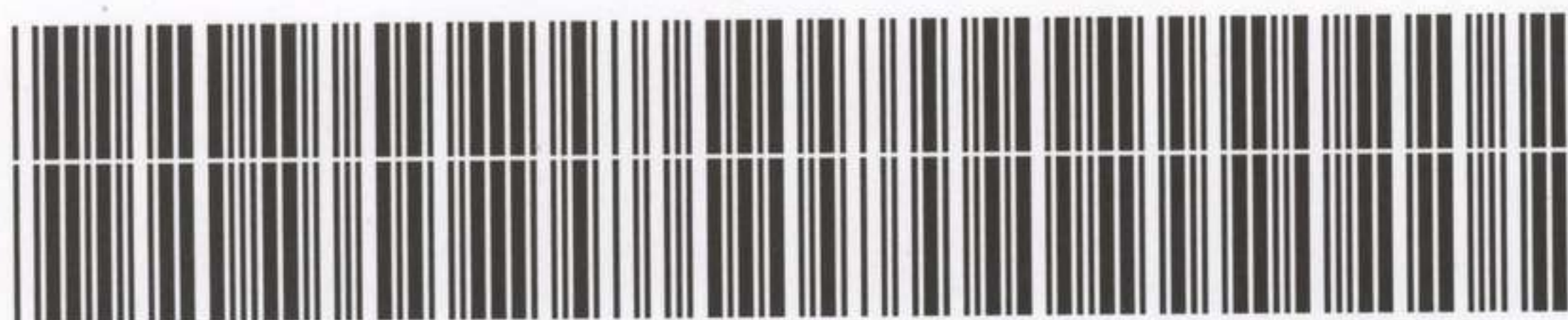
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Operations of 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bdes towards MOUQUET &  
MARTINPUICH respectively.  
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Operations of 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigades towards MOUQUET & MARTINPUICH respectively.

SUMMARY OF MESSAGES.

Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages.	Action taken	Reference No.
	To 7th. Squadron R.F.C.	Photographs particularly required of Squares R.33.B. and R.34.A and B, and R.27.D. and R.28.C AAA May these be taken early as possible please.		I.G.23
	To 1st.A.N.Z.A.C	Informed A.N.Z.A.C. of request to R.F.C. and asked for urgent delivery of photos.		I.G.24
4-26 a.m.	From 2nd.Bde.	Reference AZB 344 and 350 aaa Progress report from left sector aaa "Satisfactory progress hope to join up with right battalion before morning aaa Situation report up to midnight shelling by enemy heavy on front and supports thereafter very quiet till present time"		
4-33 a.m.	From 1st.Bde.	At 1055 last night report received that enemy were attacking SKY LINE TRENCH but attack apparently did not develop as at 0055 situation was reported to be normal by the Bde on our left aaa No unusual occurrence reported during the night aaa Patrol and work reports have not yet been received.		
5 a.m.	To A.N.Z.A.C.	Morning report aaa Right Brigade reports shelling by enemy heavy on front and supports up to mid- night but everything quiet until 4-15 a.m. aaa Satisfactory progress on left sector and hope to join up with right battalion before morning aaa Left Brigade reports no unusual occurrences during night aaa The <sup>reported</sup> enemy attack on SKY LINE TRENCH did not develop aaa Addressed 1st ANZAC repeated 48th. Division, 15th. Division, 1st. Inf. Bde, 2nd. Inf. Bde, Heavy Artillery, Lahore Artillery, C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Divn.		

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7-45 a.m.	From ANZAC C.A.	General NAPIER rings up at 7-45 a.m. to say that "In answer to the statement that 9.2" shells had landed at X.5.B.8.8 - as am shelling trench little more than 100 yards forward of this point one must expect abnormal rounds to fall 100 yards short. Men will have to keep their heads down"		
	From Pioneer Bn	Report for night 17/18th. Parties under Capt. TOWNSEND succeeded in constructing RATION TRENCH from R.33.D.7.8. to R.33.D.2.6. and forming new communication trench from latter point to road R.33.B.4.2. aaa Trench 5'6" deep with parapet giving good cover aaa Fourth Avenue extended 160 yards in direction of First Avenue and First Avenue widened and deepened from Fourth Street to Sixth Street and along Fourth Street to Wire Trench aaa First Avenue will not be passable until tomorrow morning aaa Deepening Centre Way continued through POZIERES danger zone		
8-45 a.m.	To A.N.Z.A.C. ANZAC Hvy Arty B.R., R.A. ANZAC Divn. Arty. Lahore ARTY.	Following from 15th. Division timed 7-40 a.m. begins aaa Our right in SWITCH is at S.1.D.8.8. aaa Officer patrolled 200 yards to E and found trench full of dead Germans aaa Have ordered post to be established 50 yards west of Tramway aaa No artillery to fire west of Tramway and within area 140 yards north of SWITCH LINE aaa Addressed 1st ANZAC repeated G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC 1st ANZAC Heavy Arty. Div. Arty 1st Aust. Divn., Lahore Arty.		
10-40 a.m.	From Divn. Arty	Liaison 1st Inf. Bde. reports line now as follows R.34.B.6.0., B.2.4., B.7.0., A.9.9., 28.C.8½.0, C.7.1., C.5½.0., 34.A.2½.9½., A.2½.8., A.1.7., A.6.0., 33.B.5.5., QUARRY inclusive to 33.A.8.1.		

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10-5 a.m.	To 2nd. Bde.	German line from R.35.D.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5 to Tramway at X.6.A.1.9. will be bombarded with 9.2" howitzers aaa Shooting will take place over an hour and half and men in forward line from R.35.D.2.3. to X.6.A.1.5. should be withdrawn as soon as possible aaa Please reply at once earliest hour at at which man can be withdrawn.		
10-56 a.m	From 1st. Bde	Situation normal now aaa During night considerable progress made in sapping forward all along our line aaa Trench from R.34.B.0.7 to R.34.C.6.0 was deepened and now forms a defensive flank to deal with new German trenches on N.E. aaa Our line now runs from 34.D.6.0. to 28.C.9.0. facing N.E. thence through 28.C.7.1. - 34.A.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . then down Sunken road to 34.A.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7 thence past north of copse at 34.A.0.4. to 33.B.5.4. with a post at 5.5. thence to QUARRY at B.2.2. with post in QUARRY aaa Between he Quarry and point 33.A.8.1 there is a gap which is being reduced aaa		
11-45 a.m	From 3rd.Bde	Reference Divn.Order No.47 para 5 aaa Propose to retain Bde.Hd.Qrs in present location where there is telephone communication with division until further units of the Brigade move aaa 10th. and 12th. batta lions moving so as to complete arrival in forward portion of area indicated by 1430	Answered 'Yes' G.772	
12-30	From A.N.Z.A.C	Phone from ANZAC H.A. to say that they have reports of S.O.S. lights from vicinity MOUQUET and want to know if we know anything about it aaa Rang 1st.Bde. who know nothing about it. Phones ANZAC H.A. and said that 1st.Bde know nothing about it, but that it might nevertheless be an S.O.S.		
12-50	From A.N.Z.A.C	Following from G.O.C.,R.A. begins aaa The trench R.28.C.9.5. to 3.6. to 0.3. to R.27.D.7.3. to 4.2. to 1.2. as well as the trench from Tramline at X.6.A.20.95 to R.35.D.3.5. will be kept under steady fire during the day with observation if possible aaa Total rounds allotted 200 in 300		

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	From A.N.Z.A.C. (Continued)	S.200 p.m. addition to ordinary allotment of 20 in 50 S.200 p all of which should be expended before 7 p.m. aaa There will be an intense bombardment for one hour previous to Zero aaa Ends aaa Addressed 1st.Aust.Divn.	Repeated to 3 Brigades, Div.Arty, and Lahore Arty. G.774. 1-45 p.m	
1 p.m.	To 3rd. Bde	Yes Brigade Hd.Qrs. should remain where it is		
1-9 p.m.	From 1st. Bde	The artillery liaison officer with centre Bn considers it dangerous for our heavies to shoot on R.28.C.9.8. aaa The safety margin is very small and once the guns commence shooting they will not lengthen their range		
1-45 p.m	To 1st. Bde. 2nd.Bde. 3rd. Bde. Divn.Arty. Lahore Arty.	Following from 1st.ANZAC timed 12-28 p.m. begins G.410 Following from G.O.C.,R.A. begins aaa The trench R.28.C.9.5 to 3.6 to 0.3 to R.27.D.7.3 to 4.2 to 1.2 as well as the trench from Tramline at X.6.A.20.955 to R.35.D.3.5 will be kept under steady fire during the day with observation if possible aaa Total rounds allotted 200 M 300 S 200 P in addition to ordinary allotment of 20 M 50 S 200 P all of which should be expended before 7 p.m. aaa There will be an intense bombardment for one hour previous to Zero aaa Ends aaa Addressed 1st. Aust.Divn. ends aaa Addressed by Divn to 1st, 2nd. and 3rd. Inf.Bdes., Divn Arty. and Lahore Arty.		
2 p.m.	To A.N.Z.A.C. 48th.Divn. 15th.Divn. ANZAC Hvy.Art. Divn.Art. Lahore Arty. 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde 3rd.Inf.Bde3	Situation report aaa Right Bde aaa Yesterday's photographs show German line X.6.A. $\frac{1}{2}$ .6 - 1.9. - R.35.D.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5 and not as shown on map aaa Our line runs X.6.A.4.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - X.5.B.6.9.- R.35.D.4.2. R.35.C.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8 - R.34.B.6.0.-aaa This line is practically a continuous line of trenches aaa Left Bde line now runs from Right Bde at R.34.B.6.0.-2.4.-R.34.A.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7.- 28.C.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .0.- 28.C.7.1 - 34.A.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - then down Sunken road to 34.A.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7 thence north of copse at 34.A.0.4. to 33B.5.4. with a post at 5.5. thence to QUARRY at 33.B.2.2. with a post in QUARRY aaa Between		

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	To A.N.Z.A.C. etc. (Contd)	QUARRY and 33.A.8.1 there is a gap in trenches which is being reduced by sapping aaa We hold 8 1 and have blocks north and south-west of it aaa Position in Left Bde is reported normal at 10-40 a.m. aaa Good progress has been made in sapping forward all along the line aaa Behind the front good work has been done by engineers and pioneers as follows aaa Ration trench from R.33.D.7.8. to 2.6. has been reconstructed aaa New communication trench R.33.D.2.6. to road at R.33.B.4.2. has been dug 5ft.6in. deep and with parapet gives good cover aaa Main communications front to rear are being deepened aaa Addressed 1st.ANZAC repeated 48th.Divn., 15th.Divn., 1st., 2nd., and 3rd.Inf.Bdes, Div.Arty., Lahore Arty., ANZAC Heavy Arty.		
1-47 p.m.	From 2nd.Bde	Left bn report reads aaa Companies in front <del>trenches</del> report that 9.2 inch howitzer are falling 100 yards short of enemy trenches aaa Message ends aaa Artillery liaison officers so informed aaa	G. 775	
1-52 p.m.	From 1st. Bde	Urgent aaa Heavy shells about 6 inch are falling 20 yards in front of our trenches at R.34.A.2.7. aaa Please have range lengthened immediately.	G. 775	
2-13 p.m.	From 1st. Bde.	C.R.now report that our heavies reported 9.2 are shelling our trenches at R.28.C.8.1. alternate shots going short and over aaa please order them either to cease fire altogether or to lengthen range aaa please also see our 109		
2-35 p.m.	To 1st.Bde. 2nd.Bde. ANZAC Hvy Art.	Messages AZA 107 and 109 and AZB 360 have been repeated to Heavy Artillery who say they are firing on line R.28.C.9.5.- 6.6.- 3.6.- 2.4.- 0.3.- R.27.D.9.4.- 7.3. - 4.2.- 1.2.- after aeroplane registration aaa Most careful check has been made and it appears these must be enemy shells aaa Please verify reports as far as possible by obtaining a piece of shell for		

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	To 1st. Bde. 2nd. Bde. ANZAC Hvy Art (continued)	identification if possible aaa In order to verify please note times of any similar incidents Addressed 1st..2nd., Inf. Bdes repeated ANZAC Heavy arty.		G. 775 6.143
3-2 p.m.	2nd. Inf. Bde	Situation report aaa Enemy shelling about as much as usual all units report normal situations aaa internal relief carried out this morning without any difficulty.		
3-15 p.m.	From Divn. Arty 2	Report just received that <del>xxxxxx</del> enemy are shelling R.34.D. and R.35.C with heavy guns.		
4-15 p.m.	From 1st. Inf. Bde	1st. Bn have taken over part front line from R.34.D.6.9. to R.28.C.9.0 aaa 3rd. Bn have closed more to the left aaa Both bns Hd. Qrs. <del>have moved</del> <i>are at R.34.A.9.1.</i> closer up. Bn. Hd. Qrs now at X.9.C.9.3. <del>aaa</del> <i>2nd BN Hd QRS</i> situation normal but our own artillery are still putting 4.5 shells into our own lines at R.28.C.9.1.		
4-20 p.m.	From 1st. Inf. Bde	Patrol found trench from R.28.C.9.3. westwards appears to stop about 4.3. and is being worked at aaa Trench 3.6.- 0.6. - 9.5.- is apparently strongly manned at night and is reported as 200 yards further north.		
4-36 p.m.	From 2nd. Inf. Bde	Situation report aaa Normal shelling continues but is quieter than usual aaa		
5-5 p.m.	To 1st. Inf. Bde 2nd. Inf. Bde 3rd. Inf. Bde Lahore Arty. ANZAC (Intelligence)	Observers in LEIPZIG SALIENT report that trenches in rear of MOUQUET FARM appear to have been deepened aaa No movement elsewhere today		
5-9 p.m.	From 2nd. Inf. Bde	Reference D.O.47 para 8 aaa No Pioneers have yet reported to this office may their arrival be <del>expected</del> <i>expedited</i>	Spoke to Gen. FORSYTH and C.R.E. who is dealing with this.	

