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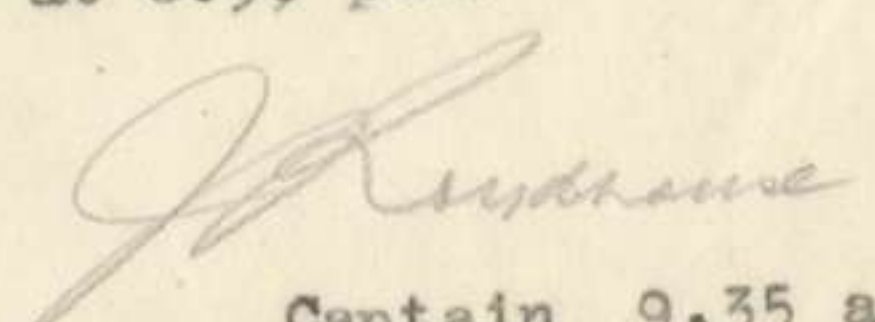
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FROM	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	SUBJECT.
Liaison Force	LF 203	a.m. 12.15	822	In accordance with arrangements with Corps Commanded today would you please say what arrangements have been made with 17th. Div. for Liaison patrols across SOMME.
4th. Army	GI 294	1.30	840	Air report. Machines doing night reconn. tonight report considerable number of moving lights on roads in MONTANBAN GUILLEMONT and COMPLES areaa.
Liaison Fce.	-	6.15	842	Morning report. Re-entrants in K.20.b. and d. raided this morning no enemy found. Posts have been established covering any previous dead ground. 7.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. K.18.a. shelled by 77 m.m. scattered shelling left sector at 3.50 a.m. with 77 m.m. and 5.0. Between 2 and 3 a.m. GRESSAIRE WOOD lightly shelled 4.2. Yellow cross shelling becoming heavier between 3 and 4 a.m. easing off at 4 o'clock and ceasing at 4.30 a.m. counter battery work was carried out.
2nd. A/Div.	G 142	5.50	843	Morning report. Increased enemy arty. activity during night 40 Blue Cross 42's and 5.9a on X.4.a. c. and d. at 1 a.m. Valley in Q.35 at 2.15 a.m. and forward areas between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. shelled with Blue Cross FRAMERVILLE and VAUVILLERS X.4.b. X.3.a X.8 heavily shelled with all calibres during night. M.G. fire moderately active. Situation now quiet.
17 Divn.	G 987	5.40	844	Morning report. Situation unchanged. E A bombing as usual. Steady shelling of E.14.b. by 15 c.m. 10.30 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Liaison Fce.	LF 41	3 a.m.	845	Walley K.34.c. and b. K.28.d. k.29.a. k.24.c. being heavily shelled yellow cross 10.5 c.m. gas shells. Believed from guns L.12. Counter battery replying.
1st. A/Div.	G 305	6.15	848	Morning report. Fairly quiet night. Apparently a barrage put down on Sqs. F.5. and 6. and X. 29 and 30 during latter end of night. M.G. T.M.S and flares active. Slight gas on left flank. 1 E.A. patrolled our line at 8.30 p.m.
Liaison Fce.	LF 33	6.15	849	Morning report. Re entrants (see 842)


Captain 9.35 a.m.

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5th. Bde RAF.	G 69	7.50 a.m.	850	6 a.m. report by day 20 112 and 8 25 lb. bombs on PERONNE 211 25 lb. bombs various targets. 5 E A crashed 7 E A out on control by night 3 112 lb. 353 25 lb. bombs on various targets.
Cdn. Corps	G 159	7.50	851	Situation now quiet. Marked increase heavy arty late yesterday. Area shoot put down repeatedly on support areas of right divn. Continuous shelling of left of left Divn during night. M.G. defences at PARVILLERS active during evening.
3rd. Corps.	G 761	7.30	852	Morning report. Hostile arty fairly active on right sector and considerably more active on centre sector. Heavy gas round MORLANCOURT. Few gas shells in K.14.d. Situation now quiet. HELLILY shelled by H.V. gun at intervals, during night. Slightly increased arty activity on front N. of DERNANCOURT. Intermittent shelling about D.21.b.5.2. Few gas shells near D.4.c. and SENLIS shelled with 77 m.m. gun between 9.30 and 10.30 p.m.
4th. Army.	G 909	8.0	854	Aust. Corps raided enemy positions W. of BRAY but found unoccupied. Increased artillery activity vicinity VAUVILLERS FRAMERVILLE PROYART LIHONS N. of DERNANCOURT Heavy gas shelling of valleys MORLANCOURT area RAINECOURT and HARBONNIERES and GRESS-AIRE WOOD. Marked increase in Hostile artillery on forward areas S. of BRETONNEUX-CHAULNES railway.
B. IS.	523a	9.56	856	Dawn reconnaissance. Area E. to SUZANNE DOMPIERE FOUCAUCOURT CHAILNES under observation but no movement observed.
4th. Army.	GI 296	11.7	867	Air report. Visibility good ^{EXCEPT} over Southern reconnaissance area. Five trains going N. on PERONNE - ETRICOURT line 5.40 a.m. otherwise rail activity normal. NESLE - HAM line not under observation. No unusual road activity.

J. Raymond

Captain.
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4th. ARMY	GI 298	p/m/ 12.53	858	Air report. 8.30 R S for 10 trains in PERONNE Stn. including 3 trains steaming. Trains leaving PERONNE at 8.30 a.m. two for ROISEL one for BRIE one for CLERY. 20 M.T. going S. CARBONNEL- MISERY, 20 M.T. W. BRIE-ESTREES. Large fires at CAPPY and N. of FEUILLERES.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 145	1.20	859	Line brigade report timed 11.5 a.m. Heavy shelling of areas X 3, X 4, X 8, X 9, x 10, at intervals from 9 a.m. Approx 300 rounds heavy calibre 105 mm to 210 mm. E A inactive.
4th. ARMY	IG 299	2.0	861	Following from 3rd. Army. Our patrols reported to be getting into PUISIEUX. Enemy shelling SERRE. 2 aeroplanes patrols up to find line occupied.
B. I. S.	524a	2.26	863	Reporting to noon. Counter attack patrol. Area E to SUZANNE-CHUIGNES-DOMPIERE-ESTREES and CHAULNES kept under observation. No signs of impending counter attack s seen.
CDN. Corps	IG 101	2.45	864	Five prisoners 56 R I R reported taken near PARVILLERS this morning.
4th. ARMY	GI 302	4.23	866	Air reports. 10.30 a.m. to noon. Rail movement slight. R. S. for six trains PERONNE FIVE PERONNE S. three EPEHY three MOISLANS two MARICOURT three LE TRANSLOY. No unusual transport movement. Recon. of back areas reported general movement on Railway above normal. 6-7 a.m. with no definite trend except Southward DOUAI-CAMBRAI.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 146	5.47	867	Evening report. Enemy artillery active during the day shelling the ravine in X.4.a and c. and valley X.10.a and c. Two E A flew low over forward posts at 3.15 p.m. otherwise quiet.
Adv. Corps	G 174	5.55	869	3rd. Cdn. Divn. report capture of PARVILLERS this morning and line now runs approximately PARVILLERS-FOUQUES COURT Rd. to L.18.c.7.0. thence L.18.a.5.0. to L.12.c.9.0. Exact locn. follows. During operations yesterday afternoon in this locality the trenches appeared to have been strongly held. Operations today trenches appeared to have been lightly held and prisoners state that enemy retired to next line of defence last night. Patrols now out verifying this. Captured prisoners were outpost troops exact number not yet reported.

[Signature] Captain 6.45 pm

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2nd Aust. Div.	Ga 295	10-0 pm.	96	Location units 6 am 1st DHQ G.25.d.1.3. 5th Bde H.19.a.8.0. 6th Bde H.kk H.15.c.5.3. 7th Bde H.16.a.2.4.
do.	Ga 246	10-0 pm.	97	Bridges over SOMME open for use. FEUILLERES for HT and field arty. H.15.b.8.8. for Infy in file. H.17.a.5.8. for HT and field arty. H.12.centl to H.12.b.2.7 for HT 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.c.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.
B. I. S.	569a	11-15 pm.	99	Report to dusk. Considerable movement in PERONNE. 7-30 pm 2 green lights fired from MT ST QUENTIN 2 white lights fired from N. of MT ST QUENTIN. 7-10 pm road bridge at I.33.d.3.9. blown up by shell fire. 7-35 pm GF batty artillery at P.15.c.3.4. MG fire from I.26 and LE MESNIL. 5-40 GF 5 MT SW J.1.c.2.6. 5p40 pm GF 5 HT W. I.12.a.44. 6-15 pm CID 6 MT E. J.19.c.8.2. 6-28 pm GF 10 HT N P.1.d.8.1. 7-0 pm GF 4 MT stationary O.12.d.3.6. 4-30 pm GF 10 HT stationary with horse facing NW along road I.21.c. MG fire at 3-50 pm from I.26.b. Enemy heavily shelling H.36. and I.31. Weather cloudy visib fair.
2nd Aust. Div.	Ga 99	11-15 pm.	100	Prisoners to date through Div cage 13 Offcs 651 ORs unwounded. 50 ORs wounded through Field Amb. Total 13 Offcs 701 ORs and more coming down.
4th Army	GI 531	11-30 pm.	101	Air reports. 6-0 to 7-30 pm. Fair amount of scattered HT and troop movement in PERONNE general trend NE (confirmed by wireless sent down 6-30 pm). Hostile mg fire from E. bank of SOMME near BIERPIGNY O.28.a. and c., O.23.b. & d. U.4. 7-0 pm 15 MT going East into CAMBRAI. Slight train movement on the CAMBRAI - GOUZEAUCOURT - ST QUENTIN line. No road movement seen but not negative report. Visib bad.

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Capt.
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17th. Divn.	G 10	4.45	872	One badly wounded O R 13 I R captured R.9.a last night has been evacuated through C. C. S. Was wounded two days ago and lay out in no man's land until captured. Nothing to report.
17th. Divn.	G 121	6.15	873	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Enemy artillery active at intervals on R.14.b. R.2.c. PROYART MORCOURT and line FLAMERVILLE- LA FLAQUE. Captured 1 O.R, 1 M.G.
1st. A/Div.	G 317	6.10	874	RE 8 One of our planes brought down in vicinity of W.12.d and X.7.b. and burst into flames on landing. No information re pilot or observer to hand.
Liaison Force	LF 46	6.35	875	Situation normal. Enemy artillery active on left Brigade sector between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. K.18.a and c. shelled with 4.2. Aircraft inactive.
1st. A/Div.	Qg 318	6.47	877	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery fairly active on ROSIERES LIHONS X.22 and 23. One E A destroyed by our A A fire at 6 a.m. over enemy territory One R E 8 brought down near VAUVILLERS at 3.15 p.m.
1st. A/Divn.	G 320	8.0	879	E A brought down at 5.55 p.m. by our planes direction 100 degrees grid from W.24.b.5.5. distance approx 5000 yards.
5th. Bde RAF.	G 76	8.0	880	6 p.m. summary 1 E A crashed 3 out of control.
B I S	525a	8.0	881	Reports to 6.0 p.m. Counter attacks attack patrol. Area as far E as SUZANNE-DOMPRIERE-ESTREES and CHAULNES kept under observation. No signs of impending counter attack.
3rd. Corps	G 768	8.0	882	Evening report. Right division report intermittent shelling of front line and forward area. Centre Divn. report successful shoot this morning on trenches in E.29.d. resulted in enemy bolting and suffering casualties from our 18 pdrs. and aircraft. Left division report situation very quiet slight shelling by 150 MM. hows. V.17.d and c. and N.18. No gas shelling reported. Left division report that at 3 p.m. 2 enemy seen entering ALBERT from BELLIVUE FARM B.5.c. also their patrol fired on from the cathedral. As yet no further report from patrol. Enemy 4.2 inch how. firing on road in E.7.

J. Raymond
Captain, 9.10 p.m.

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4th. Army.	G 914	8.0	883	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 E A crashed out of control.
22nd.B11n.Scn.	272	8.15	885	7.26 p .m. heavy shelling of RAINECOURT.
1st.A/Div.	G 321	8.36	887	One of our planes down in enemy lines approx A.3aa. Figures seen to leave machines
22nd.B11n.Scn.	273	8.40	888	7.36 p.m. heavy shelling E.7, 8, 93. 14.
Cdn. Corps	I G	9.28	890	2 nco's 2 Co's 7th. Coy 2nd. Bn. 56 RIR 121 Div taken this morning just east of PARVILLERS state that last night Coy. commander gave out- post line following intentions. Main line was withdrawn during night to next trench system in front of FRESNOY. Outpost line to hold on as long as possible if unable to retire. Prisoners would have retired but were taken from rear. Order of battle unknown troops stated to be very muddled: identification of troops in reserve unknown. Few M.Gs in outpost line nearly all were taken away in withdrawal of main line.
B I S	526a	9.24	891	Reports to dusk. Counter attack patrols observation carried out as far E as CAPPY V VERMAND VILLERS and LIHONS no signs of impending counter attack seen.
22nd.B11n. Sectn.	274	9.0	889	8.20 p.m. slight shelling in K.4.b and K.11.d. 8.25.p.m. shelling K.14.b.
Adv. Cdn. Corps.	G181	9.45	892	Situation unchanged left division front. Right division report fighting vicinity PARVILLERS late afternoon. Situation obscure. PARVILLERS heavily shelled this morning H.V. gun active vicinity CAIX and LE QUESNEL. Heavy casualties inflicted on enemy party estimated 40 strong who endeavoured to gain SCHMIDT trench R.4.c. Lowflying E A active.

[Signature]
Captain 10.15 p.m.

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4th. Army	G 921	a.m. 8.35	896	Total no. of prisoners captured by 4th Army from 8th. August to 4 p.m. 14th. Through corps cages unwounded 380 officers 21,759 O.Rs. Through C.C.S. 102 officers 2,603 O.R. 24,362 O.Rs. Total all ranks 24,844.
Cdn. Corps.	G 187	9.15	898	Further to our G 185. Some gas shelling mostly yellow cross reported L.5.d.
2nd. A/Division.	GA 24	5.5	899	Morning report. Line advanced during night now runs approx X.11.d.8.4. X.12.a.10.45 X.5.d.3.9. R.35.c.0.0. R.34.d.8.3. Hard fighting at X.12.a.10.45. 1 M G captured. Enemy arty very active with 77s 10.5 cm and 15 cm on forward areas. M G fire light. Yellow cross and blue cross gas shells in X 4, 10, 2, 3, 8, 9, from 2.15 a.m. to 2.45 am
17th. Division.	G 24	5.51	900	Morning report. Situation unchanged. Fairly heavy shelling with blue cross of valleys E. of MORCOURT
3rd. A/Divn.	G 396	1.0	901	About 12 bombs dropped J.31.b. J.32.a and c. at 10 p.m. no casualties reported.
3rd. Corps.	G 771	7.30	902	Morning report. Patrols very active all night and enemy encountered at all points along corps front. Just N of ALBERT hostile post was rushed and one M G captured. Much fighting in ALBERT which is still strongly held by enemy. Opposite right of corps front very light appeared normal and trenches K.5.b. E.29.c were found occupied by enemy Hostile shelling of right division forward area slightly less than usual, centre divn. active all night especially on MORLANCOURT with 15 c.m. K.1.a K.7.c. shelled with HE Identification from Germans killed 2 Bn. 448 I.R. 233 Div. in ALBERT.
Cdn. Corps.	G 185	6.45	903	Situation quiet. L.5.d. heavily shelled by enemy this morning since 3 a.m. PARVILLERS strongly held by enemy with M.Gs. Our patrols were heavily fired on by M.Gs. and concentrated rifle fire from this place.
5th. Bde RAF.	A 78	6.45	904	6 a.m. summary. By day 3 E A crashed 16 112 and 32 25 lb. bombs on PERONNE. 210 25 lb. bombs various targets. By night 252 25 lb. bombs on various targets.

[Signature]
Captain, 10 a.m.

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B. I. S. 527a 7 .0 905 Dawn reconn. Area E to SUZANNE CHAULNES under observation. No movement and no signs impending counter attack. AA Nil. E A Nil.

2nd. A/Div. G 150 6.20 906 At 3.55 a.m. enemy counter attacked our newly occupied post at X.12.a.10.45 but attack beaten off many enemy killed 20 Rs. 376 I R 109 Division being captured. One prisoner stated HERLEVILLE was occupied also many new guns brought into position last two days.

Liaison Force ? 6.20 907 Morning report. Scattered shelling over forward area. Some gas reported by left battalion left brigade. GRESSAIRE WOOD has been constantly shelled during the night.

1st. A/Divn. G 1 6.50 908 Morning report. Enemy artillery very active constantly putting down small barrages in forward lines. CREPEY WOOD gassed. Enemy apparently very nervous using many flares. From 10 p.m. to midnight E A bombed forward area heavily.

3rd. A/ Division. G 395 12.1 909 Fifteen bombs dropped in valley P.17 P.11 at 10 p.m.

4th. Army. G 920 6.13 910 Morning report. Cdn Corps front situation quiet. L.5.d. heavily shelled by enemy this morning. PARVILLIERS strongly held, with M.Gs. by enemy. Aust. Corps. Right centre division slightly advanced their line between RAINECOURT and HERLEVILLE. Severe fighting in vicinity latter place. M-G captured. Right division front barraged at intervals. Some gas shelling S of SOMME. 3rd. Corps. Our patrols active all night. Enemy posts rushed just N of ALBERT. 1 MG captured. Enemy encountered all along corps front. ALBERT strongly held by enemy. Trenches in K.5.b. and E.29.c. found occupied by enemy. Hostile shelling active round MORLANCOURT.

3rd. Corps. G 770 10.59 911 Continuation of evening report. Left division report left brigade left battalion report fighting patrol entered ALBERT 5 p.m. and penetrated to neighbourhood of Cathedral W.28.c.8.4. where they met 2 Germans 1 of whom was hit. The second escaped. Patrol came under rifle and M.G. fire from river and are taking cover in present positions whilst a second patrol of one platoon works round enemy positions from N. Enemy strength estimated 70 men and several M.Gs.

Major
Major, 11.10 a.m.

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23rd. Army Bde. R.F.A.	AG 53	11.0	912	British two seater make unknown shot down in flames timed 4 p.m. (sheet 62.d. SE) Occupants killed. (X.2.a.0.0.)
do.	AG 54	11.10	912	In continuation of AG 53 of today. Names apparently 2nd.Lieut.E.G. BENTON? R.A.F. other unknown. Few personal effects here. Wire disposal.
6TH. ARMY.	G 922	11.45 p.m.	913	Ref. G 921. For unwounded 21,759 read 18,759 O.Rs. and amend totals accordingly.
2nddA/Divn.	G 151	12.37	914	Prisoner 7th. Coy. 376 I R states 109 Divn. is still in line but expects to be relieved shortly, by whom not known. Order of battle N. to S. 2nd. Gren. 376 I R 26 R I R. Some disorganisation still exists in Coys. Coy. strength 7 Coy. 1 off. 40 O.Rs. 3 L.M.Guns. Outskirts and flanks of HERLEVILLE are stated to be held No knowledge of any withdrawal.
B. I. S.	528a	12.37	915	Report to noon. Counter attack patrols. Area as far E as DOMPIERE-ESTREES-CHAULNES kept under observation, no sign of impending counter attack seen.
4th. Army.	GI 308	12.37	916	Air report. 4.50 - 6.20 a.m. Train and transport movement in Army Area appeared slight.
4th. Army.	GI 310	12.37	919	Unposted letter found on man killed north ALBERT last night reads. We are going to retire about 4 Km.
5th. Bde. RAF.	G 80	12.37	917	Can time machine came down be stated.. (4 p.m. 14th. instant.)
4th. Army.	GI 311	2.14	922	French air report. HAM NESLE railway active during night and numerous convoys both ways on roads NESLE ROYE. 6.30 a.m. 8 a.m. considerable activity both ways HAM JUSSY main line.
Liaison Force	LF 46	3.0	924	Situation normal. Enemy artillery active on left sector between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. K.18.a. and c. shelled with 4.2. Aircraft inactive.

Major 3.35 p.m.

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Cdn. Corps.	IG 115	5.10	923	Identification obtained from German machine gunners killed last night on DAMERY front. Include 7 RIR, 263 RIR, 60 RIR. They probably constitute thin mixed outpost line confirming prisoners' statements yesterday. Above prisoners are from 3 different Divisions 79 R.D. 121 Div. 221 Div.
2nd. A/Divn.	GA 25	5.25	925	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery not so active as usual. Intermittent shelling of FRAMERVILLE valley X 10 and 4. 2 O.Rs. captured this morning at 4. E A inactive one E A over line at 9.30 a.m.
Liaison Force	LF 66	5.59	926	Evening situation report. K.18.c shelling at intervals from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enemy Evening aircraft and other branches inactive.
17th. Divn.	G 35	6.20	927	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Posts established by right Bde. at R.22.c.6.1. R.22.c.5.7. R.22.a.1.2. R.21.b.5.5. Enemy artillery active on PROYART and Q 24. Captures 1 OR.
1st. A/Divn.	G 339	6.40	929	Evening report. Situation quiet, artillery shelling scattered. T.Ms Nil. Low flying E A Nil.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 586	6.40	930	Our line now runs X.17.b.8.1. X.17.b.9.9. X.11.D.5.1. x.11.D.85.75. X.11.D.6.8. X.12.a.16.45. X.5.d.7.0. X.5.d.4.8. X.5.a.7.5. R.35.c.00. R.34.b.5.0
3rd. Corps.	G 776	7.0	931	Evening report. On right sector normal shelling by all calibres of forward area. Situation quiet on rest of front except for some shelling NW of ALBERT. EAs patrolled front of left division. No gas reported. Captures 1 M G.
B. I. S.	529a	7.0	932	Reports to 6 p.m. Counter attack patrol carried as far E as DOMPIERES FOUCAUCOURT and CHAULNES. No news of impending counter attack.
4th. Army.	G 928	7.29	933	Our line E of BEAUCOURT HAMEL runs Q.12.d.5.5. to Q.6.c.5.5. N of BEAUMONT HAMEL reported approx. Q.5.c. K.30.c. and a. Serre obscure thence L.25.c. L.20.c. Between PUISSEUX and BUCQUOY obscure. N of ABLAINVILLE our patrol have reached F.18.c. and A.13.b. Captures include 44 prisoners and 3 M Gs. Slight progress made by us E of ROBECQ. ITALIANS attacked yesterday on fifteen mile front from MONT SAN MATTO to MENICIGOLD in mountains between LAKE GARRA and STELVIO

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4th. Army.	G 928	7.29	933	and have captured MONTE SAN MATTO MONTE MANTELLO peak of the CAOLI and highest point just E of MONTE ALBIOLO. Farther they have occupied the Ponta DEI SEGNI AND MONTE STABEL and have made progress towards MENICIGOLO.
"F2Btty. A.A.	F. 464	7.29	934	4 Recon/ machine average height 4000 have been seen today.
4th. Army.	GI 323	8.0	935	Reference my GI 310 and daily summary of today's date the captured letter should read "We have retired 4 Km" and undoubtedly refers to the retirement E of ANCRE.
Cdn. Corps.	IG 123	8.0	936	From air and ground observation reports and prisoners' statements it would appear that 79th. Res. Div/ is in process of being relieved. This divn. is possibly being relieved by the ALPINE CORPS. Prisoner 7th. Coy right-flank 56th. RIR 121 Divn. captured 4.30 a.m. today vicinity PARVILLERS states his Coy. right flank of his Regt. on his right 5th. Coy. 1st. Bav. Jager Regt. and in conversation with personnel of his Coy. was told that 1st. and 2nd. Bav. Jager Regts. were now into line. In view of 119 Div. north of 79th. Res. Div. being exhausted and the Alpine Corps a fresh fit division it is possible it may take over part of frontage of 119th. Divn. and 79th. Res. Divn All routes of approach to 119th. Divn. and 79th. Res. Divn. are to be specially harassed in view of above.
1st. A/Divn.	G 343	8.45	937	Line running through X.18.a. and c. has been occupied without casualties. Sap from S.19.b.0.7. to S.19.b.5.0. will be occupied at dusk.
4th Army I.	GI.325	9.20	938	Forward at early date opinions on morale of prisoners captured since offensive especially with regard to possible ultimate German victory.
4th Army.	G.930	9.39	939	Cdn. Corps report, we hold DAMERY and PARVILLERS. Line now runs N. edge of BOIS DAMERY where in touch with French R.5.cent. - L.35.d.1.3. - L.35.cent - L.29.d.2.0. along road to L.29.cent. Aust. Corps have established posts S.E. of PROYART as follows R.22.c.6.1 - R.22.c.5.7 - R.22.a.1.2 - R.21.b.5.5. - Hostile arty. active on ROUVROY FOUQUES COURT DAMERY PROYART and valley W. of it FRAMERVILLE and valley to S.E. Captured 3 O.R. and 1 m.g.

