

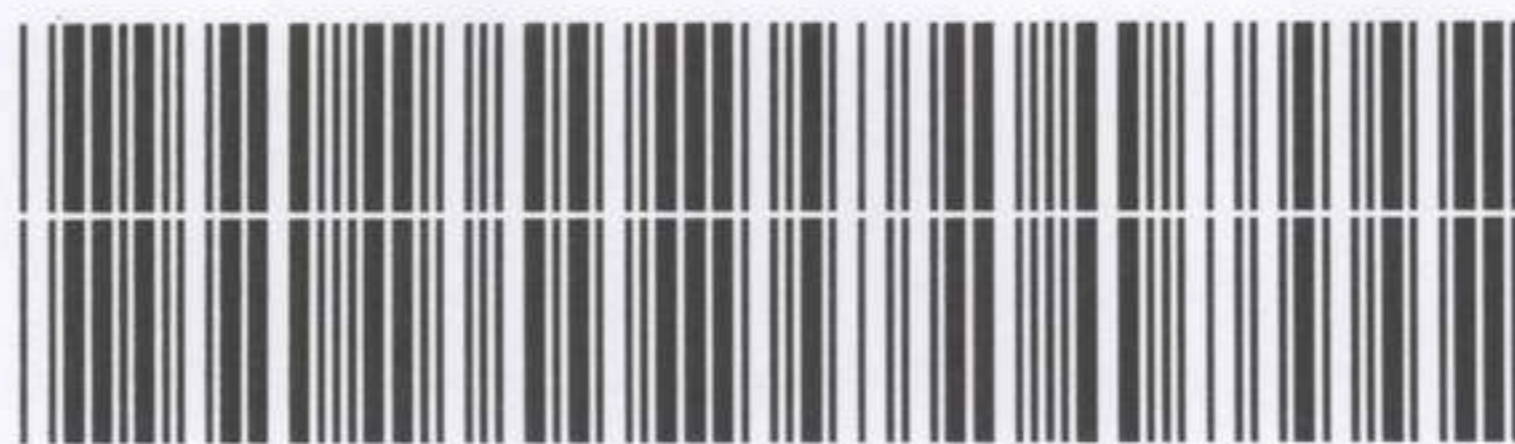
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 1

From 6 p.m. 31st December, 1917, to 6 p.m. 1st January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the period. Suspected centres of hostile movement were engaged, including a battalion headquarters (J.8.d.90.60), where several direct hits were obtained and considerable damage effected. Yesterday afternoon SCREENED FARM was shelled, an explosion and a fire being caused. Roads, tracks, and approaches were thoroughly searched, and several working parties dispersed.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were active along the whole Corps front. Valuable information was obtained with regard to the enemy's dispositions and machine-guns, and the state of No Man's Land. A hostile patrol of 12 was seen in the distance in O.35.b. moving in a northerly direction.

2. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

The enemy are reported to have been quiet opposite our northern sector. There was a slight increase in trench mortar activity here, and a slight decrease of machine-gun activity. Opposite the centre and southern sectors, the enemy appeared alert and nervous. More flares were sent up by the enemy than is usually the case. On the southern sector he intermittently bombed his own wire. In this sector the enemy apparently celebrated the coming of the New Year at 10.50 p.m. (11.50 p.m. German time). Heavy bursts of machine-gun fire are reported and a large number of pine-apple and stick grenades, which exploded in our wire, the enemy's wire, and even behind his front line, Very lights of all colours being simultaneously fired. On the conclusion of this display, a voice called out three times from the enemy's front line, "Happy New Year, Australia".

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery was active during the night and early morning, chiefly against U.16. Bursts of fire are also reported on the DAMSTRASSE and RAVINE WOOD. During the morning, U.16 was again shelled, but the shelling was lighter. This afternoon, derogatory shelling of C.10 and I.9.c. is reported. During the period C.3 was shelled heavily by field guns and hows. from the direction of QUESNOY. ARMENTIERES and the DOUVE VALLEY also received attention, and CROWN PRINCE FARM (C.10.b.) was shelled with gas.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Posts. A patrol located a post of the enemy at U.5.d. 7.2. It is heavily wired and apparently strongly held. Another post was located at U.6.a.10.05. Posts are also suspected at C.11.a.6.C and C.11.c.55.55, sounds of talking and coughing being heard at both places.

(b) Wire. Patrols examined the wire between O.35.c.05.15 and U.6.a.2.8, and report a break in it at O.36.c.1.2. The wire at O.35.d.85.55 is reported to be very thick.