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6-20 p.m.	To A.N.Z.A.A.C. 48th.Divn. 15th.Divn. Heavy Arty Divn.Arty Lahore Arty 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde.	Evening report aaa Situation unchanged aaa Addressed 1st.ANZAC, repeated 48th.Divn., 15th. Divn, ANZAC Hvy Arty, Divn Arty, Lahore Arty, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Inf.Bdes.		
7 p.m.	From Divn.Arty	Liaison officer with 2nd.Inf.Bde reports our 9.2" shell falling in our trench at X.5.B.8.8.	'Phones and repeated by wire to ANZAC, ANZAC Hvy Arty,	G. 785
7-15 p.m.	To 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde Divn.Arty. Pioneer Bn	Report received unofficially states that Division on left have secured first objective and are advancing on second objective aaa Corps on right report Switch line occupied at 3 p.m. from S.3.D.3.8. to 100 yards short of N.W. corner of HIGH WOOD aaa Smoke barrage success- fully discharged at 2-45 p.m. by division on right aaa		
7-20 p.m.	1st.ANZAC ANZAC Hvy.Arty.	Following from our Divn Arty timed 7 p.m. begins Liaison officer with 2nd.Inf.Bde reports our 9.2 inch inch shell falling in our trench in X.5.B.8.8 ends addressed 1st.ANZAC repeated ANZAC Hvy. Arty		G.785
7-50 p.m.	To 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde. Divn.Arty  To All Units	Exact position of Divn. on our left not yet certain but they have taken two lines of trenches and have sent back 68 prisoners aaa latter said to be very demoralised.  48th. Division's operation on the left has been quite successfulaaa About 200 prisoners have been taken and a counter attack has been beaten off aaa Line has been pushed as far as 31.D.8.1.		

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9-8 p.m.	From 1st.Inf.Bde	4th. Bn at 1900 asks for trench mortars as O1 and 91 strongly held and wired please send 2 M.T.M's or 4 if available to R.34.C.1.2 where guns should move north after reporting for guides at 4th.Bn at R.34.C.2.6. aaa May be very useful if arrive late aaa L.T.M's have been sent up.		
9-30 p.m.	From Divn.Arty	8th. Batt report our heavy shells falling short X.6.A.1.6.		
10 p.m.	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Message sent at 2150 states the number of enemy in front of left Bn has grown and his quality improved aaa Enemy is sniping approaches with rifles and M.G's and heavy barrage was placed in front and rear communications causing considerable casualties aaa Our heavies are still shelling our line at R.28.C.8.1. aaa enemy's barrage just North of CHALK PIT		
10-25 p.m.	From 8th. Bn	Report received aaa Beaten back by bombs making further attempts aaa Can artillery barrage be continued until asked to stop.	Arranged with artillery by 'phone	
10-44 p.m.	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	Following from 6th. Bn begins aaa My party started off alright aaa No word from it yet but no casualties had arrived at O.G.1 by 2145 aaa Occassional rifle shots are coming over but no M.G's aaa Enemy shelling heavily but mostly on O.G.1 and in rear thereof ends.		
11 p.m.	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Please lift barrage 50 yards in square 28.C as infantry cannot press forward on account of our own artillery fire.		
11-7 p.m.	From Left.Bde. 15th.Divn.	Left Coy of Left Bde reports that your troops on immediate left appear to have returned to their trenches having met heavy machine gun fire aaa MUNSTER ALLEY is being heavily bombarded		

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11 p.m.	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Please consider placing a battalion of reserve Bde at my disposal aaa Have only one company now out of the line and available as Brigade reserve aaa Fourth Bn have gained objective but are being counter attacked and have suffered casualties.		
11-17 p.m.	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	6th. Bn report have touch with 7th. Bn on right aaa am improving last nights work aaa Enemy shelling decreasing aaa Reports ends aaa 8th. Bn reports right company beaten back twice aaa No news if they have gained objective aaa No news from Left company aaa Expect early news from scouts who have been sent out.	Telephoned at 12-45 p.m. that 3 attacks of 8th. Bn beaten back.	
11-30 p.m.	" "	Following parties are detailed from 3rd.Inf.Bde. Carrying Party      2 Officers      75 other ranks Ammun.Dump                              34 CHALK PIT                                22 Water duties                              5 Burying Party              1              100  <u>   TOTAL              3 Officers 236 other ranks</u> Burying party is being relieved tomorrow.		
11-47 p.m.	From 1st.Inf.Bde	The company referred to in my AZA 133 has not been able to return from carrying duties		
11-55 p.m	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Two men have not been sent from Bde on left for liaison purposes.		See G.794 of 19th.
Midnight	To 1st.ANZAC 48th.Divn. 15th.Divn.	Right Bde reports left of the attack has gained objective aaa No reports from right centre aaa Eighth Bn on the right has been beaten back three times by bomb and machine gun fire but is reorganising for a counter attack aaa This portion of the line is being heavily shelled aaa Left Bde reports right Bn bombing parties were held up by our own barrage and are now pushing forward aaa Left Bn has reached point 28.C.O.1 and is being counter attacked.		

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SUMMARY OF MESSAGES.

Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
12-25 a.m.	From 15th. Divn	Report from our left Brigade 11-45 p.m. begins Left company reports ANZACS appear to have now advanced and are believed digging themselves in aaa ends.		G.189
12-35 a.m	From 1st. Inf. Bde	Following received from 3rd. Bn aaa Our heavy artillery has again shelled my line badly and it is demolished aaa Up to the time of their message I have been unable to push ahead as our artillery barrage has not lifted sufficiently aaa The heavies continued to fall short		
1 a.m. approx	From 1st. Inf. Bde	Enemy post with M.G's located by patrol at about R.34.A.0.9 in trench running N.W. from point R.34.A.1.7. aaa Bombing and brisk rifle fire exchanges aaa Strong points reported as being at R.27.D.9.1. and R.28.C.0.1 aaa Each hold about 50 infantry with M.G's aaa Each of these points is well wired.		B.I.38
2-2 a.m.	From A.N.Z.A.C.	Impress on Forsyth the need of organising promptly a bombing attack towards portion of trench not gained aaa 3rd. Corps have been asked to assist aaa Ground held by 6th. and 7th. Bns must be held tenaciously.	See G.794 to 2nd. Inf. Bde.	G.474
2-25 a.m	To 2nd. Inf. Bde	Following from 1st ANZAC begins aaa Bombing attack should be promptly organised towards portion of trench not gained aaa Ground gained by 6th. and 7th. Bns must be held tenaciously aaa Ends aaa In bombing down captured trench care must be taken that bombing does not commence from any point north of the extreme right of the 7th. Bn.		G.794

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5 a.m.	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	From telephone conversation with 2nd.Inf.Bde 5 a.m. 19-8-1916:- 2nd.Bde line runs X.6.A.2.4.- <u>R.35.D.4.2.-</u> <u>R.35.D.30.25.-R.35.D.4.5.-4.6.-</u> then west to <u>O.6.- to 35.C.9.6.- 4.8.</u> There is some doubt of the 7th. Bn line underlined.	See G.796	
5-15 a.m.	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	Report on operations ordered by D.O.48 Assaulting troops were in position in jumping off trench (hereafter called DOT LANE) at 20-30 Bombardment opened at 2100 and assaulting troops advanced as barra barrage lifted. At 2155 the 8th. Bn reported that they had been beaten back twice but were making third attempt to advance. At 2240 6th.Bn reported touch gained with 7th. Bn. and work commenced on objective line 2245 8th. Bn again beaten back on right no news of left company of 8th. Bn. 2330 6th. Bn reported they had occupied position and were consolidating. 0135 reported digging communication trench to O.G.2 No news from 7th. and 8th. aaa Situation seems to be as follows MUNSTER ALLEY enclusive along DOT LANE (Jumping off place) to South side of BAPAUME ROAD thence N.E. along south side of road to R.35.D.6.6. thence R.35.D.O.6. thence to O.G.2 at R.35.C.4.8. Orders have been issued to launch bombing attack along enemy trench at about R.35.D 3.5. working towards MUNSTER ALLEY aaa Situation almost back to normal.		AZB 374
5-50 a.m.	To 1st.Inf.Bde	No report from youx since 0036 aaa Please say what position is		G.795
6 a.m.	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	From telephone conversation with 2nd.Inf.Bde 6 a.m., 19-8-1916. 7th.Bn reports junction with 6th.Bn is at R.35.D.3.4. but 6th. Bn says the junction is at R.35.D.4.6.- thence line runs in semicircle to 35.D.3.1. and along jumping off trench to X.5.B.7.9. and across tram line where it is in touch with 8th. Bn.	See G.796	

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6 a.m.	From 1st.Inf.Bde. Signals, unofficial to Signals	R.28.C.9.3. was attacked by 3rd. Bn. and a gun pit occupied by us but the trench was strongly occupied by the enemy and owing to casualties from our own shellfire the attack was not pressed 4th.Bn attacked 21 and 01 but found the positions untenable and strong post was made at 34.A.2.9. aaa R.34.A.0.9 appears to be held by enemy 4th.Bn occupied 33.B.5.5. where we have M.G. and have been constantly attacked by bombers rifle fire now brisk from N.E. of MOUQUET FARM owing to our trenches being damaged strong point at 28.C.7.1 was not made but trench remade for 250 yards with fire step aaa 1st.Bn has occupied enemy gun pit 34.B.2.6. one wounded prisoner sent in.		AZA 144
6-20 a.m.	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	Confirming map location of line now held by 7th. Bn and already given by telephone aaa Message from 7th. reads from message just received it seems fairly certain that junction with 6th.Bn is R.35.D.3.4. thence our line in a semicircle back to R.35.D.3.1. along jumping off trench X.5.B.7.9. across tramline where we are in touch with 8th. Bn. aaa Message ends aaa These map locations do not agree with those given by 6th. Bn. and it is certain that line at present held by 7th. Bn is some distance ahead of jumping off trench.	See G.796	AZB 1512
7-10 a.m.	To 1stANZAC 48th.Divn. 15th.Divn. 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde Heavy Arty Lahore Arty Divn.Arty 7th.Squad.R.F.C.	Morning report aaa The division attacked last night at 9 p.m. as follows aaa 1st.Aus.Inf.Bde northwards towards MOUQUET FARM 2nd.Aus.Inf.Bde. N.E. astride BAPAUME Road aaa Battalions were disposed as follows 1st.Bde aaa 3rd.Bn on right 4th.Bn on left aaa 2nd.Bde 8th.Bn on right 7th. Bn next both south of BAPAUME Road 6th.Bn on left north of road aaa Situation 1st.Bde front 4th.Bn are reported to have gained their objective but position 3rd.Bn not clear aaa Situation 2nd.Inf. Bde front aaa 8th.Bn made three attacks but were each time beaten back and are now in original line aaa 7th.Bn gained part of its objective from BAPAUME Road southwards and is connected		

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
	To 1st.ANZAC etc. (Contd)	by trench to 8th.Bn in original line aaa One compnay of 7th. is out of touch aaa 6th.Bn entirely successfu l and linked up with 7th.Bn aaa Enemy artillery fire has been severe and together with machine guns fire from his strong points has caused us heavy casualties.		G.796
7-20 a.m	From Div.Arty	Following report from 5th.Bde L.O. received at 6-42 a.m Third battn reports that owing to our barrage being short and inaccurate at 10 p.m. last night our own front line was breached in many places and attack could not be pressed at once. The enemy's trench was heavily manned and a bombing party at R.28.C.0.1 was pushed back. The gunpit about R.28.C.9.3. was taken and the post established A strong point has been built at R.35.B.5.5.		
7-40 a.m.	To 1st.Inf.Bde. 2nd.Inf.Bde. 1st.ANZAC	O.C.No.7 Squadron R.F.C. says useless to send contact patrol in this rain but will send soon as observation possible aaa Addressed 1st.Inf. Bde, 2nd.Inf.Bde, repeated 1st.ANZAC		G.798
8-45 a.m.	To 1st.Inf.Bde. 2nd.Inf.Bde	Contact patrol aeroplane will be over the line in twenty minutes time aaa Flares to be used freely		G.799
9-40 a.m.	Note	I enquired at 9-40 a.m. 19th. about communication with 1st.Inf.Bde. Both telephone and telegraph in order to Back Hd.Qrs and telegraph to Adv.Hd.Qrs. Speech to Adv.Hd.Qrs was bad at 5 a.m.		
9-30 a.m.	From Pioneer Bn	Report for night ending 18/19th.aaa 1st.Bde 1st.Avenue now cut right through and usable to Toms Cut giving direct communication aaa Trench cut from Kay Trench at R.33.D.8.6. to Ration Trench then along Park Lane to D.34.A.3.2. aaa 2nd.Bde. Walkers Acenue cleared to Tramline Sydney St. cleared to within 100 yards of O.G.1. aaa Communication trench with help of infantry from O.G.1 at R.35.C.5.2. to 9½.8 intersecting new front line aaa Second communication from O.G.1 at X.5.A.8.9.along old trench to R.35.D.3.2.		

