

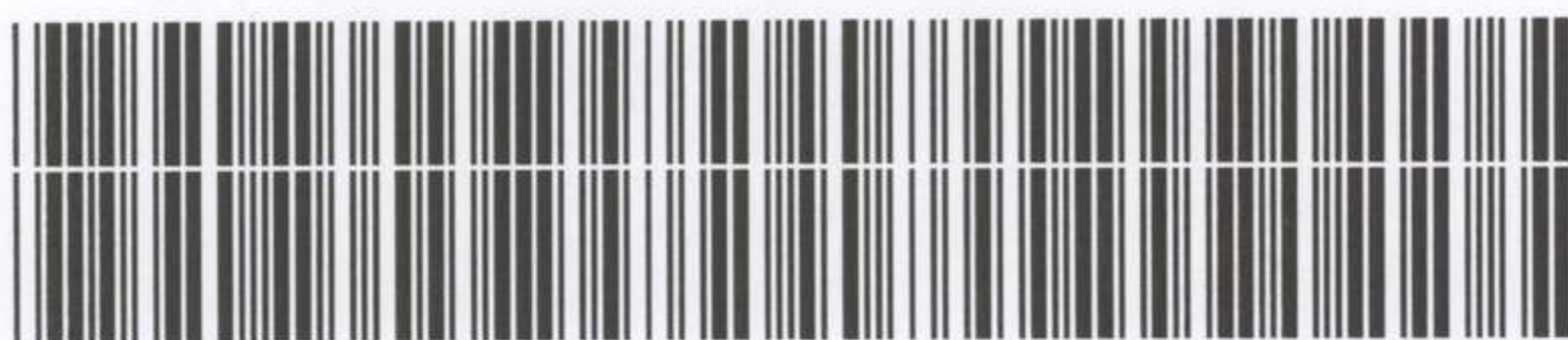
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TO	Time	No	SUBJECT
4th Army	5.15	1	Reports recd from both divns-attack started to time all going well. For first half hour practically no retaliation. Left Divn have recd reports that troops have entered ACCROCHE WOOD. Enemy's wire no obstacle.
"	5.45	Ig.948	18th I.R. 41 Divn identified East VILLERS BRETONNEUX and 55th I.R. 13 Divn in P.16.d. Prisoner 18 I.R. states our attack unexpected.
"	6.10	Ig.2	Identification 27th F.A.R. secured by right Divn.
"	6.40	G.4	Following received from 3rd Aust. Divn. Returned wounded report that GAILLY has been captured. Artillery detailed for second phase moving forward to positions east of HAMEL.
"	6.55	Ig. 3	Prisoners 12th Coy 18 I.R. state. No knowledge whatsoever of our attack. 2 Bns plus 2 Coys in line owing to previous heavy casualties. Remaining 2 Coys in French Cemetery V.3.a. No knowledge units in rear. Barrage and Tanks described as terrific. Moral poor. Coy strength 1 off. 52 O.R. Prisoners also captured belong 152 I.R. East VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
Divs.	6.55	G.5	Canadians are reported across LUCE and neighbourhood of HANGARD. Met with very little resistance. Our observers on the left reported about 5.30 a.m. that 3rd Corps attack going well. GAILLY and ACCROCHE WOOD and JUDY REDOUBT have been reported captured.
4th Army	7.47	Ig. 6	prisoners 18 I.R. state order battle north to south 152, 18, 148 I.Rs latter Regt 8. railway. 2 Prisoners 4th Coy 22 R.I.R. 117 Divn state relieved 2nd Gren. night 7/8th 117 has come down from rest in OSTEND. 22nd R.I.R. has 2 bns in line one in WARFUSE. Coy ration strength 2 off. 200 O.Rs fighting strength 2 off. 120 O.Rs. 8 L.M.Gs. Not known where 157 I.R. is. 11th R.I.R. disbanded 2 months ago and replaced by 11th Gren. Regt. 22 R.I.R. had no idea of our attack.

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4th Army	8.35	G.7	Right Bde right divn on green line. Left Bde right Divn reports right Bn has captured WARFUSEE and a large number of prisoners have been taken. Left pn well up. Both believed to be on green line. Left Divn reports right Bde on green line and in touch with Bdes on right and left flanks there. Although not completely confirmed believed green line captured throughout. Right Div. reports prisoners counted to date 300.
"	8.50	G.8.	Command of right Divl sector has passed from G.O.C. 2nd Divn to G.O.C. 5th Divn and left Divl sector from G.O.C. 3rd divn to G.O.C. 4th Division.
"	8.50	G.9	Six armoured cars have got through WARFUSSEE .
"	9.3	G.10	Situation at 8.30 am. WARFUSEE and MARCELCAVE captured and reports indicate GREEN LINE captured on whole of Aust. and Canadian Corps front. Considerable number of prisoners and some guns taken. Our arty and tanks moving forward in P.22. and P.28. Enemy retreating rapidly on left div. front. Our casualties appear light.
"	9.5	G.12	2nd Aust. Div. reports everything O.K. on green line. 5th Aust. Divn are going strong on green line also tanks and cavalry. Canadian Corps captured two batteries field guns and 1 bty heavy in MARCELCAVE including personnel.
<del>X</del>	9.5	G.13	4th Army report timed 9.4 a.m. begins.- 3rd Corps now on furthest objectives RED LINE .
"	9.55	G.14	Left Divn report identification to 8 a.m. 55 I.R. and 15 I.R. 13th Div. 152 I.R. 41 Divn 97 I.R. 108th Div. 201 R.I.R. 43rd Div. prisoners examined all stated attack complete surprise and barrage very effective causing many casualties. 97 I.R. stated relieved 203 R.I.R. night 6/7 . 55 I.R. offered very little opposition Order battle 13 Divn 55-13-15. Not known yet units in rear of enemy intentions.

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4th Army	a.m. 10.45	Ig15	Further identifications 79 F.A.R. 4th and 9th Btys 58 F.A.R. 1st Bty 16th Foot Arty 17th Bearer Coy. Document indicates 41 Div. 11th Army Corps July 10th. prisoners to 9 a.m. 36 off. 1579 O.Rs.
4th Army	11.5	G.16	CERISY VILLAGE captured by 15th Aust. Battalion. report unconfirmed 300 prisoners taken in village 4th Division also report MORCOURT VILLAGE captured and contact aeroplane reports infantry on red line in this vicinity and tanks and infantry pushing on blue line. BAYONVILLERS Captured by 57th Australian Division. Prisoners taken and 25.9 Hows. 15th Aust. Bde reports 1st Cavalry Bde have passed through them. Ground observers about p.35. report our troops can be seen moving in W.9.c. 15th Bde also report Mark V (Star) Tanks pushing through.
"	11.15	Ig.17	Further identifications. 7th Coy 149 I.R. 41 Div. Report received officer 151 I.R. 37 Div. captured.
"	11.30	G.18	French reported having taken VILLERS AUX ERABLES and had reached MEZIERES at 8.40 a.m. 5th Aust. Divn report all their armoured cars have passed through LA FLAQUE a mile east of BLUE LINE at 9.30 a.m. 4th Aust. Divn report timed 9.30 a.m. state CERISY taken. One field gun and 300 prisoner taken in CERISY and our casualties slight. 4th Aust. Divn report timed 10.46 a.m. states MORCOURT taken. 100 prisoners reported taken in MORCOURT to date. Contact patrol reports 5th Aust. Divn on RED LINE throughout and troops and tanks moving on to BLUE LINE. 3rd Corps reports their line running through MALARD WOOD at 9.45 a.m.
Divs.	11.45	G.19	Wing B.I.O. reports. 6.10 a.m. five groups infy each 100 men going W. FOUCAUCOURT -ESTREES with 20 M.T. head of column. 8.40 - 9 our cavalry moving on MARCHELCAVE -WIENCOURT Road and roads to S. of it. Our transport also seen on these roads. Tanks in action on line E. of WIENCOURT SW of CAYEUX and N. to Q.25. Boesche transport moving E. of HARBONNIERES apparently in confusion.
4th Army.	12 noon	Ig.20	Further identifications. 13 I.R. 13th Divn 137 I.R. 108th Div. 202 I.R. 43rd R.D.

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4th Army	p.m. 12.10	G.22	5th Aust. Divn report 11.55 a.m. Everything O.K. and are on BLUE line . HARBONNIERES and BAYONVILLERS have been mopped up. Cavalry are now operating in front of BLUE Line.
5th Bde RAF	12.20	G.24	Following from 2nd Aust. Divn recd 11.53 a.m. begins. 3 enemy planes dropped about dozen bombs on main road about N.28.d.0.4.
15th Wing R. A. F.	12.50	G.25	4th Aust. Divn report smoke screen put down 11.20 a.m. proved effective.
4th Army	1.15	G.27	Folling message continuously repeated and intercepted by right div. AAA C.7.F.16 NIGHT VERSTANDEE ZEIT.
4th Army	1.35	G.28	prisoners to 11.45 a.m. 54 off. 2600 O.Rs. Further identifications 15th F.A.R. ,151st Bn 24th F.A.R. 7th Pioneers, 3rd Sqdn 10th Dragoons. Identification 151st J.R. previously sent incorrect.
4th Army	2	G.29	Following pigeon message from armoured cars timed FRAMERVILLE 11.5 a.m. begins . Our infantry going strong and in places are in HARBONNIERES our arty nil here, enemy infantry nil here. except few snipers in houses . Enemy arty none at all here. The roads are very full of transport ,dozen horses. Road is blocked at southern side everything going excellent.
4th Army	2.30	G.30	Right divn reports infantry of both bdes established on blue line. Left Divn reports infantry established on blue line. More complete confirmation required as regards left Divn
5th Bde R. A. F.	2.45	G.31	4th Aust. Div report bgins . Hostile aircraft very active on Divl front. 5 of our machines brought down . Shelling increased from direction of BRAY SUR SOMME . Ends.

*R. Rouse*

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5th Bde R.A.F.	2.45 p.m.	G.31	4th Aust. Div. report begins AAA Hostile aircraft very active on divl front. Five of our machines brought down. Shelling increased from direction of BRAY SUR SOMME. -ends.
4th Army	2.47	Ig.32	Further identifications. 43 Res. F.A.R. M.G. gch rfsutzen No.22 Abteilung. 13 Divn Wireless Section No.5. 13th M.W. Coy. Total prisoners to 12 noon 73 off. 3250 O.R.
4th Army	2.50	G.33	Following from 17th Armourer car battalion timed 10.30 a.m. begins. - Enemy infantry retiring through FRAMERVILLE in disorder. No enemy artillery seen. Entered FRAMERVILLE but ran into artillery limbers which blocked roads.
4th Army	2.50	G.34	All brigades now reported established on blue line.
4th Army	3	G.35	Following from 4th Aust. Divn 12.50 p.m. 12th Bde observers at Q.26.b.9.8. report enemy blowing up dumps which appear to be along 4th and 5th Div. fronts. Dumps being destroyed in all directions. - ends.
4th Army.	3	G.36	Ref. this office G.29. For " In HARBONNIERES" read " Passed HARBONNIERES"
5th A.Div.	3.15	G.38	Following from Armoured Cars, pigeon message 10.50 a.m. begins. - Huge R.E. dump 4 kilos E. of LA MOTTE-en-HARBONNIERES SANTERRE WOOD.
Adv. Tank Bde H.Q.	4.10	G.39	message from O.46 W.17 c Cent. timed 1.20 begins. To Major BEST "C" Coy 15th Bn 6 ( six) Tanks at W.17.c.central have been told by Major FERRERES to stand-by here as counter attack expected.- ends.
15 Wing R.A.F.	5.10	G.41	E.A. observed to crash vicinity REGINALD WOOD Q.20 central about 1.30 p.m.
4th Army	5.10	G.40	Further identifications. 27 R.I.R. 54th Divn 2nd Gren. Regt and 376 I.R. 109th Divn captured by cavalry in HARBONNIERES Identifications of attached units will be forwarded when verified at Corps cage.

*J. Rogers*

Capt. G.S.  
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4th Army.	5.35. p.m.	G.42.	Armoured cars have had very successful day aaa Penetrated deeply into enemy's lines and upset back organisations considerably aaa At FRAMERVILLE column of transport was met aaa First wagon turned and endeavoured to belt with result that whole column was thrown into confusion and was raked up and down by machine gun fire. 4 mounted officers galloped up to see what was the matter and were all shot on the road. A flying officer was met in his car and he and the car were brought back by the Armoured Car Battalion Commander. Further reconnaissance proceeding..
"	5.40	Ig.43	Number of prisoners passed through Corps cage up to 5.30 p.m. 66 off. 2641 O.R. Reported captures 104 off. 4660 O.R. up to 4 p.m.
"	5.40	Ig.44	Further identifications. 203 R.I.R. 5th, 7th and 8th Coys. Following attached units reported 17th Bearer Coy 6th Telephone Detachment 243 F.A.R. 3rd Flieger Funker Abteilung 163 Arty Bn 865 Amm Col. 332 Searchlight Coy 11th Army Corps 110 and 96 Labour Bns, 139 Flash spotting 16th Army Arty arrived last night from LILLE 17th Res. Foot Arty Regt arrived from LILLE Area yesterday 33rd F.A.R. Canonen Battery No.10 (15 cm gun) att. 13th Div 16th, 7th and 7th Res. Foot Art. Regt.
"	5.50	Ig.45	Captured map dated 1-7-18 shows dispositions 13 I.R. and divisions in support in following places. CHUIGNOLLES 108 Divn. CAPPY 43 R.D. ECLUSIER 15th Div. H.Q. 11th Army Corps at FRISE.
"	6	G.47	HAMEL -CERISY -MORCOURT road now reported fit for M.T.
"	6.10	G.48	Following from Adv. Can. Corps begins. Contact patrol reports received 4.20 p.m. Considerable fast traffic rushing to front up roads through ROUVROY VRELY and ROSIERES. Enemy has infantry defence in front of ROSIERES and LEQUESNEL. Heavy Arty ordered to bombard ROUVROY, VRELY and ROSIERES.