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4th Army I.	G. I. 324	p.m. 9.40	940	Train and transport movement slight during afternoon. R.S. below normal except R.S. 4 in MARICOURT at 2 p.m. About 250 men in 10 groups going N.W. from LAGNY towards ROYE 2.40 p.m. BAPAUME amm. and material dumps active.
Cdn. Corps.	G 200	9.12	941	Situation report. 3rd. Cdn. Div. report that we hold DAMERY and PARVILLERS and that line runs as follows. N edge of BOIS DE DAMERY where we are in touch with French R.5 central L.35d.1.3. L.35 central. L.29.d.2.0. along road to L.29 central. Hostile arty active during day shelling ROUVROY FOUQUES COURT DAMERY and intermittent active on left Divl. front. British plane brought down 4.50 p.m. in A.19.d. No captures reported yet.
B? I. S.	BIS 530a	10.35	942	Reports to dusk. Counter attack patrols. Area as far E as SUZANNE and S to CHAULNES kept under observation. No signs of impending counter attack seen. AA active EA inactive
Cdn. Corps.	IG 124	a.m. 12.30	944	Although direct identification has not been obtained of the Alpine Corps from prisoners statements it is considered this corps has relieved the 221st. Divn. and possibly the 79th. Res. Div. frontage LA CHAVETTE Northwards. This corps is in reality only one Divn. but is one of the enemy elite assault divisions. Minor enterprises and counter attacks may be expected on its frontage.
Liaison Force.	LF 76	6.45	954	Morning report. Sector quiet during night. GRESSAIRE WOOD shelled at intervals with 4.2. Northern end CHIPILLY GULLY shelled with yellow cross gas shells during morning Valley in K.24.a. shelled with yellow cross and Lacrimatory during night. Valley K.32.b. shelled at 10.2 a.m. and 3 a.m. with phosgene and mustard.

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Cdn. Corps.	IG 125	12030	946	Enemy counter attacked vicinity DANERY 4.30 p.m. today leaving 200 prisoners in our hands. Prisoners belong 60 IR 121st. Divn. Attack nature of bluff. In event of attack enemy will retire to line West of FRESNOY and East of FRANSART temporarily. Little work is being done W of SOMME Real work being done N of SALOY, bridges placed in readiness to throw across SOMME in case enemy driven back. ALPINE CORPS definitely stated by prisoners to have relieved 221 Div. Southern Boundary Alpine Corps LA CHAVATTE. It is thought both 79th. Res. Divn. and 221st. Divn. relieved by Alpine Corps.
4th. Army.	GI 329	1.15	947	Air report 6-8 p.m. No abnormal train movement seen in Army Area. 20 H.T. MERICOURT - SUZANNE at 7.25 p.m. Fair transport activity BAPAUME area.
17th. Divn.	IGI55	6.15	951	Morning report. R.20.c. and d. and R.26.a. and b. heavily shelled at 8.30 p.m. Q.6.a. and MERICOURT heavily shelled with 10.5 and 156 mm. at intervals 10 p.m. to 3.30 a.m.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 152	5.50	950	Morning report. Heavy shelling of X.2 and 3, from 12.40 to 1.20 a.m. with some gas shells mixed with H.E. Planes active bombing our areas. Considerable amount of shelling of X.3. X.8. from 2.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. with some gas shells on X.8. during same period.
5th. Bde. R.A.F.	G 88	6.15	952	6.a.m. summary by day. 20 112 lbs. bombs 12 25 lbs. bombs in PERONNE. 119 25 lb. bombs various targets. 3 EA crashed out of control. By night nil.
B. I. S.	531 a	6.45	953	Dawn reconnaissance. Area E to SUZANNE CHAULNES under observation. No movement seen. 6.25 lb. bombs on selected targets. M.G. fire encountered from R.11 and 12. AA Nil. E A NIL.
3rd. Corps.	G 780	6.45	955	Morning report. Situation quiet on Corps front. No captures or gas shelling reported. Centre Division have made slight advance. Line now runs K.5.a.6.4. K.5.a.4.7. E.29.c.0.3. Left division report enemy drove in one of our posts in W.28.b. at 7 p.m. Post re-established later. Patrols kept in touch with enemy.
Adv. Cdn. Corps	G 204	7.30	956	Left division reports situation quiet. Our harassing fire active retaliation slight. Right division reports during early part of night bursts of arty fire on FOUQUESCOURT ROUVROY PARVILLERS. Line unchanged during night. Situation now quiet.

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4th. Army.	G. 936	8.30	957	Cdn. Corps report situation quiet and only slight retaliation to our harassing fire FOUQUESCOURT ROUVROY and PARVILLERS shelled early part of night. Aust. Corps reports Hostile arty activity increased during night, all sectors FRAMERVILLE VAUVILLERS PROYART and MERICOURT shelled yellow cross and H.E. Valleys northern sector shelled blue cross. E A active bombing rear areas. 3rd. Corps report quiet night. Centre division advanced line to K.5.a.6.4. K.5.a.4.7. E.29.c.0.3. Left division post at W.28.b. driven in by enemy 7 p.m. but re established later. 3 EA crashed. 5 out of control by day.
2nd. A/Divn.	G. 153	10.55	958	6th. Bde. pushed forward during night in conjunction with Bde. on right. Line now runs X.18.a.8.3. X.12.a.3.4. X.12.a.1.5. X.5.d.3.9. R.3.5.c.0.0. R.34.d.8.4. R.34.b.7.0. In touch with bdes. on either flank. Patrols found enemy in strength in sunken road X.b.7.0. and in trenches R.35.c.
4th. Army.	G. 937	11.25	959	Cdn. Corps reports. French hold BOIS DE DAMERY and Z WOOD and in touch about R.5.c central. Heavy enemy counter attack on DAMERY about 5 p.m. 15th. was repulsed and about 250 enemy captured. As result of last 24 hours fighting estimate 260 prisoners 40 m.guns captured and about 1300 enemy wounded or killed.
4th. Army.	GI.332.	11.25	960	Air report. 4.30 to 6.50 a.m. visib. poor. 6 a.m. fair rail activity at PERONNE and HAM -HAM. No road movement seen but report not negative.
B. I. S.	532a	p.m. 1.40	964	Reports to noon. Counter attack patrol area as far East as SUZANNE and S to CHAULNES kept under observation, no signs of enemy concentrations.
4th. Army.	GI.334	140	965	Battery Prisoners AA state their whole Battery was captured near VAUVILLERS X.8.b. central. Believe all instruments left there, please search and forward instruments to this office.

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3rd. Corps.	G 782	3.55	968	Further to morning report. Left division report posts have been established as follows (1) E.3.d.7.3. (Day. E.4.c.1.2. night (2) E.4.c.0.7. (3) E.3.b.9.5. (4) E.3.b.6.2. Enemy definitely located (1) W.28.c.0.4 (2) E.4.a.5.1. (3) E.4.d.1.6. to E.4.b.4.3.
4th. Army.	GI 337	4.55	969	Air reports. 11.15 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Trains movement and RS very slight in Army Area. PERONNE bombed at 11.55 a.m. seemed almost empty. Fair amount of transport movement N of SOMME on SUZANNE-MARICOURT-CLERY-PERONNE roads. No definite trend Army on left reports six bodies of men at least 600/800 strong followed by transport moving W through BOURSIES 10.45 a.m.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 610	5.25	970	Evening report. Situation quiet FRAMERVILLE X.10.a. and c. heavily shelled between noon and 2.15 p.m. Scattered shelling of VAUVILLIERS and X.15.b. Enemy artillery much quieter after 3.15 p.m. EA inactive. Balloons nil.
4th. A/Divn.	GA 720	5.33	971	Situation report. Light intermittent shelling forward area otherwise nothing to report.
17th. Divn.	G. 64	6.1	972	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery crashed Q.6.a. 1 to 1.10 p.m. MORCOURT and RAINECOURT shelled during afternoon. Captures nil.
"F" Btty. A A.	F. 475	6.40	974	3 scouts average height 4000 and 19 reconn machines average height 7000 have been seen today.
3rd. Corps.	G.783	6.55	975	Evening report. Situation quiet. D.16.a. D.17 and 23 O.C. shelled by H.V. guns at intervals. EA active on CONTAY in morning at high altitudes. 30 rounds H.V. fired on RIBEMONT and BUIRE between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Hostile arty active on main BRAY-CORBIE road. Gas shelling nil.
5th. Bde. RAF	G.91	7.15	977	6 p.m. report 2 EA crashed. 10 112 lb. bombs on PERONNE.

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Liaison Force	LF 90	7.15	978	Evening report. Intermittent salvo shorts over area by 4.2s. About 20 rounds in K.23.c. and MALLARD WOOD. and 12 rounds 77 mms. in K.29.c. Slight aerial activity over forward area.
B. I. S.	533a	7.40	980	Reports to 6.30 p.m. Area E to SUZANNE-DOMPIERE-FOUCAUCOURT-CHAULNES kept under observation. 1.20 p.m. 2 M.T. going S E, G.26.c.9.8. 1.25 p.m. about 6 scattered men seen under trees at R.30.c.5.4. 108 vertical plates exposed. No signs of counter attack.
Cdn. Corps.	IG 132	8.40	980a	Prisoners stated to belong to the 10th. JAEGER BTTN. 2nd.LAEGER REGT. ALPINE CORPS captured this afternoon vicinity FRANSART.
Adv. Cdn. Corps.	G 226	8.40	981	Enemy arty active this morning. MEHARTCOURT MAUCOURT ROUVROY FOUQUESCOURT BEAUFORT and PARVILLERS all shelled during the morning with various calibres. Large fire S of HATTENCOURT 3.30 this afternoon. In co-operation with French attack our battle patrols pushed forward this afternoon and are believed to have reached a line approximately as follows M.2.a.8.0. where we are believed to be in touch with FRENCH to trench system W of FRESNOY thence western edge SCHWETZ 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 CROISSETTE and LA CHAVATTE. PATROLS NOW ADVANCING against these places.
4th. Army	G 945	9.00	982	Situation quiet on 3rd. and Aust. Corps fronts. Following localities shelled RIBEMONT BUIRE MORECOURT FLAMERVILLE also BRAY-CORBIE road. Cdn. Corps reports enemy arty active against MEHARTCOURT ROUVROY FOUQUESCOURT BEAUFORT area. Large fire 3.30 p.m. S of HATTENCOURT. Our patrols pushing forward on line M.2.a.8.0. W of FRESNOY W edge of SCHWETZ WOOD E of FRANSART. 2 BA crashed

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B. I. S.	534a	11.15	983	Reports to dusk. Area E to SUZANNE FOUCARCOURT CHAULNES under observation. No movement seen. E A inactive. A A normal.
22nd. Bln. Stn.	286	10.30	985	8 p.m. British barrage on Canadian Corps front. 8.1 p.m. Bridge on fire L.281cl70120. 8.2 p.m. barrage on Canadian Corps front continuous. 8.15 p.m. explosions in BRAY L.22.a.9.9.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 161	12.10 a.m.	986	Message from 6 A I Bde. times 10.30 p.m. begins. Front abnormally quiet little M.G. fire practically no shelling. Only one white flare in last two hours on our sector. Five flashes as of explosions seen on bearing of 112 degrees from X.8.b.9.9. at 9.5.p.m. Our patrols now out and have gained touch with enemy where expected at one point. Ends.
4th. A/Divn.	GA 728	5.55	988	Morning report. Hostile arty active on left Bde front. M.G. fire heavy over whole sector otherwise situation quiet.
Liaison Force.	LF 101	5.40	989	Morning report. Situation quiet. Scattered shelling over area during night. GRESSAIRE WOOD intermittently shelled 4.2. 1.30 a.m. about 50 Rds. gas MALLARD WOOD. Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. bombs dropped forward area right sector.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 162	5.40	990	Morning report. Situation quiet. Areas X.2, 3, 4, 9, 10, intermittently shelled with 10.5 cm. and 15 c.m. during night. At 3 a.m. following three single green flares 20010.5 cm. fell on X2, 3, 9, Flares and M.Gs. below normal in early part night. Touch with enemy gained by all line Bns. Gas shelling Nil.
5th. Bde. RAF.	G 92	5.40	991	6 a.m. Summary by day. 1 E A crashed 316 25 lb. bombs various targets. By night 2 112 lb. and 188 25 lb. bombs on VERMAND ATHIES ROISEL and other targets.
4th. Army.	GI 341	5.40	992	Air report 6 - 8.15 p.m. Rail and road movement slight in army area.

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17th. Division.	977	6.15	994	Morning report. Enemy shelling and M.G. fire heavy left brigade front line positions Intermittent shelling over remainder of area. Few shells on MORCOURT. Light shelling on forward areas right brigade. Enemy bombing planes active over forward area.
3rd. Corps.	G 765	7.15	995	Morning report. Situation quiet. No gas shelling.
3rd. Corps.	G 765/1	7.15	996	Continuation morning report. Some gas shelling between W of GRESSAIRE WOOD and K.22.c. between midnight and 2.30 a.m. Usual night firing on forward areas.
5th. A/Divn.	IG 571	8.45	997	8 prisoners, 3 M.Gs. captured. Identification 31st. IR 21st. Division. Reference R18
4th. Army.	G 950	8.33	997a	Hostile arty active N of FRANSART and considerable gas shelling between PARVILLERS and DAMERY. Otherwise quiet night. Cdn. Corps reported E of BLAVET WOOD E of SCHMETZ WOOD believed to be E of LA CHAVATTE e of FRANSART viz. G.14.b.6.3. G.8.b.8.6. G.2.a.4.0. G.2.a.3.4. G.1.b.9.6. thence to old line.
Ddn. Corps.	G 230	9.5	998	Morning report. Enemy gas shelled area between PARVILLERS and DAMERY during night and shelling slightly above normal on our trenches N of FRANSART. Our fighting patrols made ground after hard fighting yesterday and line of Right Divn. now reported to runs as follows. E of PLAVET WOOD. E of SCHMETZ WOOD believed E of LA CHAVATTE E of FRANSART viz. from G.14b.3.1. to B.8.b.8.6. thence G.2.a.4.0. G.2.a.3.4. G.1.b.9.6. thence as previously reported. Prisoners from 2 regt. Alpine Corps and from 56 I. R. 121st. Divn. captured during yesterdays fighting also 38 division identified S of VILLERS BRETTONEUX Ry.
B. I. S.	535a	9.5.	999	Dawn reconn. Area E to SUZANNE DOMPIERE CHAULNES under observation. 5.15 a.m. 2 H.T. going W. R.6.c.2.0. 5.50 a.m. dust apparently from troops or transport seen at M.29.d.0.4. A A active. E A fairly active.
17th. Aust. Div. 5	G 12	10.25	1000	Command passed from G.O.C. 17th. Divn. to G.O.C. 5th. Aust. Divn. at 10 a.m.

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17th. Divn.	GX 5	10.35	1	Ref. D.O. No. 46 Command passed at 10 a.m.
4th. Army.	GI 343	11.22	2	Night reconn. report. No unusual rail or road activity. Stationary lights seen in MORCHAIN village and PARGNY WOOD. Dawn reconn. Failed owing weather.
5th. A/Divn.	IG 572	p.m. 12.20	4	1 prisoner of 1st. Company and 6 of 3rd. Coy. 81 I.R. Relieved a regt. lastnight believed to be 122 Fus. R. 1st. Bn. in line N to S. 4th. 3rd. and 1st. Coys. and 2nd. in support. 2nd. 3rd. Bns. behind Forward coys. are in shell holes 2 or 3 in each hole. 1st. Bn. came from support behind HERLEVILLE. Men of 52 R.I.R. seen near there. Division left line near CASTEL and spent 8 days in rest near CAMBRAI. Kitchens and Bn. H. Qrs. in valley R.23.b. No knowledge of retirement of attack.
5th. A/Divn.	G 575	2.10	5	During the night the 15th. A.I. Bde. advanced their line from previous positions to road in R.3.d.2.1. southwards to R.9.c.5.5. representing advance to average depth of 300 yards. No opposition met with until new position well gained when company subjected to bombardment with pineapples.
Cdm. Corps.	IG 137	1.15	6	Continuation IG 132. Prisoners state 58th. I.R. 119th. Divn. and 168 I.R. 21 R.D. seen in back areas. Alpine Corps detrained at HAM 9/10th. instant.
3rd. Corps.	IG 732	12.45	7	Air rept to 11.30 a.m. Between 9 a.m. 10.30 a.m. continuous movement in both directions (mostly M.T.) on CONTAL-MAISON-BANIANTIN-FRECOURT-MONTAIBAN and CARNOY-MARICOURT roads as far back as COMBLES. Movements appear to die down after 10.30.
4th. A/Divn.	G 182	12.31	8	Location of Divl. Dropping station about A.29.c.8.8.

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B. I. S.	66a	2.40	9	Reports to 1 p.m. Area E to DOMPIERE BELLOY MARCHELOT under observation 9.45 a.m. 4 or 5 M.T. moving E M.11.a.6.8. 11.10 a.m. 1 M.T. going E.N.25.d.3.4. 11.10 a.m. 6 small columns dust apparently M.T. going W on main road N.27 and 28 11.15 column dust moving slowly on road M.10.b.7.4. possibly infantry. 11.15 column of dust going S.W. 18.a.3.6. 11.20 1 M.T. going E. road A.12.a.4.2. 11.30 1 column dust on road N.33.a.6. going S.W. 11.38 1 M.T. going S M.28.d.4.4. B.8.b.4.6. 11.52 2 M.T. going S. S.6.a.8.6. 9.0 a.m. 6 M.T. going E.M.28.d.4.4. 9.20 a.m. 4 M.T. going W.2.c.5.4. 9.30 a.m. 2 M.T. going E. from FOUCAUCOURT. No other movement. A A normal. E A inactive.
22nd. Bln. Stn.	287	3.35	10	2.45 p.m. traffic travelling both directions FOUCAUCOURT ESTREES Rd.
22nd. Bln. Stn.	288	3.56	11	3.30 p.m. heavy shells falling in R.32.b. and a. for the last 10 minutes. 3.32 p.m. some shelling in M.9.c.
3rd. Corps.	IG 733	4.37	12	Air report to 3.30 p.m. Ref. our IG 732 similar movement continuous in afternoon. Nature indefinite but apparently M.T. and general trend W. A A active against reconn. machines.
Cdn. Corps.	IG 144	5.55	12a	From 1 Cdn. Divn. Begins two prisoners 1st. Bn. 3rd. Coy. 56 R I R captured G.20 d.08.09. 5 a.m. this morning state were part of party of 6 men sent out with L.M.G. last night to CHAVETTE salient and given orders to make us think that line was held. They had no further orders and at 5 a.m. to-day tried to return to platoon H.Q. in concrete emplacement. G.20.d.5.9. Rest of Coy. in Salmon trench. This was their second line and now becomes 1st. line. very good trench with two rows wire in front in good condition. Coy. strength 50. They have no orders on the subject but it is common talk amongst the men that if the English continue to attack they will have to withdraw. Order of battle Alpine Corps on right 56th. R I R 7 R I R 60 I B. Two bns. in line. 3rd. in supports.

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22nd. B11n. Sctn.	291	6.00	16	5.30 p.m. Slight Shelling of R.4 Central.
22nd. B11n. Sctn.	289	6.00	18	4.55 p.m. Considerable traffic on VILLERS CARBONNEL ROAD.
22nd B11n. Sctn.	290	6.00	19	5 p.m. Moderate shelling in R.4.b. and R.4.a.
22nd B11n. Sctn.	293	6.13	20	5.58 p.m. slight shelling of M.32 c.
F. Bty.	483	6.13	21	14 Scouts average height 10000 and 2 reconnaissance height 3000 have been seen to-day.
22nd B11n Sctn.	292	6.13	22	5.55 p.m. heavy concentration of our guns on R.25 d. for one minute.
Liaison Force.	106	6.45	23	Evening report. Situation normal. Enemy Arty. and Aircraft activity below normal. Continuous movement of single men and small groups to and from L.35 C.4.1.
3rd Corps.	G.788	6.45	24	Evening report. Situation quiet. Slight gas shelling about K.11 B. H.V. gun (believed 5.9) fired 5 rounds on HELLY STATION between 2 and 3 p.m. E.13.a and V.28 a shelled by 4.2 during morning. Marked diminution of hostile arty. activity during last 24 hours. Captures nil.
B. I. S.	537a.	8.25	25	Reports to 7 p.m. area E. to DOMPIERE ESTREES CHAULNES kept under observation 12.2 p.m. much dust on main road to ST. QUENTIN E. of ESTREES also dust on road E. of Assevillers A.A. normal E.A. none seen 16 25lb. bombs on STARRY WD. S.1.a. CHUIGNOLLES.
Cdn. Corps.	G.236	8.25	26	Situation right sector quiet. 150 Gas Shells nature not yet reported vicinity DAMERY. Hostile Arty. otherwise normal. Enemy seen entering trenches in G.32 A.6.5 this afternoon. Captures 11 O.R. No report yet from left Div.

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4th. Army.	G.954	8.25	27	Aust. Corps advanced line N. of PROYART last night average depth 300 yds. to line R.9.c.5.5. R.3.d.2.1. Line advanced today N. of LIHONS to depth of 500 yds on 1500 yds front. resistance slight. 7 O.Rs. 3 M.Gs. captured. Hostile arty active S of SOMME on villages in forward area with H. V. guns. Slight gas shelling E of MORLANCOURT. Captures past 24 hours 18 O.Rs. 3 M.G.s.
2nd. A/Divn.	G.165	5.40	13	Evening report. Situations quiet. Enemy artillery 280 rds. mostly 105 and 150 mm on areas X.2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, between 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. One E A over lines at 3 p.m. Two enemy balloons up this morning descended at 9.50 a.m.
5th. A/Divn.	IG 587	5.40	14	Evening report. General shelling throughout the day. Special attention on R.26.c and road in Q.30.c. Active on MORCOURT with 4.2 gun at 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Captures 7 O.Rs. 3 M.Gs. Air activity slight.
4th. A/Divn.	GA 732	5.45	15	Evening report. Hostile arty active forward area. ROSIERES heavily shelled. Left Bde. advanced line on a frontage of 1500 yards average depth 500 yards. Right Bn. neighbouring Bde. conforming. Very little resistance met with. Right Bn. 12 Bde rushed post A.2.d.7.0. occupied same no prisoners made.
3rd. Corps.	IG 735	9.10	27a	Air report to 7.15 p.m. Continuous transport movement on FRICOURT - MAMETZ - MONTAUBAN and FRICOURT - CARNOY - MARICOURT and MARICOURT - SUZANNE roads. AA very active over BRAY. Left Corps Squadron reports movement W from BAPAUME and BAZENTIN.
Cdn. Corps.	G 239	9.32	28	Further Cdn Corps G 236. Left division reports situation quiet. Hostile arty normal
B.I.S.	537a	9.32	29	Report to dusk. Area E to SUZANNE DOMPIERE SHAULNES under observation. 7.15 p.m. 3 MT going E at M.28.c. and d. on main road. Much dust on main road from ESTREES to VILLERS CARBONNEL. AA slight. E A none seen.
5th. A/Divn.	IG 14	9.32	30	Left Bde. report 1 pris. 87 IR. 21 Divn. captured LUC. WOOD. by daylight patrol in which Americans participated. I party killed 6 enemy.