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	From Pioneer Bn (continued)	thence to 7.2. aaa 3rd.communication from O.G.1 to X.5.D.9.2 to MUNSTER ALLEY thence to about X.5.B.9½.7	Repeated to ANZAC	PYA 301
9-50 a.m.	To 1st.ANZAC	Following report from 1st.Aust.Pioneer Bn begins aaa Report for night ending 18/19th.aaa 1st.Bde 1st.Avenue now cut right through and usable to Toms Cut giving direct communication aaa Trench cut from Kay Trench at R.33.D.8.6 to Ration Trench then along Park Lane to D.34.A.3.2. aaa 2nd.Bde Walkers Avenue cleared to Tramline Sydney Street cleared to within 100 yards of O.G.1 aaa Communication trench with help of infantry from O.G.1 aaa at R.35.C.5.2. to 9½.8 intersecting new front line aaa Second communication from O.G.1 at X.5.A.8.9. along old trench to R.35.D.3.2. thence to 7.2. aaa 3rd.Communication from O.G.1 to X.5.D.9.2. to MUNSTER ALLEY thence to about X.5.B.9½.7 ends.	see above	G.800
10-30 a.m	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Report of work completed last night shews that 3 strong points were constructed as ordered including 33.B.5.5.- 34.A.2.8. to 29. R.28.C.7.1 which is provided with flank defence but it was decided not to put out wire the trench R.28.C.4.9 was improved and firestepped.		B.G.31
	From "A.Q"	<u>Casualties.</u> From 8 p.m. 18th. to 8 a.m. 19th. there passed through BECOURT Dressing Stn. 12 Off. 368 O.R Reported but yet to come in 2nd.Bde 5 1st.Bde 7 Also an unknown but very small number from 3rd.& 4th.Bns. Only two cases went through North Chminey M.D.S. evidently "drifters" All arrangements this end worked well.		
11-50 a.m	To 1st.Inf.Bde	Contact patrol aeroplane saw flares at following points this morning R.33.A.8.1,B1½.1½.,B.3.2., B.5.4.,B.5.5.,B.8.5.,34.A.1.6½.,A.2½.9½., 28.C.7.½.		G.802



Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
12-10 p.m	To 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde 1st.ANZAC	A contact patrol will leave here almost immediately to make further reconnaissance of our front.		G.803
1-5 p.m	To 1stANZAC 48th.Div 15th.Div 7th.Sqd.R.F.C 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde. Div.Arty. Lahore Arty. ANZAC Hvy Arty.	Situation report aaa In continuation of written report handed to B.G.G.S this morning aaa Airmen who carried out contact patrol at 9-30 a.m have reported here aaa They obtained good identifications all along the line which confirm the written report referred to with exception of position of Right Bde which the airmen believe to have gained their objective as far south as tramline aaa From this point to MUNSTER ALLEY enemy trench is obliterated aaa Further contact patrol has just gone out with G.S.03 as observer aaa Addressed 1st.ANZAC repeated 48thDivn., 15th.Divn., 7th.Squadron R.F.C., 1st.2nd and 3rd.Inf.Bdes., Divn.Arty., Lahore Arty., ANZAC Heavy Arty.		G.804
1-10 p.m	To 1st.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde	Reference Divisional Order 49 para 3 right Bn of 1st.Bde will not be relieved at present aaa On relief one Bn will occupy TARA HILL Trenches remainder of Bde to BRICKFIELDS aaa Billets can be arranged in ALBERT for one battalion at full strength in RUE D'AVELUY aaa This is placed at your disposal aaa Addressed 1st.Bde repeated 3rd.Bde.		G.805
1-14 p.m	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Third Bn reports aaa The situation at present is quiet normal aaa My trenches are in a fair state and the men are resting this morning aaa With this rest they will be quite capable of any action required of them aaa I still hold post at R.28.C.9.3 without opposition aaa We have accounted for over 50 of the enemy during last night and this morning and have absolute superiority in sniping aaa Your instructions regarding the post above named will be carried out tonight aaa the 1st.Bn are also digging a protective flank trench on my right in advance (east) of the gun pits aaa First battalion reports aaa Deepening and improving communication trench aaa situation normal		



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2-6 p.m	From 1st.Bde	4th.Bn line extended at 8.1 to trench at 8.2. aaa bombing continues at strong point 5.5. which now contains 1 V.M.G. and 3 L.M.G's aaa sniping across valley from MOUQUET FARM southwards is brisk and our communication trenches do not afford cover aaa officer reports seeing Germans in front yesterday dressed in British uniform and steel helmets		B.G.40
	From 1st.Inf.Bde	The following reliefs are to take place today aaa the 10th.battalion will relieve the 3rd.battalion the 9th and 12th.battalions will relieve the 4th.battalion aaa The 11th.battalion will relieve the 2nd.battalion in WIRE TRENCH and will take over all carrying duties aaa The 3rd.Machine Gun Coy will relieve the 1st.Machine Gun Coy aaa The 3rd. A.L. T.M.Battery will relieve the 1st.A.L.T.M.Battery aaa 3rd.Brigade Headquarters will relieve 1st. Brigade Headquarters aaa The 1st.Battalion will remain in its present position and will come under the command of G.O.C.3rd.Inf.Bde aaa All details will be arranged between C.O's concerned and will be carried out by daylight if possible aaa 4th. Battalion, M.G.Coy, T.M.Battery to BRICKFIELDS 2nd. Battalion to TARA HILL aaa Completion of relief will be reported by all units to Bde.Hd.Qrs aaa on completion of these reliefs the G.O.C.,3rd. Inf.Bde will assume command of the forward area aaa ACKNOWLEDGE		AZA 152
4-42 p.m	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Have identified pieces of shells fired by our heavy artillery last night into and in rear of our <del>own</del> front line from R.28.C.85500 to R.28.C. 50.07 aaa It appears from bearings taken that these shells were fired from direction of SAUSAGE VALLEY.		Bm 41
5-12 p.m.	To 1st.Inf.Bde	Please state time <del>xxxx</del> at which these shells fell as nearly as possible also what sized shells they were and forward specimens to Divn.Hd.Qrs so that matter may be thoroughly thrashed out.		G.808

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Time	From or to	Precis of copy of Messages	Action Taken	Reference No.
4-0 p.m	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	Intelligence reports of 6th. and 7th. Bns now fix the junction of these two battalions at R.34.D.2.5. this will make our front line the line of the jumping off line (called) DOT LANE (by us) (by us) X.6.A.2.4. - R.35.D.4.2. - 25.C.9.5. C.48. enemy shelling quite normal		AZB 324

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
5-35 p.m	From 3rd. Inf. Bde	Bde. Hd. Qrs. now moved to X.15.C.4.5. aaa Relief commenced		B.M.11
	From Corps Cage	No Prisoners since 1700 yesterday aaa Addressed 1st. ANZAC repeated 1st. Aust. Divn.		
	From A.P.M.	Prisoners of war received into Corps previous 24 hours ending 1700 aaa Nil aaa State of Traffic Control previous 24 hours ending 1700 No congestion aaa Discipline in rear of line for previous 24 hours ending 1700 aaa Very good aaa Stragglers reported for previous 24 hours ending 1700 aaa Nil aaa Addressed "G" Branch repeated "Q" branch	A.P.	A.P.491
6-25 p.m.	To 1st. ANZAC 48th. Divn. 15th. Divn. 1st. Inf. Bde 2nd. Inf. Bde, 3rd. Inf. Bde Divn. Arty. Lahore Arty. ANZAC Heavy Art	Evening report aaa Situation unchanged except that a contact patrol at 2-30 p.m. indicates that elements of 7th. Bn are in their objective of last night 35.D.3½.5. to X.6.A.1.9.aaa These troops are out of touch but efforts are being made to clear up situation aaa Addressed 1st. ANZAC repeated all concerned.		G.808
6-30 p.m	To 2nd. Inf. Bde	Aeroplane reconnaissance indicates that our troops hold last nights objective the situation must be cleared up by means of patrols aaa Saps will be pushed forward from your starting trench of last night to this line aaa You will seize and establish a strong point at R.35.D.3.5.- 4.6.		G.809
7-5 p.m.	To 1st. Inf. Bde	Please send one or two officers or men to Divn. Hd. Qrs at 11 a.m. tomorrow who can given accurate information re shelling of your trenches yesterday and last night aaa Anyone who saw a DUD or identified a shell or noted a fuze setting or direction of shell should be sent.		G.810



Time	From or to	Precis or copy, of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
7-15 p.m.	To 1st. Inf. Bde	G.O.C., 144th. Bde has taken over on our left aaa		G.811
7-42 p.m.	To 2nd. Inf. Bde	Reference G.809 in addition to operations indicated you will arrange to organise a special bombing party and if the enemy prove to be in occupation of your last nights objective you will take action to clear the trench by a bombing operation aaa today's aeroplane photograph which is being sent you shows your sap dug to within about forty yards of last nights objective.		G.812
7-55 p.m.	To 3rd. Inf. Bde	You will take action tonight to ascertain if short trench at 28.C.8½.3 is held by us aaa Action should be taken to seize this and the short trench at about 28.C.6.3. to 4.3. aaa Patrols should be pushed out with the object of seizing points 28.C.2.2 and 0.1 and 27.D.9.1 and 33.B.4.8 aaa Parties should be held ready to push up after the patrols to consolidate any points at which the patrols may be able to establish themselves aaa Acknowledge		G.813
8-30 p.m.	From 1st. Inf. Bde	Enemy M.G. located last night at R.28.C.0.1 aaa M.G. suspected at R.28.D.7½.6 at foot of tree firing S.S.W. aaa 77 cm field guns suspected at R.28.B.2.9½ firing south by west and from western side of N of COURCELETTE firing S.W.	To Divn. Arty and Lahore Arty see G.814. 9-5 p.m	B.I.45
9-3 p.m.	From 1st. Inf. Bde	Artillery shooting short aaa Major WOODFORDE 1st Bn now in line reports that at 0600 six 18 pdr. shells fired together from SAUSAGE VALLEY direction fell at R.34.B.3.1½ five of them failed to explode.	To Lahore Arty see G.815 9-35 p.m.	AZA 27
9-5 p.m.	To Divn. Arty Lahore Arty	Following received from 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde begins aaa Enemy M.G. located last night at R.28.C.0.1 aaa M.G. suspected at R.28.D.7½.6 at foot of tree firing S.S.W. aaa 77 cm field guns suspected at R.28.B.2.9½ firing south by west and from western side of N of COURCELETTE firing S.W.		G.814

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of messages	Action taken	Reference No.
9-35 p.m	To Lahore Arty	Following received from 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde timed 9 p.m. begins aaa Artillery shooting short aaa Major WOODFORDE 1st.Bn now in line reports that at 0600 six 18 pdr.shells fired together from SAUSAGE VALLEY direction fell at R.34.B.3.1½ five of them failed to explode aaa ends aaa I have arranged with Bde.Hd.Qrs that if you send an officer tomorrow morning they will pass him on to Bn.Hd.Qrs who will guide him to the spot.		G.815
9-35 p.m	To G.O.C., 3rd.Inf.Bde	Herewith copy of MOUQUET FARM sheet with extra contours taken from German map.		G.816
10-40 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC (Intelligence) 48th.Dimp.	Observer in LEIPZIG SALIENT reports German shells fell short today at 2 p.m. in front of Salient whereupon three white rockets were fired by enemy aaa same observer reports party of 12 of enemy seen moving along trench from R.33.B.2.8 towards 33.A.central.		G.817
10-44 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	G.O.C., has taken over command of forward Bde area		B.M.18
11-10 p.m.	To 2nd.Inf.Bde	Confirming telephone communication Divisional Commander directs that the bombing attack should take place as already ordered		G.819

NOTE:- Acknowledgements of messages and orders have been omitted from this list.

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Operations towards MOUQUET FARM & MARTINPUICH respectively.

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SUMMARY OF MESSAGES.

Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
00.37.a.m	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	Report from 7th. Bn begine O/C A Coy. reports that patrol in vicinity of sap has been fired on from trench opposite aaa I have no hesitation as pointed out to G.O.C. 2nd.Inf.Bde and Capt.CASEY today in stating that there are not any of my men in German objective trench nor have there been any except <sup>any but</sup> wounded and prisoners aaa I am now making arrangements for attack as ordered another patrol being sent out report ends aaa		AZB 333
1-20 a.m	From 2nd.Inf.Bde (Phone)	Have arranged 20 bombers 5th.Bn with 10 of 7th. Bn which is all I can spare. Remainder my bombers blown out by strong point on BAPAUME ROAD. A party of 30 (B.Coy 7th.BN) under Lieut. THURBRICK who dug the sap will complete the assaulting party. 5th.Bn. have asked for a company to be in close support to go in if attack succeeds. Organisation being carried out in SUNKEN ROAD to be completed by 2-30 a.m. Enemy still smashing front line much sniping from craters in front		
1-40 a.m	To 1st.ANZAC	It has been finally established by patrols that we do not hold any part of last nights objective of 2nd. Bde <sup>and has pushed along old trench</sup> aaa 2nd. Bde is in its jumping off trench <del>35.C.9.6</del> towards 35.D.3.7 for 170 yards and saps are being pushed forward at other <del>points</del> points aaa Jumping off trench is being heavily shelled and our strong point on BAPAUME ROAD has been destroyed aaa Bombing party standing by but I do not consider that it can succeed without further artillery preparation aaa Request authority to defer this operation until tomorrow.		