*J. Raybrouse*  
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4th Army.	p.m. 7.10	G.50	Further to Armoured car reports AAA 12.15 p.m. engaged moving train fired at engine and stopped train which is now burning. All sections report stragglers returning and no bodies of formed troops seen. 1.30 p.m. patrolled PROYART -BRAY Road as far as road junction R.4.a. also road through CHUIGNOLLES village. Enemy have numerous M.G. posts in old trenches N. of this village.
All Divs.	7.30	Ig.52	Air report. German Infantry seen in trenches X.13.d. X.19.b. and d. Germans digging-in F.1 slightly north of ROSIERES-HARBONNIERES road.. Enemy also digging in just west of FRAMERVILLE north of main road east of LA FLAQUE dump. Report 2 to 2.30 p.m. by Army Squadron general retirement appears to be taking place on roads running east between CAPPY and ESTRES. Large number of troops and transport going east for BRIE bridge. East end of BRIE bridge appears damaged. 1.25 p.m. artillery moving west BRIE to VILLERS-CARBONNEL. 400 to 500 cavalry halted at FEULLUXES nationality unknowna
3rd Corps I.	7.30	Ig.53	Air observer reports. 6.45 pm considerable amount of traffic on BRAY-CORBIE road in both directions.
4th Army I.	7.40	Ig.54	Prisoner 18 I.R. 41st Div. states. He was up to yesterday a signaller in TOURCOING. Attack was to be made on 10th inst by 13th - 108th - 109th - 41st Divs. and 7 or 8 divs. now concentrated in CAMBRAI areas to go through them. Gives numbers of one div. as 207 or 217. 109 Div. was withdrawn for special training. This morning 18 I.R. had losses from their own artillery firing short. No tanks were to be used in attack.

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Divs.	p.m. 9.40	Ig.58	Air report. 3.10 p.m. British cavalry in column going E. from ROSIERE. PERONNE bridge and foot bridge near ETERAGNY broken. VILLERS BARBONNEL main road packed with troops and transport going E. All roads in area BRIE -OMIECOURT -NESLE Area full traffic going E. QUESNEL full M.T. 3.40 p.m. 100 infantry going N.62D L.24.a. RS for 3 trains and one train steaming in CHAULNES. 3 trains steaming PERONNE. Great activity DOINGT Dump. 6 trains steaming NESLE. BAPAUME quiet. About Bn enemy apparently digging in, PROYART scattered by M.G. fire from air. 3.15 p.m. column 400 cavalry nationality doubtful galoping OMIECOURT -PERTHAIN. Four 2-seater machines seen on ground in ROUVROY-BEAUCOURT Area with our troops around. Large fires in MORCHAIN and POTTE. 4.15 p.m. enemy digging in at intervals. W. CHUIGNES to N. RAINECOURT.
4th Army	11 p.m.	Ig.59	Prisoners so far counted 154 off. 5700 O.R. Material so far counted 104 guns including 2-8" several 5.9 cm and 1 -9.2 cm railway gun with all parts several trucks of ammunition. Large number machine guns and trench mortars. Much other material including cantenns and 1 train since been burnt. 1 motor car with driver captured by armoured car after officer occupants had been killed.
Divs.	11.40	G.60	3rd Corps report that they have been attacked and have been driven off the CHIPILLY SPUR and their line in this vicinity now thought to be in K.34.a. & c. or K.33.b.&d.
4th Army	a.m. 1.30	G.65	Wireless intercepted by 2nd Aust.Div. from Cavalry Corps begins. SO HK pm HND S/N FM23. 8th Observation Officer reports that at 7 p.m. he observed a force of enemy estimated at one division marching from WARVILLE. -ends- jammed.
4th Army	5.40	G.70	Morning report. Quiet night. WARFUSSE-ABANCOURT and right Bde area right divn intermittently shelled with H.V. gun. otherwise little enemy activity.

*McCauley*

Major G. S.  
8 a.m.

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TO.	Time Desp. p.m.	No.	SUBJECT
Divs	12.45	Ig.77	Army air report. 5.40 a.m. 1 train to MISERY from SW. CHAULNES station under shell fire ROSIERES appeared deserted. Front area between FOUCAUCOURT and LA MOTTE quiet. At 5.40 a.m. 30 M.T. FOUCAUCOURT to CHAULNES. At 5.35 a.m. 25 to 30 parties of 30 approaching BOUCHOIR from SE along ROYE Road. Area N. of BRAY very quiet.
4th Army.	12.50	G.78	French have captured HANGEST and ARVILLERS Station half way between ARVILLERS and HANGEST. Canadians have captured LE QUESNIL. Canadian troops reported in BEAUFORT. Total prisoners reported last night by Army 13,500 of which 3200 were captured by the French. Total prisoners captured by Aust. Corps to date unwounded 154 Off. 5700 O.Rs. Wounded 21 off. 500 O.Rs. Total 175 off. 6200 O.Rs.
Divs	2.30	Ig.79	Following message redd from Tank Aeroplane Sqdn. 10.15 PROYART no movement 10.25 RAINECOURT no movement apparently empty. 10.30 transport moving from RAINECOURT to FRAMEVILLE which is empty. Noon three tanks 300 yds East of FRAMERVILLE.
Divs.	2.30	Ig.80	Photo taken today shows CAPPY bridge intact.
Divs	2.45	Ig.82	Air report 11-12 noon. Considerable M.T. movement S.E. on main ROYE - QUESNOY Roads. 11.5 big explosion in LA FLAQUE dump. 12.15 Heavy hostile A.A. M.G. Fire from wood N. PROYART R.7.d. R.8.c. Six British tanks 3/4 mile N.W. ROSIERES firing into village.
Divs.	3	Ig.83	Message from Tank Aeroplane Sqdn. 12.55 Reinfts are arriving along CHAULNES Road apparently infantry and field guns. Message dropped on coy of tanks at W.16. moving E. along railway at 1 p.m.
Divs	3	Ig.84	French report 54 Div. relieved 204 N. of COMPIEGNE hence will not be available to reinforce this front. 204 Divn will probably be opposed to the French.
3rd Corps	4.42	G/92	Follg. from 4th Aust. Div. timed 3.10 pm begins. Patrol of 1st A.I.Bde. which crossed north of SOMME today report as follows. Crossed to N. of SOMME at point just N. of CERISY moved to K.33.c.7.8. thence via K.33.b.8.2. K.34.c.1.8 and 3.2. through NW portion of CHIPILLY village and across main CHIPILLY-CERISY railway crossing back to CERISY AAA No enemy seen except in direction of top of SPUR about K.35.a.0.0.

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Capt. 4.55 pm.

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4TH Army	p.m. 7	Ig 98	Total prisoners captured result yesterdays operations and passed through Corps cage up to 6 p.m. to day 128 off. 5830 O.R. Wounded 46 off. 580 O.R. making total 174 off. 6410 O.R.
Divs	7	G.99	The following from Canadian Corps timed 5.30 p.m. begins . Situation . Line Canadian Corps runs approx. ROYE Road K.14.b.central thence along railway to E.28.c.9.0. thence E.22.b.5. to western outskirts VRELY to ROSIERES . Considerable hostile eastern movement noticed along roads leading west to east to line MEHARICOURT -leading ROUVROY -BOUCHOIS . Unconfirmed reports state British tank seen western outskirts ROUVROY.-ends.
4th Army	7.20	G.103	Situation 7.15 p.m. We occupy FRAMERVILLE . Line now runs from CHAULNES railway -F.3.b.0.5. X.27. central.-X.21.central.- X.15.central - thence eastern side FRAMERVILLE - then red line to junction with line of yesterday at R.9.c. Infantry resistance appears to be stiffening. Numerous casualties to tanks.
" "	7.30	IG.103A	Ref. Ig. 98. Wounded officers should read 21 instead of 46.
" "	7.30	Ig.104	captures to day up to 6 p.m. 8 off. 225 O.R. captured during afternoon in vicinity VAUVILLERS Identifications- all 3 Bns 2nd Gren. Regt. 3rd Bn 26th R.I.R. 1st Bn 376 I.R. Prisoners state 26 R.I.R. practically wiped out during day heavy losses from M.G. fire. Prisoners know of no other troops in rear. Practically no organised troops of 376 I.R. left after to days attack heavy losses through M.G. also.
" "	7.30	G.105	Following from 4th Aust. Divn timed 6.45 p.m. begins. Observers of 12th A.I.Bde report British troops seen moving down slopes in K.34. and 35. Tanks also seen in this locality - message timed 6.35 p.m. 4th A.I.Bde report party of 100 enemy moving east in Q.11. and 12. Tanks also seen message timed 6.45 p.m. ends.

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Divs.	p.m. 7.45	Ig.106.	Document indicates a regiment is being placed at disposal of div. at ECLUSIER (N.E. CAPPY) as reinfcts. ECLUSIER was H.Q. of 13th Div.
Divs.	8.35	G.110.	Situation. Aust. Corps line now runs CHAULNES Railway at F.3.b.0.5 - X.27.central - X.21. central - X.15.central - thence E. side of FRAMERVILLE then along Red line to its junction with our line of yesterday in R.9.c. Enemy resistance appears stiffening. Canadian troops occupy ROSIERES. Our Cavalry occupied VRELY at 4.10 p.m. and at same time our tanks followed by cavalry were advancing towards MEHARICOURT. 4.30 p.m. our cavalry estimated 2 Regts. seen advancing on WARVILLERS at E.30.d.5.8. and E.29.b.9.9. supported by tanks. 1st Cadn. Div. reports 4.30 p.m. infantry through WARVILLERS and support Bn. has reached the town.
Divs.	8.10	Ig.107.	Air report. About a Bn. PERONNE-VILLERS-CARBONNEL road 2.45 p.m. 25 M.T. west of CHAULNES to LIHONS. 50 M.T. in LIHONS facing west.
Divs.	8.40	Ig.111.	Air report. 5.50 p.m. half mile of troops and transport east BRIE going west. 4.45 p.m. continuous M.T. movement both ways FOUCAUCOURT-ESTRESS road.
Divs.	8.43	G.112.	17th Div. H.Q. is established at ALLONVILLE TONIGHT AND WILL establish an Adv.H.Q. at LA HOUSOYE tomorrow.
4th Army.	8.48	G.113.	Follg. message from 5th Aust. Div. 2-seater plane No.B.4175 landed at Q.33.b.2.3. pilot Lt. NUDDS 8th Sqdn. R.A.F. wounded observer name unknown killed. Plane not badly damaged and in charge of guard.
4th Aust. Div.	8.55	G.114.	Follg. from 3rd Corps timed 7 pm. From reports received up to present attack going well. Enemy reported retiring in K.5. 11. 17 and E.27.d. E.28.a. Our troops reported in K.29.a. and C. and all round MORLANCOURT. Success signal from CHIPILLY SPUR at 6.10 p.m. ends.
3rd & 4th Aust. Divs.	9.30	Ig.115.	Intercepted documents. First. S.E. CHIPILLY we are crossing the SOMME the enemy is following with a strong firing line on Hill 85. Second. 9.15 p.m. <sup>from</sup> CRESSAIRE WOOD. Send up fresh reserves 3rd Bn.479 I.R. 243rd Div. almost knocked out by tank attacks. No longer in position to wait.

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Capt. 10 p.m.

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4th Army	p.m. 9.40	I.g 116	Captured box papers belonging 51st German Army Corps from VAUVILLERS.
Divs.	10	G.117	Canadian Corps report at 7 p.m. Front line roughly as follows . BOUCHOIR doubtful -FOLIES inclusive WARVILLERS inclusive VRELY inclusive ROSIERES inclusive . Troops believed to be entering ROUVROY . Ground observers report at 7 p.m. our infantry see 1000 yds East of MEHARICOURT . 3rd Corps report timed 7 p.m. attack going well . Enemy reported retiring in K.5. 11. 17. E.27.d. E.28.a. Our troops reported in K.29.a. and c. and all round MORLANCOURT . Success signals from CHIPILLY SPUR 6.10 p.m.
4th Army	10.40	G.118	Prisoner who was attached to H.Q. 11th Army Corps states 51st Corps and 11th Corps both in 2nd German Army. Very few troops in rear. Was detailed on 2nd August to 169 Labour Bn 225 H.Q. identified by document dated 31st July in W.18.c.
3,5th Aust. Divs	11.20 a.m.	G.120	Wire location Bde H.Qrs of your Divn.
4th Army	12.15	G.123	5th Coy 232 R.I.R. and 5,8, and 10 Coys 227 R.I.R. 107 Divn identified, former astride AMIENS-PERONNE Road, latter apparently further south. Officer 232 R.I.R. states Regt was simply told to move up and occupy PROYART -RAINECOURT Road which they did. Nothing was told them about our push nor were they told to counter attack. No other units seen near PERONNE where Div. was in rest.
Divs.	12.40	IG.124	Following message intercepted 9 p.m. MARICOURT Area . Translation. In Map square 5223 ( SE CHIPILLY) our own lines pushed back over SOMME . Enemy attacking on HILL 85 near Point 159/2 with strong patrols out in advance Signed BO 2/247. Second message reads GRESSAIRE WOOD penetrated We are holding out SE WOOD Signed WENDEL 1 Batt. 120. Parts of our infy still on western edge our main line of resistance is now SE of wood. Third message from GRESSAIRE WOOD reads - Send at once fresh reserves 3/479 pass also through 53rd Brig.by ground line AAA Fourth message reads 3/479 almost knocked out by tank attack. Cannot wait longer AAA.

*J. P. ...*  
Major G. S.  
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To.	Time Desp. a.m.	No.	S U B J E C T
5th Bde R.A.F.	1.30	Ig.126	Four planes British markings attacked one of our balloons in HARBONNIERES and brought it down in flames yesterday, afternoon.
4th Army	5.40	G.128	Morning situation quiet. Light scattered shelling of forward area and some M.G. fire. Patrols moved into RAINECOURT and PROYART during night. 2 O.Rs, one 19th Aust. Battn one K.O.Y.L.I. both of whom were captured last April came into centre Div. last evening
4th Army etc.	9.50.	Ig.130.	11 prisoners taken in this morning by 1st Div vicinity LIHONS belong 7th Bav Regt 5th Bav Div AAA Div came into line 3a.m. this morning from ARRAS.
4th Army. 3rd & Cdn Corps.	10 am.	Ig 131.	Three British soldiers who escaped from P. of W. cage at ETERPIGNY afternoon 8th inst reached our lines on main AMIENS road state AAA All enemy movement is back AAA Transport and guns have been moving back since commencement of our attack AAA Enemy seen night at road junction R.30. and in trenches R.29 on north side main road.
4th Army &dc.	10.30.	Ig 130.	1st Australian Division reports right of right brigade practically on final objective and left of left bde on final objective.
Divs	10.40	G.134	Following from Cav. Corps timed 9.5. a.m. begins . Following are dispositions of Cav. Corps from 5.30 a.m. 3rd cav. Div. concentrated about E.15. . 6th Cav. Bde ready to move with patrols in close touch with infantry on front BOUCHOIR -ROUVROY both inclusive. 7th Cav. Bde ready to move with patrols on front ROUVROY ( exclus.) -MEHARICOURT- ROSIERES (incl) in close touch with infantry. 1st and 2nd Cav. Divn have been withdrawn into reserve in valley between CAYEUX and CAIX . 3rd cav. Divn will assist advance of Canadian Corps . 3rd tank Bde cooperating with Cav. Div. -ends.
5th Bde RAF	12.15	G.137	Following from 1st Aust. Div. begins. Enemy aircraft appear to have control of the air over our front line and are bombing troops. ends.