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2nd. A/Divn.	G 167	10.28	32	Right Bn. 6th. Bde. sent out strong patrols this afternoon which moved North up trench from S.7.d.2.0. and reached S.7.d.3.4. Strong Opposition met with and party finally established at S.7.d.3.1. thence S along trench to S.13.b.25.00 where junction established with Bde. on right. Situation now quiet.
5th. A/Divn.	IG 637	10.28	33	Enemy post R.9.c.5.4. occupied last night found unoccupied by daylight patrol today. Contains 8 packs bearing identifications 478 I.R. Post has been occupied by our left Bde.
Liaison Force.	G.P. 2	11.7	34	Re Liaison Force Intelligence Summary No. 5, under heading 'Operations Infantry' please read night post established L.13.b.45.20.
5th. A/Divn.	IG. 650	11.30	35	Prisoner 2nd. Coy. 87 I.R. 21st. Divn. captured in R.3.c.7.7. Joined his company from hospital near CAMBRAI this morning. Line is held by posts of 2 and 3 men no knowledge as to date of relief or to enemy intentions.
3rd. Corps..	IG.736	11.30	36	Air report to dusk. The traffic on Roads MAMETZ-MONTABAN CONTALMAISON-LONGUEVAL FRICOURT-MARICOURT has continued all day. The ALBERT-BAPAUME Rd. has been quiet.
2nd. A/Divn.	g 168	a.m. 2.20	35a	Following identifications from enemy dead as a result of bombing operation in S.7.d. on evening of 17th. 65 I.R. and 161st. I.R. 185 Divn.
5th. Bde. R. A. F.	G 102	2.20	37	6 a.m. report. L E A crashed. 110 25lb. bombs by night NIL.
2nd. A/Divn.	G 169	5.45	38	Morning report. Quiet Night. Some shelling of X.3 and 4 between 2.20 and 2.40 a.m. Enemy flares active on opening of our barrage at 4.15 a.m.
4th. A/Divn.	GA 734	5.45	39	Situation report. Situation quiet. Light shelling during the night over forward area, support areas. Guns (gas) nil.

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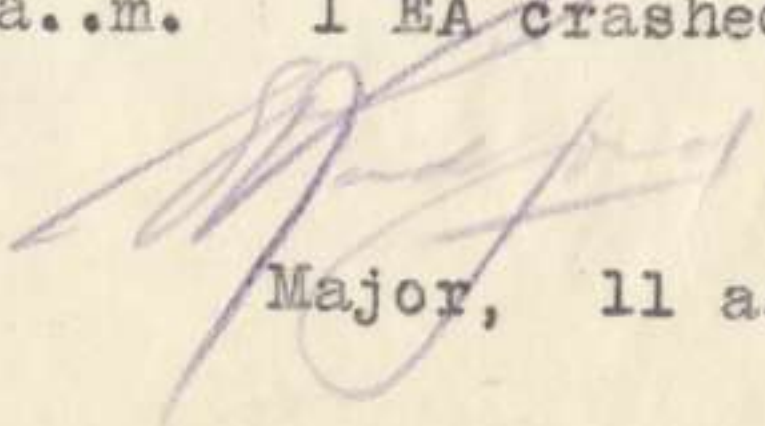
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5th. A/Divn.	IG 656	5.45	40	Morning report. General shelling right btn. sector right bde. also road R.25. and 26 Q.30 with 77 mm. R.31.a. with 42 during night. Heavy shelling between 3 and 4 a.m. Right Bn. right Bde. front line. R.26 shelled with heavy calibre. Left Bde. report light harassing fire on villages and communications. Some posts were advanced in places. Details later. Post in R.15 rushed, 2 enemy killed. Identifications 80 F.R. 21st. Divn. Shoulder strap 232 from coat in unoccupied post in R.28.c.8.2. Captures 1 O.R.
3rd. Corps.	G 792	6.45	41	Situation quiet and unchanged. Enemy artillery active in forward area. Gas shelling in vicinity battery K.8.a.4.5. Heavy shelling reported on 47th. Divn. front between 1 a.m. and 1.40 a.m.
Liaison Fce.	109	7.0	42	Situation normal right sector. Left sector enemy sector enemy arty very active 12.45 to 3.0 a.m. situation now normal. 100 gas projectors discharged by us on BRAY at 3 a.m. Hostile retaliation moderate. Counter preparation phase 1 effective between 3 and 3.30 a.m. and 4. and 4.30 a.m.
2nd. A/Divn.	GI70	7.45	43	As result of minor enterprise at 4.15 a.m. parties on objectives with exception of centre party which met strong resistance and is reorganising. Prisoners coming in. I officer in our hands 28 R.I.R. 185 Divn.
4th. Army.	G 957	8.50	44	Hostile arty very active during night on forward area Cdn Corps. Line on Cdn. Corps front 6 p.m. 17th. reported as follows. R.6.a.7.0. (66 E) (in touch with French) L.30.d.5.0.- E edge of SCHWETZ WOOD G.20.c.6.5.- G.14.b.4.0. - G.8.d.7.0. - G.2.a.1.0. - A.26.c.3.0. - A.26.a.3.4. - A.20.d.5.0. - A.20.b.7.3. - A.13.d.9.0. - A.8.b.2.1. Aust. Corps report some heavy shelling of our front line and harassing fire on villages and communications. 100 gas projectors discharged into BRAY. Quiet night on 3rd. Corps front except for heavy shelling BOIS DE TAILLES area. Aust. and 3rd. Corps carried out special harassing fire 3.30 a.m. 4. to 4.30 a.m. 1 EA crashed.


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Cdn. Corps.	G.243.	2.20	36	French reported to hold following line at 6 p.m. M.22.a.4.0. M.15.d.7.0. H.15.b.3.0. M.9.d.1.0. M.9.d.0.5. H.8.b.9.0. H.8.b.5.3. H.8.b.0.9. H.8. a.5.8. H.2.c.0.4. M.1.d.0.4. B.6.a.7.0. where first Cdn Divn are intouch with French. L.30.d.5.0. L.30.b.7.0. Eastern edge of SCHETTZ WOOD SOTTISES ALLEY at G.19.d.3.3. (with post G.26.a.1.9. in HAREW ALLEY) E along SOTTISES ALLEY to G.20.c.6.5. thence to G.14.b.4.0. G.8.d.7.0. DANTZIG ALLEY at G.8.b.7.6. N E along DANTZIG ALLEY-MARMALADE TRENCH at G.2.a.1.0. W along MARMALADE TRENCH to A.26.c.3.0. thence to A.26.c.9.5. A.26.a.3.4. A.20.d.5.0. A.20.b.7.3. A.13.d.9.0. A.8.b.2.1. where we are in touch with Aust. Corps. Our patrols now advancing towards SALMON TRENCH and FRESNOY both of which were heavily shelled all afternoon by us.
5th. A/Divn.	IG 658	8.50	45	Patrol entered enemy post at R.28.c.9.2. and found unoccupied. Garrison believed to have fled on approach of patrol. 1 L.M.G. was captured in post and equipment of 4 men. No identification secured. Patrols heavily fired on from R.22.a.2.7.
Cdn. Corps.	G.245	9.7	46	Hostile arty active during night. L.36.R.4 and R.5. southern sector heavily shelled 11.45 p.m. and front line right Bttn. left sector between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. Right section right sector shelled gas shells nature not reported. Enemy attitude very nervous. Many flares from SALMON TRENCH. Patrols left sector reports hostile post A.27.d.05.00 and no signs of enemy in A.27.a. and c. or G.3.a. Daylight patrols will confirm this. Captures 1 O.R. 60 I.R. 121 Divn. near FRESNOY.
Cdn. Corps.	G.247	9.50	48	Continuation G.245 this date. Patrols report SALMON TRENCH strongly held by enemy.
B. I. S.	538a	10.40	49	Dawn reconn. No war flying.

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2nd. Aust. Div.	G.171	1.35 p.m.	53	Result operations last 24 hours our line now runs approx. S.13.b.3.1. thence N. along SAURIEN ALLEY to junction with ENGLISH ALLEY at X.12.a.55.55 thence due N. to X.6.c.5.2. thence W. to original front line at X.5.d.8.1. Prisoners 1 Officer 5 O.R's unwounded 5 O.R's wounded. 1 M.G. captured.
Liaison Force	113	1.46	54	Continuation of morning report. Forward posts were established during last night in L.13.a. and b. and our line now runs L.14.d.5.5. to D.37 to C.49 to A.31 to L.13.b.9.1 to B.52 to B.24 to B.17 to L.7c.51. Post at latter point in conjunction with div. on our left. Div. on our left met with considerable opposition and with exception of post at L.7.c.5.1 posts on line of road further north were not established.
4th Army.	GI 358	1.45	55	Night and dawn reconn. flights impossible.
B. I. S.	539a.	2.00	56	Reports to noon. Counter attack patrols carried out and area as far E. as DOMPIERRE-ESTREES and PETAIN kept under obseration. No signs of enemy concentration 10.37 a.m. 1 M.T. going W. in CHAULNES. 10.43 a.m. 2 M.T. going E. in N.28.d.5.4. 10.55 a.m. 4 M.T. going E. in ESTREES 10.55 a.m. 4 M.T. going E. in ESTREES (M.30d). 11.18 a.m. Fair amount of dust in DOMPIERRE and roads E. of FLAUCOURT.
Cdn. Corps.	IG 158	2.19	57	Prisoner 2nd Bn.60 I.R 121 Div. captured G.31.d vicinity FRESNOY last night States he has seen troops 216 R.I.R. 46 res.div. when looking for his bn. kitchens some 2 hours walk from front line.
24 Ball. Sctn.		3.2	57a.	Large clouds of dust in area VAUX-FRISE 6.2.C G.10 and 18 probably denoting abnormal traffic from 1 p.m. and now proceeding.
3rd Corps.	IG 738	3.55	58	Man captured early this morning since died 3 bn. 449 I.R 233 div. K.60.

J. Ross
Major. case 8.00 p.m.

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5th Aust.Div.	G.711	5.40	59	Evening report. Enemy arty. active during morning on R.3.c and d. and MERICOURT with 4.2 H.V. PROYART shelled continuously during day. Prisoners last 24 hours 1 O.R already reported.
2nd Aust.Div.	G.172	5.40	60	Evening report. Situation quiet. Light shelling of forward area. E.A. inactive. Captures for 24 hours 1 Off. 10 O.R. 1 M.G.
4th Aust.Div.	GA 740	5.40	61	Evening report. Situation quiet light shelling of forward areas only. Gas nil.
Liaison Fce.	128	5.55	62	Evening report. Situation quiet throughout. Light scattered shelling GRESSAIRE WOOD K.29.c. and K.35.a. by 4.2's. 5 enemy aeroplanes atrolled forward area.
22 Ball.Sctn.	290	6.25	63	5.45p.m. Considerable traffic on VILLERS CARBONEL-ESTREES road.
4th Army.	GI 362	6.25	64	Air reports. 12.10 to 2 p.m. 1.45 p.m. 100 Infy. moving towards CLERY on PERONNE-CLERY ROAD. 1.55 pm. 1 Bn. Infy. marching W. on MARICOURT-BRAY ROAD 1.40 p.m. 50 M.T. entering PERONNE on AIZECOURT-PERONNE ROAD. 1.45p.m. 60 scattered M.T. between PERONNE and FRICOURT. PERONNE centre of activity. R.S. for 5 trains at CLERY otherwise R.S. slight.
3rd Corps.	IG738	6.25	65	Left Corps Sqdn. reports much M.T. activity MAMETZ-MONTAUBAN ROAD general trend West 12 - 12.30 p.m. Army Sqdrn. report 1 Bn. Infy. approx. marching W. MARICOURT to BRAY 1.55 p.m.
"F" A.A. Bty.	S489	6.25	67	3 reconn. machines average height 3000 have been seen to-day.
22 Ball.Sctn.	291	7.18	68	6.40 House on fire near LOCK L.28 C.1.1.
22 Ball Sctn.	292	7.18	70	7.1 p.m. Continuous shelling on R.18 a. and R.18 c.

J. R. ...
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3rd Corps.	G.793	7.18	69	Evening report. Right Div. established post last night at L.7.c.5.2 on MEAULTE-ETINEHEM ROAD. Attempts to establish posts further north on road failed under strong enemy resistance. Situation quiet on Corps front. Some shelling of BUIRE-RIBEMONT ROAD between 4.30 and 5 p.m. Our patrols active in ALBERT. Much movement observed during morning roads in X.26.c and BECORDEL-FRICOURT-MAMETZ both directions. Captures 1 O.R. (Since died)
B. I. S.	540a.	7.50	71	Reports to 6 p.m. Area E. to SUZANNE-DOMPIERRE- CHAULNES under observation 1.45 p.m. slight dust seen along MAIN ROAD from FOUCAUCOURT-ESTREES. No other movement. A.A. Normal. E.A. Slightly active.
4th Army.	G. 963	8.20	72	Situation quiet. Our patrols active ALBERT SECTOR. Post established L.7.c.5.2. Other attempts met strong resistance. Right corps established posts A.26.d.4.5 - G.2.b.5.6.- G.2.b.5.0.-G.8.b.6.6. 90 Yellow Cross DAMERY. Enemy arty. active during morning on front areas S. SOMME and MORCOURT. PROYART shelled continuously. Much movement both ways morning BEAUCOURT BECORDEL FRICOURT and MAMETZ. Captures 1 Offr. 12 O.R's. 1 M.G.
Can. Corps.	G.271.	8.45	76	Situation quiet. Intermittent shelling of forward area 90 gas shells Yellow Cross DAMERY. Posts established by right Bde. left Divn. as follows A.26.d.4.5 G.2.b.5.6. G.2b.5.0 G.2.d.7.7 G.8.b.8.6. all 24 hour posts Night posts G.2.d.7.4 G.2.d.7.2. Captures 1 O.R.
B. I. S.	541a	9.55	77	Reports to dusk. Area E. of DOMPIERRE ESTREES CHAULNES kept under observation 7.20 G.F. on 6 M.T. going W. at M.30.d central. No other movement A.A. normal E.A. fairly active. Wasx
Liaison Fce.	132	11.18	79	Enemy plane down in flames E. of BRAY at 7.30 p.m.

J. Raymond Capt
Major. 10.30 am.

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4th Aust.Div.	EB 21	5.45	84	Morning report. Front system left bde. intermittently shelled during night. Now quiet. No other enemy activity.
2nd Aust.Div.	GA 56	5.45	85	Morning report. Situation unchanged. Quiet xxxxx night. Relief 6th A.I. Bde. complete 3.30 am.
5th Aust.Div.	G.761	5.45	86	Morning report. General shelling of whole of right Bde. sector front line heavily shelled. Left Bde. report enemy arty. very quiet usual scattered harassing fire. Dump at R.26.a heavily shelled.
5th Bde.RAF	G.111	6.15	89	6 a.m. Summary by day 1 E.A. crashed. 60-25lb. bombs various targets. By night 4, 112, 302, 25 on various targets.
Liaison Fce.	133	6.15	90	Morning report. Situation quiet. Enemy arty. active from 3.30 to 4.30 a.m. GRESSAIRE WOOD K.23.a and c. shelled by 4.2 and 5.9 from N.E. also shelled K.19.b. K.24.a and b and K.23b. and c. Prisoners nil. Wind S.W. 10 m.p.h. 13th Bde. relieved by 9th. Relief complete by 10.30 p.m.
Cdn. Corps.	G.301	7.00	91	Situation quiet. Posts established at G.2.d.6.6 G.2.b.65.90 A.26.d.50.55 A.26.d.4.1. Intermittent gas shelling of right div. area with Yellow Cross.
3rd Corps.	G.794	7.00	92	A quiet night situation unchanged. WOOD in K.12.a shelled with gas 3.45 to 3.55 a.m.
4th Aust.Div.	EB 22	9.00	93.	2 O.R 19 Bav. I.R. killed this morning in S.20.b. and papers secured.
2nd. AustDiv.	G.173	9.00	94.	Reference minor operation carried out by 6th Bde. yesterday morning. Strong enemy counter-attack mopped up 2 posts in X.5.b and d. Situation was obscure all day as open nature of country prevented movement during daylight. Now reported 50 men missing but not yet known how many wounded and how many prisoners. Enquiry is being held and detailed report will follow.

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4th Army.	G.968	9.15	95	Following from G.H.Q. and French timed 10.15 p.m. 18th. 15th corps carried out successful operation to-day between VIEUX BERQUIN and METEREN-BAILLIUL ROAD. Line approx. E.24.b - E.8.c. - CUTTERSTEENE (inclusive) - HORGENACKER MILL - old line S. of METEREN-BAILLIUL 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 BRAUCOURT 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.
4th Army.	G.971	9.30	96	Quiet night. Scattered shelling forward area S. of SOMME at times heavy vicinity PROYANT. Intermittent gas shelling DAMERY PARVILLERS area with Yellow X. BOIS DES TAILLES shelled with gas early this morning. 1 E.A. crashed.
2nd Aust. Div.	G.174	10.45	98	Command passed to G.O.C 32nd Div. at 10 a.m.
Liaison Fce.	135	Noon	99	Enemy plane brought down in flames by one of ours at 8 a.m. at L.33 central.
E. I. S.	543a	12.15 p.m.	102	Reports to noon. Counter attack patrols carried out as far E. as DOMPIERRE, ESTREES and CHAULNES kept under observation no signs of enemy concentration.
32nd Div.	G.651	2.30	102a	Under cover heavy barrage enemy attacked our line 10.30 a.m. from S.13.b to about CRUCIFIX X.6.c.5.2. Attack appears to have have entered our lines in places but ejected by counter attack. Both Bdes. report situation restored. Details later.
4th Army.	GI 371	2.10	103	Air reports. No unusual movement seen during night reconn. Stationary lights in CROIX XXX MARTINPUICH LONGUEVAL and CONTALMAISON WOOD. 6 a.m. fair amount train movement around PERONNE no definite trend and between HAM and JUSSY JUNCTION both ways. Seven trains N. on BUSSY-GUISCARD-HAM lines. No abnormal transport traffic.

J. Rosdham
Major. 4.15 p.m.

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32nd Div.	G.857	4-20 pm.	104	Prisoner taken by Right Bde reported as 65 I.R. 12th Coy. Not yet verified.
22nd Ball. Section.	22 BS/295	4-20 pm.	105	2-30 explosion in R.9.d.7.3. 2-40 small explosion of cordite R.9.d.4.2.
Liaison Force	L.F.130	6 p.m.	108	Evening situation report. Situation quiet throughout. Between 12-30 and 1-30 pm. about twenty five 5.9 fell on area K.22.d. and K.29 central.
5th Aust.Div.	I.G.804	5-48 pm.	109	Evening report. Right Bn. front Right Bde. fairly heavily shelled during day. Intermittent shelling with 5.9's and 8 inch on R.26.c.& d, Q.29.d., Q.30.c. E.A. crossed our lines at 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. Captures nil.
32nd Div.	G.860	5-50 p.m.	110	Evening wire. About 10 a.m. enemy opened heavy barrage on our line from S.13.b. to about CRUCIFIX X.6.c.5.2. Infantry attack followed about 10-30 a.m. Enemy succeeded in entering our line about S.13.b.2.1. and at X.12.a.8.8. Enemy driven out by immediate counter attack leaving 1 prisoner and 12 dead on front right Bde and one prisoner and eight dead on front left Bde. Line completely restored. Casualties Right Bde. shell fire considerable Left Bde light.
4th Aust.Div.	G.A.747	5-53 pm.	111	Evening report. Front line east and south east of LIHONS heavily shelled at 10 a.m. and 4-10 pm. Support and reserve lines lightly shelled throughout the day. No hostile E.A. activity.
22nd Ball. Section.	22 BS/297	6-15 pm.	112	3-24 pm. five or six vehicles east of HERBECOURT H.33.a. travelling West.
"	22 BS/296	6-15 pm.	113	2-20 pm. several small explosions in R.9.d.1.1.
"	22 BS/298	6-15 pm.	114	4-40 barrage South of Canadian Corps front.

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From	Senders No.	Time Recd.	Office No.	Subject
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	B.I.S.544a	7-0 pm.	115	Report to 6 p.m. Counter attack patrols carried out as far E as XX DOMPIERRE-ESTREES and CHAULNES no signs of enemy concentration. 11 am 9 M.T. west at M.27.c.2.4. G.F. sent --- destroyed. 12-10 pm. scattered dust on main road M.30. 1-35 pm. dust on main road at O.25.c. and d apparently M.T. 1-50 p.m. dust on road at O.13 and O.14 apparently M.T. E.A. none seen. Slight whr indifferent indifferent visib fair.
O.C. F Bty.	F.509	7-10 pm.	116	14 scouts average height 10,000 and 2 reconnaissance machines average height 5,000 have been seen today.
5th Bde R.A.F.	G.117	7-10 pm.	117	6 pm. report. 1 E.A. crashed 3 out of control 18 112 lb 24 25 lb bombs on DOINGT dump.
32nd Div.	G.861	7-20 pm.	118	Intelligence wire 6 am 18th to 6 am 19th inst. No infantry action. Throughout the period harassing fire was maintained against enemy roads and tracks and STARRY WOOD. An Officer patrol moved out from X.5.d.3.8. to X.5.d.60.95. and was held up at latter point by M.G. fire from direction of X.5.b.8.5. Enemy artillery slight. L.T.M. suspected at X.6.c.5.8. Little movement seen. A DOUBLE GREEN ROCKET brought down a light bombardment to our left between 3 and 4 am. Fire slackened when a double YELLOW was sent up.
22nd Ball. Section	22 BS/299	7-40 pm.	120	7-6 pm. Some hostile shelling of Q.9.a.
Third Corps	G.803	7-45 pm.	121	Evening report. Situation quiet except for heavy shelling during morning about K.2.d.1.7. N. of MORLANCOURT. Also usual shelling of MORLANCOURT area. Captures nil.
Fourth Army	G.973	8-10 pm.	124	At 10-30 am. enemy attacked on front of 1 mile between LIHONS and HERLEVILLE entering our line at two points. Immediate counter attack restored situation. 2 prisoners secured and heavy casualties inflicted on eney. Front line E. and S.E. of LIHONS and E. of PROYART heavily shelled at 10 am. & 4 pm. MORLANCOURT area heavily shelled during morning. Captures past 24 hours 6 O.Rs. 1 E.A. crashed 3 E.A. out control <i>Laddone</i> Capt. 9-30 p.m.