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2-15 a.m.	From 2nd. Inf. Bde <i>phones</i>	B.M. states that patrol went out from 7th. Bn and met listening post in front. Patrol avoided this and one man went on to main German trench and found it full of Germans giving him the impression that relief was taking place. He noticed grey uniforms and golden eagle on pickelhaube. He saw visiting patrol move along to other listening posts.	"Ga" phoned Div Arty & arranged for fire to be brought to bear on this trench. Phoned 2nd. Bde & arranged for them to withdraw all posts preparatory to artillery fire. Again phoned Divn. Arty. & arranged artillery fire to be south of BAPAUME Rd only.	
5-40 a.m.	From 3rd. Inf. Bde	Relief successfully completed by 0330 a.m. Locations of units a.m. Front line 1st. Bn. R.34 B.6.0. to R.28.C.9.0 a.m. 10th. Bn two companies R.28.C.9.0. to R.34.A.2.8. two companies Bn reserve Hd. Qrs. R.34.B.1.7.1/2 a.m. 12th. Bn two companies R.34.A.2.8. to R.33.B.5.5. two companies Bn reserves Hd. Qrs. R.34.C.0.5. a.m. 9th. Bn. two companies R.33.B.5.5. to R.33.A.8.1. and for 150 yards S.W. of that point two companies Bn. reserves. Hd. Qrs at X.4.A.3.9. a.m. 11th. Bn Bde. Reserve in Squares X.14.A and B. 3rd. M.G. Coy. 8 guns in positions for indirect fire remainder Bde. Reserve in X.16.A.5.2. a.m. 3 L.T.M.B. two mortars R.34.A.6.5. remainder Bde. Reserve at X.16.A.5.2. a.m. Bde Hd. Qrs at X.15.C.4.5. a.m. Some bombing in front line and enemy active otherwise situation is reported as being normal.		B.M.26
5-43 a.m.	From 3rd. Inf. Bde	Situation a.m. Enemy active some bombing in front line a.m. Wind slight south-west a.m. Addressed 1st. Aust Divn. repeated 144th. Brigade 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.		B.M.27

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Time	From or to	Precise or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
6 a.m	From 15th.Divn	Right Bde report our front and support lines shelled by enemy throughout the night doing slight damage and not seriously interfering with work aaa Left Bde report certain artillery activity on both sides aaa <u>Patrol went out from MUNSTER ALLEY and report no sign of enemy can be seen 400 yards from our front line</u> aaa Patrol from west end of CAMERON TRENCH reported 200 yds from our front line and met no enemy aaa It reports that enemys lights were going up from outskirts of MARTINPUICH aaa Patrol from East end of CAMERON TRENCH reports enemy line located about 600 yards from our front trench about outskirts of MARTINPUICH aaa Addressed 3rd.Corps repeated 1st. and 1st. Aust. Divisions and Res. Bde	See G.824	G.226
6 a.m	To 1st.ANZAC	Situation unchanged aaa Patrol reports trench from X.6.A.1.9. to R.35.D.3½.5 strongly held by enemy and considerable movement seen aaa Relief suspected and shelled by us early this morning aaa Our front line south of BAPAUME Road fairly heavily shelled throughout the night aaa Relief of 1st.Inf.Bde by 3rd. <sup>on left Bde sector</sup> Inf.Bde completed aaa Bombing activity reported from various parts of our line aaa Addressed 1st.ANZAC repeated 15th. and 48th.Divns., 1st., 2nd., and 3rd.Inf.Bdes., C.R.A., Lahore Arty., Pioneer Bn.		G.822
6-30 a.m	From 2nd.F.A.Bde	Party of Germans seen massing at X.6.A.3.8. dispersed Infantry reports observation of this point from front line and say our fire was very effective <sup>aaa</sup> All batteries now on barrage lines aaa		F.B.A.137
6-45 a.m	Phone from Divn.Arty.	B.M.reports that at 3-10 this morning we carried out shoot with 18 pdrs on trench from X.6.A.1.9 to X.35.D.3½.5 aaa Later this morning movement is still reported by F.O.O. in southern end of this trench and fire was again brought to bear		

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
7-45 a.m	To 2nd.Inf.Bde. Divn.Arty	Left Bde of Division on right report patrol went out from MUNSTER ALLEY last night and report no sign of enemy can be seen 400 yards from our front line aaa Also report enemy lights were going up from outskirts of MARTINPUICH aaa They consider enemy line located 600 yards from their trench in X.6.a about the outskirts of MARTIN-PUICH		G. 824
	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	Situation report line held by Brigade is shown on enclosed tracing from the right flank to R.35.C.4.8. and line thence follows O.G.2 to R.34.D.6.9. aaa Enemy action after fight consisted of normal shelling gradually dying away at times aaa Between 11 p.m and 2 a.m front line heavily shelled aaa Casualties not yet ascertained but estimated heavy aaa Situation remained normal on left Battalion front through night aaa Owing to severe casualties to bombers and heavy shelling which continued on centre and right Battalion fronts carrying out of bombing enterprise successfully was impracticable aaa Our patrol which went out from centre battalion struck German listening post and two morning patrols aaa N.C.O in charge thought relief was being carried out in German lines aaa Enemy reported digging in rear of R.35.D.5.3. behind his own trenches aaa Strong points were constructed at R. 35.D.1½.4 and R.35.D.3.2. aaa When shelling became normal again at about 0400 sapping forward towards enemy's trenches previously ordered was continued aaa Situation now normal aaa		AZB 337
	From Pioneer Bn	Report on work ending 0600 20th. Repeated endeavours were made to connect forward work done night 18/19th. through O.G's 1 & 2 to trenches West of O.G.1 aaa With exception of SYDNEY ST. enemy artillery fire demolished trenches faster than they could be maintained aaa Trench from O.G.1 to MUNSTER ALLEY and portion of MUNSTER ALLEY obliterated further effort now being made aaa		



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	From Pioneer Bn (continued)	FIRST AVENUE joined up to KAY TRENCH and partly occupied by 1st. Inf. Bde aaa CENTRE WAY continued TRAMWAY TRENCH improved.	By despatch timed 8 a.m	PYA 306																																													
	From "Q"	<p>Casualties to 0900 20th.</p> <table> <tr> <th></th><th>Major.</th><th>Capt.</th><th>Lieuts.</th><th>O. R.</th></tr> <tr> <td>1st. Inf. Bde</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>14</td><td>464</td></tr> <tr> <td>2nd. " "</td><td>1</td><td>5</td><td>22</td><td>817</td></tr> <tr> <td>3rd. " "</td><td colspan="4">None reported</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pioneer Bn</td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>67</td></tr> <tr> <td>Divn. Engrs</td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lahore Arty</td><td></td><td></td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr> <td>4th. Div. T.M.B</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>2</td><td>8</td><td>40</td><td>1376</td></tr> </table>		Major.	Capt.	Lieuts.	O. R.	1st. Inf. Bde	1	3	14	464	2nd. " "	1	5	22	817	3rd. " "	None reported				Pioneer Bn			1	67	Divn. Engrs			1	24	Lahore Arty			2	2	4th. Div. T.M.B				2	Total	2	8	40	1376		
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9-30 a.m	From 3rd. Inf. Bde (Phone)	Patrol from right Bn failed to locate short trench R.28.C.8½.3½ running west aaa Short trench R.28.C.7.4.-3.3½. found to be strongly held by enemy aaa Patrol towards 28.C.0.1 was heavily bombed and fired on and was driven back aaa Patrol towards 34.A.0.9 met heavy fire and was bombed and driven back aaa Patrol from point 33.B.5.5. towards 4.8. met strong opposition very soon after leaving strong point and was unable to penetrate as far as 5.6½ aaa Trench between R.33.B.5.6½ and R.27.D.9.1 believed to be strongly held by enemy aaa No report from left Bn																																															
9-57 a.m	From 3rd. Inf. Bde	Patrols report no trench to be found near 28.C 6.3 to 28.C.4.3 but enemy occupying trench from 28.C.6.6 to 28.C.2.4 aaa as O.C. Bn considered trench there was to be seized and as no trench was found patrol returned aaa 12th. Bn two patrols report enemy established about 34.A.0.9 to 28.C.0.1 and also at 33.B.4.8. and in trench 27.D.9.1 to 33.B.4.6. aaa These patrols were heavily bombed and fired at by M.G. fire aaa both patrols tried twice to reach objective but failed aaa left Bn patrols report enemy holding line 33.B.4.5 to 33.B.2.7. to 33.A.5.4. also																																															

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From 3rd.Inf.Bde  
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that enemy groups of bombers were distributed between above trenches and our front line in shell craters aaa these prevented our patrols penetrating to 34.B.2.7. or 33.A.5.4.

From Pioneer Bn

Our own 18 pounder shells falling in 8th.Street 4th.Avenue and Picantin Trench aaa Reported by 2 working parties. Map ref X.3.B.2.0.

See our G.824  
and 825

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11-39 a.m

From 3rd.Inf.Bde

Location of Hd.Qrs of units as under 9th. R.34. C.2½.0 10th. R.34.A.9.1. 12th. X.4.A.5.8½. 1st. R.34.D.4.6. M.G.Coy.X.16.A.5.2. T.M.B.X.16.A.5.2 11th.X.14.D.2.9 aaa 4 Stokes guns are now in position and 8 machine guns.

BM 30

12 noon

To 1st.ANZAC  
3rd.Inf.Bde

Confirming telephone conversation with your SORA at 11-50 a.m. aaa Following from 1st. Pioneer Bn timed 11-20 a.m. begins our own 18 pounder shells falling in 8th.Street 4th.Avenue and PICANTIN trench aaa Reported from 2 working parties Map reference X.3.B.2.0. ends Lahore Arty and Divn Arty say they are not shooting anywhere near this aaa suggest may be from 2nd Corps aaa will you please enquire aaa Adressed 1st.ANZAC repeated 3rd.Inf.Bde.

G.824

From "Q"

Casualties to 1200 20th.8-1916.

	Major.	Capt.	Lieuts.	O.	R.
1st.Inf.Bde	1	3	14		464
2nd.Inf.Bde	1	5	26		388
3rd.Inf.Bde			2		65
Div.Arty		1			3
Div.Engrs			1		28
Pioneer Bn			1		72
Attached			2		4
Total	2	9	46		1524

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
12-5 p.m	To Pioneer Bn	Neither own Arty Lahore Arty nor 2nd. Corps Arty were firing within 1000 yards of the places named at 11-20 a.m. If possible secure shell and send in man who saw it fall.		G.825
12-10 p.m 1	To 3rd. Inf. Bde	Reference my G.824 ANZAC says 2nd. Corps not firing within 2000 yards of places named at 11-20 a.m. a.s. 1st. Pioneer Bn informed.		G.826
	From Pioneer Bn	Attached are reports from officers in charge of working parties a.s. 11-20 a.m. was the time message arrived here "At 1000 one of our 18 pdr shells landed just over PICANTIN Tr about 40 yds. North of entrance Map refce. approx X.3.B.2.0" "I beg to report carrying on the widening of 8th. Street and deepening of same, also general repairs. Our 18 pdr. shells falling just over parapet of 8th. Street and 4th. Avenue."		PYA 309
1-55 p.m	To 2nd. Inf. Bde	Until relieved you will continue to improve and consolidate your present position a.s. Sap heads will be pushed forward towards the enemy a.s. The trench offensive of the 6th. Bn at about 35.D.2.6 will be continued and the enemy trench seized as far as to the east as possible a.s. No further offensive against the enemy main line will be made by you but contact must be maintained by patrols a.s. Acknowledge.		G.827
1-55 p.m	From 2nd. Inf. Bde	Situation report Normal no change in position a.s. Patrols report after dawn enemy opposite section between BAPAUME Road and Tramway were seen scuttling away in small parties; evidently our artillery and snipers had interfered with their relief delaying its completion On right of our line at MUNSTER ALLEY enemy brought a trench mortar into action a.s. Sapping carried out but hampered a good deal; lengths run out will be forwarded later a.s. The sketch forwarded this morning has been verified both by ground measurements bearings and aeroplane photos.		