(c) Trenches. The enemy is said to be assiduously working in his front line trench opposite our southern sector. On two occasions working parties around CENTURY TRENCH and near CENSOR FARM (C.24.c.) were dispersed by our artillery fire, but work was resumed at the same spot again later in the day.

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5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

During the day hostile aircraft have been fairly active patrolling our lines. They were heavily engaged by our A.A. and M.G.'s.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 2

From 6 p.m. 1st January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 2nd January, 1918

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. During the period concentrated shoots were carried out against suspected buildings and road junctions. In one case three direct hits were obtained on a house, and a fire apparently started, large volumes of smoke rising from the spot. Parties of men in the enemy's lines were on several occasions engaged. Roads, tracks, and strong points were intermittently searched.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were active along the whole Corps front. Information was obtained with regard to No Man's Land and the enemy's forward defences. A wiring party were observed in front of RIFLE FARM, and were subsequently engaged with Lewis gun fire. Another patrol located a working party in INCIDENT TRENCH, just north of the VEZ MACQUART - ARMENTIERES road, which was eventually dispersed by our artillery fire.

2. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

The enemy has been more than usually quiet along the whole front. It was noticed that there was a perceptible decrease in machine-gun fire and in the use of Very lights opposite the southern sector, here recently signs of nervousness have been exhibited. Less work on the front line system is also reported in this neighbourhood.

A German patrol of 5 or 6 men approached one of our posts in U.17.b. They fired at one of our wiring parties with a machine-gun, and then made off. Other than this, no hostile patrols were seen.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

There was slight activity last night, WYLSCHIE and the vicinity of the RUE STRASSE being shelled. Since then hostile artillery has been comparatively quiet. R VINE WOOD and C.2 also received attention. This afternoon there has been some scattered shelling on the forward line east of BESSINES.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Bridges. Patrols examined the bridge at O.11.a.5.5. It is in perfect repair and the western approach is wired. This patrol was challenged by a German sentry at O.11.a.7.7.

(b) Wire. Patrols report wire across the road near PONT ROUGE bridge, and what appeared a trench behind the wire.

(c) Posts. A German post at U.11.d.8.C was examined by a patrol. It was found to be a fortified shell hole well wired in.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Smoke Screens. A smoke screen was put up by the enemy yesterday running southwards from COMINES CHURCH.

Light Signals. During one of our shoots the enemy sent up double red and double green flares from his front line which were reported back. A light barrage of short duration was put down by his artillery.

A document captured by the Corps on our left gives the following signals as current in the 10th Rec. Divn. from December 30th
Barrage - double yellow star or yellow flashing light; Artillery
letting fire - double red star; Lengthen wire - double green star.

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1918

Times calculated for Fourth Army Front and GREENWICH Mean Time.

Day of Month.	S U N		Day of Month	M	O	O	N	Phase
	Rises	Sets		Rises	Sets			
1	7.50 a.m.	3.52 p.m.	1	8.37 p.m.	9.39 a.m.			
2	7.50	3.53	2	9.44	9.57			
3	7.50	3.54	3	10.48	10.13			
4	7.49	3.55	4	11.55	10.28			
5	7.49	3.55	5		10.44			Last Qr.
6	7.48	3.58	6	1.05 a.m.	11.4			
7	7.48	4.00	7	2.12	11.29			
8	7.47	4.02	8	3.23	11.52			
9	7.47	4.03	9	4.35	12.25 p.m.			
10	7.46	4.05	10	5.37	1.24			
11	7.45	4.06	11	6.34	2.30			
12	7.45	4.07	12	7.19	3.43			New Moon
13	7.44	4.09	13	7.53	5.12			
14	7.44	4.10	14	8.23	6.36			
15	7.43	4.11	15	8.48	8.02			
16	7.43	4.13	16	9.06	9.23			
17	7.42	4.15	17	9.26	10.48			
18	7.41	4.17	18	9.49				
19	7.40	4.19	19	10.12	0.08 a.m.			First Qr
20	7.39	4.21	20	10.40	1.28			
21	7.38	4.23	21	11.14	2.45			
22	7.37	4.24	22	11.57	3.55			
23	7.36	4.26	23	12.48 p.m.	4.57			
24	7.35	4.27	24	1.49	5.45			
25	7.34	4.28	25	2.55	6.26			
26	7.33	4.29	26	4.05	6.57			
27	7.31	4.31	27	5.12	7.24			Full Moo
28	7.30	4.33	28	6.31	7.46			
29	7.29	4.34	29	7.27	8.02			
30	7.28	4.35	30	8.53	8.18			
31	7.26	4.33	31	9.42	8.32			

NOTE:- At certain times the Moon rises on one day and sets on the next; this is indicated by arrows connecting the rising time with the following setting time.