*J. P. Higgins*  
Capt. 12.20 p.m.

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4th Army	p.m. 12.40	Ig.138	Prisoners taken in CHIPILLY identify following units .137 I.R., 1st, 9th, 10th 11th Coys 3rd M.G. Coy, 97th I.R. 7th Coy 247 R.I.R. 11th Coy 479 R.I.R. 11th Coy 120 I.R. 3rd Coy.
" "	1.30	Ig.139	Prisoners 8th, 9th, 12th Coys 2nd Gren. Regt.
Divs	2.15	Ig.141	Air report. 9.35 a.m. following transport movement seen . 100 M.T. ESTREES to CARBONNEL 40 M.T. HEIBERCOURT to BIACHES . 30 M.T. MARCHLEPOT to CHAULNES .30 M.T. CHAULNES to ABBAINCOURT . 30 M.T. ABLAINCOURT to CHAULNES Area probably arrival of units of 5 Bav. Divn. Eastward movement probably clearing CHAULNES dump. 9.40 a.m. 200 mounted troops CHAULNES to ESTREES . Sheds at OMIECOURT on fire. 9.25 a.m. 250 infantry resting E. end of ESTREES .
4th Army	2.40	Ig.143	Prisoner captured about 10 p.m. yesterday Q.10.b.3.5. belongs a Coy 97 I.R. stated his Coy had orders hold ridge E. CHIPILLY . Order battle not known but saw men of 137 I.R. E. CHIPILLY yesterday. States enemy situation north SOMME rather mixed. 5th Coy strength 3 off. 100 O.R. No knowledge of enemy intentions.
Divs	4	Ig.144	Air report AAA 11.40 a.m. PERONNE station and sidings packed with trucks and engines with steam up apparently facing E. and SE . Bomb burst obtained on train sidings sheds near station and on town . 11.25 a.m. French infantry in open formation in R.1.b. One heavy tank going E. in L.31.b. three going E. from BOUCHOIR . No movement in QUESNOY. Our barrage at 11 a.m. on line CHILLY -A.26.a. -G.1.b. -L.6.c. -FOUQUESCOURT. Our troops occupy old trenches SE LE QUESNOY with enemy entrenched opposite . Enemy holding out round CHILLY in force. French troops in ERCHES and W. of FAVEROLLES. 1.15 p.m. our tanks advancing on line from 100 yds E. of CHILLY -A.26.central -G.1.b. central - They are entering FRANSART and are 1,500 yds E. of PARVILLERS followed by infy in open order.

Capt. 4.45 p.m.

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To.	Time Desp.	No.	SUBJECT.
3rd, 4th Aust. Divs.	4.15 p.m.	G.147	Report from officer who visited 3rd Corps line 12 noon today. Our line runs L.7.c.2.6. through trenches L.13.central back to ridge I.19.a.0.3. to K.24.central. Americans in touch with units 58th Divn. and have pushed forward to line main road L.7.a. and c.
4th Army	4.15	Ig.148	Escaped prisoner war York Regt states left LA CHAPLETTE night 8/9 inst. Enemy then fleeing in disorder past PERONNE. Large number of arty without guns also many wounded on foot.
4th Army	4.15	Ig.149	7th Bav. Regt left neighbourhood of ARRAS after it had been rest 14 days. detrained at PERONNE and left there night 8th marching into line yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m. All regts are to be put in. During march from PERONNE no arty seen and only few technical troops. PERONNE appears to contain few troops.
Divs	4.50	Ig.152	Air report. 11.45 a.m. ROYE and roads leading E. and SE packed with transport retreating eastward. 12.30 p.m. 500 infy entering ROYE from SW. Battalion infy resting roadside E. CARREPUITE. 60 M.T. going N. from ATHIES. Fair amount road movement roads E. CAPPY both ways. 1.10 p.m. ammunition dump LIANCOURT - FRESNOY road exploded.
Divs.	5.45	Ig.155	<sup>2.15-</sup> Air report. 2.45 p.m. PERONNE-DOINGT road full transport going S.E. Other roads in area MORSLAINE-TINCOURT-ESTREES-en-CHAUSSEE seemed fairly clear. PERONNE town and station very active. R.S. for 10 trains in station. R.S. for 3 trains in LA CHAPELETTE and for 3 in NESLE. TINCOURT station empty and PERONNE - ROISEL line clear. Large fire at dump FLESNOY-lez-ROYE.
Divs.	8.40	Ig.159	Air report. Follg. movement chiefly eastward seen. 3.40 pm. 25 M.T. MARCHELEPOT to CARBONNEL. 20 M.T. MARCHELEPOT to MISERY. 30 M.T. CHAULNES to PERTAIN. 20 M.T. apparently guns ESTREES to CARBONNEL. 28 M.T. FOUCAUCOURT to ESTREES. 50 M.T. halted between ESTREES and CARBONNEL. 25 M.T. N. to BARLEUX. 30 M.T. east from CARBONNEL. 6 M.T. ESTREES to FAUCAUCOURT. 100 cavalry CARBONNEL to ETERPIGNY.
Divs.	8.45	Ig.160	Follg. from Cdn. Corps timed 6.30 pm begins. Situation at 5 pm appears as follows. LAGAMBUSE Cross roads where we are in touch with the French thence west of DAMERY to centre of PARVILLERS to FOUQUESCOURT exclusive to MAUCOURT and CHILLY inclusive to HALLU exclusive thence along railway to A.10.c.0.0. where we are not touch with Austns.

Capt. 8.55 p.m.

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4th Army	p.m. 9.30	Ig.161	German pigeon shot down by 5 A.I.Bde carried following message . Begins- 6-8-18 DCHI 2 GR 262 224 -ends.
Divs	9.30	Ig.162	Air report. 4.30 p.m. fighting still in progress on W. edge GOYENCOURT which is being shelled by us. Our infantry in trenches R.11.d. eBosche along road R.12.c.-18.a. Cavalry and tanks appear held up here. Cavalry massing S. BOUCHOIR apparently waiting to attack. Germans holding trench U.13.c.- 20.a. CURCHY dump burning. Photos show BRIE bridge being used .6.49 p.m. considerable traffic on ESTREES -VILLERS CARDONNEL road both directions. 6.50 p.m. considerable traffic BRAY-HERBERCOURT road both directions .
4th Army	a.m. 1.30	Ig. 165	Right Divn captured 3 oii. 142 O.R tonight identifying 5th Bav. Divn 109th Divn 117th Divn 107th Divn 80th Foot Arty . 2 batteries of heavy hows captured and numerous M.G. and T.M.
" "	12.10	G.166	Following from 1st Aust. Divn begins. Evening situation report . Our line is now confirmed to run from N. to S. as follows . X.16.b.1.8. to X.17.c.1.2. to X.23.central. to X24.c.2.4. E. of wood X.30.a.5.9. to A.1.b.2.8. then due south to Railway. Enemy under heavy bombardment counter attacked at 5.30 pm wood in X.30.a. without success . Prisoners taken today total 3 oii. 142 O.Rs of 5th Bav. Divn -109 Div. 117th Div. 107th Div. and 80th Bn HA. Two batteries of Heavy Hows and numerous M.Gs and T.Ms captured. Many enemy dead. Arty fire increasing during afternoon.
4th Army	5.40	G.595	Morning report. Considerable hostile M.G. and arty fire were encountered by the Div. advancing along and N. of the WARFUSEE -FOUCAUCOURT Rd. Under very heavy fire our line was pushed forward to the road junction R.27.a. Situation round PROYART still uncertain. To the north of the river our line has been pushed forward to approx a line running N. and S. through L.20.b. central with very few casualties . Attack has commenced on LIMONS but no news yet. Vicinity of VAUVILLERS has been shelled with sneezing and phosgene gas during night. Hostile bombing along the WARFUSEE -FOUCAUCOURT Road.
Divs.	7.45	G.170	French line S. to N. now runs 1 km E. of CHEVINCOURT -E. and N. of ELINCOURT - 500 yds N. of LE PLESSIER - 1 km E. of BAYENCOURT - W. outskirts RICQUEBOURG -Stn of ROYE -sur- METZ E. outskirts CONCHY -LES POTS - LA POSTE - E. of BUS - GRIVILLERS -E. of MARQUIVILLERS - 2 km E. of GUERBIGNY - E. of ENDECHY.

*Raydhouse*  
Capt.

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4th Army	a.m. 9.20	G.171	Night operations have resulted in capture of ETINHEM bend to outskirts of BRAY also MERICOURT village and RAINECOURT village. We are on Spur to S.E. of latter. Prisoners reported over 200. Our operation against PROYART not successful.
" "	10	Ig.173	Following identifications during night. 123rd I.R. 27th Divn BRAY-CORBIE Road. 119 R.I.R. 26 R.D. BRAY-CORBIE Road. 52 R.I.R. and 227 R.I.R. 107 Divn RAINECOURT 21 Bav. I.R. 5th Bav. Divn.
Divs.	11.40	Ig.176	Air report. Considerable amount R.S. and activity in vicinity ST. QUENTIN 11 pm. 5.30 am trains. Three N. MISERY to BRIE two JUSSY ANNOIS four BAPAUME to BEAULENCOURT. Six steaming and R.S. for four in PERONNE. Three steaming BAPAUME. 5.5 am five NESLE to HAM two W. from TINCOURT. 6 a.m. two HAM to NESLE and one in NESLE.
4th Army I.	11.40	Ig.177	203 R.I.R. 43rd Res. Div. identified north west of RAINECOURT. Came from north. of SOMME to reinforce the 227th R.I.R.
4th Army I.	11.55 <del>Ig.179</del>	Ig.179	Signaller attached regtl. H.Q. 7th Bav. I.R. states saw at PERONNE on 7th inst men belonging 558th I.R., 214th Div. and 360th I.R. 4th Ers. Divn.
4th Army	p.m. 1.35	Ig.181	Prisoners captured this morning vicinity LIHONS identity 94 I.R. 38 Div. Prisoners 119 I.R. 8th Coy, state 119 R.I.R. came forward only 9th inst relieving nobody. Prisoners saw only elements 143 I.R. whereabouts 2 Other regts 26 R.D. unknown.
4th Army	2	G.182	Enemy counter attached at 8 a.m. this morning on our right divn front from the direction of S.20. and penetrated as far as X.30. After severe fighting over difficult ground our line was completely restored by 10.30 a.m. The 21st Regt of 5th Bav. Divn was engaged. Our line now runs S. to N. Railway line at A.9.a.0.0. thence the blue line at A.3.c.4.0. A.3.a.2.1. A.2.b.central S.26.b.central thence along road east of the BOIS AUGER to X.17.d.0.0. thence due N. to cross roads in X.17.central thence blue line.

*J. Rogers*  
Captain.

3.40 p.m.

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Divs.	p.m. 4	Ig.186	Air report. 9.30 a.m. considerable RS in PERONNE. HERMIES full of RS. 8 trains going E. from CAMBRAI and each 6 trains in each station at CAMBRAI. Much M.T. going W. CLERY MARICOURT. 15 M.T. PERONNE to BOUCHAVESNES. 24 M.T. CLERY to PERONNE. 20 M.T. SE to BOUVINCOURT. 10 M.T. SE to MARICOURT. 11.45 a.m. houses in fire on CHAULNES and great activity E. of same. No movement in HERLEVILLE. M.Gs from FOUCAUCOURT. Can see nothing of our troops at any of these places.
Divs.	4.5	G.187	Following from Adv Can Corps timed 2 p.m. Situation 1 p.m. appears to be 32 Divn LA CAMPUSE western outskirts DAMERY PARVILLERS (excl) BOIS NOIRE (excl) FOUQUESCOURT (doubtful) western outskirts HALLU thence A.8.c.3.2. to Rly A.7.b.5.6. About noon after heavy bombardment HALLU CHILLY MAUCOURT enemy counter attacked direction G.3.c. central to A.22.central. 4th Can. Divn report situation to be in hand.
4th Army	4.45	Ig.188	Further identifications. Prisoners captured this morning 3 off. 14 OR. 232 R.I.R. 107 Div. and 1 O.R. 203 R.I.R. latter about R.27.c. Order battle N. to S. 203 R.I.R. 232 R.I.R. 52 R.I.R. 232 R.I.R. came into outpost line this morning, no knowledge of enemy rear disposition or intentions.
4th Army	4.45	Ig.189	Enemy plane landed approx. Q.23 central at 12 noon. IX <del>xxx</del> in Roman numerals on side of fuselage.
" "	6.30	Tg.192	Prisoners to 6 p.m. today. unwounded 158 off. 7021 O.R. wounded 25 off. 721 O.Rs. Total 183 off. 7742 O.R.
Divs.	7.45	ig.194	Air report. 1.20 p.m. 15 M.T. w. from CARBONNEL 20 M.T. PERONNE to NURLU 9 M.T. HERBENCOURT to DOMPIERRE. R.S. for 6 trains PERONNE. Large fires BRAY south dump and CHUIGNES. Our troops approaching BRAY. No GERMAN SW. of line L.26.c.0000. L.20 central, L. 14central. L.1.d.00.000 and enemy shelling L.14 and L 7.
Divs.	7.45	ig 195	Air report to 4.15 p.m. gives our troops on line L.20.c.1.4. L.20.d.3.6. L.20.b.5.8. L.14 a.6.6. Hostile machine guns L.14 b.2.3. and L.26.d.5.4. Hostile shelling now shortened down to L.14.d fork road.

*[Signature]*  
Captain, 10.35 p.m.