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To	Time despatched	No.	Subject
4th Army.	6 a.m.	320	Morning report. Hostile arty. active on forward areas South of PROYART and north of LIHONS. Vicinity East of MERICOURT shelled consistently with 5.9 gun. Situation now generally quiet.
4th Army	8 a.m.	321	In continuation of morning report. Party of Liaison Force raided enemy post in L.13.d. 2 of garrison killed remaining 4 fled. Identification No. 6 Coy. 120 Wurtemberg Regt. One l.m.g. captured. Enemy arty. active on GRESSAIRE Wood. Forward areas north of SOMME shelled heavily between 3 and 3.30 am.
4th Army.	10 a.m.	322	94th I.R. 30th Div. identified by shoulder strap left in post at A.2.b.75.55. 6th Coy. 120th I.R. 27th Div. identified last night in L.13.d.70.99. Men killed.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Aust. Divs. 32nd Div. B.G.H.A. 3rd Sqdn. AFC. 13th Ball. Coy. 8th Bn. Tks.	1 p.m.	325	Following from Fourth Army. Successful operations between VIEUX BERQUIN and OUTERSTHEENE 182 prisoners taken. Hostile arty active E. of ARRAS about LOCRE and POPERINGHE. French have taken FRESNIERES and have made progress towards LASSIGNY and THIESCOURT. Further S. they have taken MORSAIN.
4th Army.	6 p.m.	327	Evening report. Hostile artillery and aircraft inactive on R. of Corps front. Intermittent shelling on the HARBONNIERS VAUVILLERS roads. Our post S. of HERLEVILLE heavily shelled at 2 p.m. but no hostile infantry action reported. Right Bde forward area of Left central Div. heavily shelled during the morning.

J. Raymond
Captain
9-15 p.m.

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32nd Div.	I.O. 82	8-25 pm (19th)	126	Prisoner taken by Right Bde 12 Coy. 65 I.R. 185 Div. Objective to regain trenches taken by us yesterday. 24 men of prisoners Coy. from support plus Coy. of 161 I.R. known to have taken part in attack. Order battle N. to S. 52 probably R.I.R. 107 Divn. then 65 I.R. 29 R.I.R. 161 I.R. 65 I.R. relieved Bn of 52 on 16th inst 52 sides lipped N. M.G. Coys. of 52 resting MARCHELEPOT 15th inst. Work and wiring nil. Orders in case of our attack to hold front line long as possible. Intention unknown Coy. strength 55 to 60 in line. 1st Bn front line 3rd support 2nd rest.
Aust. Corps Branch Intell.	BIS 545a	10-15 pm (19th)	129	No reports received since 6.0 pm. Bad weather necessitated forced landing of machines.
Fourth Army	G.976	8 am (20th)	139	Situation quiet. Hostile arty active on forward areas S. of PROYART and N LIHONS. Hy guns active vicinity HEILLY and MERICOURT New posts established N.E. CHILLY unsuccessfully attacked four times by enemy. Gas successfully projected on area S MEAULTE.
5th Bde R.A.F.	G.118	4-30 am (20th)	140	6 a.m. report. 103 25 lb. Bombs on various target.
Branch I Aust Corps	BIS 546a	8-30 am (20th)	141	Dawn reconnaissance no war flying.

J. Rowland

Captain

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32nd Div.	G.870	11-10 pm (19th)	130	Man of 161 I.R. killed near MADAME WOOD this morning.
4th Aust.Div.	EB 23	11 pm. (19th)	132	94 I.R. identified by shoulder strap newly left in post A.8.b.75.55 this afternoon.
5th Aust. Div.	IG 868	5-35 am.	133	Morning report. Heavy shelling Right Bde forward and reserve areas. RIC shelled consistently throughout night with one 5.9 gun. M.G. activity normal.
4th Aust. Div.	GA 750	5-50 am.	134	Morning report. Hostile arty. active on left Bn front. Support areas intermittently shelled until midnight afterwards situation generally quiet.
32nd Divn.	G. 874	5-50 am.	135	Morning report. Situation quiet enemy arty inactive. Captures nil.
Liaison Force	LF 147	7-12 am.	136	Morning report. Enemy post L.13.d.10.99. raided during night. Garrisoned six Huns. Two killed remainder fled. Identification 6th Coy. 120th Wurtemberg Regt captures 1 L.M. gun. Hostile arty active during night vicinity K.23 K.24 becoming heavier three am to 3-30 am. Remainder of front intermittently shelled. Relief 131st Amer. Regt. complete.
3rd Corps.	G 808	7-12 am.	137	Morning report. Some gas shelling of valley K.12. Intermittent shelling of ridge in D.25 and 26 by HV gun during night. Ten blue cross shells fell W. of DERNACOURT at 12-5 am. We successfully discharged gas projectors on area about E.29.a.1.4.
Cdn. Corps	G.299	7-35 am.	138	Situation quiet. Enemy arty normal. Following posts established yesterday A.20.b.9.7. - A.20.b.9.8. - A.20.b.8.9. - A.20.b.6.9. enemy attacked newly gained ground on our left front yesterday evening four times. All repulsed.

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Captain.
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Fourth Army	G 977	8-45 am.	142	Continuation of morning report. We raided enemy post just W. of BRAY. 1 M.G. captured 2 enemy killed remainder fled. Forward area N. of SOMME heavily shelled between 3 and 3.30 am.
32nd Div.	G 875	9.5 am.	143	Identification from wounded prisoner since died taken in X.6.c. yesterday is reported as 28 RIR 185 Div.
Third Corps.	G 809	10.20 am.	144	In continuation of morning report. Considerable enemy shelling reported on front system in K.5.a. K.4.a. and b. E.28.c. between 12-30 am. and 4 am.
4th Army.	G 979	12-45 pm.	145	Successful operation carried out yesterday evening between VIEUX BERQUIN and OUTERSTEENE 182 prisoners taken. Hostile arty. active E. of ARRAS about LOCRE and POPERINGHE. French have taken FRESNIERES and have made progress towards LASSIGNY and THIESCOURT. Further S. they have taken MORSAIN.
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	BIS 547a	1 pm.	146	Reports to noon. No war flying.
Cdn. Corps.	IG 174	1-30 pm.	148	Alsatian deserter taken 6 am. today belongs 11th Coy. 56 RIR 121 Div. Was on post 50 yds in front front line. Two Coys. of each Bn. in line and 2 Coys. in support. 7 in rear on left. Has seen preparation for withdrawal rlys destroyed. Present front line badly knocked about and wire also. No order re withdrawal.

J. R. Rouse
Captain.
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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
Cdn. Corps.	IG 188	5-50 pm.	149	From 1st Canadian Divn. Prisoner of 4 Coy. 56 RIR 121 Divn says relief of 121 Divn. by 221 Divn. tonight or tomorrow.
3rd Aust. Div.	GB 3	6-10 pm.	150	Evening report. Situation quiet. E A inactive. Captures 1 Light M.G.
"F"	F 520	6-10 pm.	152	4 REA average height 2000 have been seen today.
4th Aust. Div.	Ig 142	6-10 pm.	153	Evening report. Situation quiet hostile arty and aircraft inactive.
5th Aust. Div.	IG 920	6-10 pm.	154	Evening report. Intermittent shelling R.26.c. with 5.9s dump on fire. Heavy shelling right forward area right Bde during early morning. Captures last 24 hours 1 M.G.
32nd Divn.	G 891	6-40 pm.	155	Situation unchanged. Intermittent shelling of X.4.a. and HARBONNIERES VAUVILLERS road. One low flying EA crossed our lines at 12 12-30 pm. Post W. of CRUCIFIX X.6.c.3.2. heavily bombarded at 2 pm. No infantry action reported. Prisoners nil.
3rd Corps	G 814	7-15 pm.	156	Evening report. Hostile arty active with YELLOW CROSS shell on TAILLES WOOD this morning. Quiet day on rest of front. Some shelling by 4.2 hv. gun on area W. of MARRET WOOD at 11-25 am. Slight shelling of LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT area. EA active over right sector. Movement of individuals and single lorries observed in F.7.b. and F.9. all morning. Captures nil.
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	BIS 548a	7-15 pm.	157	Reports to 6 pm no war flying prior to 5-15 pm machines now in the air.
Cdn. Corps.	G 320	7-35 pm.	158	Situation quiet. Hostile arty. normal. During yesterday and last night following posts established and work proceeding on joining them up. G.25.b.5.1., G.25.b.7.7., G.25.b.9.8., G.20.c.2.6., G.20.a.5.1. G.20.a.6.3., G.20.a.7.7., G.20.a.8.8., G.14.c.9.0., G.14.d.9.5., G.14.d.1.8. Captures one Officer 7 OR. 1 M.G. 1 enemy ration wagon complete with rations which ran into our lines last night.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
Fourth Army	G 983	8 p.m.	159	Hostile shelling intermittent on HARBONNIERS-VAUVILLERS road heavy on post S. of HERLEVILLE 2 p.m. and on forward area N. of RAINECOURT during morning. TAILLES WOOD shelled with YELLOW X during morning. Otherwise quiet day. Captures 1 Offr. 7 OR. 1 M.G. and 1 wagon complete with rations which ran into our lines last night.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/301	9-10 pm.	160	7-45 pm considerable traffic on road N.26.c.80.40. travelling both ways.
do.	22 BS/300	9 pm.	162	7-25 pm. all quiet on Aust. Corps front.
Fourth Army.	G 984	9-15 pm.	161	Following from G.H.Q. French attack this morning W. of SOISSONS on about 25 km front penetrated average depth of 6 km and progresses. Line at 4-30 p.m. reported CUTS GIZANCOURT BLERAUCOURDELLE all incl. 1 km N. of VALPRIEZ FARM CUISY EN ALMONT OSLY COURTEIL all incl. 2500 pris and several guns captured.
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	BIS 549a	10-15 pm.	163	Reports to dusk. No war flying. Weather misty visib poor.
Fourth Army	G 985	12 mdt.	164	Latest estimate prisoners in 10th French Army attack 10,000 with large number of guns not yet counted. Attack has penetrated to depth of 5½ kilos at deepest points. Enemy losses reported exceedingly severe.
		<u>21st Aug.</u>		
3rd Aust. Div.	IG 2	5-30 am.	167	Morning report. About 50 rounds H.E. and Green Cross 77 cm in L.19.d between 11-15 pm and midnight. Otherwise situation quiet. Two EA over our lines 1-45 and 2 am.
4th Aust. Div.	IG 147	5-30 am.	168	Morning report. Light and scattered shelling of Divisional front by hostile arty. T.Ms. active against right Bde. otherwise situation quiet.
5th Aust. Div.	G.20	6 am.	169	Slight scattered shelling over left sector with gas on front line in R.15. between 2-15 and 2130. Very active firing shrapnel and H.E. round burning dump R.26. Gas shelling (mustard) on Reserve Company and 55th Hqrs. Usual heavy night and early morning fire with shells all calibres on forward areas. Scattered shelling on right forward area during night but decreased on right support. Aircraft inactive

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32nd Div.	G 901	5-30 am.	170	Morning report. Situation unchanged.
5th Bde RAF.	G.124	5-30 am.	171	6 am. report 73 25 lb. bombs on VALLEY east of BRAY, 16 25 lb. bombs on varioustargets. By night.
4th Army.	GI 378	5-45 am.	172	Air report 6-10/8-20 pm 20th. No great amount train movement in Army area. Certain amount of M.T.movement ATHIES area with eastward tendency. Roads around HAM fairly active. 4 parties 100 men each CLERY to MARICOURT at 7-30 pm. 3 parties 100 each NOYON to LARBROYE.
3rd Corps.	G.816	6 am.	173	Morning report. Situation fairly quiet. Hostile artillery active on forward area E. of MORLANCOURT and few gas shells in E.1 and V.24. We successfully discharged gas into ALBERT. 3-30 am.
Cdn. Corps.	G.330	7 am.	174	Situation quiet. Hostile arty normal. Our arty active harassing enemy approaching. Captures nil. Wind west.
4th Army.	G 986	7 am.	175	Situation quiet enemy arty active on forward area E. of MORLANCOURT Few gas shells about PROYART. Gas successfully discharged into ALBERT 3-30 am.
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	BIS 550a	10 am.	177	Dawn reconn. No war flying.
4th Army.	G. 987	11 am.	178	Third Army attacked on 16000 yards front between BEAUCOURT and MOYENNEVILLE at 5 a.m. this morning. Attack complete surprise 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.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
Fourth Army	G987	9.0 am.	176	Following from G.H.Q. 10 pm. 20th. Hostile counter attack S. of SCARPE compelled our advanced 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 COURDONNE with patrols farther S. Hostile raid at SCHERPENBERG repulsed. Enemy raided post 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 sthm slopes Hill 160 VERAPONIN all inclusive then 500 yards W. BIEUXY Hill 155 E. VAUGERIN LAVAL and along rly. to W. edge POMMIERS. Later report French are in BOIS DE CUTS and have taken BIEUXY. Prisoners about 10,000.
Fourth Army.	GI 379	Noon	179	Night and dawn reconn. abandoned.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/304	1-27 pm.	181	12-27 pm. 2 hostile balloons flying in a line over GINOY CARNOY and MARICOURT have been attacked by our aircraft one brought down in flames the other hauled down to ground three parachutes observed.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/306	3-0 p.m.	182	2 p.m. considerable traffic on HAM PERONNE Road.
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	BIS 551	3-20 pm.	183	Reports to noon. No movement observed. 36 vertical and 18 obliques plates exposed. Weather fine visib. good. AA active E A fairly active.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/305	3-20 pm.	184	12-55 pm. enemy balloon on ground A.9.c.2.8. approx.

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Capt.
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22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/306	4-5 p.m.	185	3-20 p.m. 2 H.V. guns A.23.c.8.9. firing on Q.14.c.7.8.
do.	22 BS/308	4-30 pm.	185a	3-35 p.m. Nf A.16.c.5.6. large gun.
5th Aust. Div.	1068	5-20 pm.	187	Evening report. Battery positions Q.17.b. and d. shelled. Consistent 5.9 and 4.2 shelling of left portion right Bde sector also dump Q.26.a.
3rd Aust. Div.	G 637	5-25 pm.	188	Evening report. Situation quiet. E A inactive. Captures nil.
32nd Div.	G 912	5-35 pm.	189	Evening report. Front quiet. Some aerial activity. Wind South.
4th Aust. Div.	IG 153	6-0 pm.	191	Evening report. Enemy artillery inactive except for light scattered shelling over rear positions right Bde. No other activity.
Fourth Army.	GI 383	5-56 pm.	190	Air report. 11 am./1-20 pm little train movement seen. DOINGT RS for 6 trains (BOMBED) 12-20 pm. NESLE two NOYON six TINCOURT four PERONNE two. Fair amount transport traffic roads round CLERY. Some westward M.T. movement HERBECOURT and CARBONNEL. About Battalion of infantry marching CUGNY to HAM. 24 M.T. ST QUENTIN to VERMAND.
22 Balloon Sec.	22 BS/309	5-57 pm.	192	5-6 pm. train apparently ammn. on light railway at M.16.a.65.10.
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	BIS 552a	6-45 pm.	190a	Reports to 6 pm no movement observed. Weather fine visib good. AA inactive EA none seen.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/310	7-0 pm.	192a	5-45 traffic on DOMPIERRE HERBECOURT road at N.1.a. and H.31.d.
F Bty.	F 526	7-10 pm.	193	4 scouts height 12,000 and 4 reconnaissance machines average height 10,000 have been seen today.

J. Raymond
Captain
7-20 p.m.

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Third Corps.	G 828	7-15 pm.	194	Evening report. Situation quiet. Hostile arty activity less than usual. Occasional shelling 5.9s on K.11.d. and K.12.c. DERNANCOURT shelled 77 mm between 11 am and noon. Slight shelling MORLANCOURT area. Few rounds gas shell on E.1.a., E.1.b. and V.24.d. 80 rounds blue and green cross on E.27 and K.3 during last 24 hours. Slight sniping from ALBERT. Captures nil.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/312	8-0 pm.	195	6-40 pm. NF A.16.c.4.6.
Fourth Army.	G 996	8-0 pm.	196	Situation quiet slight enemy shelling MORLANCOURT DERNANCOURT and E. of PROYART. Area between VRELY and MEHARICOURT shelled with 8 inch and 5.9 Hows.
Can. Corps.	G 366	8-0 pm.	197	Situation quiet. Area between VRELY and MEHARICOURT shelled by 8 inch How. and 5.9 How. Captures nil.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/311	8-0 pm.	198	6-40 pm. ANF M.9.b.05.05.
6 Ball. Secn.	6 BS/1	9-0 pm.	200	2-0 pm. hostile battery active at L.12.c.80.35.
32nd Div.	G 922	9-0 pm.	201	"I" wire. T.M.S. active from S.8.c.4.8., X.6.c.5.6. M.Gs. entiled vailed X.4.a. and c. from R.29.a. and c. and fired on CRUCIFIX from HERLEVILLE. M.Gs. suspected S.8.c.3.7., S.7.b.85.35., X.6.a. Sniping from R.35.b. and R.29.c. 8 EA flew low over right front line 7-30 pm. 20th. Dugouts located X.5.b.9.9. and at church R.36.c.
Branch I. Aust. Corps.	BIS 553a	9-20 pm.	202	Report to dusk. Area as far E. as DOMPIERRE-ESTREES and CHAULNES kept under observation no signs of enemy concentration. 3-50 pm. 1 M T going S.E. at G.27.c.2.9. 4-50 pm. 2 M.T. going E. at M.29.a.4.5. Weather fine visib.fair. AA normal EA normal.
Fourth Army	GI 385	12 m/Nt.	205	Air report 6 to 8-15 pm. Column of inty PERONNE to CLERY followed by scattered M T at 7-40 pm. otherwise Northern area fairly clear of road movement. No train movement reported. Back areas quiet. 5-25 to 6-30 pm.

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Capt. 9-30 am. 22nd Aug.

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Fourth Army	G 1003	8-20 am.	206	Situation. Can. Corps front normal both artys active. Aust Corps reports host. arty active front and support lines during night. 300 blue X AUGER WOOD. Attempted raid on 32nd Div. repulsed none missing. 3ra Corps reports assembly troops and advance 4-45 am satisfactory. Host. shelling after zero light. 18th Div. crossed ANCRE S. ALBERT by night and at Zero line ran along MEAULTE-ALBERT road from VIVIER MILL to outskirts ALBERT thence orig. line. RAF reports 2 EA crashed 1 balloon flames 1 deriated.
22 Ball. Secn.	22 BS/332	8-20 am.	207	6-50 am hostile balloon ascending A.9.c.i.i.
do.	22 BS/328	8-15 am.	208	13th Balloon Coy. report hostile balloon ascending at 5-43 am. in 66.D/C.7.p.9.9. approx. direction of LICOURT. Hostile balloon ascending 5-45 am in 66.D/B.15.central. At 6-2 am. train proceeding from HAM towards NESLE. At 6-2 am. train proceeding from NESLE towards HAM.
do.	22 BS/331	7-50 am.	212	6-35 am. only scattered enemy shelling on Aust. Corps front from BRAY-CORBIE road to river. Mostly at western end of ETINHEM - L.20.b., L.20.a. and L.26.a.
do.	22 BS/320	7-50 am.	213	5-44 am. hostile balloon letting up in xxx A.9.6.
do.	22 BS/324	6-30 am.	214	6-12 am. hostile balloon letting up at A.29.a.
do.	22 BS/325	7-0 am.	214a	6-16 am. hostile balloon activity in K.18.b. and c. and d., L.13.c. & d. L.14.c., L.19.p., L.20.a. has slackened down. Fair amount of enemy shelling in L.20.b.
do.	22 BS/326	7-10 am.	215	6-19 am. fire still burning in L.22.b.7.7.
do.	22 BS/327	7-10 am.	216	13 Ball. Coy. report one train travelling from NESLE towards HAM 5-58 am.

J. R. Rouse

Capt. 9-50 am.

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5th Bde RAF.	G 137	7-0 am.	216	6 am. report 2 EA crashed one balloon in flames one deflated. 38 - 112 and 72 - 25 lb. on PERONNE, 43 - 25 lbs on various targets by night, 51 - 112 lbs bombs, 176 - 25 lbs bombs on various targets.
22 Ball. Secn.	Bs 333	7-35 am.	217	7-28 am. fair number of enemy shells falling in K.12. slight shelling of MORLANCOURT.
6 Ball. Secn.	Bs 6	8-20 am.	218	Enemy attained direct hit on road in K.16.d.
3rd Corps.	IG 21	8-50 am.	218a	Prisoners captured this morning. 248 RIR (54th Res. Div) in E.29 246 RIR (54th Res. Div) in E.23. 450 RIR (233rd Div) in E.10. normal. Prisoners of 246 RIR states attack expected. His Coy. ordered to stand to.
6th Ball. Coy.	6 BS	8-30 am.	219	Heavy enemy shelling in K.10.b. and d.
6th Ball. Secn.	6 BS	9 am.	220	Enemy shelling in K.21.b. along main road to cross roads.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/1	9-15 am.	228	9th Bde report left Battalion in touch with 47th Div. This Battalion has captured battalion commander, Adjutant, Machine Gun Officer and artillery Liaison Officer.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 336	9-15 am.	229	8-22 am Nf A.29.b.5.5.
do.	BS 335	9-15 am.	230	8-20 am train travelling West entering MARICOURT.
do.	BS 337	9-13 am.	231	8-34 am. Slight and apparently hostile shelling in L.1., L.2., L.7., and L.8.
4th Army.	EI 388	9-25 am.	233	8-10 am. 1 Bn infy coming W. near FRICOURT on the main road.

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4th Army 4th Army	G 998	9-25 am. 10-20 pm (21st)	203	Following from G.H.Q. 6-40 pm. 3rd Army situation report timed 3-30 pm gives line as follows. Along rly S. and E. of BEAUCOURT to neighborhood of BAILLESCOURT Farm - thence NE. round MIRAUMONT which our patrols entered at 1-30 pm - thence along rly to old line NE of MOYENNEVILLE except between G.15.a. and BRICKWORKS in G.9.b. where our troops are W. of rly and between A.28.b. and A.11.c. where they are East of it. There has been stiff fighting on line of rly. Captures so far reported 1100 and 2 guns. French 10th Army has taken BLERANCOURT whence line runs to PONTOISE inclusive and along River to SEMPIGNY where in touch with 3rd Army. French have taken PLEMONT and LASSIGNY.
Fourth Army	G 1001	12 m/at (21st)	204	Following from French 8-40 pm. LASSIGNY in our hands and LE PLEMONT surrounded. Advance on LA DIVETTE continuing enemy resistance slight. American troops captured FISMETTE with prisoners Line at 4 pm. SILLENS - S. edge of STAUBIN - BLERANCOURT - CAMELIN - CUTS (all inclusive) - POMMEYAYE - PONTOISE - SEMPIGNY - S. edge of CHIRY - BOIS D'ORVAL - LOERMONT - NE. edge of PLEMONT. xxxx xxxxxxx
B. I. S.	554a	22nd Aug. 9-35 am.	234	Dawn reconnaissance. Area E. to MARICOURT under observation no movement seen. 12 zone calls sent on enemy arty N. of SOMME. After 6 am enemy arty. fire N. of SOMME slight. Contact patrol machines called for flares at 6 a.m. and reports line run R.8.a.p., d., L.14.b., L.15.c. EA inactive. AA active.
22 Bal l. Secn.	BS 338	9-25 am.	235	8-55 am. number of explosions in ETINEHEM.
6 Bal l. Secn.	BS 5	9-25 am.	236	Heavy shelling in BECORDREL enemy shelling in K.18.c. and d.
do.	BS 6	9-25 am.	237	German balloon observed from J.30.central in a line over BRAY.
22 Bal l. Secn.	BS 321	6-45 am.	238	5-44 am. explosion and fire in L.22.b.7.7.
				<i>J. Roychance</i> Capt. 10-30 a.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No	Subject
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 322	6-30 am.	239	5-22 am. Some fairly heavy enemy shelling in K.18.b. c. and d., L.13.c. and d. L.14.c., L.14.b. and L.20.a.
do.	BS 319	6-30 am.	240	13th Ball. Coy. reports at 5-17 am very little hostile activity South of River. At 5-19 am one hostile gun from neighborhood of CAPPY and DOMPIERRE active.
6 Ball. Sn.	-	6 am.	241	White over white over white light over Aust. Corps front.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 318	6 am.	242	5-17 am. several enemy batteries active round SUZANNE and to the W. also in L.12. and L.18.
do.	BS 317	6 am.	243	5-5 am. barrage apparently good no gaps can be seen owing to smoke
do.	BS 316	6 am.	244	5-0 group of enemy batteries early active W. of SUSAN, L.12. and L.8.
do.	BS 315	6 am.	245	4-50 am. barrage apparently good little enemy retaliation. No enemy gun flashes south of river.
do.	BS 330	7-50 am.	246	13 Ball. Coy. report at 6-26 am. hostile shelling of ROSIERES station. At 6-27 am. heavy hostile shelling of FRAMMERVILLE and RAINECOURT.
do.	BS 329	8-15 am.	247	6-31 am. several bursts have been observed of 12 inch guns firing from CORBIE. They appear slightly left and short of MARICOURT Siding and dump.
6 Ball. Secn.	BS 6	7-0 am.	248	Slight enemy shelling of LESCELESTEIN - K.33.b., K.27.d.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC 6	8-20 am.	249	9th Bde reports any enemy barrage on old front line at 7-0 am. Runners state many enemy state. Officer prisoner states attack unexpected.