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Time	From or to	Precis of copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
2-15 p.m	From 1st.ANZAC	In confirmation telephone conversation Corps Commander leaves matter in General WALKER'S hands to do as he thinks best under the circumstances.	Reference objective of attack on 21st.	G.525
2-25 p.m	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	It is suggested that the newly formed jumping off trench running irregularly from X.6.A.2.4 to R.35.C.4.8. be called DOT TRENCH		AZB 898
2-45 p.m	To 1st.Inf.Bde	Heavy Art will shoot today at trench R.28.C.2½.2½ to 5½.3 shown on air photo No.238 also at points 28.C.0.1 and 27.D.9.1 from the latter 150 yards along trenches running S.E. and S.W.aaa Later on they will fire 5 minutes rapid fire along trench R.28.C.9.5.-6.6.- 3.6.- 0.3.- R.27.D.4.2.- aaa Infantry will be warned at once.		G.829
2-52 p.m	From 1st.ANZAC	On enquiry at certain field Batteries of your Division the Corps Commander found that in each battery times were different and none of them correct.	Passed to Divn.Arty and Lahore Arty	G.549
3-10 p.m	To 1st.Inf.Bde 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde. Divn.Arty. Lahore Arty.	Forecast wind west 10 m.p.h. but light at night aaa Cloudy with brighter intervals and perhaps a shower or two aaa Misty morning but good visibility in the day aaa Temperature 65 to 70 in the day 50 in night aaa Afternoon cloud how eight becoming three.		G.830
3-20 p.m	To Divn.Arty Lahore Arty	Following received from 2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde aaa begins aaa at 1445 party of enemy about 100 extended seen moving in direction of THIEPVAL along ridge apparently on road near a number of telegraph posts in 28.B.aaa We are notifying 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde.aaa ends aaa Addressed Divn. Arty Lahore Arty.		G.831
4-20 p.m	From 1st.Inf.Bde	Please repeat your message to 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde	See G.834	AZA 150
4-4 p.m	From Observer LEIPZIG Salient	No German movement MOUQUET FARM aaa everything quiet	Repeated to 1st.ANZAC and 3rd.Inf.Bde. G.832	

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
4-7 p.m	From ANZAC H.A. (Phone)	A plane has just gone up to range them onto R.27.D.9.1 and 100 yards down trench S.E. and 150 yards down trench S.W.	Capt, HENWOOD 3rd.Bde., warned by phone by Capt. CASEY. 4-8 p.m	
4-10 p.m	To 10th.Bn. 3rd.Inf.Bde	In accordance with suggestion G.O.C. 1st.Inf. Bde officer of Heavy Arty has been detailed to take up a forward position between 28.C.8.0 and 34.A.2½.9 during shoots of Heavy Arty aaa A copy of this message has been handed to the officer 2/Lt.PREDDY to hand to O.C. 10th.Bn aaa Lt.PREDDY leaves Div.Hd.Qrs at 4-15 p.m		G.833
4-10 p.m	From 3rd. Inf.Bde	1st.Bn.report operations to 8 a.m today as under aaa Sap from R.34.D.8.7 T headed at 8.9½. and following saps continued making saps as under aaa From R.34.D.7.7 to R.34.B.7.0 aaa R.34.D.6.0 to R.34.B.5.½ aaa R.34.B.4½ to R.34.B.5.2½ aaa R.34.B.2.½ to R.34.B.4.4. aaa Sap from R.34.A.9½.7 to R.34.B.2.8 thence to R.28.D.2.½ deepened throughout aaa at 2315 ground between R.34.B.6.4. and R.34.B.9.4. and to firing line patrolled finding no trace enemy trenches although few enemy snipers in shell holes aaa at 1445 about 100 enemy observed moving in extended order in direction THIEPVAL along ridge apparently on road near telegraph poles in R.28.B.aaa Artillery immediately notified but no further movement yet reported <sup>situation report as</sup> previously reported aaa condition normal.		
4-23 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC 3rd.Inf.Bde	Observer at LEIPZIG SALIENT reports at 4 p.m. begins aaa no German movement MOUQUET FARM aaa everything quiet ends aaa Addressed 1st. ANZAC and 3rd.Inf.Bde		G.832

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
4-25 p.m	To 3rd.Inf.Bde	Heavy Arty will shoot today at trench R.28.C.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3 shown on air photo No.238 also at points 28.C.0.1 and 27.D.9.1 from the latter 150 yards along trench running S.E. and S.W aaa Later on they will fire 5 minutes rapid fire along trench R.28.C.9.5.- 6.6.- 3.6.- 0.3.- R.27.D.4.2. aaa Infantry will be warned at once aaa acknowledge		G.834
4-50 p.m	To Divn.Arty Lahore Arty	Following from 1st.ANZAC begins aaa On enquiry at certain Field Batteries of your Division the Corps Commander found that in each battery times were different and none of them correct aaa ends aaa Please take necessary action at once Addressed Divn.Arty Lahore Arty		G.836
4-50 p.m	From <del>Reserve Army</del> 1st.ANZAC	Following from Reserve Army timed 3-20 p.m. begins at least a battalion with transport seen proceeding from GREVILLERS to IRLS at 2-40 p.m. today ends aaa Addressed 3 Divns,B.G.H?A,G.O.C.R.A		G.533
5-0 p.m	From Arty. 1st.ANZAC	There will be three special bombardments on the evening of the 20th. and morning of 21st. as follows Zero times being 7-30 p.m. 10 p.m. and 5-30 a.m. aaa Two minutes before zero to zero hour heavy and medium howitzers fire on the line 9.5 to 3.6 + 0.3.- 7.3 - 4.2 - 3.1.-2.9.- stopping at zero hour aaa From zero hour to 0.2 min 4.5 Howitzers R.28.D.4.8 to R.28.C.9.5. R.27.D.1.2 to R.33.B.2.7. to R.33.A.7.7. stopping at 0.2 hour aaa Zero hour 18 pdrs open fire on the line R.28.C.9.5. along the new trench to 2.2. to 0.1 to 9.1 and from 9.1 along the new trench to R.33.B. 5.0.-6.5. to R.33.A.7.3. lifting at two minutes to the line 9.5.-3.6.-0.3.-7.3. direct to 5.9. to R.33.A.7.3.aaa Remain on this line until 5 min and then cease fire aaa All guns and howitzers quickest rate possible aaa Reports to be sent in before 9 a.m on 21st.stating <del>whether</del> enemy's action bombardments and barrages were satisfactory and effective aaa watches should be synchronised		

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
	From Artillery 1st.ANZAC (contd)	from signals at headquarters half an hour before each bombardment aaa Addressed 1st.ANZAC Heavy art and Lahore Divn.Arty Repeated 1st.Aust.Divn. aaa acknowledge		
5-15 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC 48th.Divn. 15th.Divn. 1st.Inf.Bde. 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde. Divn.Arty. Lahore Arty ANZAC Hvy Arty	Evening report aaa Right Bde report shortly after dawn enemy seen by our patrols moving back in small parties between BAPAUME Road and tramlines aaa Our new trench X.6.A.1.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .-R.35.D.1.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .- R.35.C.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8. appears to be unknown to enemy and in places commands good view COURCELETTE and of BAPAUME Road where it crosses the ridge aaa Much work done in strengthening position aaa Left Bde reports no trench from 28.C.6.3 to 28.C.4.3. but enemy occupying trench from 28.c.6.6 to 2.4 and is established about 34.A.0.9 to 28 .C.0.1 and also at 33.B.4.8. in trench 27.D.9.1 to 33.B.4.6. also line 33.B.4.5. to 2.7. to 33.A.5.4. with groups of bombers between above trenches and our front line aaa our patrols were heavily bombed and fired at at by M.G. in gaining this information aaa Ground between R.34.B.6.4 and 9.4 and our front line patrolled last night aaa No enemy trenches found but a few Germans in shell holes aaa At 2-45 p.m. 100 enemy observed moving in extended order in direction of THIEPVAL along ridge in R.28.B. and artillery informed aaa Much work done on saps front line and communications addressed 1st.ANZAC repeated all concerned.		G.838
	From 2nd.Inf.Bde	Situation normal Intelligence reports tend to show that the enemy is either unaware of or ignoring our new line except in one place R.35.D.2.3. where a S.P. was being constructed aaa at R.35.D.1.4 a S.P.has been constructed and has so far survived but R.35.D.2.3. has now been bombarded three times and wiped out as a work aaa The section of DOT TRENCH from BAPAUME ROAD to the left is a good trench and has visual command down to COURCELETTE aaa		

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
	From 2nd. Inf. Bde. (contd)	<p>From this point both at daybreak this morning and dusk last night a small party was observed to come from BAPAUME ROAD out into open and apparently occupy the trench R.35.D.4.7 to 5.6. to 7.5. this party this morning carried packs Our snipers will be in shell holes this evening Our communication trenches are now in fair order but take a lot of work to keep so aaa The Engineers report that DOT TRENCH is really good in fact the best trench in the sector narrow but clear the communication trenches from DOT TRENCH to O.G.1 are in some places 7' deep and throughout 5' deep Trenches O.G.1 and 2 are merely systems of posts with communication nearly always overland and it is essential that R.35.C.5.2 to R.35.C.2.6 be used as a communication trench as it gives the impression to the enemy that we are still holding it as our furthest forward line. Phone wires have held well aaa Enemy shelling has gradually decreased but if our artillery is opened at all he replies immediately; today a M.G. was troubling us from about R.35.D.3.5 and our artillery operated around that point; the enemy barrage was immediately heavier aaa Morning patrols report that enemy is digging by night in rear of trenches R.36.C.00 to R.35.D.3.5 twice reported aaa An enemy M.G. operates down SUNKEN ROAD with indirect fire the part most affected is the road between CHALK PIT and BAILIFF WOOD aaa Saps were dug forward last night approx every 80 yards of front; details not yet to hand aaa Proposed operations tonight, Internal relief, sapping forward, patrolling and bombing (small enterprises) on left at about R.35.D.1.6 which point we hold but presume as enemy have only operated against it by night that he does only the same but covers it by day with M.G. fire from N.W. The ground around about this position is to be thoroughly patrolled and something more definite is hoped for. Our position of the trench i.e R.35.C.9.5 to D.1.6 was in bad condition when acquired by us. In conclusion it is repeated that all work has to be done as quietly and unobtrusively as possible on all the DOT TRENCH line as</p>		<p>8.17.1</p> <p>Appendix No. 7</p> <p>174</p>



Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
	From 2nd. Inf. Bde. (contd)	Otherwise it will draw the fire of artillery and be made as unrecognisable as a trench as O.G.1 and 2. Sketches of trenches forwarded this morning needs revision as follows:- S.P. to be shown at R.35.D.2½.3 and 1.4 though the former has been battered and may have to be abandoned as a S.P. aaa Communication trench in good order 7' deep and narrow from O.G 2 at R.35.C.5.2. through 7.4. to 8½.5½. leading into DOT TRENCH and at this point DOT TRENCH runs <del>into</del> southerly to C.8.5. thence northerly and westerly on a curve to road at C.6½.7 thence westerly to O.G.2 at R.35.C.4.7½. This DOT TRENCH correction is made to reconcile it with yesterdays aeroplane photos aaa Situation again <del>xxxxxx</del> reported quiet.		AZB 343
6-15 p.m	From ANZAC H.A	B.M. ANZAC H.A., phones to say that they are having a rehearsal of their big shoot on the following line 28.C.9.5 along continuous line of trenches 27-D.4.2. shoots will be at 7-30 p.m. and 10 p.m tonight 5-30 a.m tomorrow morning and will be for 2 minutes each - rapid.		
6-35 p.m	To 2nd. Inf. Bde. 3rd. Inf. Bde	There will be three special bombardments on evening 20th. and morning 21st. as follows Zero times being 7-30 p.m 10 p.m and 5-30 a.m aaa Two minutes before zero to zero heavy and medium howitzer fire on the line 95-36-03-73-42-31-29 stopping at zero aaa From zero to two minutes past zero 4.5 hows on R.28.D.4.8 to R.28.C.9.5 R.27.D.1.2 to R.33.B.2.7 to R.33.A.7.7 aaa at zero 18 pdrs open on line R.28.C.9.5 along new trench to 22 to 01 to 91 and from 91 along new trench to R.33.B.5.6½ to R.33.A.7.3 lifting at two minutes to the line 95-36-03-73-direct to 59- to 33.A.7.3 and remain on this line 5 minutes aaa all guns and hows quickest rate aaa Addressed 2nd. and 3rd. Inf. Brigades.		

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From  
3rd.Brigrade

Captive balloon seen to land apparently in enemy's lines beyond THIEPVAL AAA Appeared to come from beyond ALBERT and fell in position 22 from X.15.a.9.1.AAA Enemy shelling to-day comparatively quiet over whole area AAA One enemy balloon appeared for short interval at 1200 and at 1600 on Magnetic bearing of 45° from X.15.a.9.1. AAA Indirect M.G.fire on trenches and roads in R.32. R.26 R 27 and R.28 during day.