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To.	Time Desp.	No.	
Divs.	8 p.m.	Ig.196	Resistance on Corps front may be expected chiefly in following areas ) (a) N. of the SOMME by 234th Divn with fresh 25th R.D. (b) in the LIHONS Area by fresh 38th Divn and elements of 5th Bav. Divn.
Divs	8.30	Ig 197	Line of 1st French Army now reported to run E. of the following places L'ECHELLE -ST AURIN -ARMANCOURT -DANCOURT-POPINCOURT -TILLOLOY . Line in front of 3rd French Army runs E. of LE PLESSIER -high ground (83) N. of ROYE SUR MATZ -W.of ROYE SUR MATZ - E. of LA BERBIERE - W. of GURY - E of the following MAREUIL -LAMOTTE-SAMSON-ANTOVAL- Later line runs 1 Km E. of ROYE SUR MATZ -CANNY FARM -Wood 1 km NE LE PLESSIER.
Divs	9.40	Ig.199	Air report. Between 7.30 and 8 p.m. considerable transport going E. and W. main FOUCAUCOURT -ESTREES Road in M.29. and 30. Between 7.30 and 8.30 considerable scattered transport going both ways on the CHAULNES -ABLAINCOURT Road general tendency SW into CHAULNES . Certain number of batteries in vicinity CHAULNES.
4th Army	a.m. 5.40	G.201	Morning report. Minor enterprise by left Bde of left B <sup>2</sup> Centre Div. to straighten our line just S. of the SOMME entirely successful. Our line there now established along trench system R.l.b.9.0. to R.7. central thence along old line. Strong enemy resistance and M.G. fire encountered 2 off. 164 O.ps captured. No change of line on rest of front. General scattered shelling over whole area with light and heavy arty . 30 rounds of blue cross gas just E. and S. of MORCOURT , also on BRAY CORBIE ROAD , north of ETINEHEM . E.A. active during evening and bombs dropped in valley N. of CHIPILLY.
Divs.	9	G.202	Following telephoje message from 3rd Sqdn AFC. timed 8.30 am begins Our counter attack patrol reports between 7 and 7.20 fair amount of movement of horse transport along main road between M.25. M.28. going W. at 100 yds interval. It leaves main road about M.25.d.2.3. Dry weather track and goes through R.30.c. into the gully behind CHUIGNOLLES.
4th Army.	11.15	G.204	Enemy plane down Q.22.c.

*Raymond*

Captain.  
11.35 a.m.

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4th Army	p.m. 1	Ig.205	Following identifications during night. 3,4,8,th Coys 55th I.R. 1,2,3,4. 9th Coys 13th I.R. 4,6,9,10 12th Coys 15th I.R. 13th Divn 3.5. to 12th Coys 97th I.R. 1st Coy 33rd Res. Divn Pnr Bn 108th Divn 5th and 7th Coys 232 R.I.R. 52nd R.I.R. 107th Divn All captured in MERICOURT Area.
" "	3	G.208	Centre Div reports enemy aeroplane brought down by rifle fire in RICHMOND WOOD at 10 a.m.
" "	5.55	Ig 212	German aeroplane brought down this morning W. of PROYART occupant captured. No identification. Prisoner being evacuated Army cage.
" "	5.55	Ig 213	French soldier No.2138 RICAUD Francis 16th Regt 125th Div. escaped from Germans into our lines. in R.26.
" "	6	Ig.214	Prisoners through Corps Cage up to 6 p.m. today. Unwounded 165 Off. 7321 O.R. ,through Fld Ambulances 25 Off. 770 O.R. Total 190 Off. 8091 O.R.
" "	6	G.215	Evening report. Our left centre div. attacked this morning S. of the SOMME and captured CATEAUX WOOD after severe fighting in which the enemy lost heavily. The attack still in progress. ST GERMAIN WOOD and village of PROYART have been captured. About 300 enemy evacuated ST GERMAIN WOOD and were fired on by both enemy and our own arty. AAA A strong enemy post wath M.Gs at cross roads R.28.c.6.3. was also captured through these operations. several hundred prisoners and number of M.Gs taken. Our line at this front at 5 p.m. ran R.9.central- R.15. central- R.21. central- R.21.d.0.0. R.28.a.f.0. R.28.c.3.3. thence to original line. Patrol of right div. gained contact near MADAM WOOD in S.13. this evening Scattered shelling on rest of front and forward villages and main roads.
Bivs.	6.30	G.216	3rd French Army has captured LES LOGES and MONTIGNY. Line now runs E. of LES LOGES -NW and S. edge of BOIS LES LOGES - W. edge of CANNY SUR MATZ -E. of GURY ( doubtful) destroyed mill in G.34.b. N.5. central- Ruined chateau BEAUVOIR in N.13.b. LA CENSE FARM in N.21.a. N. of MONTIGNY - E. of ONTAVAL. 10th French Army also pushing forward on OISE. Have captured works known as LA SAXE. 1 Bn pushed forward over OISE to island formed by canal and river, other Bn pushing up left bank to bridge to BAILLY.

*[Signature]*  
Captain. 7.50 p.m.

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4th Army	P.m. 9	G.218	British plans crashed in R.33 at 7 p.m.
" "	a.m. 5.40	G.224	Morning report. Our left Divn attacked and captured enemy positions in L.26. and L.32 inflicting casualties and taking prisoners. Enemy arty generally quiet. E.A. active during night bombing of forward area. Our right centre divn adjusted their line during the night, capturing prisoners and M.Gs. Relief of left centre div. completed at 4.25 a.m.
" "	p.m. 5.40	G.230	Evening report. As result of operation N. of SOMME last night our line now runs L.15.c.2.7. L.26.b.9.0. L.32.d.8.6. Nearly 200 prisoners captured in this operation. During this morning line W. of CHUIGNOLLES was slightly advanced. with slight opposition. Line in this vicinity now runs R.3.c.1.7. cross roads R.9.a.95.10. the old line at R.15.a.9.8. With exception of scattered shelling of forward area the day was quiet.
Divs	9.30	G.232	Following reed from 4th Army. As result of operations by Aust. Corps N. of SOMME last night line now runs L.32.d.8.6. L.26.b.9.0. L.15.c.2.7. otherwise line unchanged AAA Nearly 200 captured in this operation. During morning line W. of CHUIGNOLLES slightly advanced and now runs R.15.a. 9.8. cross roads R.9.a.9.1. R.3.c.2.1.7. Slightly increased arty activity vicinity LE QUESNOY. H.V. gun shelled CAIX during morning. Captures in addition to above 14 O.R. 8 M.Gs and 2 M.Gs.
4th Army	a.m. 5.40	G.100	Morning report. Party of Liaison Force raided re-entrant in L.20.b.&.d. but found it unoccupied. Increased enemy arty activity during night. Vicinity VAUVILLERS FRAMERVILLE PROYART and western outskirts of LIHONS heavily shelled at intervals by all calibres. Vicinity of FRAMERVILLE RAINECOURT and east of HARBONNIERES shelled with blue cross gas at 1 am. CRESSAIRE WOOD shelled with yellow cross gas during early morning. M.Gs and T.Ms active.

*R. Adams*  
Captain. 9 a.m.  
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Divs.	10.30	G.237	Following received from 4th Army. AAA Aust. Corps raided enemy positions W. of BRAY but found unoccupied. AAA Increased arty activity vicinity VAUVILLERS FRAMERVILLE PROYART LIHONS N. of DERNANCOURT . Heavy gas shelling of valleys MORLANCOURT Area, RAINECOURT and HARBONNIERES and GRESSAIRE WOOD . Marked increase hostile artillery on forward areas S. of BRETONNEUX -CHAULNES Railway.
4th Army	p.m. 5.30	G.246	One of our planes RE. 8. crashed in flames in W.12. central about 5 p.m. today.
4th "	6.15	G.247	Evening report. No change in line. Enemy arty active at intervals on PROYART MORCOURT FRAMERVILLE and on line FRAMERVILLE -LA FLAQUE .During morning between 9 am and 10 am heavy barrage on valley S. of RAINECOURT . Total prisoners wounded and unwounded captured by this Corps to date number 195 off. 8552 0 .Rs.
Divs	8.40	G.250	Following received from 4th Army. Cdn Corps report fighting in vicinity of PARVILLERS Situation there obscure. No change in line on rest of front.Hostile arty active on PROYART MORCOURT LIHONS FRAMERVILLE and valley S. of RAINECOURT . Patrol to ALBERT fired on from Cathedral. 1 EA crashed 3 down out of control.
4th Army	"	G.251	One of our planes down in enemy lines approx. A.3.a. Figures seen in leave machine.
4th Army	a.m. 5.40	G.252	Morning report. Our right centre divn advanced their line during night between RAINECOURT and HERLEVILLE and has severe fighting in vicinity of latter place 1 M.G. captured.AAA Scattered shelling over sector N. of SOMME . Gas shelling on forward areas S. of SOMME yellow and blue cross shell being used AAA Right div. front was barraged at intervals during night enemy using many flares AAA E.A. E.A. low flying planes very active up to midnight bombing in in right Divl area.
" "	9	Ig.253	2 prisoners 376 I.R. 109th Divn captured during night in X.12.a.

*[Signature]*  
Major 11 a.m.

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To.	Time	No.	S U B J E C T
4th Army.	11 a.m.	G.254	British two seater make unknown shot down in flames time 4 p.m. 14th ( Sheet 62D SE) X.2.a.0.0. Occupants killed name 2/Lt E.G. RENTON R.A.F., other unknown. Few personal effects held at 23rd Army Bde R.F.A. - wire disposal.
" "	5.40 p.m.	G.256	Evening report. Situation quiet. Following posts have been established in "C" Divl sector R.22.a.1.2. R.22.c.5.7. R.21.b.5.5. R.22.c.6.1. AAA Enemy arty active on PROYART and Q.24. also FRAMERVILLE and valley in X.10. and X.4. Captures 3 O.Rs.
Divs	7 p.m.	G.260	Total prisoners taken by 4th Army from 8th August to 4 p.m. 14th August. Passed through Corps Cages 380 off. 18759 O.Rs. Through C.C.S. 102 off. 2603 O.Rs. Total 482 off. 21,362 O.Rs. Total all ranks 21,844.
4th Army	a.m. 5.40		Morning report. Enemy arty shelling increased during night in all sectors. FRAMERVILLE and VAUVILLERS shelled with yellow cross also PROYART and locality and MERICOURT heavily shelled with phosgene and lachrymatory shell. E.A. active bombing rear areas.
4th Army	5.40 p.m.	G.269	Evening report. Situation quiet. MORCOURT and RAINECOURT shelled during afternoon FRAMERVILLE and X.10.a.& c. heavily shelled between noon and 2 pm. Scattered shelling in VAUVILLERS.
Divs.	10.45 p.m.	G.271	Following has been received from Adv.Cdn Corps. Enemy arty active this morning. MEHARICOURT, MAUCOURT ROUVROY FOUQUESCOURT BEAURFORT and PARVILLERS all shelled during the morning with various calibres. Large fire S. of HATTENCOURT 3.30 this afternoon. In cooperation with French attack our battle patrols pushed forward this afternoon and are believed to have reached a line approx. as follows M.2.a.8.0. where we are believed to be in touch with French to trench system W. of FRESNOY, thence W. edge of SCHETZ WOOD West of LA CHAVATTE and East of FRANSART. Prisoners taken in FRANSART belong to 10th JAEGER Bn Alpine Corps. Our arty has bombarded BOIS DE CROISETTE and LA CHAVATTE. Patrols now advancing against these places.

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4th Army.	6.00 a.m.	G.275	Morning report. Situation quiet on whole Corps front. Light scattered shelling of forward areas. Little gas shelling of MALARD WOOD.
4th Army.	6.00pm	G.284	Evening report. During last night left centre div. advanced their line to average depth of 300 yds. and dug in along line from R.3.d.2.1. to R.9.c.55. Left Bde. right div. advanced their line to depth of 500 yds. on 1500 yds. front during day meeting little resistance. Hostile arty. active on forward area S. of SOMME. being particularly active on MORCOURT with 4.2 H.V. gun also on area along main ST. QUENTIN ROAD S. of PROYART, and on ROSIERES FRAMERVILLE and VAUVILLERS. Captures 7 O.R. 3 M.Gs.
<u>18th August 1918.</u>			
4th Army.	6.15a.m	GI 203	Post rushed in R.15 two enemy killed. Identification 80 Fus. Regt. 21st Div. 1 M.G captured in unoccupied post R.28.c.9.2.
4th Army.	6.15a.m	G.290	Morning report. Intense harassing fire was put down between 3 and 3.30 & 4 and 4.30 a.m. 100 Gas projectors successfully discharged on BRAY hostile retaliation moderate. Some heavy shelling on our front line in places and harassing fire on villages and communications. Some posts advanced in places details later. We rushed post in R.15 killed 2 of enemy. Captures 1 O.R.
4th Army.	5.40pm	G.297	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy arty. active during morning in R.3.c.& d. and MORCOURT. PROYART shelled continuously during day. Captures last 24 hours 1 Offr. 11 O.R's. 1 M.G.

*Josephine Cass*  
Major. 9.30p.m.

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To	Time desp.	No.	Subject
4th Army	5-55 a.m.	G.306	Morning report. Quiet night. Intermittent hostile shelling over whole area. Front line of Right Centre Div. at times heavily shelled. Aerial activity nil. Gas nil.
4th Army	9 a.m.	G.309	2 O.R. 19th Bavarian I.R. killed this morning in S.20.b. and papers secured.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Divs. 32nd Div. 8th Bn. Tanks. 13th Ball. Coy. 3rd Sqn. A.F.C. B.G.H.A.	2 p.m.	G.318	Following from G.H.Q. and French timed 10-15 pm. 18th. 15th Corps carried out successful operation today between VIEUX BERQUIN and METEREN-BAILLEUL Road. Line approx. E.24.b. - E and C - OUTERSTEENE (inclusive) - HOEGENACKER Mill - Old Line S. of METEREN-BAILLEUL road. 400 prisoners reported in cages. Our casualties light. Progress made S.W. of MERVILLE in K.34 and Q.4.a. Hostile attacks on posts N. of BEAUCOURT S. of SERRE and PUISSIEUX repulsed and few prisoners captured. Between BOIS DE CARLEPONT and NOUVRON VINGRE French advanced average depth 1500 metres. All objectives attained. NAMPCEL surrounded and NOUVRON VINGRE captured 500 prisoners already reported. Addsd. all concerned.
4th Army	2 p.m.	G.317	Enemy plane brought down in flames by one of ours at 8 a.m. at L.33 central.
4th Army	6 p.m.	G.346	Evening report. At 10-30 a.m. enemy attacked on front of about a mile between HERLEVILLE and LIHONS and succeeded in entering our line at two points. He was immediately driven out by counter attack and whole of line restored. Two prisoners remained in our hands and enemy suffered heavy casualties. At 10 a.m. and again at 4 p.m. front line E. and S.E. of LIHONS was heavily shelled also front line E. of PROYART during morning. Reserve areas intermittently shelled throughout day.

*J. R. Shaw*

Captain  
8-20 p.m.