J. Hodgson Capt.
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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No	Subject
5th Aust. Div.	IG 1102	5-40 am.	-	Morning report. Enemy arty. normal. M.G and M.W. active on Right Bae front. Our arty and M.Gs actively engaged night targets.
4th Aust. Div.	GA 752	5-40 am.	-	Morning report. Enemy arty and M.Gs fairly active on front and support lines during night. About 300 blue cross gas shells in vicinity of AUGER WOOD and X.29.a.7.3.
32nd Div.	G 932	5-40 am.	-	Enemy attempted to raid Right Coy. Right Bn. about 11-15 pm. but were driven off. Situation now quiet.
Can. Corps.	G 410	6-30 am.	-	Situation normal. Our and enemy arty active.
3rd Corps	G 829	6-45 am.	-	Morning report. Assembly of troops and kick off at 4-45 am. satisfactory Hostile shelling after Zero reported to be fairly light. 18th Div. effected crossing of River ANCRE during night S. of ALBERT. At Zero hour their line ran along MEAULTE -ALBERT Road from VIVIER MILL to outskirts of ALBERT, thence original line.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC 10	9-55 am.	250	9th Bde message timed 9-7 am. begins. 20 EA using M.G. on our forward area, L.8., L.9., L.14., L.19., L.20. ends.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC 8	10 am.	251	9th Bde report timed 7-45 am. Line runs CRUCIFIX inclusive L.15.a.4.0. L.9.a.0.0., L.10.c.0.4., L.10.c.2.6. Left Bn. front little obscure. 141st Bde on left report through 9th Bde whippets passed Kxx . K.12.c. moving forward. Some 141st Bde cavalry have moved forward.
do.	LC 11	10 am.	252	9th Bde. message timed 9-35 am. begins. Green Line captured throughout 9 am. ends.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 339	10-10 am.	253	9-10 am. hostile balloons flying in a line over L.17.a.central from Q.9.a.1.1.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
3rd Corps.	IG 744	10-15 am.	255	Army Sqdn. report. 8-10 am. 1 Bn. infy. moving West FRICOURT and 8-30 am. about 100 lorries moving S.W. of MARICOURT-BRAY road.
6th Ball. Secn.	--	10-15 am.	256	Enemy shelling at cross roads K.20.b.2.9.
22nd Ball. Sec.	BS 340	10-15 am.	257	9-40 am. visib. E. to W. good. W. to E. poor.
do.	BS 341	10-25 am.	258	9-50 am. hostile balloon flying in a line over LAPIN WOOD from Q.9.d.i.i. in flames.
3rd Corps.	G 852	10-50 am.	259	Right Div. reported in possession of Brown Line and Bae had 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 objectives on centre Div. front. Left Div report they have left assembly positions MEAULTE -ALBERT road up to time with tanks. Extreme Coy. suffered heavily from M.G. fire. Left Bn. held up at first but assisted by tanks and now going strong. Later report by Left Div 54th Bae on final objective 3 Oir. 179 O.R. captured. Situation in ALBERT still obscure. Advance guard ordered to move forward and be prepared to support Left of 54th Bae. Enemy barrage reported heavy at first but has now slackened and hostile F.A. ceased altogether. Left Div report shelling E.14.b. and d. and rly cutting E.15 central and some gas shelling in ANCRE Valley. Right Div. report heavy retaliation K.16.central and K.12.a. Fair number of prisoners identifications from 54th RD 233rd Div and 214th Div. Nearly all tanks started to time and reported going satisfactorily. 3rd Aust. Div. report they have gained final objective and captured 8 Oir and 129 O.Rs. Latest report from 12th Div. Right Bae timed 8-25 am. all objectives believed taken. Touch with flank Bae on first objective confirmed. Touch on final objective awaits confirmation. Our casualties light. Many prisoners coming in.

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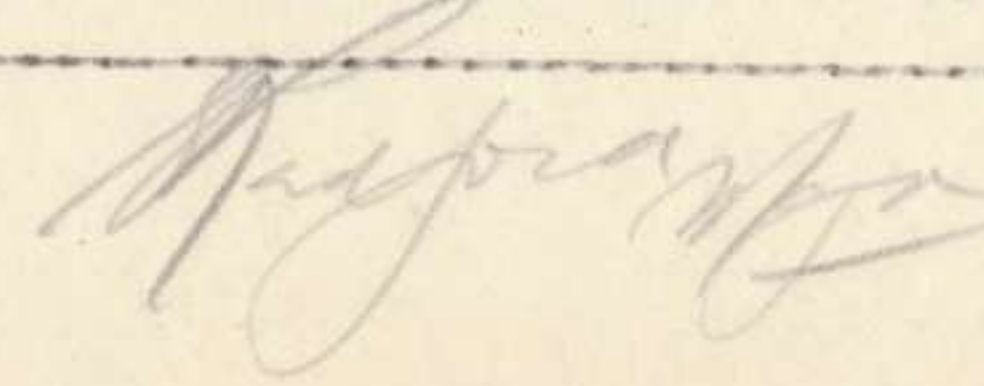
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3rd Corps	G 835	12-25 pm.	268	No further information re situation of Right Division. Aeroplane map shows troops in final objective but not confirmed. Position of Right Bn centre Divn uncertain remainder of Divn on final objective and posts in F.14.a. Cavalry unable to advance owing to M.G. fire from BOIS FRANCAIS F.9.d. and GREAT BEAR F.22.d. right Bde left Divn on final objective and exploiting success towards TARA Hill. Troops reported on crest overlooking BECOURT WOOD. Mopping up of ALBERT proceeding. Hospital and cathedral posts in our hands but some pockets still holding out. Prisoners unwounded total 9 Officers including 1 Bn. Commander and over 1000 ORs.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/12	12-36 pm.	269	Officer minenwerfer Coy. states attack expected owing to Australian prisoner xxxxx or deserter giving information. Were uncertain at where attack would come. Australian referred to taken a couple of days ago. Officer does not know whether enemy will counter attack or not states not many reserves. Order of battle very obscure regiments very mixed. States practically no troops in BRAY. No knowledge of which Regts in line or support.
do.	LC/15	12-35 pm.	270	Following identification secured. 1st 2nd 3rd Bns 124th IR 1st 2nd Bns 120th IR. 5th Battery F.A. Regt. Prisoners state BRAY not likely to present difficult obstacle. Thinks M.reserve M.G. Coys. probably 2 holding ridge immediately N.E. and E. of BRAY.
3rd Corps.	G 838	1-2 p.m.	273	Left Divn report ALBERT cleared of enemy 9-15 am. 54th Bde have now met organised resistance through W.30.central. Prisoners taken by Left Divn over 750.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/16	1-2 pm.	274	47th Divn. message timed 10-30 am. begins. Prisoner 54th RI saw following regts in MONTAUBAN due to relieve troops in line on 25/26 inst. 15 R IR or 13th Divn 25th IR of 208th Divn 41st IR of 221 Div.

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22 Ball. Sec.	BS 342	10-50 am	260	10-10 am Very little artyax activity on Aust. Corps front.
do.	BS 343	10-50 am	261	10-16 am. Hostile shelling in Q.12.a. and Q.12.c.
3rd Corps	IG 745	11-7 am.	262	Air report to 8-30 am. Our line runs E.5.central - E.12.a.7.7. - (green light) trenches in F.13.a., 14.c., F.20.a., 20a, F.21.a. to just West of road L.9.b.
4th Army	GI 389	11-45 am.	264	Air report. No unusual movement seen during night reconn. Dawn reconn reports a few trains S. into PERONNE from MOISLAINS not abnormal. Lines converging on St QUENTIN fairly active 6 to 6-20 am. no particular trend. Little activity in PERONNE ROISEL or BAMP BAPAUME station. Roads. About 6 am 40 MT N.E. LE SANS-BAPAUME 30 MT S. BAPAUME to SAILLISEL. 6-30 am 15 MT into BRAY from S.E.. 6-52 am. 30 MT MARICOURT towards PERONNE. 8-10 am. Bn or infantry going W. 20 MT going E. on main road at FRICOURT. 8-30 am. about 50 MT going SW MARICOURT towards BRAY and 40 MT and limbers near CEYLON Wood (attacked from air).
22 Ball. Sec.	BS 344	12-5 pm.	265	Considerable artillery activity on the Aust. Corps front South of VILLERS BRITONNEUX -VILLERS CARBONNEL road.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/14	12-5 pm.	266	Identifications 120 IR 124 IR and 13th Regt. Field Arty. Officers include Bn Car and Adjut 3rd Bn 124 IR. No intentions counter attack known. No knowledge plans for general withdrawal in this sector. This mornings attack expected. Stated by one Officer through prisoners statement but by others through their patrols and observation. Order of battle N to S 124 IR 120 IR 123 IR. 142 Bde reports 72 prisoners of 246 and 247 RIR.
do.	LC/13	12-5 pm.	267	47th Div reports timed 8-55 am brown line captured. In touch with Divisions both flanks. Statements agree enemy fighting hard and large numbers have been killed. Nothing definite as to capture of green line.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
3rd Corps	G 837	12-55 pm.	271	In continuation of G. 835. Right Divn now report final objective taken after somewhat heavy fighting. Some field guns reported captured. 6 Offcs 239 OR in Divl cage.
do.	IG 748	1-5 pm.	272	Air report to 11-30 am. Our troops seen moving forward in open order in F.13 S of BECORDEL and in E.12. Not much opposition noticed. Our troops also beyond objective in W.29.b. and 23.d. Rly W.29.a. strongly held by us. Hostile movement like ammn limbers seen going both ways on roads MARICOURT-BILLON FM -SUZANNE - BRAY and NW of MAMETZ. Notable absence field gun fire.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/18	1-20 pm.	275	11th Bde report time 12 noon begins. Enemy heavily shelled assembly positions L.13.a. and c till 9-30 a.m. Now only very scattered harassing fire.
4th Army	G 1009	1-45 pm.	276	Attack of 10th French Army progressing well. 48th FR Divn reported to have reached AILETTE MA 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.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 347	1-45 pm.	277	11-22 am. enemy balloons flying in a line over MERICOURT from Q.8.d.1.1. brought down in flames.
do.	BS 346	1-45 pm.	278	13th Ball. Coy. reports 7-15 am. steam traffic on road N.30.d.5.4. 7-15 am ditto N.5.c. and d. 7-20 GF N 25.c.9.4. 7-35 ditto 7-37. Considerable traffic moving east from ESTREES towards VILLERS CARBONNEL. 8-5 heavy hostile shelling in Q.23 and Q.27, 8-17 fairly shelling on ROSIERES station, 8-28 fairly heavy shelling round VAUVILLERS, 8-38 heavy hostile shelling ROSITIU Station and around VAUVILLERS, 8-46 heavy hostile shelling ROSIERES Station, VAUVILLERS and LIHONS, 9-2 heavy shelling round VAUVILLERS, 10-40 GF B.7.c.1.6., 11-10 enemy barrage light from LIHONS to PROYART, 11-12 heavy hostile shelling on our front especially from FRAMMERVILLE to main road.

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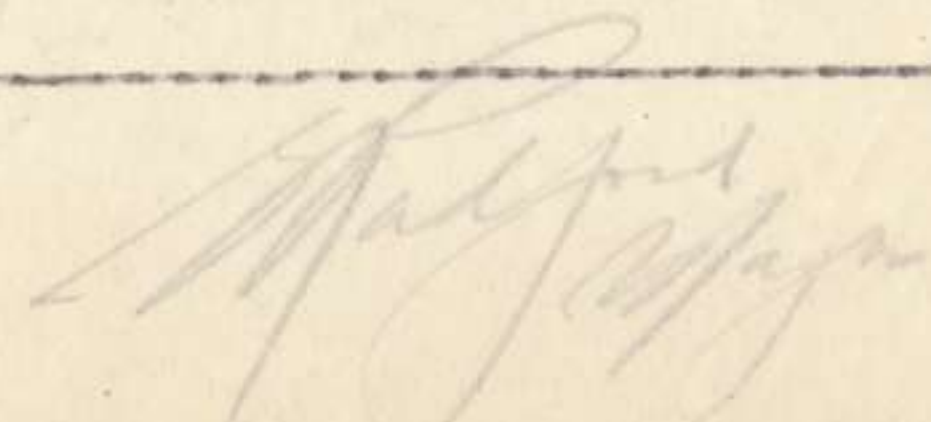
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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
Fourth Army	GS 390	1-45 pm.	279	Air report. 8-30 am. 12 groups infantry estimated 100 strong each going E. CONTALMAISON to LONGUEVAL. 10 similar groups going E. MARICOURT towards CLERY. Railways in northern area seemed clear. 8-40 am. large explosion SW of POZIERES.
13 Ball. Coy.	--	1-45 pm.	280	11-35 enemy bombardment ceased except near LAELAGUE 11-36 British shrapnel barrage west of SAILLY Wood 12-10 enemy shelling X.28 neighborhood square tower 12-10 large red cross visible on south of BRAY church.
Fourth Army.	G 1007	1-49 pm.	281	3rd Corps and Left Divn of Aust. Corps attacked enemy's position between SOMME and ALBERT incl at 4-45 am. Troops employed 3rd Aust. 47th, 12th and 18th Divs supported by tanks. Final objective depth about 3000 yds reported captured and over 1000 prisoners already reported. Objectives were CRUCIFIX W of BRAY-Road running N of BRAY to F.27.d. - MEAULTE inclusive ALBERT inclusive. Mopping up of ALBERT not yet reported completed. 18th Divn. now exploiting direction of TARA HILL.
B.I.S.	555a	2-15 pm.	283	Reports to noon. Area E to MARICOURT DOMPIERE and CHAULNES kept under observation. No sign enemy concentration.
3rd Corps	GS 749	2-15 pm.	284	Continuation IG 748. Enemy seen in trenches in F.14.d. and 15.a. Our men seen on main road E.12.b. Air report from Army as follows 7-3 am. 12 groups infantry of 100 strong each going East CONTALMAISON to LONGUEVAL. 10 similar groups going East MARICOURT towards CLERY. Railways in northern area seemed clear.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/17	2-15 pm.	285	9th Bde reports chalk pit was strongly held. Chalk pit captured by 33rd Bn and handed over to 47th Div. 1 4.2 How. captured at this point. 9th Bde in touch with 47th Div. at chalk pit at 11 am.

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Fourth Army	G 1391	2-15 pm.	286	Air report. 10-20 am 300 infantry going E. just S. of FRICOURT. 200 Inf and 40 MT stationary just S. of TRONES WOOD Station. Several direct bomb hits. Large body of inf. stationary in A.23.b. on MARICOURT-CLELY road probably same as reported going E. at 8-30 am. 30 MT going E. GUILLEMONT to COMBLES 30 MT NE from TRONES WOOD. 10 MT East FRICOURT to MARICOURT 12 limbers or guns E MARICOURT to CLELY. 2 trains in TRONES WOOD station. Little road movement towards Line.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/19	2-50 pm.	287	47th Div message timed 10-25 am begins. Green Line captured after somewhat heavy fighting. Cavalry and whippets pass through Green Line but obliged to withdraw owing to heavy M.G. fire. Some field guns captured. 6 Offcs 239 ORs in Div cage-ends.
3rd Corps.	IG 750	2-50 pm.	288	Prisoners 39th wireless detachment attached 233rd Div 245th bearer Coy and 420 Minenwerfer Coy 233rd Div. Order of battle N to S - 3rd Bn 448th IR 1st Bn 448th IR 1st Bn 449th IR 2nd Bn 449 IR 3rd Bn 450 IR 2nd Bn 450 IR(MEAULTE). 1st Bn 450 IR in reserve possibly BOTTOM WOOD. Special vigilance ordered last night but attack on the whole a surprise. Sgt. Major states Germans to withdraw from present line if heavily attacked distance not known. xxxxx Artyman states many batteries move from BECOURT WOOD area to Valley F.8.d.1.4. S of FRICOURT about 9th August. 233rd Div and 54th Res. Div. expected relief shortly and rumours that 2 Divs recently arrived in area. No reserves known or troops seen.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 349	3-35 pm.	288a	2-30 pm. large explosion N. of MARICOURT. Heavy shelling in 57 D.-X.13.d. approx.
3rd Corps I.	IG 742	3-35 pm.	289	Air report 1-30 pm. shows our line advanced as follows E.18.central F.13.central; F.14 central., F.20.central. thence along objectives. No enemy seen in BECOURT WOOD.

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4th Army	GI 393	3-35 pm.	290	Air report. 11 am to 1 pm. No train movement in northern area. Roads - 12-15 pm 12 MT going E. PERONNE to FRISE. FEUILLERES and ECLUSIER RIDGES being used by MT. 20 MT and 40 men stationary at BEAULENCOURT Cross roads. 500 men going west LONGUEVAL to CONTALMAISON.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/22	3-35 pm.	291	Following from 9th Bde timed 2-10 pm. by telephone begins. Enemy counter attack appears to be developing from direction CATTET WOOD F.18 towards Left flank of 47th Divn. Enemy moving slowly in arty formation without arty support. At 1-20 pm. he was approx. at F.15 central. Further message that one of our planes appears to have discovered enemy movement. Ends. 47th Div. advised.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/23	4-0 pm.	292	Following per telephone from 47th Div. at 2-50 pm begins. Prisoner states 1 Div only between ALBERT and ROCQUIGNY at MONTAUBAN. Identity of Div unknown at present.
do.	LC/20	4-0 pm.	293	Further identifications prisoner 3rd Bn 449th Regt 233rd Div, 47th Div report ALBERT cleared of enemy at 9-15 am.
3rd Corps.	IG 755	4-0 pm.	294	Air report 2-30 pm. confirms our troops in F.14.a. Enemy in W.30.cent. and M.G. fire from FRICOURT WOOD. Movement CAPPY to HERBECOURT and MARICOURT to BRAY, also on CURLU - MARICOURT road both ways. Movement of limbers west on MONTEBAN -MAMETZ road. General centre of movement BILLON WOOD.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
3rd Aust.Div.	IG 11	4-35 pm.	292a	Following from 47 Divn timed 2 pm. begins. Brown line captured and being consolidated. Green line captured and being consolidated. In touch with Australians on Green line S. of CHALK PIT in L.3.d. In touch with 12th Div on green line. HAPPY VALLEY mopped up but a few Germans still believed in northern end. Enemy holds high ground in F.22 and 29. Arty fire mostly coming from direction of BONFAY WOOD. Australians report posts at L.10 central and L.10.a.6.3. Our patrols pushing out towards L.4 central and F.28.c. and d. Ends.
B.I.S.	556a	4-35 pm.	294a	Reports to 3 pm. Area E. to MARICOURT -DOMPIERRE CHAULNES under observation. 10 am to 1 pm regular movement isolated MT on road from A.21 to F.29 (Sheets 62 C and 62.D) particularly round BILLON WOOD also on MAMETZ-MONTAUBAN Road. 10-40 am GF 8 MT going W. A.20.a.3.2. 10-50 1 M.T. going NE. F.29.b.9.1. 10-55 GF 6 MT stationary, F.29.b.6.3., 11-24 GF 10 MT stationary F.29.b.6.3., 12-30 GF 8 HT stationary F.30.a.4.9. No other movement AA active EA active.
3rd Corps.	IG 759	5-40 pm.	296	Further identifications. 358th Pioneer Coy. 81st FAR 2233rd Div. 254th M.W. Coy. 54th Reserve Div.
do.	IG 758	6-0 pm.	297	Further identifications. 247th RIR and all 3 Bns 248th RIR (54th Res. Divn) Captured S.E. of MEAULTE. 72nd F A R reinforcing 54th Res.Divn arty. 77th M.G. marksmen detcht. (attached 34th Res.Divn) prisoner of 124th IR stated 124th IR from rest billets near CLERY relieved 119th RIR 26th Res. Divn. in line 4 days ago. Our attack expected but no measures taken to meet it. On Bn Headqrs packed up and moved to rear last night in forming troops in line to expect our attack at 5 am today. Troops were to stand to for that hour before that hour and to resist as long as possible to enable fresh Divisions to come up and relieve them. Prisoner states there is no definite line of resistance. Morale of prisoners in general poor.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Corps	IG 761	6-40 pm.	301	Unwounded prisoners through Corps cage up to 6 pm. 12 Offcs 636 ORs. Estimated coming in 500.
3rd Aust. Div.	IG 13	6-30 pm.	302	9th Bde report 2 bodies enemy each about Battalion strength in L.17 moving westwards towards L.16. at approx. 5-45 pm.
3rd Corps.	G 844	6-55 pm.	304	No further change in situation. We hold final objective except for pocket of enemy in F.19.b. and F.20. which is being cleared up by centre Div. also Left Divn not quite in final objective. Line runs E.12.c.0.5. N. to E.6.a.0.0., E.5.b.9.9., W.29.d.3.0., W.29.c.8.8. Prisoners in Corps cage 12 Offcs including 2 Bn. commanders 636 ORs. others coming in. Guns M.Gs etc. not counted.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 350	6-55 pm.	305	3-30 pm. slight hostile shelling on MERICOURT.
6 Balloon Secn.	--	6-55 pm.	306	Enemy shelling cross roads at K.31.d. at 3±56 pm.
4th Cdn Divn.	G 403	6-55 pm.	307	Situation normal. Enemy arty active harassing front and rear areas and G.8.c. and d. from 10-50 am to 2 pm. our arty active our aeroplanes active EA normal.
3rd Aust. Div.	IG 14	7-5 pm.	308	Message from 33rd Bn timed 5-30 pm British on our left withdrawing Germans advancing.
do.	IG 16	7-10 pm.	308a	Situation as far as at present ascertained 47th Divn. on our left has fallen back to approx. brown line. We are compelled to throw back Left flank to prevent being cut off.
F.A.A. Bty.	F 536	7-20 pm.	309	9 scouts average height 13000 and 16 reconn. machines average height 10,000 have been seen today.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 352	7-20 pm.	310	5 p.m. very heavy shelling on 3rd Corps front.