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From 2nd.Brigrade

Message from Left Brigade 15th.Divn. to 2nd.Aust.Inf.Brigrade "first Divn. have entered SWITCH LINE in M.33.d. and have found it unoccupied. They have established post at North West corner HIGH WOOD and cannot see any Germans in North corner HIGH WOOD. Accordingly have posted a line of outposts on Southern Crest of ridge through S.2.d. S.3.a & b. Right Bde. 15th.Division ordered to investigate SWITCH LINE in S.2.a. & c East of Railway. We propose sending patrols in direction MARTINPUICH and suggest you investigate redoubt in X.6.a "

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
7.15 p.m.	From 3rd.Brigade	Re 18 pndr. barrage wire just received from 12th.Battalion states a block has been formed by us at point R.33.b.4.8. AAA Please amend barrage accordingly AAA Liaison Officer 11th.Brigade R.F.A informed AAA Acknowledge		B.G. 53
8.15 p.m.	From B.F.O.O. 5th.A.F.A.Bde.	Inf. line now runs from R.28.c.9.3. $\frac{1}{2}$ to R.34.b.7.0. a new trench is also made from R.34.b.2.8. to R.28.d.2. $\frac{1}{2}$ Bde. may request that barrage be lifted accordingly	8.p.m.rang Anzac H.A. Repeated wire handed me by Lahore R.A. He explained it by fact that heavy salvos were fired at line and could not be 200 yds. short but Field Gun barrage was actually behind 48 and so must have caught the inf.	
8.35 p.m.	From R.A.	Reported by 84th.Battery AAA Our line being heavily shelled AAA	Rang H.A. 8.40 p.m. who said they would do counter battery work	O.X.O.9
8.50 p.m.	To Anzac	12th.Battn. reports block has been established at 33 b.4.8. please arrange for artillery bombardment to avoid this post.		G.844
8.55 p.m.	To 2nd.Brigade 3rd.Brigade, & Pioneer Battn.	The Lewis Guns of 1st.Pioneer Bn. are placed at disposal of 3rd.Inf.Bde. from noon 21st. AAA Addressed 3rd. Inf.Bde. 2nd.Inf.Bde. and Pioneer Bn. AAA Acknowledge.		G.845

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TIME	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
8-56 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	12th.Bn.sent patrol along German trench from R.34.a.7.1 towards R.27.d.9.1 and found same occupied aaa another patrol sent to R.33.b.4.8 and found no sign of enemy aaa Trench was blocked against enemy bombers aaa our artillery bombardment at 1930 drew a fairly severe reply from enemy on our front line and towards POZIERES with heavies and shrapnel which lasted about twenty minutes aaa during enemy retaliation one yellow star fell followed by two green then yellow and two green appeared after which enemy shelling was noticed to gradually subside.	Repeated to ANZAC	I.O.10
9-23 p.m	To 3rd.Inf.Bde	Have arranged the bombardment shall avoid vicinity of R.33.b.4.8.		G.847
9-23 p.m	To ANZAC	12th.Bn sent patrols along German trench from R.34.a.7.1 towards R.27.d.9.1 and found latter place held by enemy aaa our artillery bombardment at 1930 drew fairly severe reply from enemy on front of left Bde and towards POZIERES with heavy shell and shrapnel aaa this lasted about 20 minutes aaa One yellow star fell followed by two green then one yellow and two green appeared after this enemy shelling gradually subsided.		G.848
10.20.p.m	To 3rd.Inf.Bde.	Following additional instructions appears in Anzac Orders for operations, begins Machine Guns will be specially told off to fire on and barrage enemy avenues of approach aaa Please arrange accordingly where condition suitable.		G.851

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21st. AUGUST 1916.

S U M M A R Y   o f   M E S S A G E S

Operations towards MOUQUET FARM & MARTINPUICH respectively.



21st. August 1916

Operations towards MOUQUET FARM and MARTINPUICH respectively

SUMMARY OF MESSAGES.

Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
	From Q	<u>Estimated Casualties.</u> 1st. Inf. Brigade 1 Major, 3 Cpts., 14 Subs. 464 O.R. 2nd. Inf. Brigade 1 Major, 5 Cpts., 31 Subs. 925 O.R. 3rd. Inf. Brigade 2 Cpts., 85 O.R. Div. Artillery 1 Capt. 6 O.R. Div. Engineers 1 Sub. 28 O.R. Pioneer Bttn. 1 Sub. 72 O.R. Attached 1 Major 2 Subs. 6 O.R. <u>3 Mjrs. 9 Cpts. 52 Subs.</u> <u>and 1586 O.R.</u>		
00.58 a.m.	From 3rd. Brigade	Normal situation reported by all Bns. in front line.		BM 38
4.20 a.m.	From 2nd. Brigade	Situation quiet till our artillery actions when enemy retaliated heavily on O.G. 1 and 2 and communication trenches half of the left Battalion relieved sapping and patrolling pushed forward vigorously in the quiet intervals. At 0030 advanced telephone station SUNKEN ROAD TRENCH reported gas shells were falling around AAA At 2245 enemy reported to be sending up green flares which burst forming two green lights; no apparent reply or action followed AAA		AZB 349
4.41 a.m.	From 3rd. Brigade	Situation report AAA Location of units unchanged AAA On left enemy has been shelling consistently on RATION TRENCH and north end of W		

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Time	To or From	Precis of copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
		<p>of WESTERN TRENCH doing considerable damage AAA Enemy reported attempting spasmodic attacks during night from neighbourhood of R 33 d.5.5. but everything satisfactory AAA On right heavy shelling between TRAM LINE TRENCH and O.G.1 causing slight damage. AAA Work on forward saps and communications proceeding satisfactorily AAA M.G. traversing fire throughout night on trenches in rear of MOUQUET and from R.27.c.7.7. to R.28.b.6.3.</p>		IO.15
5.04 a.m.	From 2nd Brigade	<p>Message from 8th. Battn. begins AAA Progress Report AAA Enemy banging with big guns searching for front line AAA Shots so far landing short practically on his own trenches bring forth a double red rocket and several double green rockets each time from his own line AAA If he continues to use very heavy guns after dawn when he can observe his fire it will be necessary to hold our line very thinly AAA Plane observation would doubtless make him very cautious of using these guns after daylight AAA Message ends.</p>	Repeated Anzac and H.A. Spoke H.A. asked for counter battery work.	AZB 350
5 a.m.	1st. Anzac, 15th. Divn. 48th. Divn., 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Brigades, Div. Art. Lahore Arty., 7th. Sqn. R.F.C.	<p>Right Brigade Report. AAA Situation quiet till our artillery action when enemy retaliated heavily on O.G.1 and 2 and communication trenches AAA Half of Left Bn. relieved AAA Sapping and patrolling pushed forward vigorously in the quiet intervals AAA At 0030 Advanced Telephone Station SUNKEN ROAD TRENCH reported Gas shells were falling around AAA At 10.45 p.m. Enemy were reported to be sending up green flares which burst forming two green lights AAA No apparent reply or action followed AAA Left Brigade Report AAA Location of units unchanged AAA</p>		

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
		On left enemy have been shelling consistently on RATION TRENCH and North end of WESTERN TRENCH doing considerable damage AAA Enemy reported attempting spasmodic attacks during night from neighbourhood of R 33.b.5.5. but everything satisfactory AAA On Right heavy shelling between TRAM LINE TRENCH and O.G.1 causing slight damage AAA Work on forward saps and communications proceeding satisfactorily AAA M.G. traversing fire throughout night on trenches in rear of MOUQUET and from R.27.c.7.7. to R.28.b.6.3.		G 855
6 a.m.	To Anzac and Anzac H.A.	Report Second Inf. Bde. / at 4.35 a.m. enemy ranging with big <del>gun</del> guns on our front line AAA So far shots falling short about his own front line AAA These shorts have drawn double red and several double green rockets from enemy front line AAA If he continues to use very heavy guns after dawn when he can observe his fire will be necessary to thin our line AAA Suggest Plane observation make him cautious of using these guns AAA Addressed Anzac and Anzac H.A.		G 857
6.10 a.m.	From 2nd. Inf. Brigade	Situation report AAA Enemy retaliated on our front and support lines to our severe bombardments during last twelve hours AAA No damage reported AAA Enemy reported about 0400 to be massing on our right front but no confirmation of this to hand yet AAA Heavies endeavour to register on our front line as per our AZB 350. gas shells fell in BECOURT and CONTALMAISON WOOD during night AAA Our front line same location as last report AAA Work of consolidating progressing satisfactorily AAA Situation now normal and almost quiet our left sector	Repeated to Anzac G 858	AZB 351

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No
6.30 a.m.	To Anzac	Following from Right Bde. Timed 5.55 a.m. AAA Enemy retaliated on our front and support lines to our severe bombardments during last 12 hours AAA No damage reported AAA Enemy reported about 4 a.m. to be massing on our right front but no confirmation of this yet to hand AAA Heavies endeavour to register on our front line AAA Gas shells fell in BECOURT and CONTALMAISON WOOD during night AAA Our front line same location as last report AAA Work of consolidating progressing satisfactorily AAA Situation now normal and almost quiet our left sector.		G. 858
7.25 a.m.	From 3rd.Brigrade	Arrangements had already been made and necessary instructions issued to carry this out.	In answer our 851.	BM 39
<del>7.43 a.m.</del>	<del>From 3rd.Brigrade</del>	<del>S.E. from R.33.b.2.7. and enemy posts located in shell holes at about 50 yards from enemy position.</del>		
7.43 a.m.	From 3rd.Brigrade	Patrol which went forward from R.34.a.1.7. in direction of R.27.d.9.1. found trench occupied by enemy at about 100 to 120 yds. from our line. Patrol which moved from R.33.b.5.5. reports that they were bombed by enemy when 40 yards from our lines. From point R.34.a.2.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ along old trench running parallel with SUNKEN ROAD patrol made a block 30 yds. from our line AAA The work of pushing forward and connecting up by our centre Bn. was interfered with by enemy retaliation of our bombardments AAA Left Bn.patrol reports enemy holding line running S.W. and S.E. from R.33.b.2.7. and enemy posts located in shell holes at about 50 yds. from enemy positions.		I.O. 16

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
8.35 a.m.	<sup>2nd 87</sup> To 3rd. Brigade	Carrying parties detailed in Divnl. Order 51 para 7 will report to 3rd. Brigade at 12 noon instead of 3 p.m. Addressed 2nd. Inf. Bde. repeated 3rd. Inf. Bde.		G 859
8.50 a.m.	<sup>2nd 4 3rd</sup> To 3rd. Inf. Bde.	Contact patrol aeroplane located bluish coloured flares at following points :- X.5.b.8.8. R.35. & 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ S E.34.b.8.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and R.29.c.5.0.AAA At latter point smoke did not last long and flare was presumably an enemy one although plane went low and thinks it is held by us AAA Observer reports enemy trenches not very full of troops and no movement seen in COURCELETTE or MARTINPUICH AAA Battn. Hdqrs. Sheet seen at R.34.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .		G 860
9.5 a.m.	From 3rd. Brigade	Information obtained by 10th. patrol shows enemy trench R.28.c.36 to 9.5 is lightly held also saps running S. from R.28.c.6.6. and 95 AAA Enemy working parties seen in sap at R.28.c.9.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ AAA Road from R.28.c.2.2. to 64 unoccupied AAA Hqrs. L.T.M.B. now at R.34.a.9.1.		J.O. 18
9.24 a.m.	From 2nd. Brigade	Reference your G.859 working party therein referred to has been detailed AAA I beg to point out that when these men leave my Reserve Battn. there will only be approximately 137 rifles in reserve of very tired men who only came out of the line at 1.30 a.m. this morning having been in since the 15th. inst. which has completely knocked them out AAA Should my Bde. still continue to hold the line at 12 noon		

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		I consider that it is not safe to deplete the reserve as proposed AAA Moreover the men are so tired that I would respectfully suggest that this working party be detailed from some other force especially in view of the Bde. having to march on 22nd. inst. AAA I wish the question of the <sup>depletion of</sup> reserve brought specially to the notice of the G.O.C. of the Division.	See G 865	
9.25 a.m.	To 1st. Anzac R.F.C.	About 6 enemy aeroplanes flying over area between ALBERT and our line 9.15 a.m. It is thought some bombs were dropped AAA Addressed 1st. Anzac Repeated 7th. Sqdrn.		G.861
9.26 a.m.	From 3rd. Brigade	Six enemy planes hovering over SAUSAGE VALLEY and vicinity. One bomb dropped at about X.20 central. No damage observed.		J.O.20
9.30 am	From 3rd. Brigade	Following received by phone from 3rd. Bde. at 9.30 am Patrol from Right Bn. failed to locate Short Trench R.28.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3 $\frac{1}{2}$ running west AAA Short Trench R.28.c.7.4. 3.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ found to be strongly held by enemy AAA Patrol towards 28.c.0.1. was heavily bombed and fired on and was driven back AAA Patrol towards 34.a.0.9. met heavy fire and was bombed and driven back AAA Patrol from point 33.b.5.5. towards 4.8. met strong opposition very soon after leaving strong point and was unable to penetrate as far as 5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ AAA Trench between R.33.b.5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and R.27.d.9.1 believed to be strongly held by enemy. No report from left Bn.		