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To	Time depp.	No.	Subject
Divs.	10-30 pm.	G.330	Following from Fourth Army. French attacked this morning W. of SOISSONS on about 25 km front penetrated average depth of 6 km and progresses. Line at 4-30 pm. reported CUTS GIZANCOURT BLERAUCOURDELLE all incl. 1 km N. of Hill 160 - S. of ST AUBIN - VEZAPONIN - VALPRIEZ FARM CUISY EN ALMONT OSLY COBTIL all incl. 2500 pris and several guns captured.
4th Army.	<u>21st Aug.</u> 6 am.	G. 331	Morning report. Enemy artillery active on forward area of Left centre Div. throughout the night. Few rounds YELLOW CROSS gas on front line E. of PROYART. Scattered shelling on rest of Corps front. T.Ms active on front line E. of LIHONS.
Divs.	6-30 am.	G.332	Following from Fourth Army. Latest estimate prisoners in 10th Army attack 10,000 with large number of guns not yet counted. Attack has penetrated to depth of 5½ kilos at deepest point. Enemy losses reported exceedingly severe.
Divs.	10 am.	G.333	Following from G.E.Q. 10 pm. 20th. Hostile counter attack S. of SCARPE compelled our advance posts to withdraw slightly otherwise counter attack repulsed. N. of SCARPE sunken road occupied by us after fighting. Few prisoners taken. 47 prisoners and few M.Gs. captured on LYS front. We hold ESTAIRES - STRAZEELE road as far S. as LA COURONNE with patrols farther south. Hostile raid at SCHERPENBERG repulsed. Enemy raided posts at DICKEBUSCH 2 men missing. Following from Brit Miss. GAR. 9-45 pm. 20th. 10th French Army front now runs LA QUENNOTTERIE LA MOTTE FARM sth. edge CAISNES LOMBAY MARIVIUX GIRANCOURT BLERENCOURDELLE sth. slopes Hill 160 VERAPONIN all incl. then 500 yards W. BIEUXY Hill 155 E. VAUGERIN LAVAL and along rly to W. edge POMMIERS. Later French report are in BOIS DE CUTS and have taken BIEUXY.

*Roudroux*

Capt.  
11 a.m.

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To	Time depp.	No.	Subject
Divs &c.	<u>21st Aug.</u> 11-15 am.	335	Following from Fourth Army 9-30 am. Third Army attacked on 16,000 yards front between BEAUCOURT and MOYENNEVILLE at 5 am. this morning. Attack complete surprse and going well. Third Div reported going well through COURCELLES and 5th Div. to have captured ACHIET-LE-PETIT and in touch with 63rd Div on right. 21st Div. attack on BEAUCOURT SUR ANCRE successful.
4th Army.	6 p.m.	338	Evening report. Quiet day. Battery positions of Left Div lightly shelled. Consistent shelling with 5.9s and 4.2s E. of PROYART. Enemy aircraft inactive.
4th Army.	<u>22nd Aug.</u> 6 a.m.	350	Morning report. Enemy arty fairly active on front and support lines during night. 300 Blue cross gas shells in vicinity of AUGER WOOD X.29.a.7.3. enemy attempted to raid Right Bn. of D. Div. but was driven off.
Divs.	9 am.	430	Situation report. 3rd Aust. Div. and 47th Div. gained all objectives. Left Bn. 3rd Aust. Div. captured 10 officers 133 O.Rs including whole H.Q. 124th Regt. Battalion Commander, Adjutant, M.G. Off. Arty F.O.O. No definite information or situation on left of 3rd Corps but it is believed that they have gained their objectives.

*J. Bourdieu*  
Capt/

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To	Time desp.	No	Subject
Divs.	12 noon	G 354	Following from 3rd Corps. Right Divn. reported in possession of brown line and Bde passed through brown line accompanied by whippets at 7-50 am. F.O.Os. report at 8-45 am. centre Div. on first objective and going forward to final. Heavy fighting in progress for position of final objective on centre Div front. Left Div report they have left assembly positions MEALTE - ALBERT road up to time with tanks. Extreme Coy. suffered heavily from M.G. fire. Left Bn held up at first, assisted by Tanks and now going strong. Later report by Left Divn 54th Bde on final objective 3 Offcs 179 ORs captured. Situation in ALBERT still obscure. Advanced guard ordered to move forward and be prepared to support Left of 54th Bde. Enemy barrage reported heavy at first but now slackened and hostile F.A. ceased altogether. Left Div. report shelling in E.14.b. and d. and railway cutting E.15 central and some gas shelling in ANCRE valley. Right Div. report heavy retaliation K.16.central and K.12.d. Fair number of prisoners identifications from 54th RD 233rd Div and 214th Div. Nearly all tanks started to time and reported going satisfactorily. Latest reports from 12th Divn. Right Bde timed 8-25 am all objectives believed taken. Touch with flank Bde on final objective awaits confirmation. Our casualties light. 3rd Corps now mopping up ALBERT. Prisoners so far 1000.
Divs.	1 p.m.	G 358	Following from 3rd Corps timed 11-40 am. In continuation Right Divn. now reports final objective taken after somewhat heavy fighting. Some field guns reported captured. 6 Offcs 239 ORs in Div cage.
4th Army	1-20 p.m.	IG 359	Following message received by Left Divn from 47th Divn. timed 10-30 am. Begins prisoner 54th RD says following regts in MONTAUBAN due to relieve troops in line on 25/26th instant. 15th IR 13th Divn. 25th IR 208th Div. 41st IR 221st Div. Ends.
Divs.	2-30 pm.	G 360	Following from Fourth Army. Attack of 10th French Army progressing well. 48th FR Div reported to have reached ALLETTE at LA QUINEY - BASSE and L'AVALOIRE (NE of SELENS). ST PAUL - AUX - BOIS also captured. Our casualties slight. Captures in prisoners and guns increasing.

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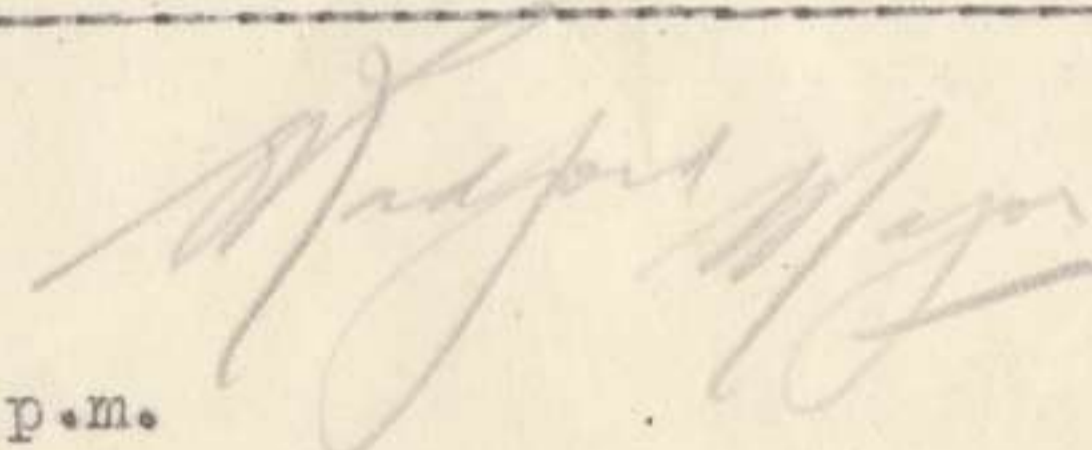
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To	Time desp.	No.	Subject
Divs.	3 pm.	361	Air report. Considerable M.T. movement in both directions in A.21 and 29. General tendency westwards and appear moving towards BILLON WOOD. Some transport movement on MONTAUBAN - MAMETZ Road.
4th Army.	3 pm.	363	Identifications 130th I.R. 124th I.R. and 13th F.A.R. Officers include battalion commander and adjutant 3rd Bn. 124th I.R. No knowledge counter attack or withdrawal. Order of battle N. to S. 134th and 130th I.Rs. and 123rd Gren.Regt.
3rd Aust.Div. R. A. and H. A.	4 p.m.	Ig.365	According prisoners' statements all 3 regts. 25 Divn are at present in MARICOURT area. This Divn. last identified by document in LILLE area 4th August.
4th Army	4 p.m.	Ig 367	Prisoners 3rd Bn. 449th I.R. 233rd Divn. identified this morning in L.3.
4th Army	6 p.m.	G 369	Evening report. Hostile arty active throughout day on R. Divn front. Scattered shelling on rest of Corps front. Left Divn report enemy have counter attacked on front of Divn on their left and have apparently penetrated to brown line. No details to hand. So far no penetration on our front. War material up to 6 pm. 13 Offcs 150 ORs and 1 gun.
4th Army	4 p.m.	G 364	Reliable prisoner states all regiments of 25th Div. in MARICOURT and were to have relieved 27th Div. last week. According to rumour withdrawal to take place on SOMME front but it is unknown to which line but they are to withdraw fighting. Battalions 150 strong. 1st Coy. 124th I.R. stated to be 9 strong and all 4 Coys. turned into one making total strength 60. Order of battle N to S. 247th R.I.R. 27th Divn. Whereabouts 123rd Gren. Regt. unknown.

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TO	Time Desp.	No.	S U B J E C T
4th Army.	6 a.m.	G.384	Morning report. Enemy arty active on Corps front. AUGER WOOD, Fouguescourt, GRESSAIRE WOOD and area N. of SAILLY LE SEC received special attention. Enemy patrols active on front of right div. Some T.Ms and rifle grenade activity in front line E. of LIHONS Forming up area reported quiet at 4.30 a.m. Light enemy barrage reported to have come down immediately ours started.
" "	10.25	Ig.392	Prisoners reported so far 33 off. and 1400 O.R. 227 R.I.R. 107th Div. identified E. PROYART. Among officer prisoners Bn Comdr 3rd Bn 232 R.I.R. Prisoners do not think general retirement along this front probable. Much work being done in rear. Counter attack if any will come from wood due west ESTREES towards FOUQUESCOURT. Many troops quatered in area M23. and 29. Units stated to be in state of confusion. Operations commencing 8th seem to have demoralised troops who state only yesterday some Bns came back their respective regts. No confirmation yet Guards Regts in rear reported this morning. Order battle East west road southwards 52nd R.I.R. 107th Divn -65th I.R. 28 R.I.R. 161 I.R. 185th Div. North 52nd R.I.R. probably 227 R.I.R.
" "	10.30	Ig. 390	Prisoners 161 I.R. 185th Div. captured West of VERMANDOVILLERS.
Divs.	10.45	G.397	Following from 5th Bde R.A.F. 6 am report By day 3 balloons in flames 7 EA crashed 3 EA out of control 44 112-lb and 90 25-lb bombs on TRONES WOOD 411 25-lb bombs on various targets. By night 3 112-lb and 416 25-lb bombs on various targets.
Divs.	11 a.m.	G.398	According to prisoners statements counter attack if any will come from wood due west ESTREES towards FOUQUESCOURT. Many troops said to be in area M.23. and 29. Enemy stated to be in state of confusion. All 3 Regts 21st Div. 107th Div. and 185th Div. identified in this morning's fighting and heavy casualties stated to have been inflicted. 58 German Divn is reported to be in back area 122 I.R. 243rd Div. identified by document in FOUQUESCOURT this morning. These may be considered available for counter attack apart from local reserves.

*J. B. Raydhouse*  
Captain.

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To.	Time Desp.	No.	S U B J E C T
Divs.	11 a.m.	G.396	During the attack of the 10th French Army yesterday on the AILETTE one German Division broke and ran in utter rout. AAA This affected a German Division on its flank which also broke and ran. Attack of the 3rd Army on the Bapaume front is reported to be progressing very well today.
4th Army.	11.a.m.	Ig.404	Prisoners reported counted so far 51 off. 1535 O.Rs. Order battle 21st Div. 80th Fus. Regt. 87th I.R. 81st I.R. then 232 R.I.R. 107 Div.
4th Army.	11.30	G.401.	Situation report. 1st Aust.Div. report. Right Bde reported at 7.50 am left Bn on green line and right Bn also believed on final objective. Left Bde reported at 6.15 a.m. line runs R.9.b.2.9. R.10.a.9.7. R.10.b.8.5. R.10.d.8.8. CHIGNOLLES WOOD taken and in touch with right and left flank Bdes. Prisoners up to 9 am 33 off. 1195 O.Rs. 32nd Divn report. 96th Bde at 8.10 am : left Coy at CRUCIFIX reports situation satisfactory. Centre Coy on objective except at C.T. S.13.b.5.5. Right Bn 97th Bde on objective Left Bn on objective except left Coy who are believed there. Situation at junction of 32nd Div. and 1st Aust.Div. rather obscure. Enemy appears to be still in northern outskirts of HERLEVILLE and in HERLEVILLE WOOD . This is being dealt with. Prisoners of 32nd Div. over 200. 4th Aust.Divn under cover of barrage advanced their left flank shortening line and taking 37 prisoners. A great many enemy reported to have been killed.
4th Army.	p.m. 1	Ig.407	Unable to establish identification flying officers brought down last night on left Div. front, by Lewis gunners. Machine shot down by Lewis Gunners this morning in K.34. 1 N.C.O. and 1 private belongs 13 Schlachtstaffel . Aerodrome stated to be near PERONNE and adjacent 213th Squadron. Latter machine said to be new type.
Divs.	1.30	Ig.408	Air report. Considerable movement on the SOYECOURT -ESTREES Road in S.W. direction. Transport limbers and guns also on same road W. Direction. 1 Bn of troops stationary near ESTREES. on main road.

Captain.  
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To.	Time desp.	No.	S U B J E C T
4th Army	p.m. 2.25	Ig.409.	Result of yesterday's operations N. of SOMME prisoners now total 13 off. 245 O.Rs. wounded and unwounded. Result todays operations S. of SOMME prisoners up to present amount 59 off. 1946 O.Rs. Included in officers are 3 Bn Comdrs .
Divs.	1.50	G. Ig 410	The following message from F.M. C. in C. to the Army Commander begins .-" My warmest congratulations and thanks to yourself, your staff and all ranks under your command for the magnificent success recently gained by the 4th Army . The brilliant manner in which the operation was prepared and successfully carried out with comparatively small losses by the 3rd Aust. and Cdn Corps in conjunction with the Cav. Corps ,R.A.F. and Tank Corps pays striking tribute to the skill of the leaders of all ranks and the bravery of the individual soldier as well as to the high state of efficiency of the staffs and departmental services concerned. The gallant and skilful cooperation of the Armoured Cars and M.M.G.Btys is worthy of the highest praise. Please convey to all ranks my appreciation and thanks -" ends . Copies are being printed for general circulation to the troops of 4th Army and these will be distributed shortly to all units.
4th Army.	3 p.m.	G.412.	The Australian Corps attacked this morning on a frontage of $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of the River SOMME. The enemys defence-s were penetrated to a depth of one and half miles. All objectives were gained in accordance with the planned programme . Area captured includes the villages of HERLEVILLE and CHUIGNOLLES and ST DENIS ,ST MARTINS, MATTO, LONG, LUC, and ARCY WOODS. Prisoners counted so far total over 2000 unwounded including about 60 officers and 3 battalion Comdrs. The enemy was caught in process of reorganisation after his recent reverses and was completely surprised. Main operation was carried out by 1st Aust. Division. 32nd Divn on the right captured HERLEVILLE. 4th Aust. Division improved its line by an advance of its left flank. Exploitation of success is being continued.
4th Army.	3.40 p.m.	Ig.414	Further identifications. Pioneer Coy 253 .107 F.A.R. Latter been here 10 days brought down from FLANDERS where they have been 8 days in rest. 221 F.A.R. 2nd Bat. 27 F.A.R. Coy strength 52 R.I.R. before todays battle 7th Coy, 20, 8th 30. 9th 6.