Capt. 7-40 pm.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
32nd Div.	G 966	6 pm.	295	Evening situation. Front quiet. EA activity nil. Wind S.W.
5th Aust. Div.	IG 1150	6-20 pm.	298	Evening report. Situation quiet. Some scattered shelling in area. Some 8 inch on Q.18 and 12. Captures and war material nil.
4th Aust. Div.	IG 172	5-45 pm.	299	Evening report. Hostile arty active throughout the day forward area. Left Bde front and support lines heavily shelled with 4.2s and 5.9s. at 4-20 pm EA inactive.
Fourth Army	G 1013	6-30 pm.	300	Situation 4-30 pm. Aust. Corps reports all objectives captured after heavy fighting chalk pit L.3.d. 3rd Corps gained all objectives except one point in F.19.b. where there is a small pocket of Germans. Situation there being dealt with this afternoon. ALBERT and HAPPY VALLEY now mopped up except small party enemy N.E. of latter. Total captures up to date 1400 all ranks, including Bn Cmr and staff also few field guns.
do.	GI 396	7-30 pm.	310	Wave message from station near CONTALMAISON timed 5-19 pm. asks for information about situation of Regt. 115. This regt is in 25th Div. Another message 4-58 pm. from same station orders a Bn of 13th regt to proceed to BECOURT immediately. This is probably 13th RIR 13th Divn.
32nd Divn.	G. 975	8-0 pm.	311	I wire. Line advanced by Left Bn R. Bde as reported in our G.935 Party of enemy strength unknown attempted raid S.7.d.35.35. about 11 pm. repulsed by rifle and L.G. fire. Slight gas shelling X.4.a. & c. during night. Decrease of M.G. and sniping fire opposite L.front. Single EA flew low over Right front 3 pm. to 5 pm. 5-45 am and 10-15 am. Nearest enemy M.G. opposite MADAME WOOD seed 700 to 800 yards from our line.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
B.I.S.	557a	8-0 pm.	312	Reports to 6 pm. Area E. to MERICOURT DOMPIERRE PERTAIN under observation. 4-45 4-5 pm. 2 MT going N.E. A.19.d.2.7. 1-45 pm GF 6 MT stationary G.8.c.3.4. No other movement seen AA active EA active. Persistent shelling of Left Div. sector during afternoon. 4-45 pm heavy shelling of East end of GRESSAIRE WOOD.
6 Ball.Secn.	--	7-30 pm.	312a	Enemy shells falling in K.24.a.3.7. cross roads at 1-10 pm.
22 Ball.Secn.	BS 353	8-0 pm.	313	5-45 pm. hostile shelling S.W. of MORLANCOURT.
6 Ball.Secn.	--	8-20 pm.	315	2-7 pm enemy shelling K.23.c. 2-27 pm big fire burning in A.17.a.central and 4-35 pm. heavy enemy shelling in squares K.12 and K.18.
do.	--	8-20 pm.	316	6-35 pm. heavy enemy shelling K.11.b. and d. and K.17.b. and d.
22 Ball.Secn.	BS 354	8-40 pm.	317	6-30 pm. fairly heavy shelling around F.7.b., F.8.a. also northern end of BEACOURT WOOD. large explosion F.1.b.8.7.
do.	BS 357	8-40 pm.	318	6-45pm. fairly heavy enemy shelling of K.12.
do.	BS 355	8-40 pm.	319	6-52 pm. fair amount of shelling F.15 and F.21.
Fourth Army	GI 397	9-5 pm.	321	Ground observers report continuous abnormal troop movement during afternoon several Bns moving N. as sheet 62.G G.10 towards MARICOURT still continuing.
do.	G 1	9-5 pm.	322	Third Corps report 47 Div. was counter attacked this afternoon and is now on W. side of HAPPY VALLEY. Remainder of front unchanged from latest report. Aust Corps report no change but Left flank Left Div enfiladed by hostile M.G. fire from HAPPY VALLEY.
3rd Aust.Div.	LC/27	9-5 pm.	323	Following from 9th Bde by telephone at 6-57 pm. 35th Bn still holds fast. Boche attack which was developing in L.17.b. and d. moved forward M.Gs and arty prevented further development of attack which broke.

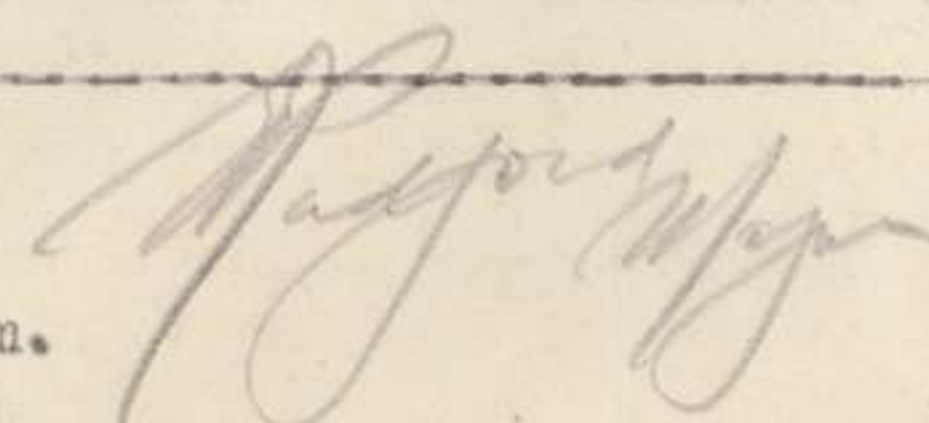
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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
4 Can Div.	G 406	9-15 pm.	324	Movement normal. 26 men without equipment apparently carrying party G.9.b.8.2. and G.9.d.75.95.
3rd Corps	IG 767	10-0 am.	325	Prisoner of 3/449 IR returning from leave on August 14th saw men of both 13th IR and 15th IR (13th Div) in GUILLEMONT on that day. This man was told by his Bn adjutant two days ago that his regt (i.e. 449 IR) including Bns in line in ALBERT sector was to be relieved tonight (22nd/23rd inst).
Fourth Army.	GI 399	10-0 pm.	326	Document identifies 49th Bde 25th Div near MONTAUBAN.
3rd Aust. Div.	IG 18	10-0 pm.	327	This Div holding original green line throughout. Left flank has NOT fallen back. M.G. and L.G. strong point established at L.2.d.9.5. commanding HAPPY VALLEY firing up hill. A few stragglers 47th Div. in this post. Situation there quite satisfactory and left flank secured by a Coy. of Reserve Bn going to L.3.c. between CHALK PIT and post L.2.d.9.5. Our guns strafed enemy coming over hill in F.27. We hold L.27. central. Enemy in northern end of HAPPY VALLEY. Exact location of Right flank of 47th Div uncertain. xxxxxx k.2.x. Believed L.2.b. Guns covering front east of BRAY called off. Eight Mgs proceeding L.14.b.1.3.
Fourth Army	GI 401	10-0 pm.	328	Air report. 6 pm. 500 infantry in small bodies going W. on MONTAUBAN MANETZ Road. Good deal of MT movement on roads North of SOMME both E and W. 20 HT going East from MARICOURT believed to be field guns. RS for three trains at TRONES WOOD station.
do.	GI 402	10-0 pm.	329	Document identifies 26th Bde 13th Div in CONTALMAISON area this evening. this confirms troop movement seen northward across SOMME during afternoon.

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From	Senders no.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
Fourth Army	G 2	11-45 pm.	330	Following from French 4 pm. Advance continuing between AILLETTE and AISNE. We occupy VILLERS LA FOSSE VAUXPREZIS and POMMIERS. Considerable material abandoned by enemy. Over 200 guns already counted.
B. I. S.	559a	11-15 pm.	331	Reports to dusk. Areas as far E. as MARICOURT-DOMPIERRE-PERTAIN and CHAULNES kept under observation. No sign of enemy concentration. Weather fine. visib rair to good. AA active EA slightly active.
Fourth Army	GI 406	<u>23rd Aug.</u> 2 am.	337	Officers of 248 RIR 54 R Div. and 124 IR 27 Div under special exam state 25 Div is in rear digging positions behind BRAY. 25 Div. was to relieve 27 Div night 22/23rd. 26 Res Div is also in rear. This Div is weak and has had no drafts. 26 Div is stated to have recently withdrawn from SOISSONS front after suffering very heavy casualties. 27 Div is very weak. 124 IR only 600 strong.
do.	GI 405	1-15 am.	338	Following from ground observers. Trains nil. Convoys and movement continuous movement of troops and transport sheet 62.C.G.10. going north towards MARICOURT abnormal from 1-15 pm to 6 pm.
3rd Corps	IG 770.	1-30 am.	339	Probable german Reserves 13 Divn. (tired) CONTALMAISON area and 25 Divn. (fresh) MARICOURT - MONTAUBAN area. 26 Res Div reported ROCQUIGNY area. One Battn 13 IR 13 Div has been placed at disposal of 233 Div and one Bn 55 IR also if required. 25th Div has been digging line of defences east of BRAY last few days. Tunnelled dugouts are being made in MAMETZ WOOD.
3rd Aust.Div.	LC/31	1-45 am.	340	Further identification. Prisoner 1st Bn 203rd RIR 43rd Rd. Came into line night 20/21st inst. No knowledge dispositions other regts. Total prisoners xxx through cage to 12 midnight 12 Officers 192 OR.

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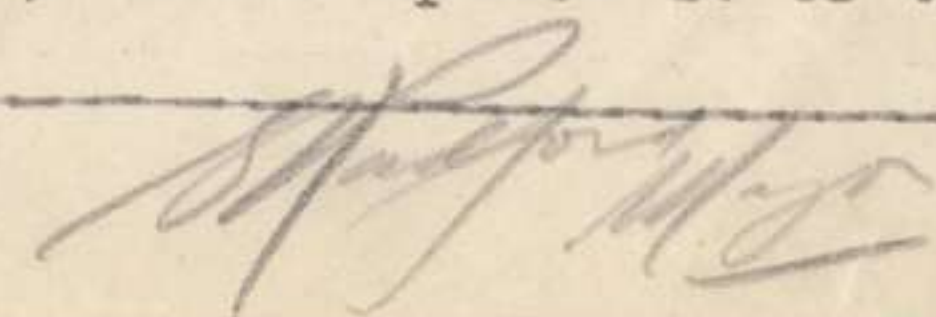
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From.	Sndrs No.	Time Recd	Office No.	SUBJECT
4th Can Divn	G.411	a.m. 5.40	341	Situation normal. Enemy arty active on G.14.a. and d. G.14.c. and d. G.8.d. and FOUQUESCOURT. Enemy patrols active on left subsection.
4th Aust. Div.	B.28	5.30	342	Morningreport. Situation quiet generally light shelling forward areas heavy shelling AUGER WOOD. Some T.M. and rifle grenade activity right Bde front.
22 Ball. Sect.	358	5.45	346	4-49 am good barrage with apparently no gaps. 4-56 am enemy retaliation not considerable. 4-59 am 4-59 am enemy retaliation north of River is practically nil.
32nd div.	G 986 BS 358	6-0 am.	347	Forming up reported complete 3-45 am. Forming up area reported quiet 4-30 am. Enemy barrage reported to have come down immediately our started. No details as to limits or intensity. Good deal of enemy shooting in crashes during night.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 359	6-15 am.	348	5-24 am smoke barrage has been put up at M.25 or M.26.
6 Ball. Secn.	--	6-0 am.	349	Enemy retaliation on Corps left flank less.
do.	--	6-30 am.	350	Large fire in O.25.c.30.30.
13 Ball. Coy.	B 1	6-30 am	351	Hostile firing round PROYART and LAFLAQUE at 5-38 am.
22 Ball. Secn.	BS 360	6-30 am	352	5-44 am Dump of Verry lights blown up in R.26.c.7.7. 5-58 am fire at A.21.a.
3rd Aust. Div.	GB 22	6-45 am	352a	Morning report. 9th Inf Bde report timed 3.55 am situation quieter on forward area. Harassing fire BRAY-CORBIE road K.17. and 18. and intermittent shelling GRESSAIRE WOOD throughout the night. Wind calm 11th Inf. Bde reports timed 4-20 am. During night heavy bursts shelling scattered over K.22. and 23 A and C averaging 100 per hour principally 4.2 and 5.9s some 77s from direction CEYLON WOOD and CHUIGNULLES EA active throughout night gunning valleys and woods in K. square all shelling ceased here 3-45 am and opened S. of the river heavy barrage now in progress there.

Capt. 9-20 a.m.



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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No	Subject
13 Ball. Coy.	B 2	5-0 am.	353	Heavy shelling between PROYART and RAINECOURT and RAINECOURT and HERLEVILLE at 6-5 am.
6 Ball. Secn.	--	6-45 am.	354	5-30 am Third Corps front quiet. 5-35 am fire at L.24.b. cent. 5-46 am enemy balloon observed from J.30.c.cent in line 30 min north of MARICOURT. 5-47 am large fire A.22.a.7.4. 5-50 am active hostile Bty J.25.b. cent neutralised.
3rd Corps I	IG 7721	6-45 am.	355	Unwounded prisoners to 6 am 29 Offs 1252 OR through Corps cage. Wounded 1 Off 127 OR.
22 Ball. Secn.	V 1	6-55 am.	357	5-58 am Hostile balloon flying in line over Q.14.a.5.0. from Q.9.a.1.3. 6-5 am hostile shelling of PROYART.
I.O. CCHA.	IO/17	6-45 am.	358	Please supply direct to heavy art 31st French Corps following photos 205v 2526 2529 2572 2573 2574 2575 2689 2696 to 2702 inclusive 2706 2708 2708 2711.
3rd Corps.	G 864	7-15 am.	359	Continuation morning report. Right Div report hostile arty active about 3-30 am including gas shelling of TAILLES WOOD. EA active during night some bombs being dropped.
do.	G 863	7-10 am.	360	Morning report. Left Division report lively arty fire all night on Left Bn left Bde front increasing in intensity between ALBERT and BELLEVUE FARM towards morning. All quiet on centre and right Div. fronts. Line now believed to run CHALK PIT L.3.a., L.2.a.9.5. thence reported NW up ALBERT-BRAY road E.18.c., E.12.a. and c. E.6.cent., W.30.a., W.29.b., W.23.b. and a. No gas shelling reported.
13 Ball. Coy.	B 3	7-10 am.	361	Heavy shelling of PROYART RAINECOURT FRAMERVILLE at 6-25 am.
1st Aust. Divn.	G 556	7-10 am.	362	Tanks reported moving on E. of barrage halt line. Both infantry Bdes apparently going well. Timed 6 am. xxx xxx xxx xxx

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INWARDS WIRES NO. 44.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
1st Aust. Div.	GP 1	7-20 am.	363	D.O.O. report. Prisoners 22. Identification 12 belong to 9th Coy 10 to 12th Coy 87 IR 21st Division 80 Fus R 81 IR 87 IR. Attack complete surprise prisoners caught asleep. Coy strength about 80. Prisoners state there are many troops in rear including guard regts. Other regts seen 145 IR 34 Div 182 IR 212 Div.
do.	G 555	7-20 am.	364	Identifications by units so far. 21st pioneer Battn 232 RIR 80th 87th Fusrs 207 M.G. Coy. All opposite Left Bde front.
32nd Divn.	G 989	7-30 am.	365	Situation as reported 6-35 am. 96th Bde on portions of its objective. Situation not clear. 97 Bde two right Coys Right Battn reported well in HERLEVILLE, -About 5-10 am. Right Coy. A and S. Hghrs near church 5-10 am. No news from other Coys. About 40 prisoners so far reported. Left Coy. A and S Hghrs suffered considerably from shell fire when formed up but was reinforced and crossed starting line up to time. Identifications 52nd RIR 107 Div and 65 RIR 185 Div.
5th Bde RAF.	G 152	7-38 am.	368	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 1 25 lb bombs on various targets.
22 Ball. Secn.	V 3	6-30 am.	366	6-38 am enemy balloon lying in a line over LA FLAQUE from Q.9.a.1.3. 6-42 am slight shelling of Q.12.c.
do.	V.2	7-15 am.	367	6-15 am two hostile balloons lying in a line over FRICOURT -from Q.9.a.1.3. 6-20 am slight hostile shelling of R.26.b. and a. 6-30 am fire at R.10.b. 6-32 am hostile balloon lying in a line over G.26.c.0.0. from Q.9.a.1.3.
A.W.F. R.16.b.	--	8-0 am.	369	Pigeon service our infantry going on well 5-45 am our arty very effective barrage still going evenly enemy infy retiring good number of prisoners enemy artillery very quiet probably pulling out tanks started off in good time and were not heard till zero half minute 2 supply tanks with wire etc passing R.26.a.8.2. REF 1/40000 ROSIERES.

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Capt. 10-10 a.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd.	Office No.	Subject
T.K.M. R.22.a.O.O.	--	8-15 am.	371	Pigeon see our Infy advancing our arty barrage OK enemy arty sending heavies over tank has a direct hit R.22.a.O.O. killed 3 gassed at R.22.a.O.O.
4th Army	G 9	8-15 am.	372	Hostile arty active on Aust. Corps front especially on AUGER WOOD FOUQUESCOURT GRESSAIRE WOOD and area North of SAILLY LE SEC. 3rd Corps report hostile arty active on Left during night increasing towards morning between ALBERT and BELLEVUE FARM and on area W. of HAPPY VALLEY.
1st Aust. Div.	GP 2	8-18 am.	373	D.I.G. report. Prisoners now in. 1 Off 130 OR. order of battle N. to S 80th Fus. R 88th IR 91st IR, 21st Div. 232rd RIR 107th Div. Disposition of Regt 1 Battn in line 1 in support 1 in rest. The support Battn of the 81st IR is behind and in ST MARTINS WOOD. Rest Battn in M.24. and 23 and 29. All prisoners state we were going well when they were caught. Tanks seen to enter ST MARTINS WOOD. Prisoners state they have seen very few of our men killed or wounded. Attack was an absolute surprise. Morale poor. Prisoners all being very pleased with new surroundings and conditions. A reliable prisoner does not think we shall capture any arty pieces. They are all East of our objective. Numerous heavy and field Batteries are in re-entrant M.15., 16., 23., and 29.
H.M.L.S.	H. 41	9-0 am.	374	Pigeon service. Our infantry infantry digging in final objective and supports. Our arty active. Enemy any retiring enemy arty active.
2nd Tank Bn.	--	9-0 am.	375	Pigeon service. Our infantry are on green line on right. Our arty barrage is holding up advance of tanks. Enemy infy not in sight. Enemy arty very quiet. Have got into communication with Right section (Capt. RICE) but tanks unable to proceed on account of our barrage.
4th Aust. Div.	EB 29	9-0 am.	376	Left Bde report 37 prisoners taken up to present. Identifications not yet available.

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4th Aust. Div.	EB 31	9-0 am.	377	Prisoners taken this morning left Brigade belong 161 I.R.
32nd Div.	G 991	9-0 am.	378	Situation as reported 7-35 am. 96 Bde on objective as far South as S.13.b.7.7. south of this situation obscure but Left Bn 4 Aust Div. reported on its objective and in touch with 96 Bde. 97 Bde. Left Coy. Right Bn on its objective right Coy not quite certain but believed on objective. Right and centre Coy Left Bn on objective left Coy not reported. About 150 prisoners have so far passed Bde H.Q. Casualties believed slight. Situation now quiet. Tanks reported done splendidly.
3rd Corps I.	IG 773	9-0 am.	378a	Man killed last night South of BECORDEL belongs 115 00de Guard regt 25th Div.
32nd Div.	G 992	9-15 am.	377	Situation as reported 8-10 am. 96 Bde Left Coy at CRUCIFIX reports situation satisfactory. Centre Coy. on objective except at C T S.13.b.5.5. where small party enemy being dealt with. 97th Bde. Right Battn on objective except Left Coy not yet reported but believed there. Prisoners past Bde H.Q. now over 200.
1st Aust. Div.	G 262	9-15 am.	379	Right Bde at 7-50 am report their L. Bn have taken green line and R Bn believed to be on objective but latter not yet confirmed. Support line is extended. Has an Support Bn digging on Support line as ordered. Bde on our R report objectives taken but there is a gap of 200 yds at boundary at present.
Tank No. 9348 13th Tank Bn.	--	9-30 am.	380	Pigeon service our infantry on final objective by 6-35 am. our artyik barrage finished enemy infantry machine gun fire at final objective enemy artillery not active intermittent firing the enemy put up good fight with snipers and machine guns in the last 1000 yds of the advance.
1st Aust. Div.	G 564	9-30 am.	381	L. Bde report at 6-15 am line runs R.9.b.2.9., R.10.a.9.7., R.10.b.8.5., R.10.d.8.8. CHUGNOLLES WOOD taken. In touch both flanks. R. Bn has passed one Coy. over gully R.17.a. and c. at 7 am.

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INWARDS WIRES NO. 47.

23rd August 1918.

From	Senders No.	Time Recd.	Office No	Subject
1st Aust. Div.	GP 3	9-30 am.	382	Div report. Prisoners to hand. 1 Bn Commdr and 13 other Offcs 661 other ranks. Regts identified 80 Fus regt 81 IR 232 RIR 52 RIR 227 RIR. Bn Commdr belongs to 3rd Bn 232 RIR. Prisoners do not think a general retirement along this front is probable as much work is being done in the rear area. Counter attack if any will come from Wood due west of ESTREES towards FOUCAUCOURT. Many troops are quartered in area M.23 and 29 the awful state of confusion the above regts were thrown into during the operations commencing the 8th seems to have demoralised the troops who state that only yesterday some of the Bns came back to their respective Regts. No confirmation of the presence of guard regts as yet.
do.	GP 4	9-30 am.	383	Div report. Prisoners now total 33 Offcs and 1195 other ranks.
32nd Div.	M 1	9-45 am	384	Prisoners at Div cage. 185 Div 65th IR 5 Coy 1 OR. 6 Coy 6 ORs. 7 Coy 7 ORs. 107 Div 52 RIR 5 Coy 5 ORs 6 Coy 11 ORs. 8 Coy 5 ORs. Order battle from East West road southwards 52 RIR 65 IR 28 RIR 167 IR. North of 52 probably 227 IR normal.
3rd Corps	IG 776	10-45 am	385	Sqdn contact patrol 8-15 am reports. Troops waved discs along line X.19.a.1.2. - across TARA HILL, X.19.a.k.2. X.19.c.0.0. - W.30.d.8.3., F.1.central - F.1.c.7.2. - west of BECORDEL (BECORDEL deserted). Pilot absolutely certain of above as discs plainly visible. Line runs thence through F.13.central - F.13.d. - F.20.a. - F.20.central - thence as known west of HAPPY VALLEY. Latter line is given from troops being seen at these points. No discs were waved.
Fourth Army	G 1427	11 am.	386	Air reports delayed through forced landings owing haze over northern reconn area. Observation of movement impossible. Southern reconn reports fair amount MT movement North and South ATHIES-CROIX and NOYON - GUISCARD-HAM. 3 trains going S E from PERONNE.