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10.10 am	To 3rd.Brigade	Please see aeroplane photograph No.7AE 303 taken yesterday and forwarded to you this morning AAA See N.E. corner of photo AAA Trench appears to have been dug to join R.28.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 28.c.6.4.		G 862
10.30 am	2nd.Inf.Bde. 5th.Inf.Bde.	Confirming conversation with G.O.C. 5th. Brigade to-day relief of reserve Bn. 2nd.Bde. will be carried out before 6 pm AAA Relief of remaining Bns. will not be begun before 8 pm to-day AAA Acknowledge.		G 864
10.40 am	To 3rd.Brigade	Capt.Holland special Brigade R.E. has been detailed for smoke barrages and will report to you to explain the action approved by the Divisional Commander AAA He will arrive at Brigade Hdqtrs. at 11.30 a.m.		G 863
10.55 am	To 2nd.Brigade	Confirming telephone instructions of Div. Commander carrying parties mentioned in Div. Order No.51 para 7 will be placed at disposal of the G.O.C. 3rd.Brigade from noon to-day AAA Acknowledge..		G 865
11 am	From R.A. 1st.Anzac	A steady bombardment of the trench R.28.c.9.5. 36 93 73 42 12 and of MOUQUET FARM will be kept up during the whole day AAA This bombardment is to be continued to go on until six pm every endeavour being made to observe and correct fire AAA The following special bombardment will also be carried out arrangements being made if necessary to clear our trenches for the first one AAA One thirty to two thirty bombardment by heavy howitzers of points 91 01 and the new trench between 22 and 95 AAA Second bombardment 4.20 pm as in my W43 of yesterdays date AAA Number of rounds allotted for regular bombardment throughout the day 200 M 300 S 400 P and for special bombardments whatever is required AAA Acknowledge.	Passed to Bdes. G 867	W 44

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11.10 am	From 3rd.Brigrade	I suggest that a special party of two Officers and 50) others be detailed from 1st Pioneer Battn. in addition to those already detailed for new communication trenches for the purpose of repairing and keeping open CENTRE WAY which is receiving close attention from hostile guns AAA. I anticipate this main communication being breached by hostile fire tonight and tomorrow.	Action taken.	BG 56																																																
11.25 am	From 3rd.Brigrade	Reference patrol at X 29.c.5.0 no patrol went there from this unit.		J.O.24																																																
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12.27 pm	From 3rd.Brigrade	Shelling on front brigade on left AAA Operation order received 144th.Brigrade attacking at 1205 line points 31 79 91 20 OVILLERS, THIEPVAL map.		BM 42																																																

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12.45 pm	To 1st.Anzac 48th.Division 15th. " 1, 2 & 3rd.Aust Inf.Bdes. 5th. do Div.Arty. Lahore Arty.	Situation report AAA Right Bde. enemy shelled his own trenches last night and appears to do them considerable damage AAA Patrols report Germans are wearing our steel helmets AAA Situation 12.30 pm quiet on right Bde.front AAA Left Bde. reports patrol which went forward from R.34.a.1.7 towards 91 found trench occupied by enemy 100 to 120 yds. from our line. Patrol from 33B55 was bombed by enemy 40 yds.from our line AAA Our patrol made block 30 yds. from our line in old trench running from R.34.a.2.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ parallel to SUNKEN ROAD AAA Working centre Bn. was interrupted by enemy reply to our bombardment AAA Patrol of left Bn. reports enemy holding line S.W. and S.E.Nfrom R.33.b.2.7. AAA Enemy working party seen at R.28.c.9.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ AAA Six enemy aeroplanes were over lines and Divnl.H.Q. this morning. Two bombs were dropped one of which caused casualties in Div.Arty.Wagon lines AAA There was practically no enemy retaliation on our front to our bombardment at 5.30 am but enemy appeared to retaliate on direction LEIPZIG SALIENT. Addressed 1st.Anzac repeated all concerned.		G 869

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Time	To or From	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
1 pm	To 2 & 3rd.Aust Inf.Bdes. 7th.Sqdrn.R.F.C.	Correct 1st.Aust.Div.Order No.51 para 5 as follows AAA In line 2 read 21st. for 20th. AAA Addressed all concerned Acknowledge.		zzzzzz G 870
2.15 pm	2nd. & 3rd.Aust Inf Bdes. Div.Arty. Lahore Arty.	48th.Div. has seized the whole of its first objective X.2.a.2.9. and 79 also R.32.c.3.1. AAA Party of Germans are cut off between X.2.a.2.9. and 79 AAA 48th.Div. with 25th.Div. on its left is attacking on zzzz its left front at our zero hour.		G 872
2.45 pm	To 7th.Sqdrn.R.F.C. 1st.Anzac Div.Arty. Lahore Arty.	Reference 1st.Aust.Divn.Order No.51 smoke will be used on whichever flank is most suitable AAA Addressed 1st. Anzac, 48th.Div. 12th.Div., 7th.Sqdrn. R.F.C. Div.Arty. Lahore Arty.AAA 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde. informed.		
3.16 pm	From 2nd.Inf.Bde.	Supplementary or front line reports that enemy is searching for it with H.E. so far with little success AAA Just received this so evidently DOT TRENCH was spotted by enemy planes when over this morning will verify AAA Later Five Taubes now over DOT TRENCH. Repeated R.F.C. Anzac, H.A. Div.Arty. Lahore Arty. G 878		AZB 353
3.27 pm	To 7th.Sqdrn.R.F.C. 1st.Anzac, H.Arty. Div.Arty. Lahore Art.	2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde. reports 3.15 pm enemy is searching for our new trench X.5.b.9.5. to R.35.d.2.4. with H.E. and that 5 Taubes are now over their lines AAA Addressed 7th.Sqdrn.R.F.C. 1st.Anzac, H.A, Div.Art Lahore Arty.		G 878

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Time	To or from	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No
3.55 pm	To 2nd. & 3rd. Inf Bdes. Div. Arty. Lahore Arty.	4th. Army will attack GUILLEMONT at 4.30 pm to day.		G 879
4.45 pm	From 3rd. Brigade	Situation AAAA 1st. Bn. (right) report enemy artillery active about the area about R 34.d.3.7. AAA 12th. Bn. report received 1620 report that attack on R.33.b.5.5. was repulsed at about 1430 our casualties 2 O.R. AAA Left Bn. report RATION TRENCH which is unoccupied is being heavily shelled.		BM 50
5.15 pm	To 1st. Anzac 48th. Divn. 15th. Divn. 1st. 2nd. 3rd. Bdes. Div. Arty. Lahore Arty. Anzac H.A. 7th. Sqrdn. R.F.C.	Evening report. AAA Right Bde. reports now fairly quiet AAA Enemy H.A. has been registering front line of Right Bde. to-day with aeroplane observation 5 enemy planes were over this section at 3.15 pm AAA Left Bde. report heavy counter attack our post at R.33.b.5.5. at 2.30 pm but was repulsed our casualties being 2 O.R. AAA Enemy artillery firing on vicinity R.34.d.3.7. and on RATION TRENCH which is unoccupied AAA Enemy has shelled the roads between TARA HILL and ALBERT this afternoon. Addressed 1st. Anzac Repeated all concerned.		G 883

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Time	To or from	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No
5.15 pm	From 2nd.Brigade	<p>Situation report AAA 5th.Bn. re gas shells reported this morning following particulars are forwarded AAA Calibre about 4.2 painted blue with yellow bands, nose caps found were 1 HZ14, HZ14, HZ14 (4) HZ14(5) H.Z.14 AEG15 AEG15 GL16 GL15 J16 701 XRE 603 78 457 74 AAA 6th.Bn. DOT TRENCH between BAPAUME ROAD and O.G.1 at R.35.c.4_8 shelled with heavy H.E. for the first time this morning at about 11.00 AAA A patrol went out last night from this trench and found that enemy trench R.35.d.0.6. 246 for 80 yds from 06 is unoccupied but it is very knocked about AAA Another patrol went out 300 yds to bottom of valley and saw nothing of the enemy AAA At daybreak 4 parties of about 15 each came up to trench R.35.d.4.7. to R.35.d.5.5. 6.5. apparently working parties AAA This Bn has laid a phone to DOT TRENCH and liaison with artillery will enable us to shell them hereafter AAA Enemy planes were over our lines from 0600 to 0645 AAA 7th.Bn.Scout MALONEY reports German S.P. at R.35 D 3 1/4 5 1/4 as he sees them coming and going to it and he places it by 3 trees that run parallel to our right AAA Sniping very quiet now AAA This Bn. also reports that enemy were observed yesterday and this morning leaving their front line in groups of 6 or 7 running down BAPAUME ROAD and then jumping in trench at side of it, good sniping was obtained and some enemy accounted for.</p> <p>Horsemen can sometimes but not often be seen riding up to the enemy line AAA Situation now quiet.</p>	<p>Timed 3.55 pm but sent by despatch arrived about 5 pm See G 888</p>	<p>AZB 1037</p>

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5-50 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC intelligence	6 hostile aircraft made dash over our line this morning and dropped some bombs between ALBERT and our line aaa Again at 3-15 p.m this afternoon five enemy aeroplanes reported flying over our line in vicinity BAPAUME road aaa Our scout machines were in the air within ten minutes of arrival of hostile machines aaa Raid on R.33.B.5.5. during this afternoon easily repulsed aaa some shelling of our front line aaa supposed gas shells with following markings fell in CONTEALMAISON WOOD last night aaa HZ14 aaa G1 16 aaa Calibre about 4.2" painted blue with yellow bands aaa Enemy strong point located at R.35.D.3 $\frac{1}{4}$ .5 $\frac{1}{4}$		G.885
6 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC	Continuation my G.883 aaa Right Bde report strong point located at R.35.D.3 $\frac{1}{4}$ .5 $\frac{1}{4}$ aaa Enemy seen at dawn this morning approaching their line along BAPAUME ROAD aaa phone line now established to DOT TRENCH and artillery will operate on this approach in future aaa Reference situation maps forwarded daily aaa our line on right flank is as follows and not as there shown aaa X.6.A.1.5 to R.35.D.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 35.C.4.8.		G.887
6-20 p.m	To 2nd.Inf.Bde	Reference 6th.Bn patrols reports that enemy trench R.35.D.0.6 to 4.6. was unoccupied; take action to verify this by patrol tonight aaa All unoccupied trench will be seized and blocks established aaa Bombing party should be held ready to follow up aaa Please state for the information of Divisional Commander what action was taken to take advantage of opportunity discovered by the patrols of this battalion last night aaa acknowledge.		G.888
6-30 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde.	Reference questions by G.S.O.3 re flares aaa Bns have been instructed to use red or green aaa on enquiry one Bn states white are being used aaa Not aware that any blue flares have been used by this Brigade aaa Red and green are being sent up to Bns.		B.M.52

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
7-5 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Our brigade observers report bombardment started at 1800 aaa at 1815 enemy's shelling increased mainly high explosive on our front line and immediate saps aaa No shelling south of GIBRALTAR and only slight shelling on southern portion of POZIERES aa a red rocket was fired about 10 minutes after start bombardment aaa 1830 no enemy rifle or M.G. fire can be heard		I.O.27
7-30 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Liaison officer special Bde.R.E. reports from observation in vicinity that neither flank smoke barrages were put up owing to difficulty in getting up guns and ammunition this due to bad state of trenches and enemys barrage aaa n o report from Bns yet received.		B.M.54
7-55 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Gehl.MacLagan rings to say that enemy shelling on our front line very heavy and he asks for counter battery work aaa No further news of attack aaa. Rang up ANZAC H.A. who say counter battery work now going on vigorously but will ginger them up.		
8-12 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	10th.Bn.report their advance successful on left and centre aaa right being enfilade d and hung up at R.28.C.9.3. aaa enemy barrage very heavy on rear line O.G.1 and communication cut aaa 12th. Bn.report their objective reported secured and a good trench but this only got verbally from a messenger aaa counter battery work is required as hostile shelling of heavy guns is at present causing damage aaa no report from 11th.Bn.		B.G.59
8-20p.m	To ANZAC 48th.Divn. 15th.Divn.	Unconfirmed report that 12th.Bn on left has occupied its objective known as the loop trench which is stated to be a good trench aaa No report from 11th. Bnin centre aaa 10th.Bn.on right report advance successful on left and centre enfiladed and hung up at R.28.c.9.3. aaa Enemy barrages very heavy on rear line O.G.1 aaa All communications cut		G.892

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Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
8-23 p.m	To ANZAC 7th.Sqdn.R.F.C.	Contact aeroplane reports signalling panel seen at R.27.D.8½.1 at 8 p.m aaa no flares were lit aaa addressed ANZAC & 7th.Sqn R.F.C		G.893
8-26 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	9th.Bn reports his right coy. was attacked just before 1800 attack was repulsed aaa casualties moderate aaa He states that information from stragglers of 12th.Bn to effect that they have gained objective aaa He also reports intense hostile barrage on RATION and KAY Trenches aaa Report timed 1953		B.G.58
8-35 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC <i>1st and 45th Divs 2nd Austral Div 4th Div.</i>	Left Bn which holds line in vicinity QUARRY reports his right coy was counter attacked just before 6 p.m aaa the attack was repulsed aaa Report continues that information from men of 12th.Bn. which formed the left of the attack states that they have gained their objective aaa Hostile barrage on RATION & KAY trenches aaa Report timed 7-53 p.m		G.894
9 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC	Aeroplane observer reports that the signalling panel he observed was not at R.27.D.9.1 but about 50 yards S.West aaa He states that our men are along the road leading from that point to about 33.B.5.9 aaa They are also in the trench running from 34.A.1.7 as far as 27.D.9.0. aaa He could give no further information		G.895
9-6 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	12th.Bn.report timed 2015 states aaa Lt.NEWTON 12th. Bn who is wounded reports that the right of the Bn gained its objective <del>but</del> is not sure of location of trench now held by us aaa there was heavy M.G.fire but up to then few casualties aaa The garrisons of trench bolted aaa artillery fire of enemy heavy and two lewis guns out of action ends.		B.G.61