*J. Rendhouse*  
Captain.

4 p.m.

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Divs.	7.30 p.m.	Ig.418	Air report. 2.30 p.m. 1 Bn moving E. by Coys from ESTREES . 20 HT in rear. 3.10 p.m. same direction 20 M.T. and H.T. going through VILLERS CARBONNEL .3 p.m. 8 bodies 20 men going west from ESTREES to HERBECOURT . Dump at FRESNOY on fire at 2.30 p.m.
4th Army.	7.45	Ig.419	Prisoners 202 R.I.R. 43rd Res.Div. captured just S. of the SOMME,
4th Army	8	G.425	Our line reported to run as follows .Original line E. of LIHU FARM-S.20.b.3.2.-S.20.a.9.8.- S.14.a.0.0.- thence COURTIME TRENCH to S.7.d.92.0.0.- S.7.d.75.25.- S.7.b.8.0. S.7.b.5.2.- S.7.b.5.6. thence VERMANDOVILLERS ALLEY to X.6.c.4.2.-Crucifix- X.6.a.85.00. X.6.a.9.4.- S.1.b.3.5.- M.31.d.9.4. M.31.d.5.9.- R.36.a.5.0. M.25.d.0.0.- M.25.b.0.3. R.24.c.8.0.-M.19.b.5.0.- M.13.b.5.0. -M.7.b.4.0.- ( Patrols in CANARD WOOD) M.1.d.0.0. R.6.a.6.0. -L.36.c.7.0. thence around contour 80 beyond Squares WOOD to FROISSY BEACON.
4th Army	<u>24th August.</u> 6 a.m.	G.430	Morning report. Enemy arty fairly active during night. Scattered shelling of our forward areas some T.M. activity . Little gas reported . At 1 a.m. left Div. attacked N. of SOMME and captured BRAY and their objectives E. of BRAY after severe fighting and strong M.G. opposition. At least 50 prisoners captured. Our casualties reported slight. Our line now runs approx. L.9.d.3.7.- L.16.a.2.9.- L.16.d.0.7. L.16.d.3.5.- River at L.22.a.8.8. Right centre div. captured 2 prisoners during night. E.A. active during early part of night bombing our forward area.
4th Army.	7.30	G.431	At 11.25 pm last night aeroplane British markings flew from W. direction and dropped 6 bombs in valley L.28. L.22. and on SAILLY LE SEC Road in L.29. and then flew West.

*J. Raymond*  
Captain.

9.30 a.m.

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4th Army 11.30 Ig.434 Prisoners taken in capture of BRAY this morning belong 116th and 117th I.Rs 25th Div. 201, 202, 203 R.I.R. 43rd Res.Div. 123rd Gren.Regt. 27th Divn.

Divs etc. 11.45 G.437 The following message has been received from Genl RAWLINSON .Begins. The renewed success of the operations of the Australian Corps today is most gratifying and reflects high credit on the 1st and 4th Australian as well as ~~the~~ on 32nd Division. Please convey to all ranks my warmest thanks and hearty congratulations . ends.-

4th Army 12 noon G.439 At 10.45 a.m. this morning aeroplane British markings dropped bombs in L.3.d. killing 3 N.C.Os. wounding 1 officer and 3 O.Rs.

Divs . 1.30 p.m. G.441 Following from 4th Army. timed 11.45 am. AAA Fighting on general line LA BOISELLE-THIEPVAL-GRANDCOURT . Enemy still holds MIRAUMONT .We are attacking in directions BIEFVILLERS - MORY COPSE and HALLY COPSE. JUDAS FARM reported held by us. 3rd and 4th Army prisoners since morning 21st exceed 14,000 about 60 guns taken. 2nd Army carried out successful local operation last night NE of NEUF BERQUIN.

4th Army 2 p.m. Ig.447 Prisoner 117 I.R. 25th Div. states heavy casualties sustained by 116 and 117 I.R in counter attack afternoon 22nd inst. Prisoner states order of battle 43 R.D. N. to S. 203 R.I.R. 202 R.I.R. ( SOMME) 87 I.R. 21 Divn .No knowledge enemy intentions or withdrawal.

" " 3 p.m. Ig.450 Considerable number explosions taken place last two nights East LIHONS HALLU and HATTENCOURT. Patrols out east LIHONS last night report did not get contact with enemy and large number explosions took place during night.

4th Army 6 p.m. G.477 Evening report. Enemy activity has decreased during day. Slight shelling of AUGER WOOD and HERLEVILLE. Left centre div. reports marked decrease in hostile shelling and elements of enemy withdrawing from defences W. of FOUCAUCOURT. Our patrols following on. Unwounded prisoners during last 24 Hrs 2 off. 70 O.R. making total wounded and unwounded since morning 23rd 84 off. 2941 O.Rs.

*Raydhouse*

Captain. 7.20 p.m.

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4th Army.	7 p.m.	Ig.450	Total captures since yesterday morning operations 82 off. 2648 O.R. unwounded, 2 off. 393 O.R. wounded total 84 off. 3041 O.R. and 16 guns. Total since 8th August. 373 Off. 14,347 O.R. a reliable estimate guns 161 all calibres. It is believed that this number will be exceeded.
Divs.	9.40 p.m.	Ig.452	Air <del>re</del> report. 6.20 pm about 1 bn infantry between BEAULENCOURT and TRANSLOY and 120 men <del>in</del> in four groups S. of SAILLISEL, direction unknown. 6.25 p.m. 20 M.T. going N.W. EQUANCOURT to LECHELLE. 2 Coys between GUILLEMONT and COMBLES probably going E. 8 M.T. going S.W. FINS to NURLU .
Divs	10.15 p.m.	Ig.454	Air report AAA 7.25 p.m. scattered M.T. movement in area MONTAUBAN FLERS LE TRANSLOY COMBLES all going E. and N.E. M.T. stationary on road S. of GUILLEMONT siding 3/400 yds long. 6.25 p.m. 25 M.T. MARICOURT going E. 12 M.T. southwards MAUREPAS to CURLU. 5 guns East in A.13. 15 M.T. HERBECOURT to FEUILLERES going N. 30 M.T. MOISLAINS to BOUCHAVESNES . Area S. SOMME as far E. as line MARCHELPO <del>U</del> to PERONNE roads very quiet. Train movement slight .R.S. for 4 trains PERONNE 3 in DOINGT 1 ROISEL 3 HAM.
4th Army.	11 p.m.	Ig.463	Ref. my Ig.450 even date. Please correct grand total of prisoners since 8th August to read 296 off. 11849 O.R.
"	-	G.473	Our left Div. report that have gained all objectives with little opposition, and our patrols are now pushed forward . About 50 prisoners taken mostly by right Bde. 58th Div. also reported by our left Div. to be on green line with little opposition.
"	-	G.474	L/Cpl 203 RIR states Spur in L.17. evacuated except for patrols at 11 p.m. 24th .States next line of resistance W. of SUZANNE.
"	25th August. 6 a.m.	G.475	Our left Div. advanced their line in front of BRAY last night in conjunction with Corps on our left. So far all going satisfactory, very little opposition encountered. Hostile arty reply very feeble. Some prisoners have been captured. S. of the <del>SOMME</del> river some M.G. posts on the river and canal bank have been cleared up. Touch is being kept with the advance N. of the River. Some gas shelling reported S. of the SOMME. 6 bombs dropped BAYONVILLERS causing casualties.

*J. Raydhouse*  
Capt.

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Divs. 11.35 a.m. Following from 3rd Corps timed 10.10 am. Centre div. report that they have reached MAMETZ and are pushing on to MONTAUBAN -CARNOY Road. Left Div. have been directed on MONTAUBAN and TRONES WOOD. Centre Div. on to BERNAFAY -MARICOURT road and right div. on to MARICOURT. Right Div. report opposition in BILLON WOOD which is being dealt with.

3rd Corps 4.30 p.m. G.493 Our left Bd e reports time 4.10 p.m. that BILLON WOOD is not occupied by British troops. Our light Horse patrols have come under M.G. fire from this wood. Enemy has 77 mm guns in ~~ex~~ Copse A.15. A.21. A.26. A.27. B.2. B.3. B.9. also in MARICOURT and is firing over open sights at any of our troops issuing out of CEYLON WOOD.

3rd A.Divn. 6 p.m. G.495 Following from 3rd Corps timed 3.35 pm. Following is situation on 58th Div. front. We hold line Copse "H" through BILLON WOOD to A.19.b.5.8. Enemy hold E. edge of BILLON WOOD also BILLON AVENUE. Our advance held up by heavy rifle and M.G. fire. 2 Coys working round N. edge of wood 174 Bde is passing through and taking over sector from 175 Bde and have been ordered to keep touch with Australians. Australian co-operation has been asked for. Australians will move in 3 bounds (a) W. edge of SUZANNE-TRIGGER WOOD (b) E. edge of SUZANNE - G.2.a.5.9. (c) G.9.b.5.0. -Copse "L" Copse J.

4th Army 6 p.m. G. 486 Evening report. Right and centre divs adjusted their lines in places during the day. Posts are being pushed forward in L.36.b. and G.31.d. Post has been established E. side of ~~CARRY~~ CANARD WOOD. Hostile arty and MG activity normal on right div. sector. Increased arty activity centre div. Considerable shelling mixed with mustard gas throughout the day N. of HERLEVILLE. Prisoners during past 24 hours 5 off. and 103 O.Rs. unwounded 1 off. 79 O.Rs wounded.

Divs 7.25 p.m. Ig.500 Special air reconnaissance by 3 machines flying low this afternoon failed observe any movement in following villages DOMPIERE ASSAINVILLERS HERBECOURT CHAULNES ESTREES FOUCAUCOURT SOYECOURT ABLAINCOURT VERMANDOVILLERS OMIECOURT BELLOY EN SANTERRE BERNY en SANTERRE No M.T. observed on roads 5.30 p.m. 2 men seen on road B.7.b. near OMIECOURT 1 man in CHAULNES 2 H.T. going S. at H.31.d.2.5. 1 H.T. south on road in G.34.b. M.G. fire encountered from N.32. T.2. T.8. 2 balloons up in N.8.a. N.2.a.

4th Army 7.15 p.m. G.501 Following received from 22nd Ball.Section. Begins - 4.58 p.m. two of our aeroplanes on ground quite close to Hospital in R.19.c. and R.19.d. -ends.

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4th Army.	6 a.m.	G. 512	Morning report. Few mustard gas shells in HERLEVILLE at 4.30 a.m. otherwise situation very quiet on right div. front. Enemy shelled with yellow cross gas practically whole front of centre div. during night and hostile arty and M.Gs fairly heavy on this div. sector. Left Bde of centre div. advanced their line slightly during night, details not yet to hand. Left Bde of left div. have advanced their line to the general line G.8.c.7.3. G.2.a.0.5. the right bde conforming. Further advance on this line has been made but no information to hand. Touch being maintained with 58th Divn. Little opposition by enemy being met with and arty and M.Gs inactive on this front.
4th Army	9 a.m.	G.518	1st Aust. Division have taken CAPPY and established posts to the E. of it. Posts have been established in G.26.a. and b. E. of CHEATEAU ORCHARD, East of YANKO WOOD and E. of wood in Sq. M.2.b. Patrols are pushing on towards OCTOBER WOOD and MAHELESS WOOD. 3rd Aust. Division reported SUZANNE has been captured except for a small enemy party in the extreme N.E. corner. Patrols have reached Sq. G.9.d.0.4.
Divs.	10 a.m.	G.519	First Army attacked this morning. MONCHY reported taken. Attack going well.
Divs.	1.15 p.m.	G.523	Following from 4th Army timed 11 a.m. AAA Begins AAA 3rd Army report 7.15 a.m. Enemy counter attac vicinity EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE and ST LEGER repulsed, at later place Guards met enemy with bayonet killing 70 and captured 40 prisoners. Further counter attack N. of FAVREUIL was driven out and line restored. Line runs W. of BAZENTIN LE PETIT -E. of MARTINPUICH S. of LE SARS M.24.a. -LA BARQUE -H.26.b. H.22. central- FAVREUIL (incl) H.3.d.- B. 29 .central B.16.b. B.9.b. ST LEGER WOOD -T.22.b. T.17. central- ST MARTIN E. of NEUVILLE VITASSE. 3rd Army captured 1100 prisoners yesterday. 17th Corps attacked in conjunction with 1st Army this morning. -Ends.
Divs.	2.40 p.m.	G.526	3rd Corps line at 12 noon today reported to run as follows. "K" Copse in A.27.c.- to "C" Copse in A.21.d. - A.21.d.2.8.- W. of MARICOURT - W. of OXFORD COPSE - A.2. central- Probably E. corner of MAMETX WOOD -S.20.a.19. Advance progressing.

*Spencer*

Capt.

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4th Army	G.527	6 p.m.	Evening report. Left and centre divs steadily advanced their lines during the day . N. of the SOMME enemy driven from line of resistance in G.9.a. and c. Enemy fled in disorder and was engaged by our artillery and large number of casualties inflicted. Trench system in G.9. occupied . Situation quiet on R. div. front.
Divs.	7.30 p.m.	G.530	Following from 4th Army time 5.50 pm. Begins .- Situation. 38th Div. have captured BAZENTIN LE GRAND and S.9.central. We hold EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE . Thence line runs THILLOY (excl) AVESNES (incl) E. of FAVREUIL - then as before to ST MARTIN .17th Corps and Cdn Corps line runs WANCOURT (incl) -GUEMAPPE (excl) MONCHY LE PREUX (incl) . Some progress also N. of SCARPE . French captured FRESNOY LES ROYE this morning -ends.
4th Army	10.15 p.m.	Ig.534	Prisoner captured about 12 noon just W. VAUX WOOD belongs 203 R.I.R. 10th Coy states Regt on his right 176th I.R. 35th Div. Artillery drew back two days ago.
Divs	<u>27th August</u> 12.30 a.m.	Ig.537	Order captured by Corps on left shows on 15-8-18 Div. Cdr 25th Div. was at a conference which was also attended by Div. Comdr 232 Divn last identification in line W. VERDUN. 232 Divn is therefore probably on this front.
4th Army	6.30 a.m.	G.538	Morning report. North of SOMME 3rd Aust.Div. report at 3.32 am patrols through VAUX WOOD and line approx. G.4.d.3.9. along CREST AVENUE to A.27.d.7.3. thence along trench to COPSE "K" .No opposition encountered . Patrols of 32nd Divn and 5th Aust.Divn have kept in touch with enemy . Patrols of 2nd Aust.Divn are along general line M.9.d. C.29.c. VIRGIN WOOD captured . Patrols in M.9.b. held up by M.G. fire Hostile arty active on forward areas About 250 mustard gas shells into area W. of LIHONS S. of VAUVILLERS and HERLEVILLE . Ravines N. of SUZANNE heavily shelled .200 blue cross in CHUIGNES VALLEY.