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1st Aust. Div.	G 564	11-5 am.	386	Approx line of L. Bde runs NE corner of LONG WOOD to sunken road R.10.a.9.9. to R.11.c.6.8. to E. of ARCY WOOD to old french line R.18.c.0.3. to R.24.a.1.0. Enemy dispositions known RIDGE from MARLY WOOD to R.5.c. central to W. end of CHUIGNES.
3rd Corps	IG 777	11-10 am.	387	Prisoners this mng in W.30 all battns 448 IR and 1st Bn 449 IR 233 Division 1st Bn 448th IR reinforced from LA BOISELLE midday yesterday.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/35	11-20 am	387a	Following from 9th Bde timed 10-10 am begins. Enemy shelling L.14. with 8 inch and 5.9 from E. Ends.
Jeta I.	M 2	10-45 am	388	Further prisoners at div cage. 107 Div 52 RIR 7 Coy 2 OR 8 Coy 4 OR 9 Coy 2 OR 10 Coy 1 man 11 Coy 6 OR 12 Coy 1 man 5 Coy 5 OR 6 Coy 1 Officer 3 OR 1st M.G. Coy 2 OR. 185 Div 65 IR 3rd Coy 1 Officer 3 OR 4 Coy 15 OR 5 Coy 12 OR 6 Coy 2 Officers 3 OR 7 Coy 6 OR 8 Coy 16 OR & Coy Right MW Coy 12 OR 161 IR 10 Coy 2 ORs 11 Coy 1 man. 185 Div field arty regt 185 6 Battery 2 ORs. 107 Div field arty regt 213 2nd Batty 3 OR. Independent force 32nd infantry gun Batty 8 ORs HERLEVILLE. All normal except 32 Infy Gun Batty.
1st Aust. Div.	GP 6	11-50 am	389	Div report. Further identifications 2nd Battn 122 Fus regt 243 Div. Prisoners of this regt taken in copse in R.30. One was a Battn runner states 2nd Bn were in support. The other two Battns in rear. Company strength about 45. Two prisoners belong to the field Bakerie (60th) who came up forward to salve some material. They have twelve large ovens in DEVISE just on the stream at V.9.a.40.95.
do.	G 564	11-30 am	389a	Situation. Consolidating on approx line M.25.a.2.0. - R.30.central - R.24.a.2.0. - old french line R.18.c.1.3. k - N E end DARCY WOODS. Posts in front of this line. Left Bde exploitation reached line DARCY WOOD - N E end CHUIGNOLLES WOOD - N end CHUIGNOLLES - long wood inclusive. Position about HERLEVILLE WOOD obscure being dealt with.

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1st Aust. Div.	GP 5	11-45 am	390	Div report. A reliable Officer taken in R.30.c. states that between their line and M.23 and 29 there could be very little opposition offered and if we exploited our success there would be little to stop us capturing a large quantity of arty in the next gully. Prisoners now number 47 Offcs 1329 ORs.
Fourth Army	GI 409	11-45 am.	391	Wave identifies all Battalions 13 Regt also presence 55 Regt (13 Div) at MARICOURT. 245 bearer Coy (233 Div) is asked to send ambulances to LA BOISELLE. 122 Regt (243 Div) in FOUCAUCOURT area reinforcing 107 Div.
B. I. S.	560a	12 noon	392	Reports to 9 am. One successful contact patrol one more to come in 5-30 am transport apparently 2 guns going NE k.k. L.36.c.6.1. dispersed by M.G. M.G. fire encountered from R.10.c. Enemy arty intermittently shelling front. Trenches R.18, 24, 30 apparently strongly held. 8-10 am 1 EA 2 seater apparently armoured seen. Weather fine visib fair.
32nd Divn.	998	12 noon	393	Latest reports show some enemy still in northern portion HERLEVILLE in square R.3.d. These are being dealt with.
3rd Corps	G 865	12 noon	394	Left Div reports all objectives gained. Fighting in progress in small wood in W.30.d. Considerable hostile M.G. fire in this area. Not in touch with enemy on TARA HILL where battle patrols are out. Line on Corps front now reported to run X.19.a.1.2. - across TARA HILL - X.19.c.0.0. W.30.d.8.3. - F.1.central - F.1.c.7.2. - west of BERCORDEL - thence through F.13.central - F.13.d. - F.20.a - F.20.central - thence as reorted before.
4th Aust. Div.	BATE	12-30 pm.	395	Prisoners 161 IR belong 35 to 12 Coy 1 to 11th 1 to 10th Coy. Came from rest ARRAS area 11. Coy in forward posts 3 days no attack awaited. 2 Coys forward position 2 in main line resistance. Order to retire to main line in case attack Coy strength 80 rifles division fresh.

J. R. Droune
Capt. 1-45 p.m.

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3rd Aust. Div.	Lc/38	1-12 pm.	397	9th Bde report timed 11-50 am states enemy concentrating L.10 and L.4 broken up by arty and machine gun fire small local attack on CHALK PIT by 30 enemy completely repulsed.
4th Army Fourth Army	G 12	1-50 pm.	399	Aust. Corps attacked this morning at 4-45 am S. of SOMME on front of about 7000 yds. Troops employed 1st Aust Div and 32nd Div. Final objective HERLEVILLE incl - M.19.a. - CHUIGNOLLES incl reported captured and over 1500 prisoners taken today. N. of SOMME 18th Div E. of ALBERT are exploiting success gained yesterday and are reported to be progressing favourably. Total prisoners captured yesterday 43 Offcs 1529 OR wounded and unwounded.
32nd Divn.	G 2	2-0 pm.	400	Number of prisoners in Divn cage 9 Officers 206 OR.
1st Aust. Div. 1st Aust. Div.	G 573 GP 7	2-0 pm. 2-15 pm.	401 402	A coordinated attack D.I.O. report. Further prisoners arriving. Total to 12 pm 55 Offcs including the 3 Battn Commandrs of the 232 RIR 1677 ORs. Further identifications of men from pioneer Coy 253. 107th Rd Arty Regt been here 10 days were brought down from Flanders where they had been for 8 days in rest. Field arty regt 221. Headqrs of 253 Pioneer Coy in HEBECOURT H.32.a.8.4.
Fourth Army	GI 411	2-40 pm.	403	Air report. 8-0/10-30 am no abnormal transport traffic seen. Chief centre of activity TRONES WOOD - MARICOURT - ESTREES and DOMPIERRE. No troop movement seen but vis poor. ESTREES sidings (M.23. M.29) being used RS about 60 trucks there 9-40 am.
do.	GI 413	2-30 pm.	404	Air report. 12 noon 30 limbers also transport and guns on ESTREET-SOYECOURT road going SW also considerable activity on small roads leading SW in this vicinity. About one Bn of troops near ESTREES on main road apparently stationary (NB probably of 243 Div).

Randhouse
Capt.
3 p.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
32nd Divn.	G 3	2-50 pm.	405	Line left Bde now runs CRUCIFIX - X.6.a.85.00. - X.6.a.9.4. - S.1.b.3.5. M.31.d.5.0. - M.31.d.9.4. - M.31.d.5.9. Not in touch with 1st Aust. Div but every effort being made to gain touch. Defensive flank thrown back on line M.31.d.2.8. - M.31.d.0.7. - R.36.c.0.7. until touch with 1st Aust gained.
3rd Aust Div.	IG 20	2-50 pm.	406	Enemy plane shot down this morning K.34. near MALARD WOOD by AALG fire of 44th Bn. Pilot and observer unteroffizier and private respectively captured unwounded. Belong Schlachtstaffel 13. HQ vicinity 217 obteilung near PERONNE. Good landing made. Machine stated new. Were reconnoitring to try and establish EFL. Prisoners being forwarded Corps Cage.
1st Aust. Div.	G 577	2-45 pm.	408	2nd Bty of 27th FA regt identification 1st Bde sector.
Fourth Army	G 14	2-40 pm.	407	Third Army are continuing attack today and report GOMIECOURT HAMELINCOURT BOYELLES and BOIBY captured. 500 prisoners and 3 guns taken in GOMIECOURT. Advance progressing well. E of above places. N. of ALBERT third Army have re crossed ANCRE. Troops reported S1 and E. of GRANDCOURT. Slight advances also reported by 2nd and 5th Armies. French 10th Army also continuing advance and hold RAGNEUX and on outskirts of PONT ST MARD and GUNY. Captures Third Army on 21st and 22nd total 3574.
32nd Div.	M 3	3-20 pm.	409	Support position 65 IR probably STARRY WOOD Support Bn was to move forward immed. our barrage started. Our barrage prevented 3 anti tank guns and T.Ms from firing. Arty said to be fairly strong in this sector but infantry reserves less than ours. 2nd Bn 65 relieved 1st Bn this morning 1st Bn went support 3rd Bn reserve FRESNES MAZANCOURT. Reserve position unconfirmed. 2nd Bn 52 to relieve 3rd Bn tonight 1st Bn was also in front line. Anti tank guns were 300 400 yds behind enemy front line 75 cm. Only other troops seen 203 RIR 43rd Res Div 8 days ago add 81 IR 21 Div 5 days ago in line here. Known to be in reserve. 52 IR weak 7th Coy 20 strong before battle 8th Coy 30 9th Coy 6. Casualties today unknown fairly severe yesterday in Right Bde advance. EA saw our tanks yesterday and concentration of our arty patrol heard tanks but infy generally did not expect attack. Arty expected a raid. Pris state our troops especially L.Bn followed barrage so closely they seemd part of it.

Randham

Capt.
3-45 p.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
Fourth Army	GI 415	2-55 pm.	408	Air report low reconnaissance 11-20 am to 1-10 pm. 12-20 300 troops marching from MARICOURT towards BRAY. Otherwise roads ALBERT-LONGUEVAL MARICOURT CURLU DOMPIERRE ESTREES roads clear.
do.	GI 416	4-5 pm.	410	Air report. 2-30 pm 200 infantry on main road in ESTREES M.30.d.cent much transport main road E. of ESTREES N.25 N.26.
B. I. S.	561a	4-15 pm.	412	Reports to 1 pm area E to SUZANNE DOMPIERRE ESTREES CHAULNES kept under observation. 12 noon fair amount of dust on main road E. of ESTREES several trains stationary in valley M.16.a. to M.23.a. 1 passenger train at M.22.b. 12-30 pm GF on 10 HT going E at M.23.a.5.5. 12 noon to 1-15 pm scattered movement of HT-mounted troops mostly going E on main road from FANCOUCOURT to ESTREES. Light movement of other troops going E. in M.8,14,20,21. 12-50 pm 3 MT going E on road at W.1.a. 1 pm 4 MT going E at W.1.a. Slight movement of HT on road M.15.d. going N. Contact patrol machine operating on S. sector established line and was shot down on return occupants unhurt. AA active weather fine visib fair. 9-55 am GF on 5 HT going SE M.15.c.6.8. 10-10 am GF on 4 HT going SE at M.21.c.6.0. 10-20 am GF on 4 MT going E at M.21.b.3.5. 11 am going GF on 20 MT going E at M.29.c.3.4.
Fourth Army	GI 417	5-25 pm.	412a	Ref. IG 407 from Aust Corps. Please salve this machine and collect personnel.
1st Aust. Div.	G 580	5-25 pm.	413	Prisoner of 202 Regt 43rd Reserve Divn identified just S. of river. States R flank on river left flank in touch with 87th IR.
4th Aust.Div.	EB 34	5-25 pm.	414	Evening report. Quiet forward area. Scattered shelling rear positions. EA inactive.

[Signature]
Capt.
6-20 p.m.

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3rd Aust. Div.	LC/41	5-25 pm	415	9th Bde observers report at 3 pm Aust troops moving through L.34.a. and prisoners coming back. Also at 3 pm about 30 enemy made stand near SQUARE WOOD in L.35.b. Driven out, and our troops advancing on Wood.
1st Aust. Div.	G 581	5-40 pm.	416	Arty FOO with 12th Bn reports all objects gained. Not confirmed from Bns. Above from 3rd Bde.
B. I. S.	562a	5-40 pm.	417	Reports to 4-45 pm. Area E to SUZANNE-DOMPIERRE-CHAULNES under observation. 2-9 pm scattered vehicles on main road N.25 26. 2-27 pm GF 200 infantry M.30.d.5.5. 2-40 pm scattered transport both ways road L.23.c.7.5. 2-55 pm party 10 infantry apparently working party G.8.c.5.5. Bomb raid carried out on woods in M.29.a. and c. 30 25-lb bombs dropped good result. Weather fine visib fair.
32nd Divn.	G 7	6-5 pm.	418	Right Bde reports 2 pm objective taken. Line runs as follows. CRUCIFIX - X.6.c.4.2. - down VERMANDOVILLERS ALLEY to S.7.b.5.6. - S.7.b.5.2. - S.7.b.8.0. - S.7.d.75.25 - S.7.d.92.00. - thence down COURTINE TRENCH to S.14.a.0.0. In touch with Brigade on right and left.
do.	G 9	6-10 pm.	419	Evening situation. Touch obtained with 1st Austn. Divn at R.36.a.6.0. and with 4th Aust Divn on right on objective. Our line runs as already stated. Situation generally quiet. Prisoners 9 Offcs 225 ORs was material captured not yet counted.
3rd Corps	IG 782	6-10 pm.	420	Unwounded prisoners through Corps Cage to 6 pm. 39 Offcs 1580 OR. Wounded 1 Offer 209 OR. Total 30 Offcs 1789 OR. Gun captured yesterday 4.2 how Bty and one heavy T M Battery so far located.

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Capt.
6-40 p.m.

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4th Cdn Divn.	G 427	6-30 pm.	422	Situation normal. Enemy arty intermittently active forward area. Few gas shells nature not stated on MEHARICOURT. Captures nil.
3rd Aust. Div	Lo/42	6-45 pm.	423	In continuation of Lo/40 9th Bde observers report at 3-30 pm four enemy guns four horses each came into action at G.26.d.l.6. Six gun battery withdraw and 100 enemy moving E from same locality. Heavies have been informed. Our men have crossed ridge in L.35. Batch of prisoners estimated 500 moving W later reports state that four guns referred to above were immediately withdrawn owing to OKs being secured on personnel by our arty.
1st Aust. Div.	G 584	6-45 pm.	424	Centre Bde reports identifying 87th and 23rd rgts captured by Left Bn.
do.	GP 8	7-10 pm.	425	B.I.O. report. Prisoners captured to 5-30 pm. 1st Bde 20 Offcs 646 OR 2nd Bde 37 Offrs 1229 ORs 3rd Bde 22 ORs so far. Total 57 Offrs and 1897 ORs. The 22 just informed part 1st Battn 87 IR who were organised to make a counter attack but failed in their attempt.
3rd Corps.	IG 183	6-45 pm.	426	37 prisoners 2nd Bn 331 IR 83rd Div captured by 5th Corps AVILUY W.18 in our Corps Cage. 83rd Div stated to have relieved 3rd naval Div.
F Bty	FS 46	6-45 pm.	427	21 Scouts average height 8000 and 23 reconnaissance machines average height 5000 have been seen today.
Fourth Army	GI 419	7-10 pm.	428	Air report. 2-30 pm 4 Comfy infy accompanied by transport going E. from ESTREES. 3-10 pm mixed transport E through CARBONNEL about 240 men in 8 groups going N ESTREES to HERBECOURT. 3-30 pm scattered troops and transport movement E MAMETZ to COMBLES. 3-15 pm 15 MT E BECQUINCOURT to HERBECOURT. Large explosion N end of CONTALMAISON. Attention called to fact that all movement seen during afternoon has been eastward possibly indicating commencement of withdrawal.

J.P. Rogers

Captain.
7-40 pm.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
1st Aust Div.	G 584	8-20 pm.	429	Following from 3rd centre Bde begins. 1st Bn captured 1 field gun 3rd Bn report capture of 15 inch gun in ARCY WOOD. 4th Bn reports capture of 8 field guns one battery 4.2 how and 2 small guns ends.
3rd Corps I.	IG.786	7.45 p.m.	430	Air reports to 6 pm. Corps front quiet and no movement or signs of counter attack seen.
32nd Div. I.	M.5	7.45 p.m.	431	Further prisoners at div. cage. 10 7 XXXXX Div. normal 50 O.R's. as follows. 227 R.I.R. 1st Coy. 3 2nd Coy. 2 3rd Coy. 1 5th Coy. 1 8th Coy. 1 9th Coy. 5 10th Coy. 2 11th Coy. Pionierzng 6 12th Coy. 5. 52 R.I.R. 1st Coy 1 8th Coy. 13 12th Coy. 1. Wounded to field ambulance 9 O.R's. same regs. All above cut off at beginning of battle in wood R.35.b.8.3. and captured between 12 noon and 2 pm by 2931 Pte. C. IRVINE and 40901 Pte. A. CURRIE and 327328 Pte. G. FOY who also shot German officer and handed in his maps all three men of 10th A and S.H. Prisoners statements agree with this.
Fourth Army.	G.18	7.45 p.m.	432	Third Army attack continues. Air reconnaissance report ACHIET-LE-GRAND captured and infantry S. of BIHUCOURT moving S.E. Infantry approaching IRLLES. ERVILLERS reported captured and our troops stated to be on outskirts of SAPIGNIES and BEHIGNIES. Captures 4281 all ranks 11 guns inc. 2 Hows. and numerous T.M's. and M.G's.
1st Aust. Div.	G 588	8-10 pm.	435	Line now runs R.36.b.5.9. - M.25.d.0.0. - M.25.b.0.3. - R.24.d.5.0. - M.19cent - M.17.cent1. - R.6.c.8.3. - eastern end of GARENNE WOOD (A central) round 80 contour just E of Hill 90 to FROSSY BEACON where we have joined up with 3rd Aust Div at L.28.c. central. Captures announced through divisional cage up to 5-30 pm 57 Officers 1897 OR. more to follow. Captures include many guns from 15 inch downwards.

Redman
Capt
9-0 p.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/45	8-10 pm.	436	3rd Aust Pioneer Bn have captured LANEUVILLE L.21.d. Line now runs joint post with 1st Aust.Div. L.28.c.6.3. thence general line to L.21.b. cent.
Fourth Army	G 21	8-10 pm.	437	10th French Army report following indications of possible enemy withdrawal. Prisoners captured near QUIERZY 22/23 Aug state their Regt only engaged as rearguard and enemy will retire on Hindenberg line. Escaped French prisoner states Aug 20 enemy began retire on Hindenberg line and have evacuated W. edge FORET DE COUCY. Route nationale from COUCY to NW mined dumps blown up and telegraph wires cut.
1st Aust. Div.	G 586	8-30 pm.	438	Following from 2nd A.I.Bde begins our line now runs from R.36.a.6.0. to M.31.b.0.5. to M.31.b.0.8. - R.30.c.8.0. to M.25.d.0.1. to M.25.d.0.3. to R.30.c.6.4. to R.24.c.8.0. to M.19.b.5.0. In touch on both flanks. HERLEVILLE WOOD was cleaned up this afternoon and 50 prisoners captured in it. We are continuing to push outposts further along the whole Brigade front ends.
4th Cdn Div.	G 433	8-30 pm.	440	Movement normal. Little seen at G.9.b.75.25. 11-30 to 12-30.
Fourth Army	G 20	8-30 pm.	441	Aust Corps attack has continued this afternoon and 1st Aust Div has captured CHUIGNES and high ground in L.35.d. Very heavy casualties incurred by enemy in CHUIGNOLLES after stiff fighting. Just N. of LIHONS 4th Aust Div took advantage of situation and advanced line about 500 yds on a front of 1500 yds. 3rd Aust Div shot down 2 EA within our own lines with LG fire. Captures by Aust Corps today exceed 2000 unwounded up till noon including 3 Bn Comdrs and representatives of 10 different Regts. Considerable numbers still coming into cages and large number of wounded in CCS. Several guns also captured. N. of SOMME 3rd Corps have continued to exploit success and have captured about 200 prisoners. Total captures by Army since 22nd exceed 4500.

J. Rowland

Capt.

9-20 p.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No	Subject
32nd Div.	G 13	8-47 pm.	442	Captures in addition to those already reported 50 OR unwounded and 2 Off and 17 OR wounded. Total to date 11 Off and 202 OR.
" "	M.7	8.30 pm	439	Continuation my M5. 8th Coy 227 warned expect our attack today. German arty was to open fire at 2-45 am. Prisoner says this occurred rather feebly. Majority completely surprised. Order battle N. to S. 232 RIR then E and W road 227 52 65 28 161 normal. One prisoner thinks elements of Regt 122nd and 81st N. of 107th Div yesterday normal. German M.Gs. fixed on prisoners and escort as they came over crest R.35.a.c. Coy. strength 227 and 52 RIR 13 to 40 before battle only 150 of whole Regt 227 left after 8th inst. Total prisoners through Div cage 6 Offes 220 ORs.
3rd Corps	G 877	8-30 pm.	443	Message dropped by aeroplane 8-15 pm reports enemy in large numbers from MARICOURT to SUZANNE.
B. I. S.	563a	9-30 pm.	444	Reports to dusk. Area E. to SUZANNE DOMPIERRE ESTREES CHAULNES under observation. 6-15 pm scattered MT and HT moving East from ESTREES. 7-10 pm. 4 HT going SW into CHAULNES. 5-50 pm slight movement going NE into FOUCAUCOURT. 7-0 pm smoke screen at S.23.c.2 xx 4. AA normal. EA inactive.
3rd Corps	G 874	7-45 pm.	433	Evening report. Left Divn report their line as follows. W.24.b.8.0., W.30.d.7.0., E.11.a.2.9. (see following wire No. 434) - E.11.d.7.6. Casualty patrol encountered enemy and had 3 casualties. A few mixed gas shells into ALBERT. Prisoners captured by 38 and 18 Divs today in Corps cage up to 4 pm 10 Offs 373 ORs. Centre Div report intermittent shelling of MORLANCOURT and K.5., K.11 and K.12 otherwise hostile arty less active than usual. Right Div report intermittent shelling BOIS DE TAILLES BRAY CORBIE road and K.12 otherwise situation quiet. Total prisoners 40 Offrs 1789 OR.
do.	G 875	8-10 pm.	434	Ref evening report (No.433) for E.11.a.2.9. read E.12.a.2.9.

J. R. ...

Capt. 9-0 a.m. 24th Aug.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Corps I	IG 790	10-10 pm	445	Ref G 877 enemy were moving from MARICOURT to South of BILLON WOOD (A.26.a) estimated strength at least one regt.
4th Army	GI 420	11-30 pm	449	Air report. 6-0/8-20 pm no abnormal movement reported. Excepting 20 MT going S PERONNE to CARBONNEL and 15 MT S ASSEVILLERS to est ESTREES transport movement S of SOMME was eastward but not abnormal. North of SOMME traffic slight. FLERS and LONGUEVAL were centres of activity. 7-50 pm five parties 30 each MARICOURT to CLERY. RS 3 in PERONNE at 6-40. Visib very poor. At dusk some troops movement reported SW MARICOURT towards BILLON FARM probably units of 13th Divn.
4th Army	GI 424	<u>24th Aug.</u> 1-0 am.	452	Following from the French. According statements recent prisoners 3 ammn trains arriving HAM Aug 15th destined GUISCARD were sent to rear without being unloaded. Trains arriving empty HAM station were there loaded with rails wood and ammn. Depots at BUSSY emptied and contents sent in direction HAM.
3rd Corps	GI 794	2-35 am.	454	Following from 18th Divn. Captured map shews following defence lines drawn subsequent to enemy retirement E of the ANCRE. X.14.c. - X.20.cent - X.26.a. and c. - F.8.cent. X.9.b. - W of cross roads in X.16.a. - X.22.a.0.4. - X.21.c.cent - F.3.a. - S edge of FRICOURT.
32nd Divn.	G 28	2-35 am.	455	2 more prisoners 1st M.G. Coy 65 IR 185 Div reported by Left Bde.
3rd Corps	GI 796	4-45 am.	458	Prisoners of 116th IR (25th Div) captured in F.20 this morning.
32nd Div.	G 26	1-20 am.	465	Aeroplane dk bomb dropped in BAYONVILLERS midnight 1 OR killed 3 wounded and lorry damaged.
3rd Aust.Div.	LC/48	6-35 am.	469	Identification by prisoners captured at BRAY. 203 RIR 43 RD.