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9-3 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde.	10th.Bn.reports 125 casualties and increasing rapidly report timed 1830 aaa no further details received as to position of 10th.Bn front line aaa I have ordered them to make every effort to seize and hold point R.28.c.9.5. aaa engineer parties have been ordered up aaa pioneer Bn parties are being sent up first avenue to work on communication aaa 11th.Bn report is unsatisfactory they were held up by heavy shell on communication trench and very late arriving aaa I have ordered them to push on and <del>ordered them to push on and</del> take their objective at once.		B.G.61
9-15 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	12th.Bn report timed 2050 that Capt.LOVE wounded reports left has taken R.33.b.4.8. and 5.9. aaa Three prisoners of sixty ninth Prussian Guards taken aaa No confirmation of this aaa I am ordering O.C.12th.Bn to verify if possible aaa O.C.3rd.L.T.M.Bty reports two mortars out of action.		B.G.62
9-20 p.m	3rd.Inf.Bde	Contact aeroplane reports as follows signalling panel shown at R.27.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ . $\frac{1}{2}$ about 50 yards S.E of Point 9.1. aaa Our men are occupying road to about R.33.b.5.9. aaa Trench from R.34.a.3.5. towards R.27.d.9.1 occupied by our men to within 50 yards of latter pointaaa He <b>Saw</b> no one actually at that point aaa he could give no information of line further to right as no flares were shown		G.896
9-20 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC 4	A wounded officer from left attacking battalion reports objective gained aaa there was heavy hostile machine gun fire but up to time of seizing objective only few casualties aaa enemy in trench bolted.		G.897
9-25 p.m	1st.Inf.Bde. 2nd. " " 5th " " 2nd.Aust.Divn. 4th.Aust.Divn.	Left Bn.which holds line in vicinity of QUARRY reports his right coy.was counter attacked just before 6 p.m aaa attack was repulsed aaa It is reported that 12th.Bn on left of attack has occupied its objective which was trench R.33.b.5.7 to 27.d.9.1 aaa contact aeroplane reports seeing our men along road from about 33.B.5.9. to about 27.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ . and signal panel being used at latter point aaa observer also reports our men seen in		

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		trench at 27.d.9;0 aaa no report from 11th.Bn in centre aaa 10th.Bn on right report left gained its objective but right held up at R.28.c.9.3. by enfilade fire aaa objective was 33.b.5.7 to 27.d.9.1 to 28.c.0.3 to 28.c.3.6 to 28.c.9.5 aaa enemy barrage heavy on rear lines and communications		G.898
9-35 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC	12th.Bn reports that wounded officer states that the left has taken R.33.b.4.8. and 5.9. aaa 10th.Bn. has been ordered to seize and hold R.28.c.9.5 aaa 11th Bn report they were held up by heavy shell fire on communication trench and were late in forming up for attack aaa they have been ordered to push on and take their objective at once.		G.899
9-45 p.m	From 1st.ANZAC	Have arranged special bombardment of vicinity 57 for 10 p.m		G.638
9-50 p.m	To 3rd.Inf.Bde	Special bombardment of vicinity 28.d.5.7. has been arranged for 10 p.m with heavy artillery		G. 900
10-8 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	From aeroplane reports and those from units it would appear that line held is as follows aaa R.28.c.9.0 to 9.3 to 7.3 then gap then from R.28.c.7.6 to 3.6 then gap then from R.27.d.9.0 to R.33.b.5.9. to 4.8. to R.33.b.5.5. thence to left no change aaa have ordered 11th.Bn to fill gap from R.28.c.3.6. to R.27.d.9.0 thus joining up 10th. and 12th.Bn.		B.M.64
10-28 p.m	To ANZAC Intelligence	It is reported that 3 prisoners of 69th.Regiment have been taken in front of MOUQUET aaa This is not yet confirmed		G.901
11-5 p.m	To 6th.Inf.Bde 3rd. " " 2nd " "	Three battalions of 6th.Inf.Bde will move into reserve area SAUSAGE VALLEY on 22nd.inst.aaa Units will move by platoons aaa move will be completed by 8 a.m aaa G.O.C.6th.Inf.Bde.will report to Divn. Hd.Qrs at 8 a.m aaa acknowledge		G.902

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11-06 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	No further reports as to map situation aaa 10th. Bn are running short of men and S?A?A. aaa am reinforcing them with a weak coy of 9th.Bn aaa I have now as reserve one weak coy <del>100</del> 100 rifles 11th.Bn. and four vickers guns aaa no Bn has any reserve left aaa am instructing all Bns to form reserve from any stragglers they can collect aaa still considerable shelling over my front area.		B.G.69
11-40 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Message timed 2250 from 12th.Bn reports that a reliable bomber of his Bn has just come in stating that points 33.B.4.8 and 5 9 are held by us and all men at work consolidating aaa one M.G. captured in ruined house about 50 yards from 4 8 aaa O.C.Bn has put in hand reorganisation and thinning of front line		B.G.72
11-55 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC	Following from 3rd.Aust Inf.Bde. begins aaa Message timed 2250 from 12th.Bn reports that a reliable bomber of his bn. has just come in stating that points 33.b.4.8 <del>xxxxxx</del> 5.9 are held by us and all men at work consolidating aaa One M.G. captured in ruined house about 50 yards from 4.8 aaa O.C.Bn has put in hand re-organisation and thinning of front line.		G-903

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SUMMARY OF MESSAGES.

Time	From or to	Precis or copy of Messages	Action taken	Reference No.
00-10 a.m	From 2nd.Inf.Bde.	2nd.Brigade relieved by 5th.Brigade and G.O.C. 5th.Brigade has taken over command aaa 2nd. Brigade units and Headquarters will be at BRICKFIELD.	Included in morning report	AZB 359
00-55 a.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	No further reports from front line aaa Bde observers report that at 12-15 a.m heavy shelling over POZIERES and Sq.34 on our communications aaa From our personal observation shelling appears to have slackened off aaa		B.G.74
2-7 a.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	11th.Bn report timed 0135 states that various bombing fights are going on about 27.d.9.1 or in that vicinity aaa He is not in touch with his advanced line aaa Both 11th. and 12th. Bns report runners get lost owing to trenches being levelled and intense darkness aaa Ninth Bn report timed 0035 reports his left company all right and hostile barrage had eased somewhat.		B.G.75
5-30 a.m	To 1st.ANZAC 48th.Divn. 15th.Divn. 1st.Inf.Bde. 2nd.Inf.Bde. 3rd.Inf.Bde. Div.Arty. Lahore Arty. ANZAC Hvy Art 7th.Sqdn R.F.C	Morning report aaa Our third Inf Bde attacked at 6 p.m last night the line R.28.c.9.5.-6.6-3.6.- 0.3-0.1-R.27.d.9.1-R.33.b.5.7.-5.5. aaa Battalions were disposed as follows 10th. on right 11th. next 12th on left 9th. in reserve aaa There is no information later than that from Bde at 2 a.m aaa Situation then was right of Right Bn had been held up by M.G fire at 28.c.9.3 left of Bn had gained its objective aaa 11th.Bn was held up by heavy shell fire and machine gun fire about 28.c.0.1 and 27.d.9.1.aaa Steps have been taken to join up from 0.1 to 3.6 aaa Left Bn gained objective aaa enemy strong points on right flank have been bombarded throughout night and barrage placed N.E. of 9.5 and reserve Bn was put in to carry right of objective aaa as far as known line held is as follows R.28.c.9.0.-9.3-7.3- then gap to 7.6 from 7.6 to 3.6 then gap to 0.1 from		

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	To ANZAC etc. (contd)	from O.1.to 27.d.9.1 to 35.b.5.9.to 4.8. thence to left no change aaa enemy has bombarded our front line with H.E heavily throughout the night aaa the 2nd.Aus.Inf.Bde.on our right was successfully relieved during night by 5th.Aus Inf.Bde. and situation quiet on that flank aaa addressed 1st.ANZAC repeated all concerned.		G.906
6 a.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	No appreciable change in situation aaa 11th.Bn reports return of officer sent at 2210 to his front line to obtain information as to situation aaa this officer reports that 11th.Bn advance has not quite reached Pts.R.28.c.0.1 R.27.d.9.1. aaa Reinforcements of officers and bombers are moving up to push forward and try to close gap between the points 28.c.0.1 and 3.6 aaa O.C.11th.Bn states hostile shelling and M.G.fire still active but cannot locate the latter guns aaa remainingBns report no change since last night aaa no report from 10th.Bn who has been asked for further report aaa front line apparently stands as follows 28.c.9.0.-C.9.3.-C.7.3-then gap c.7.6.-c.6.6.-c.3.6.then gap c.0.1 to 27.d.9.1-33.b.5.9.-b.4.8.-b.5.5.-thence to 33.a.8.1		B.G.76
6-25 a.m	To ANZAC 7th.Sqdn R.F.C	Three enemy aeroplanes now over our line aaa addressed ANZAC repeated 7th.Sqdn R.F.C		G.922
7 a.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	An officer sent from 12th.Bn.reports that he has been to front line which is in advance of road from 27.d.9.1 to 33.b.5.9.and which has dug in a trench partly facing the farm and partly facing north aaa there are also two platoons in trench running from 27.d.9.1 to about 33.b.4.17 aaa this officer reports that at about 0400 the 11th. Bn were digging in just south of points 9.1 and O.1 aaa he says hostile artillery has destroyed communication trenches wholesale and is causing heavy casualties to both front line and those in rear aaa There is apparently now no connection between the left of 12th.bn. and right of 9th.bn.aaa I am trying to remedy this aaa situation of 10thbn.obscure I have asked for further information aaa Have sent up two reconnaissances parties to endeavour obtain		B.G.79

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	From 3rd.Bde. (contd)	obtain reliable information to give you aaa engineer liaison officer reports about 60 per cent engineers casualties in one half company aaa enemy shelling still continuous suggest <del>further</del> more counter battery work	Repeated to ANZAC G.907	B.G.79
	From Pioneer Bn	Report for work ending 0600 22nd. aaa CENTRE WAY cleared out and improved the whole way but frequently filled in while work proceeding aaa a new trench was cut from TRAMWAY to connect with KAY trench KAY <del>XXXXXXXX</del> cleared out and improved aaa night operations consisted of keeping CENTRE WAY clear forward parties were sent as per G.O.C. 3rd. Bdes orders and successfully carried out work as allotted as far as line permitted constructing a trench from R.34.a.3.5. to R.27.d.9.1 connecting with 12th.bn front aaa during this operation the working party captured 11 prisoners considering difficulties this const itutes a good piece of work; on the 9th. and 10th.bn fronts working parties were in position but no work required therefore occupied clearing communication trenches		PYA 316
7-40 a.m	To 3rd.Inf.Bde	Following from Corps begins please report (a) at what hour 10th.bn made its second attempt and what caused this to fail (b) if a further effort was made by any other means (c) at what hour did 11th.bn actually attack (d) had bde commander any officer supervising arrangements and if so had Bde any knowledge of <del>what</del> delay of 11th.bn (e) what steps are now in hand to clear up whole situation ends please report early on above points.		G.908
7-45 a.m	To 1st.ANZAC	Repeating B.G.79 from 3rd.Inf.Bde		G.907
8-30 a.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Will answer queries as soon as definite information on some points can be obtained aaa am still waiting reports of 10th.bn and intelligence patrol sent at 0330 to right flank aaa have now sent Bde Major to investigate He should return about 1100 to 1200		B.G.81

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9 a.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Further situation reports 11th.Bn and 12th.Bn states 11th.Bn at 0750 held line R.28.c.3.1/2 due west to R.27.d.9.1/2 aaa supports about trench running through R.34.a.2.1/2 12th.bn.report that at 0710 their right rested near point R.27.d.9.1 the left near 33.b.5.9. this point is joined by a communication trench which is manned to just east of point 33.b.5.5. aaa enemy hold trench 33.b.5.9. to near our point at 33.b.5.5.		B.G.82																																																
9-6 a.m	From ANZAC	Please arrange for 5th.Inf.Bde to show flares at three points on their front one north of BAPAUME Road one south of road and one south of tramway aaa please inform this office of times selected and arrangements will be made for contact patrol to observe	Repeated to 5th.Inf.Bde. G.910	G.660																																																
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11-18 a.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Front reported fairly normal at 1045 to 1100 the hour of last report	Repeated to ANZAC. G.913	B.G.87																																																
11-30 a.m	TO 1st.ANZAC	Reference your G.660 today 5th.Bde. will show flares at 3 p.m today		G.912																																																

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11-50 a.m	To 1st.ANZAC	3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde report at 11-15 a.m that enemy activity on their front almost normal		G.913
4-25 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Conditions normal aaa relief commenced with right bn and L T.M.B		B.G 97
6-8 p.m	From 3rd.Inf.Bde	Observers report heavy barrage fire shrapnel and high explosive on front line SKYLINE and RATION trenches and particularly heavy in front of MOUQUET FARM		I.O.38
6-30 p.m	To 1st.ANZAC 4 15th.Divn. 48th.Divn. Div.Art. 1st.Inf.Bde. 2nd & 3rd.Bdes. Lahore arty. 7th.Sqdn R.F.C	Situation report aaa considerable shelling O.G.1 and communications right Bde during afternoon aaa shelling left bde normal aaa hostile aeroplanes have been active over our front line today aaa <i>As far as known</i> our northern flank as follows aaa R.28.c.8.1½ to 3.½. to 34.a.3.9½ to 2½.9 to 2.6½ to 27.d.9.1 to 33.b.5.9. to 7.8. to 5.5. to 2.3. to 33.a.8.1 aaa bombers are being pushed forward to points 27.d.7.3 and 33.b.4.8. aaa trench now being dug to join points 27.d.4.1. and <del>33.b.4.8. and 33.a.8.1</del> 28.c.3. aaa contact patrol aeroplanes report flares at points 27.d.4.0 and 27.d.8.2½. but our position at these points not confirmed aaa Relief bde commenced.		G.921
6-36 p.m	From 1st.ANZAC	Contact patrol report flares at R.27.d.4.1 R.28.c.05.00 R.35.d.4.1., X.5.b.6.7., Bn.Hd.Qrs R.34.d.3.7., and X.4.a.4.9. with panel aaa efforts should be made to establish touch tonight with R.27.d.4.1. and 7.3. aaa flares on right do not seem to have been shown in our most advanced positions aaa	dealt with G.934	G.696

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