*Frederick*

Captain.  
11 a.m.

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Divs 9 a.m. G.539 Following from 3rd Corps. Begins - Situation-) Attack launched this morning going well. MARICOURT captured and about 30 prisoners by Right Div. Centre Div. troops seen crossing MARICOURT -BRIGUETTERIE Road at 5.4 a.m. Right div. going strong. 150 prisoners already taken by them. Depth of advance not yet known.

4th Army 9.30 a.m. Ig.542 All 3 Regts 41st Div. identified E. of GAPPY during the night.

Divs 10.30 a.m. G.544 Following from 3rd Corps time 8.30 a.m. Begins- Left div. report large numbers of the enemy in BERNAFAY WOOD and TRONES WOOD . Machine Gun nests in places causing us casualties . Prisoners of 345, 448, 449, 18, and 373 Regts coming down . Fresh Divn 87th identified. ~~xx~~ Prisoners report Guard Divn in reserve probably to 125th . Officer patrol shot at from LONGUEVAL . Our troops reported in N. end of TRONES WOOD . Fighting taking place in Wood.

4th Army p.m. 2 Ig.551 11 Gren. Regt 117 Div. identified vicinity VAUX WOOD.

Divs 4.15 G. 556 Following from 4th Army timed 2.30 pm. Begins .Situation 12 noon. French report enemy withdrawing rapidly between CHAULNES and LAUCOURT closely followed by French. Latter captured and French have entered ROYE and penetrated to rly N. of ROYE -W. of LIANCOURT - W. of FONCHES -E. of HALLU . Enemy holding CHAULNES strongly with M.Gs. 1100 prisoners and more to follows. Third Army reports line runs E. of DELVILLE WOOD -W. of FLERS -LE BARQUE-H.26.d. H.27. central. Rly H.28.b. -E. of BEUGNATRE -Sugar factory W. of VRAUCOURT -B.11. central. NW of ECOUST U.25.d.-W. of CROISELLES -T.11.a. -N.35.a. Canadians and 17th Corps attacked this morning no news as yet. N. of SCARPE line runs I.8. cent. -I.2. cent. Old german ~~xxx~~ front line as far N. as B.30.a.2.7. Enemy counter attacked last night at various points between LONGUEVAL and BAPAUME with varying success. Attack by N.Z. Divn on BAPAUME last night at first successful but were forced back to N. outskirts of town by counter attack. ends.

*M. Caury* Captain. 5 p.m.

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Divs	4.45 p.m.	G.558	Following from 32nd Div. AAA timed 3 p.m. Begins- Situation 2.30 p.m. We hold line of railway in S.22.a. VERMANDOVILLERS in our hands 1 M.G. and 5 prisoners of 23rd IR captured in village and 30 germans reported killed .Left Bn Right Bde hold from S.15.b.6.2. to S.9.cent. Right Coy Right Bn left Bd e in touch with last mentioned point . Northern outskirts in square 2 not yet cleared up. Contact exists with enemy in this area and on extreme left. On right HART CORPSE S.21.b.8.6. reported still held by enemy but in process of being cleared. Touch with French exists immediately S. of this point. Further S. Frenc report they hold PUNCHY and FONCHES.- ends.
4th Army	6.10 p.m.	Ig.559	Following additional x identifications obtained today by prisoners 3rd Bn 122 I.R. 243 Div in M.22.b. 3rd Bn 203 R.I.R. 43 Div. and all Bns 11 Gren.Regt. 117 Div. between MERICOURT and SUZANNE . Order battle N. to S. of 117 Div <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 157 I.R. - 11 Gren.Regt.- 22 RIR. Prisoner 203 R.I.R. states expects relief by 1st Gd Gren.Regt .
" "	6.10 p.m.	G.562	Evening report AAA Right Div. reports in touch with French in S.29.a.2.9. and now hold N. edge of SATRY WOOD and VERMANDOVILLERS .Advance is being continued on SOYECOURT .Right centre div. now holds trench in M.15.a. and c. and M.21.a. strong point in M.20.b.2.2. captured .Astride road at M.26.c.4.4. where meeting with heavy M.G. fire. In touch with troops on right working along sap about M.32.a.6.7. Left centre div. line runs W. and SE of FONTAINE in M.9.d. M.10.a.0.8 . M.4.d.1.9. G.35.a.0.0. G.29. central G.23.d.0.0. Left div. line runs G.23.b. along W. bank of river to A. 29.central thence QUARRY in A.28.a. Artillery activity on R.23.d. R.29.b. & d. PROYART and support area of left centre div.
Divs.	7.30 p.m.	G.563	Following from 3rd Corps 3.50 p.m. Situation. 3rd Corps line at 2 p.m. runs as follows . Right flank refused from QUARRY A.28.a. to old British front line A.23.c.7.0. thence Q.B.F.L. to the squares in A.16.b. thence to NW corner of FAVIERE WOOD A.5.d.0.0. to S.E. corner BERNAFAY WOOD thence along E. outskirts of wood to A.23. central-Boundary in S.17.d.3.0. Enemy has strongly reinforced his front during last night and today and gives no indications of a further withdrawal. The line taken up by the enemy appears to be TRONES WOOD -MALTZ HORN COPSE A.6.cent. through FAVIERE WOOD to old german front line A.17. thence along old german front line to Corps boundary . Heavy enemy counter attacks have driven centre and left divs from MALTZ HORN KNOLL and TRONES WOOD. Attempts of right Div. to advance have met with vigorous opposition . 2 Fresh divs have been identified today and the number of enemy divs opposite Corps front now total 7. Prisoners so far through cages today 9 off. 296 O.Rs . Captures by 3rd Corps since 22nd inst. 72 off. 3466 O.Rs 1 Bty 4.5" How. 1 8" How. 2 Btys Heavy TMS , numerous light T.Ms and M.gs.

*McCurran*

Capt. 8.5 p.m.

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4th Army	8 pm	G.566	Ref. evening report. Amend first sentence to read -Right div. report French are at E. end of wood at S.29.a.2.9. and touch with them is being obtained. Following from Liaison Offr with French Army begins - French line at 6 pm runs as follows - FONCHES-FONCHETTE -BELAIR FARM -PUZEUX -W. edge of SALEUX WOOD -LEG WOOD -BOIS KRATZ . Enemy is protecting CHAULNES by arty fire.
Divs.	11.20 p.m.	G.568	Following from 4th Army timed 9.55 p.m. Begins- Situation report 7 p.m. 1st Army line believed to run as follows. CHERISY-ST ROHART FACTORY -BOIS DU SART (all incl) PELVES (excl) ROUEX -GREENLAND HILL -GRAVELLE (all incl). We occupy old German front line as far as ARLEUX(incl) Cdn Corps report captured many prisoners . 3rd Army report FONTAINE captured . Total captures 3rd Army since 21st estimated 15,658 prisoners 97 guns numerous M.Gs. French report line W. of AMY-W. of VERPILLIERES -CARRIEPUITS (excl) WAUCOURT (incl) W. of LIANCOURT W. of FONCHES -W. of PUNCHY-W. of CHAULNES -CHAULNES WOOD .
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4th Army	6 a.m.	G.570	Morning report. Right centre div. reports heavy shelling of forward area up to midnight with considerable gas shelling of ST MARTIN WOOD and HERLEVILLE VALLEY both green and yellow cross. Situation now quiet . Other divs report light scattered shelling of forward areas . Our line now runs S.22.a.0.0. Thence along E. edge of VERMANDOVILLERS through S.3.d.and b. and M.33.c. to M.33.a.0.0. to M.27.c.7.7. to M.21.c.4.4. to M.21.a.0.0. to M.9.d.6.1. thence through M.9.b. to M.4.cent. to G.28.cent. and N. to river. Posts have been established in old trench system in G.30.a. and c. G.36.a. and 35.b. and at M.4.d.0.0. and M.10.a.cent. Left centre div. patrols pushing forward to regain touch temporarily lost with enemy.
" "	10 a.m.	G.571	32nd Divn unconfirmed report states infantry have reached ABLAINCOURT and are through SOYECOURT. 5th Aust.Div. has captured FAY and is pushing on towards ESTREES.2nd Aust.Div. has captured DOMPIERRE and HOSPICE WOOD and are pushing forward. N. of River 3rd Aust.Divn is operating against CURLU

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Captain. 12 noon. 28-8-18.

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4th Army	11 a.m.	Ig.574	Infantry report bombing from the air on enemy transport this morning in FOUCAUCOURT very effective. Heavy casualties reported to have been inflicted.
" "	11.30	Ig.575	Prisoners 2nd, 3rd, Bns and 3rd M.G. Coy 157th I.R. captured N. of CURLU last night. Prisoner states order of battle N. to S. 11th Gren Regt. 157th I.R. 22 RIR.
3rd Corps	1.5 p.m.	G.576	Following from 3rd Aust. Div. timed 10.30 am. Begins Our patrols now E. of CURLU, no further details. Joint post with 174 Bde at A.30.a.3.9. -ends.
Divs.	1.20 p.m.	G.577	Following from 4th Army timed 11.45 am. Begins- Following from French 1st Army report line from N. to S. @MIECOURT -SEPT-VOUS-TILLOY-BALATRE-ROIGLISE -VEMPILLIERES all incl. 3rd French Army along W. edge of BOIS CRAPEAUMESNIL. Village DIVES and DIVETTE captured thence along S. edge BOIS DE LA RESERVE. DIVES LE FRANC and PASSEL captured. 10th French Army successful operation towards NOYON report PONT L'EVEQUE captured. Later French report a Bn in HERLY W. of NESLE and another in BETHONVILLERS. Cav. Patrols entering NESLE. -ends.
4th Army.	5.45 p.m.	G.579	From Liaison left Div. Artillery observers report much movement going E. in H.4.c. and d. Observers also report movement in squares L.1. 2. and 7.
	6.30 p.m.	G.580	Evening report. Line along the whole Corp-s front has been steadily advanced during the day touch has been maintained with the enemy throughout. Following towns have been captured - DOMPIERRE- BECQUINCOURT - FAY-ESTREES SOYECOURT DENIECOURT ABLAINCOURT Our line now runs T.14.b. and D. T.8.d T.8.a. T.2.a. and c. N.32.a.& c. N.25.a. and d. N.19.a. and D. M.24.b. M.18.b.&d. M.12.b.&d. N.1.cent. -H.31.d. H.31.cent. -G.36.b. -G.30.b.& d.- H.19.c.- G.24.b.0.0.- AAA N. of SOMME G.6.b.5.0.- B.25.c.3.5.- A.30.b.5.5.-B.19.c.0.0.- Left div. in touch with 3rd Corps in QUARRY A.30.b. Right div. in touch with French. Enemy reported to be defending strongly BERNY-ASSEVILLERS-FRISE and trench system in B.25 and H.1.b. All indications point to a greater stiffening of enemy resistance on the high in the northern sector of the corps front than in the southern.

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Captain. 6.45 p.m.

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4th Army	7.5 p.m.	Ig.582	Prisoner 6th Coy 4th Guard Gren. Regt 2nd Guard Div. states div. rested 3 weeks, trained to HAM and up to line in busses. His regt relieved 473rd I.R. last night. 1st Guard Gren. Regt N. of his. 2nd Bn in line, 1st in support 3rd in reserve. Expect withdrawal to trenches S. PERONNE on east bank of SOMME date unknown. 6th Coy 259th RIR was incorporated entire as 6th Coy 4th Gd Gren Regt. when 78th Res. Div. was disbanded. Strength 1 off. 140 O.Rs 4 L.M.Gs. Prisoner 2nd Coy 67th M.G. Sharpshooter Detachment in line 9 days. 243rd withdrawn exhausted last night. Seen Pioneers blowing craters in cross roads but no locations.
Divs.	8 p.m.	G. 584	Following from Liaison Officer with 36th French Corps. French join up with us at MARCHELPOT Station. Enemy still occupy MORCHAIN.
4th Army	8 p.m.	Ig.583	Undated captured map of approx. 11-8-18 shows 2nd Army H.Q. in CAMBRAI just S. of the MARQUION -CAMBRAI and BAPAUME -CAMBRAI Roads, also 54 Corps H.Q. at MANANCOURT 11 Corps H.Q. at TEMPLEUX LA FOSSE 4 Res. Corps H.Q. at CATELET south of CARTIGNY. Northern boundary 2nd Army N. CONTALMAISON S. LONGUEVAL N. SAILLY SAILLISEL N. MANANCOURT due S. METZ N. MARQUION. Souther boundary FRANSART N. FONCHETTE EPANENCOURT MONCHY LAGACHE TREFEON MARTEVILLE PONTRU.
4th Army	10.26 p.m.	Ig.588	Prisoners captured of 2nd Bn 201 RIR 2nd Bn, 202 R.I.R. 1st Bn 11 Gren. Regt. East CURLU.
4th Army	11 p.m.	G. 589	Right div. has captured BERNY-en-SANTERRE, FRESNES-MAZANCOURT. Line in this vicinity runs T.22.a.0.3., T.16.d.3.6. T.11.a.2.0. T.5.c.0.0. T.4. central N.33.c.5.8. N.32.central. thence as previously reported. FRISE has been taken together with over 50 prisoners.

*Perdrew*

Captain.  
9 a.m.