J. Wydhame
Capt.
9-20 a.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Aust. Div	LC/51	7-30 am.	472	47th Div report timed 6-10 am. Prisoners taken this morning 25 Div. Order of battle 116 FR on right 117 on left 115 IR in support. Each regt has 3rd Bn on right 2nd Bn on left 1st Bn in support. 27 Div on left of 25 Div were going to counter attack at CHALK PITS this morning. Counter attack on afternoon of 23rd inst was carried out by 25 Div.
3rd Corps	IG 797	7-20 pm.	473	Prisoner of 55th IR (13th Div) captured in E.12.d. this morning. Prisoner states bulk of his regt in FRICOURT.
3rd Aust. Div	LC/50	8-35 am.	474	10th Bde report timed 5-55 am. 40 Bn now holds posts approx 500 yds east of BRAY with 37th Bn continuing line same distance in north of town. Slight casualties. 40 prisoners at present.
3rd Corps	IG 799	8-35 am.	475	Prisoners of 116th IR (25th Div) captured in F.20 and of 117th IR (25th Div) in F.26 this morning. Prisoners state OB (S to N) 27th Div - 117th IR - & 110th IR. 27th Div had been ordered to counter attack this morning from CHALK PITS (L.3.d.).
Fourth Army	G 26	8-10 am.	476	Morning report. 3rd Corps advanced their line during the night securing several hundred prisoners. No details yet received. About 1 am 3rd Aust Div captured BRAY and the high ground E of it after severe fighting and heavy mg opposition. At least 50 prisoners taken. Our casualties slight. Enemy arty active on forward areas of right Corps. TM activity and some gas shelling also reported. 2 EA crashed 1 out of control. 1 balloon down in flames.
1st Aust. Div	GP 10	9-25 am.	479	D.I.O. report. Only addition to prisoners during night 4 men belonging to 80 Fusr Regt were taken early yesterday evening and have been carrying their own wounded total prisoners to 8 am 24th 61 Officers 2250 ORs through Dio Cage.

R. J. Raymond
Capt.
10-0 a.m.

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3rd Aust. Div.	LC/46	10-37 pm. (23rd)	446	9th Bde report that RIVER SOMME has risen over a foot during last hour and consider the enemy may have blown up a lock.
1st Aust. Div.	GP 9	11-5 pm. (23rd)	447	DIO report. Battle prisoners today to 9-30 pm 61 Offrs and 2246 OR. Excluding wounded.
Gen. Rawlinson	G 24	11-30 pm. (23rd)	448	The renewed success of the operations of the Australian Corps today is most gratifying and reflects high credit on the First and Fourth Australian as well as on 32nd Divn. Please convey to all ranks my warmest thanks and hearty congratulations.
1st Aust. Divn.	G 596	12 m/nt. (23rd)	450	Reported that River SOMME has risen one foot during last hour. Suspected enemy has opened a lock.
Fourth Army.	G 25	24th Aug 1-0 am.	451	Prisoners captured by 4th Army today now exceed 3000. 20 guns and one heavy TM Batt have been captured since morning 22nd of which Aust captured 15 guns today S of the SOMME. Aust Corps captured LA NEUVILLE this evening.
5 Bde RAF.	G 170	1-0 am.	453	Can you inform me location of 2 EA shot down our side by MG fire from the ground today.
3rd Aust. Div.	GB 27	4-45 am.	456	BRAY now in our possession. Estimated at least 50 prisoners.
do.	GB 28	4-45 am.	457	Relief 9th Bde by 10th Bde complete.
5th Bde RAF.	G 168	4-45 am.	459	6 am report 2 EA crashed 1 out of control 1 balloon in flames 30 112-lb 355 25-lb bombs various targets. By night 1 112-lb 134 25-lb bombs on various targets.
4th Cdn Divn.	G 440	6-10 am.	460	Situation normal. Enemy artillery normal. Our artillery active.

J. Richardson

Capt.
10-45 a.m.

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3rd Aust. Div.	GB 29	6-10 am.	461	Morning report. LA NEUVILLE captured during afternoon. BRAY now in our possession after severe fighting and strong mg opposition. Posts established on xxxx objective line as shown map attached 3rd Div order No. 108. Estimated at least 50 prisoners. Our casualties slight. Situation now quiet.
4th Aust. Div.	IG 187	5-35 am.	462	Morning report. Light scattered shelling of forward areas by 4.2s and 5.9s. TMs active on right Bn front.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC 47	3-15 am.	463	10th Bde report. Report from 40th Bn timed 2 am indicates that number mgs holding them up in North and East sides of BRAY. Lines to Bn cut. Communications by runner.
32nd Divn.	G 29	6-15 am.	464	Morning situation. Quiet and nothing further to report on right Bde front. Left Bde front comparatively quiet. Some slight shelling. EA active bomb dropped BAYONVILLERS. Left Bde took 2 prisoners during night already reported to Corps.
32nd Divn.	G 251	6-10 am.	466	Ref para 2 of 32nd Div Order No 194 of 23rd. Relief complete.
1st Aust. Div.	G 597	6-35 am.	467	Morning report. Hostile arty and mg active during night. 68 blue cross gas shells on R.16.b. No infantry action. Low flying EA active late afternoon. Night flying EA active early part of night.
3rd Corps.	IG 793	6-35 am.	468	Unwounded prisoners to 6 am 39 Officers 1641 OR through Corps Cage. Wounded 1 Off 235 OR.
do.	G 886	8-30 am.	477	Continuation of G.884. Right Battn centre div failed to reach objective and are back on brown line leaving a gap between F.14.a.5.2. and F.20.a.5.2. This gap has been filled by 47th Div forming a defensive flank from F.20.a.5.2 to the PEAR TREE in F.19.c. with the reserve Bn of their Left Bde.

J. Prosser

Capt.
11-15 a.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/53	8-35 am	478	Following from 47th Div timed 7-5 am begins. 12th Div reported to be back on BROWN LINE on their right and enemy to be coming in on our left ends. 10th Bde at 7-50 am report heavy shelling on left of this Div but no infantry action reported so far.
H.I.S.	564a	9-15 am.	479	Dawn reconnaissance. No war flying.
3rd Aust. Div.	LC/54	10-10 am.	480	Identifications secured as follows. 116 and 117 IR 25 Div. 201 202 and 203 RIR 43 Res Div. 123 Gr 27 Div. Estimated prisoners 1 Officer 70 OR.
do.	LC/49	10-33 am	481	Liaison Officer attached 47th Div advises that aeroplane reports that enemy attacking through F.16.a. and F.15 and also across HAPPY VALLEY from F.27.b. 10th Bde advise at 10 am that only enemy movement seen is small parties in L.4.a. and F.28.c.
3rd Corps. I.	IG 802	11-25 am.	484	Left Divn captured this morning the Commander and whole staff and artillery Liaison Officer of the 2nd Bn 448th IR 233rd Div who were reconnoitring for a counter attack on TARA HILL.
do.	IG 804	11-25 am.	485	Prisoners taken from all Battns 116th IR and 2nd Bn 117 IR 25th Div this morning. Order of battle stated S to N 117th IR 116 IR 115 IR.
3rd Aust. Div.	Lc/49	7-5 am.	470	47th Div report Right Bn Right Bde on green line in touch with 3rd Aust Div at L.3.d.4.8. Left Bn reported on green line but no definite information yet. Left Bde reported on green line except extreme left flank. 12th Div unable to reach green line on right flank on account of MG fire.
3rd Corps.	G 884	7-5 am.	471	Situation report. 5-30 am all three Divisions report that they are on the GREEN LINE throughout. Right Div met with much opposition and report capture of 400 prisoners. Centre Div report that their left is being annoyed by an unmopped up mg front about E.12. Divns are in touch with each other & flank corps. Further details later.

J. Rosshaw
Capt.
12 noon.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Aust. Div.	IG 25	1-5 pm.	489	Reference IG 24 three planes flew across bosche territory dropped eight bombs E of CHALK PIT circled dropped three bombs near CP. No doubt British planes. Top and bottom planes same length.
B.I.S.	565a	1-5 pm.	491	Reports to noon. No war flying.
4th Army	G 30	1-5 pm.	488	Fighting on general line LA BOISELLE-THIEPVAL-GRANDCOURT. Enemy still holds MIRAUMONT. We are attacking in directions BIEFVILLERS MORE COPSE and HALLY COPSE. JUDAS FARM reported held by us. 3rd and 4th Army prisoners since morning 21st exceed 14000 about 60 guns taken. 2nd Army carried out successful local operation last night NE of NEUF BERQUIN.
3rd Corps I.	IG 805	1-30 pm.	495	Air report 11-15 am. Line runs E of BECOURT WOOD - F.8.a. and c. F.14.a. and d. F.20. c. and d. F.27. central - L.3.b. and d. Front fairly quiet. No concentration seen.
3rd Corps	G 891	2-0 pm.	497	Now reported that we hold green line on whole front except for pocket of enemy still holding out in F.19.b. Enemy counter attacked our positions E of HAPPY VALLEY about 8-20 am. SOS signalled by RAF observer and artillery opened fire. Enemy also machine gunned by RAF. Attack repulsed and our line intact. Left Div captured Commander and whole staff and artillery liaison Officer of 2 nd Bn 448 IR (233rd Div) who were reconnoitring for counter attack on TARA HILL. Left Divn also report 1 field gun captured on 23rd. Identifications obtained of 4 Battn 25th Divn (fresh Divn from north). 55th IR (13th Div) identified near BECORDEL.

J. Handman

Capt.
2-30 p.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Aust.Div.	IG 26	3-0 pm.	499	Ref LC/54. Prisoners to 1 pm 1 Officer 70 OR. No new identifications. Prisoner 118 IR 25th Div captured in HAPPY VALLEY about 3 am states owing heavy casualties sustained by 117 and 116 IRs in counter attack afternoon 22nd inst territory including HAPPY VALLEY to be evacuated. How far back unknown. Probably clear of enemy by now. Order of battle N. to S. 203 RIR 202 RIR SOMME 87 IR 21st Div. No knowledge intentions for withdrawal this sector. Morale fair.
do.	LC/56	3-45 pm	500	Following from Liaison Officer with 58th Division. Aeroplane reconnaissance shews line as F.27.d.8.4., F.27 cent., F.20.d.cent. F.20.b., F.14.d., F.14.cent. F.8.c.5.5.
3rd Corps	IG 812	4-30 pm.	501	Prisoner 1st Coy. 13th IR 13th Div captured on X.25.a. states Div relieved at LAMOTTE Aug 11/12. Went to HERBECOURT area for a few days thence to GUILLEMONT where div commenced a line on the high ground west of village. Wire being put up and dugouts made but no trenches yet commenced. Came up to support 400 yards behind the front 3 days ago and into line 3 pm yesterday. Order battle not known. 1st Coy had no touch on its right flank. Coy.strength 36. 4th 8th and 12th Coys have been broken up and distributed among the other 3 Coys of the respective Bns. 1st Coy received draft of 5 four days ago. New div number not known took over support position of 13th Div when it came into line yesterday. No knowledge of enemy intention or when new GUILLEMONT line to be occupied.
Fourth Army.	GI 434	5-10 pm.	502	Following movement reported by RAF. 1-50 pm 15 MT and 30 men going north MARICOURT to LONGUEVAL. 10 MT E towards COMBLES. 2-0 pm about 9 bodies troops 30 each followed by scattered MT going NE GINCHY to TRANSLOY. 2-5 pm about a Battalion of infantry with 30 HT going north LONGUEVAL to LIGNY TAILLOY. 15 MT going north east MAUREPAS to COMBLES. Main trend of movement north eastwards and no movement towards the front seen. ALBERT-WARLENCOURT and FOUCAUCOURT-BRIE main roads seemed clear. No train movement seen. RS 2 in GUILLEMONT and 4 locomotives just SW of GUILLEMONT.

J. A. Dyhouse

Capt.
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Fourth Army	G 33	5-45 pm	503	3rd Army hold LOUPART WOOD GREVILLERS AVESNES BIEFVILLERS. Our troops reported N. of MORY in St LEGER and on outskirts of CROISILLES and HENIN. 1st Army have made progress in N.25.a. and H.12. Operation by 2nd Army N. of BAILLEUL successful and 50 prisoners taken. Enemy ix attack S. of LOCRE gained LOCREHOP FARM.
4 Cdn.Div.	G 456	6-30 pm.	504	Situation normal. Enemy artillery normal right Bde front intermittently active with 77 and 10.5 cm on left Bde. Captures nil.
B. I. S.	566a	6-30 pm.	506	Reports to 6 pm. Area as far E as CAPPY-FOUCAUCOURT - VIERMANDOVILLERS and CHAULNES kept under observation no movement in forward areas. Enemy arty quiet. Weather indiff visib poor. AA active EA none seen. 12-50 pm GF on 3 MT stationary M.18.c.2.4. 2-56 pm. GF on 5 HT stationary G.34.c.1.4. 2-45 pm. MT going E out of ESTREES.
4th Aust.Div.	EB 35	6-0 pm.	507	Evening report. Quiet except light shelling AUGER WOOD and X.28.b. Some trench mortar activity right Bde front.
32nd Divn.	G 49	6-0 pm.	507a	Situation. Enemy activity slight. A little shelling in R.36.d. from 11 am till 12 noon. No EA activity.
do.	G 51	7-38 pm.	508	Line now runs @ X.6.c.8.0. - S.1.d.2.5. - S.1.d.6.9. - S.1.b.6.1. - S.1.b.4.3. - S.1.b.5.6. - S.1.b.2.5. - M.31.d.6.2. - M.31.d.0.7. - M.36.a.9.0. In touch with Left Divn at M.36.a.9.0. Right Bde as before.
3rd Corps	G 899	7-45 pm.	509	Evening report. No further change in line hostile artillery active on USNA VALLEY and ALBERT. Also slight shelling of ALBERT and E.28., E.3.a. 15 cm active on centre div front. Much enemy shelling on right Divn front and MGs very active during morning. Captures about 600 prisoners.
Fourth Army	GI 436	6-45 pm.	510	Air report. 3-20 to 3-40 pm Roads in BAPAUME-LONGUEVAL-MONTAUBAN-WARLENCOURT area noticeably free of movement. No trains seen. No EA. No AA fire.

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Capt. 8-45 p.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Corps	IG 813	6-45 pm.	511	Unwounded prisoners through Corps Cage to 6 pm 52 Offcs 2233 other ranks. Estimated coming in 200 other ranks. Wounded 5 Officers 295 other ranks.
32nd Div.	M 8	8-30 pm.	512	I wire. Patrols state NO MAN'S LAND good and enemy wire poor between S.14.a.3.1. S.14.c.8.6. also fair amount damaged wire between S.20.b.6.2. and S.20.b.2.6. acts as trip wire and hinders patrols. Verrey lights from S.14.d.5.2. MGs active on S.7.b.-d. from STARRY WOOD direction. 2 pm 23rd 9 EA low over our lines firing MGs.
Fourth Army	GI 439	9 15 pm.	514	Air report. 6-20 pm about one Bn infantry between BEAULENCOURT and TRANSLOY and 120 men in four groups S. of SAILLISEL direction unknown. 6-25 pm 20 MT going NW EQUANCOURT to LEHELLE. 2 Coys between GUILLEMONT and COMBLES probably going E. 8 MT going SW FINS to NURLU.
B. I. S.	568a	9-20 pm. 515	515	Reports to dusk. Area E to DOMPIERRE-ESTREES-CHAULNES under observation. 8-10 pm 5 MT going W M.29.c.3.4. 7-55 pm 2 infantry SOS calls sent up from R.6.a. and c. machine sent SOS call in M.1.b. and d. 7-5 pm GF on 100 infantry going NE X.16.d.8.8. 7-16 pm GF 100 infantry going E F.18.c.0.2. 7-25 pm GF 100 infantry going N X.16.a.3.2. AA active EA none seen.
Fourth Army	G 37	9-30 pm.	516	Evening report. N. of SOMME line runs E. of BRAY - L.16.central - L.9.d. - L.4.a. - F.28.c. - F.21.b. - F.20.d. - F.13.d. - F.14.a. - F.7.d.9.8. - F.1.c. - X.25.c. - X.25.b. - X.20.c. and a. Aust. Corps report marked decrease in hostile shelling and elements of enemy withdrawing from defences W. of FOUCAUCOURT. Our patrols following up. Enemy arty active N. of BRAY and vicinity ALBERT. Captures past 24 hours approx 670 prisoners making total of 30,000 since 8th August.
22 Ball. Coy.	J 4	10-0 pm.	517	6-25 pm. Shelling in and above CHUIGNES and CARRONNE WOOD. 6-53 pm. hostile shelling along the road from R.10.c.0.6. to R.9.b.4.1. 6-58 pm. heavy shelling on BRAY-CORBIE Road at K.18.central. 7-15 pm shelling in BRAY 7-35 pm shrapnel bursting over BRAY.

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Capt. 10-30 p.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
3rd Aust. Div.	IG 27	10-10 pm.	518	Prisoners since 1 pm. 31 OR. Identifications 117 IR 203 RIR 202 RIR total today through Div cage to 9-30 pm 1 Offc 101 OR. Total through medical units to 12 noon today 1 Offcs 78 ORs.
1st Aust. Div.	G 609	6-10 pm.	505	Enemy appears to have withdrawn opposite our right on to line M.32.a.6.0.- M.32.a.9.9. - M.26.b.5.0. and slightly less than this distance opposite left of right Bde. Patrols and posts being pushed forward to maintain contact.
1st Aust. Div.	G 611	6-30 pm.	508	Evening report. Enemy arty active on MATTO DARCY and ST MARTINS WOODS and Valley N. of CHUIGNOLLES. Situation generally quiet.
3rd Corps.	IG 816	9-50 pm.	519	Captured map shews rear line of defences follows. G.9.d.0.0. - G.9.b.0.5. G.3.c.5.9., - G.2.central - along west of road to A.25.b.9.9. through BILLON farm to F.23.d.6.0. - F.17.d.9.0. - F.17.a.0.5. - F.16.b.3.9. - F.10.central - wood inclusive down valley F.10.a. to F.4.d.2.2. - F.4.a.7.0. through FRICOURT to F.3.d.0.5. round the village to X.27.central along west of road X.21.d. - X.21.b. - X.15.d. to cross road X.16.a.12.
2nd Aust. Div.	Ga 107	10-30 pm.	520	5 Bde reports. Between 9-20 pm and 9-30 pm one EA dropped 6 bombs in CORBIE and NW outskirts.
4th Aust. Div.	GA 756	<u>25th Aug</u> 1-40 am.	530	Right Bde sniped 2 enemy today and identification of 21st IR 5 Bav Div (normal) obtained from bodies tonight.
3rd Corps I	IG 820	3 am.	531	Document shews headquarters as follows. MONTAUBAN S.27.b.2.1. BOIS FAVIERE A.11.d.1.9. and SE corner. One road 62.C. A.28.c.8.8. West of SUZANNE G.7.a.8.2. G.13.c.00.35. MILLEMETRE WOOD G.10.a.3.3. VISX G.10.d.3.7. HIDDEN WOOD F.10.b.2.3.
do.	IG 821	8-45 am	551	Prisoners 203 RIR 43rd Res Div captured north of BRAY this morning.

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Capt. 9-25 a.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No	Subject
3rd Aust.Div.	IG 40	5-30 am.	537	Prisoners captured near BRAY vicinity BRAY MARICOURT road 11-30 pm 24th. 1 Officer 1 OR. Belong 1st MG Coy 201st RIR. Owing low strength 1st and 3rd Bns 201st RIR amalgamated. Strength 1st MG Coy 4 MGs and 24 men. Coy had no communication with flanks or rear. Regts apparently much disorganised and scattered.
5th Bde RAF	G 184	6-45 am	541	6 am report by day 1 EA crashed 2 out of control 18 112-lb and 36 25-lb bombs on PERONNE 138 25-lb bombs on various targets. By night 1 112-lb and 256 25-lb bombs on various targets.
3rd Aust.Div.	LC/68	7-0 am.	542	58th Div report on final objectives throughout. Little opposition. One brigade being organised as adv gd. Cavalry ordered to go through.
4 Cdn.Div.	G 468	7-0 am.	543	Situation normal slight SW wind.
3rd Aust.Div.	GB/44	7-40 am.	545	L/Cpl 203 RIR states spur in L.17 evacuated except for patrols at 11 pm 24th. States next line of resistance W. of SUZANNE.
3rd Corps	G 909	8-0 am.	546	Continuation of morning report. Our troops reported to have reached craters at FRICOURT at 4-30 am.
3rd Aust.Div.	LC/69	8-0 am.	547	Right Bde report further prisoners 2 Officers 30 OR. Prisoners state their orders were to remain and see whether we were going to attack. Then to report at VAUX where their Regtl Commander is. Total prisoners reported 10th A.I.Bde 2 Officers 60 OR. 11th A.I.Bde 3 OR.
3rd Corps	IG 819	8-30 am.	548	Unwounded prisoners through Corps cage to 6 am 52 Officers 2414 other ranks including 53 OR captured by 5 Corps. Wounded 6 Officers 363 OR.

J. R. Anderson
Capt.
9-45 a.m.

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From	Senders No.	Time recd	Office No.	Subject
4th Army	G 45	8-50am.	549	S. of SOMME situation unchanged. Some gas shelling reported. MG posts on river and canal bank cleared up. N. of SOMME Left Div Aust Corps and Right and centre Divs 3rd Corps successfully launched attack this morning on high ground E and N of BRAY. Attack believed going well and little opposition encountered. Right Bde 58th Div reported on objective no definite reports yet from other Bdes. Left Div 3rd Corps resumed advance this morning in touch with 38 Div on left. No reports yet as to progress. LA BOISELLE craters (X.20.a.) obstinately defended all day taken late yesterday by 18 Div with 200 prisoners and many Mgs. 1 EA crashed down 2 out of control.
3rd Aust. Div. LC/71		9-5 am.	552	11th A.I. Bde report timed 7-29 am that one exploiting Coy. is in L.6.c. Visibility bad on account fog. Left Coy of Left Bn in touch with 58 Div.
1st Aust. Div. G 621		11-40 pm (24th)	521	1st A.I. Bde reports. Patrols reports. Left Btn front. Patrols went forward from approx M.7.b.2.8. - M.7.b.5.5. and M.7.b.7.2. they met enemy 200 yards from our line. Enemy put up SOS and shelled and MG our line. On right of Left Bn enemy is further away. Right Btn front. Left patrol penetrated BAPIN WOOD to HATCHET COPSE and saw enemy in posts some distance away. No enemy in LAGIN WOOD. Right patrol went down FORIES ALLEY and got touch with enemy at trench junction at M.20.b.4.6. Patrols have returned. Enemy is in close touch on left of Bde front but some distance away on right.
4th Aust. Div. G 195		1-15 am.	528	Right Bde reports patrol went out to about S.27.c.3.7. to recover two enemy dead sniped today. Patrol successful and no enemy met with up to 800 yards from our line. Small amount of MG fire and a few lights still. Artillery fire today has been weak. Enemy dead had not been interfered with.
do.	G 196	1-30 am.	529	Ref my G 195. Later reports indicate enemy still close to right of Right Bde. Nothing abnormal from Left Bde as regards enemy infantry. Heavy gas bombardment reported on LIHONS and front of left Bde from 12 midnight on now dying down. Only sweet smelling gas reported.

Raychaunce Capt. 10-30 am.

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