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To.	Time Esp.	No.	S U B J E C T
4th Army	6 a.m.	G.590	Morning report. HERBECOURT, ASSEVILLERS FEUILLERS BELLOY have been taken during the night. North of the SOMME our troops are in H.1.a. and c. and pushing on towards HEM. Still heavy M.G. fire from B.25 and HEM. Arty fire has slackened only occasional H.V. and heavies. South of the SOMME our line runs H.15.a. & c. H.20. central, E. HERBECOURT to H.32.d.0.0. N.2. central N.7.d.9.0. N.14.a.9.9. N.15. central N.16.a.0.0. south along grid to B.34.c.0.0. thence as previously reported.
4th Army	10 a.m.	Ig.591	Prisoner 148 I.R. 41st Div. captured NE HERBECOURT last night. Guard prisoners state 1st Guards Division in reserve. Prisoner 87 I.R. states 25 Div. in rear and expect to move forward.
" "	10.40 a.m.	Ig.594	Prisoners captured 161 I.R. 181 Div. N.E. VILLERS CARBONNEL.
" "	12 noon	Ig.597	Following from P.O.W. cage timed 10.30 a.m. Have definitely ascertained as certain that 1st Guard Divn is in support of 2nd Guard Division. Prisoner 2nd Gd Div. states 7th Army was at RHEIMS relieved by 9th Army. Prisoner states quite certain his Div. now in 7th Army sector.
4th Army.	12.15 p.m.	Ig.598	Unconfirmed report prisoner captured belonging 46th I.R. 119 Div. in H.16.a. Prisoner 27th F.A.R. taken in H.16.a.
4th Army	1 p.m.	G.599	BIACHES BOS COURT FLAUCOURT have been captured. Enemy hold OMIECOURT les CLERY. Air report states bridges in I.33.d. and O.15.a. intact, O.26.d., O.32. and U.8. destroyed. Later air report - Explosions at road bridges I.33.c. Railway bridges T.8.d. and at T.16.d.
4th Army.	2 p.m.	G.600	Prisoners captured belong 28th R.I.R. 185th Div. just S. BIACHES this morning.

*R. Henderson*

Captain. 3 p.m.

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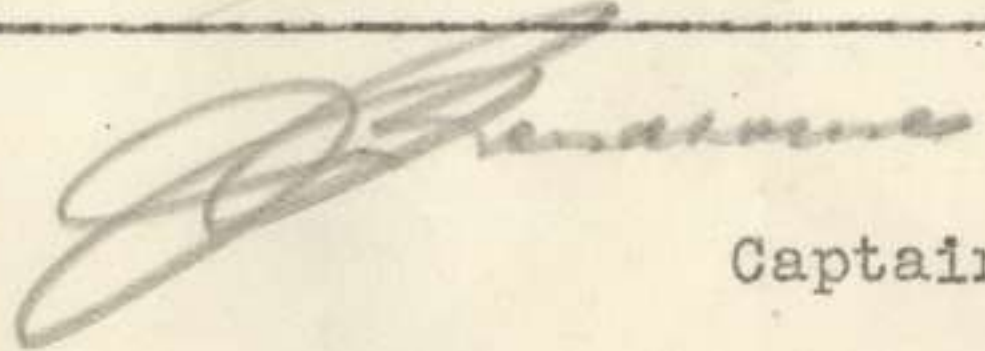
4th Army - G.595 5th Aust.Div. has reached the river in the vicinity of BRIE . Enemy machine gun opposition has been active at various points. Our advanced troops are being harassed by enemy aircraft with bombs and machine guns.

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Divs. 2.30 p.m. G.601 Following from 4th Army timed 1 p.m. Begins - On ARRAS front we hold CROISELLES -REMY-BOIRY-JIGSAW WOOD .Later unconfirmed reports show our troops E. of GUILLEMONT -GINCHY-GUEDECOURT -THILLOY and entering BAPAUME from N. and E. Ends.

4th Army 4.40p.m. Ig.602 Prisoners belonging 4 Bav. and 25 Bav. I.Rs 14 Bav.Div. captured R.24.c. today. Also prisoners 11th Coy 1st Guard Gren.Regt 2nd Guard Div. 7th Coy 161 I.R. and 28 R.I.R. 185 Div. captured NE VILLERS CARBONNEL .

4th Army 8 p.m. Ig.604 Prisoners state mines are laid ready to blow up in the station at PERONNE . They state that retirement is eventually intended to reach the old CAMBRAI-ST QUENTIN line but they believe a temporary stand will be made at PERONNE . PERONNE and surrounding villages stated to have been cleared of stores and material.

4th Army 6 p.m. G.603 Evening report. Our division N. of the SOMME captured HEM during the day and has now infantry patrols in CELLE and HENNETON trenches with light horse patrols E. of the latter. South of the Somme we hold the line of the canal in H.17.a.&.b. thence left bank of the SOMME to I.32.central thence SE to O.9.a.2.0. thence left bank of the SOMME to southern boundary. Posts have been established across the canal at O.9.b.3.9. and I.25.a.3.8. During the day the following villages have been captured HEM -FEUILLERS -BOSCOURT -HERBECOURT-BIACHES -FLAUCOURT -ASSEVILLERS -BELLOY-BARLEUX -VILLERS CARBONNEL and MISERY. Prisoners during past 24 hours 1 officer 132 O.Rs.

  
Captain. 9 p.m.

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4th Army.	10.30 p.m.	Ig.605	Prisoners 1st M.G. Coy 25th R.I.R. 14th Div. captured in H.36. state orders to retire E. of SOMME . Other 2 Regt had already retired. Further identification. Assault Coy 14th Bav.Div. 25th Bav.Regt. 5th,6th, 8th Coys 28th RIR 185th Div.
Divs.	11 p.m.	G.607	Bridge at H.8.d.9.4. has been repaired. Will carry 60 pdrs.
4th Army.	11.30 p.m.	Ig.610	Prisoners 447th IR 232 Div. captured in CLERY. 2nd M.G. Coy 5th and 6th Coys 161st I.R. 185th Div. East BARLEUX. Company strength average 40. General impression of prisoners 161st I.R. that retirement will continue.
4th Army.	6.45 a.m.	G.614	<p style="text-align: right;">30th August, 1918.</p> M'orning report. Enemy arty and M.Gs active throughout the night. Right Bde of left centre div. has bridged the Canal and has patrols on E. bank but is held up by marshy ground E. of River. Left Bde has bridge at I.19.c.3.0. but is also held up by marshy ground E. of River. The Causeway at I.12.b. is intact but is still under heavy M.G. fire. These M.Gs are now being dealt with by 3rd Aust.Div. Following from 4th Army time 10.25 p.m. 29th . Our troops reported in BAPAUME and hold RIENCOURT and HENDECOURT.
2,5th Aust Divs,	3.30 a.m.	G.612	Prisoners captured last night at CLERY belong to 447 I.R. 232 Div. and state came direct from VERDUN and into line evening 28th. State retirement disorderly and think staff have lost control. Do not think PERONNE will offer much resistance.
Divs.	12 noon	G. 616	Following from 4th Army time 10 a.m. Situation AAA 3rd Army line now runs MORVAL-LES BOEUFs ( both believed inclusive) - N. of RIENCOURT -les-BAPAUME -BEUGNATRE -W. of VRAUCOURT- W. of ECOUST-Thence BULLECOURT -RIENCOURT les CAGNICOURT-HENDECOURT-les-CAGNICOURT ( all inclusive) . French line reported as follows .NOYON -W. edge HAPLINCOURT-BAUVRINS-QUESNOY WOOD -MOYENCOURT -BREUIL- BETENCOURT- along SOMME CANAL to junction with British.

*J. Handhouse*  
Captain. 12 noon.

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To.	Time Desp.	No.	S U B J E C T
Divs.	-	Ig.617	French report that prisoners taken yesterday state delay action mines were buried beneath the soil of cellars in LAGNY . Yellow type explode after 8 days, blue type after a longer period
4th Army.	2.30 p.m.	Ig.618	Prisoners 2nd Coy 447 I.R. 232 Div. state relieved 233 Div. Order battle unknown . 447 I.R. just N. of SOMME . 2nd Coy received draft 6 men mostly young recruits just prior to leaving VERDUN . Average moral fair.
4th Army	2.30 p.m.	Ig.619	Corps P.O.W. Cage will open at L.34.c.7.0. 4 p.m. today.
4th Army	3.15 p.m.	Ig.620	2nd Bn 80 Fus.Reg. 21 Div. identified by prisoners N.12.a.
4th Army	6.20 p.m.	G.623	Evening report. Unchanged on Right Div. front. Fairly heavy shelling in forward area . Right centre div. report enemy holding trench in O.27. and O.33. very strongly with M.Gs. Bridges at O.26.d.2.4. destroyed by TM fire from BRIE . Patrols from left Bn are on E. bank of Canal but held up by the marshes. Left centre div. report their leading Bn progressing slowly but steadily and now NE of CLERY with support Bn closely in touch. Enemy resistance obstinate. Bde O.Ps report enemy counter attack launched vicinity of CLERY COPSE 3.45 p.m. apparently unsuccessful. Left div. report enemy arty and aircraft inactive AAA Their line runs I.7.a.8.4. -L.1.a.3.0. - C.25.c.3.5. - C.25.a.4.0. C.25.a.4.2.8. Captures for Corps today 1 off. 90 O.ps 13 M.gs 1 decauville engine with 4 trucks and 1 TM.
"	7 p.m.	G.624	Continuation evening report. Left Div. reports H.5. C.25.c. B.30.c. heavily shelled including lachrymatory and blue cross shell during the afternoon at rate of 10 rounds a minute.

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Captain. 8 p.m.

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4th Army	6 a.m.	G.628	Morning report . Result of our pressure near CLERY the trench systems in I.7.a. and c and I.13.a. cleared up. For the remainder of the night situation has been comparatively quiet. Between 9 and 12 p.m. some tear gas shelling is reported. Patrols of our right centre div. patrolled east bank of canal and report tracks impassable across swamps. M.Gs active on roads and tracks .190 prisoners captured during night 14 M.Gs and 1 T.M.
4th Army	9 a.m.	G.629	North of the SOMME 3rd Division attacking spur in C.13 and C.19 in conjunction with 58th Div. reported at 6.55 a.m. everything progressing favourably . 1 Off. 58 O.Rs prisoners so far counted . 5th Bde have captured MONT ST QUENTIN ( from which Australian Flag now flies) and FEUILLAU COURT . Situation between MONT ST QUENTIN and PERONNE not definitely established. 8 off. including 2 captains, 1 cavalry and 360 O.Rs prisoners have reached CLERY.
Divs.	7.30 p.m.	G.639	BAILLEUL and KEMMEL have been captured .
4th Army.	-	G.637	The 2nd Aust.Division forced the passage of the SOMME last night in the vicinity of PERONNE and established a footing on the high ground N. of the town. In cooperation with 3rd Aust. Divn on the left the line was pushed forward east of CLERY . FEUILLAU COURT HALLE and ANVIL WOOD have been captured. The struggle for MONT ST QUENTIN is still proceeding . Over 1,500 prisoners have been taken of 21st Div. 2nd Guard Div. , 38th Div. and 232nd Div. The line is firmly established W. of ANVIL WOOD and along the PERONNE -BAPAUME Road.
4th Army	-	Ig.638	Prisoners captured so far include two captains one commanding a battalion 1st Guard Regt. the other commanding a Battalion of 81 I.R. Guards relieved remnants of the 81 I.R. and order of battle N. to S. now runs 446 I.R. 447 I.R. Augusta Regt Alexander Regt. 25th Bav. I.R. 38th Div. has also been pushed in. Only one Regt was to go in but the situation necessitated other two going in. Not known between which Regts they have come in. Enemy evidently intended to hold eastern banks at all costs for some time at any rate though further retirement was rumoured. Telephonist 94 I.R. H.Q. states when his Div. moved up they saw no other troops in reserve. Identifications now established 80 I.R. 81st I.R. 25th Bav. IR 4th Bav. IR, 14th Bav. Assault Coy, 447 IR, 14th Bav. Bearer Coy, 2nd Bearer Coy, 2nd Guard Div. 107 F.A.R. Army Reserve 5 and 7 Batt Foot Arty Regt. 14 1 Coy Pioneer Bn 21 94th I.R.

*J. J. J.*

Capt. 9 p.m.

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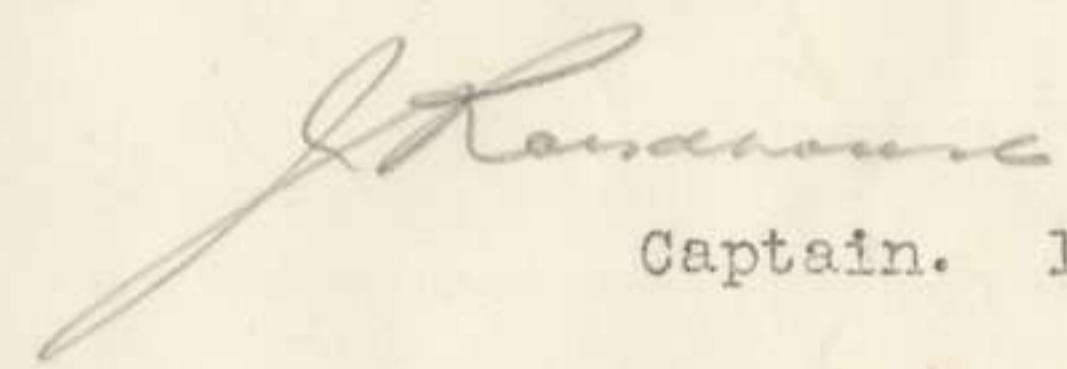
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Divs. 10 p.m. G.641 Following from 4th Army timed 3.15 p.m. Begins - 3rd Army attacked this morning gaining ~~SE~~ high ground SE of VLAUX VRAUCOURT and S. of LONGATTE. LONGATTE and ECOUST believed in our hands. Fighting taking place in BULLECOURT where enemy are on eastern outskirts. RIENCOURT - LES -BAPAUME taken with 20 prisoners 2 field and 1 anti tank gun. 2nd Army report our troops seen on summit of KEMMEL HILL. JUVIGNY taken by French. Ends.

Divs. 10.30 p.m. G.644 Following from 2nd Aust.Divn timed 9.30 pm. Begins. Bridges over SOMME open for use. FEUILLERES for H.T. and field arty. H.15.b.8.8. for inf. in file. H.17.a.3.8. for H.T. and field arty. H.12.central to H.12.b.2.7. for H.T. and field Arty. H.12.b.3.6. for Inf. in file. H.24.d.65.95. to I.19.a.30.65. for inf. in file. I.19.a.25.05. to I.19.d.0.9. for inf. in file. I.19.c.25.05. by CANAL DU NORD to I.19.a.35.05. for inf. in file.

4th Army 11 a.m. G.645 G.640 now reported to be incorrect. Right of 5th Bde is on road at I.21.b.0.4. runs thence NE to about I.15.d.6.9. thence N.W. along road through MONT ST QUENTIN to I.9.c.5.3. thence along MOINEVILLE ALLEY and ODER TRENCH. 6th Bde holds FLORINA TRENCH. Enemy still in ANVIL WOOD. Preparations are in hand to clear up the whole situation at dawn to-morrow.



Captain. 10. a.m.

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