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AERIAL ANNEXE TO 1st. ANZAC CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2nd. January 1918.

(1) OPERATIONS.

80 plates were successfully exposed on the Corps Front on 1st. Jan. A list of photos taken is attached.

(2) ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS.

Nil.

(3) ANTI AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY:

Nil.

(4) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.Trenches.

69 B 354-28 V20, 21ac. Some new trenches can be seen running from V21a5437 to 4305, to V21c8565 then to V21d2570 also from V21c4523 to V27a4880 and from V21c1920 to V26b9868. These trenches are barely dug and are probably mainly traced. No fresh work has been done to them since the snow fell.

69 B 320-28 U6 V1ac, U12b, V7a. The trench from U6d2535 to U12a 3090 has been worked upon. The trench at U6d3014 has been continued to V1c8096.

69 B 323-28 036cd, U6, 12b, V1ac. There appears to be a new piece of trench from W6a6505 to 8312.

69 B 337-36 D2d, 3.

The trench at D3b5005 and D3a6033 has been joined up.

69 B 347-28 V13bd, 14ac, 19b, 20a. Fresh work has been put into the trench from V20a2780 to V20c2490.

69 B 350-28 V7bd, 8ac, 13, 14a. A fresh piece has been added to the existing trench, from V7b1718 to V7a9820.

Wire

69 B 332-28 V19, 20c, 25ab. A belt of wire can be seen from V19b0005 to V20c0585.

Dugouts

69 B 339-28 P7ac, 8. Occupied dugouts can be seen at P8c4099 and P8c0057.

(5) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Nil.

(6) MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY'S LINES.Routes and Tracks,

69 B 332-28 V19, 20c, 25ab. The road from LA TACHE V26d to WARNETON appears to be much used.

69 B 321-28 035bd, 30c, 36 P31c U6ab. A very clear track leads down the road from EUREKA Via to 036d5978 then along the old tram line to 036a5030; another clear track leads along the road from this point to GARDE DIEU CABARET and thence eastwards.

69 B 320 28 U6, V1ac U12b, V7a. A good track leads down the centre of the main road from WARNETON to COMINES.

69 B 328-28 P27, 33ab. Good tracks can be seen along the roads from COMINES towards KORTWILDE, from the cross roads at P27d9261 to P27c00, also along the CANAL BANK from P27d0520 northwest.

69 B 339-28 P7ac, 8. Tracks can be seen from a dugout at P8c4099 to P8c7588, thence along the road to KORTWILDE, also from the same dugout to P8c7580 then to P8b7503.

69 B 346-28 V26cd D2, 8ab. Large tracks lead from D9a3594 to D3c0525, thence to D3c3575 and along the road southeast. Other tracks lead along the WARNETON ROAD

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- Sheet 36. 297. D.10.c.d.15.b.d.16.a.c.d.
298. D.10.a.b.4.
- Sheet 28. 299. V.25.c.d.36.D.1.7.a.d.
300. V.27.b.d.28.36.D.3.a.4.a.
- Sheet 36. 301. D.1.c.7.c.12.b.d.
" 28. 302. U.24.d.30.b.V.19.c.d.25.
" 36. 303. C.18.b.d.24.b.D.13.19.a.b.
304. C.24.b.d.D.19.25.a.b.
- Sheet 28. 305. P.34.V.4.a.b.
306. P.27.b.d.28.33.a.34.
307. V.10.c.d.15.b.d.16.a.b.c.
308. V.9.b.d.10.15.b.
309. V.21.b.d.22.27.28.a.
310. P.15.16.a.c.21.b.
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312. P.3.c.d.9.
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- Sheet 36. 314. I.10.d.11.a.c.16.b.17.a.
315. I.11.12.a.c.17.a.b.18.a.
316. I.6.b.D.25.c.J.1.3.
317. C.30.c.d.I.6.
318. C.30.d.D.25.c.I.6.b.d.J.1a.c.
- Sheet 28. 319. O.11.b.d.12.
320. U.6.V.1.a.c.U.12.b.V.7.a.
321. O.35.b.d.30.c.36.P.31.c.U.6.a.b.
- Sheet 36. 322. J.7.c.d.8.c.I.18.b.J.13.a.b.14.a.
" 28. 323. O.36.c.d.U.6.12.b.V.1.a.c.
324. O.29.b.d.24.c.30.36.a.
325. O.11.c.16.b.17.18.c.23.b.
326. O.17.18.a.C.23.b.24.a.
327. O.11.12.a.c.17.b.18.a.
328. U.12.d.18.b.V.7.c.d.13.
329. O.17.d.23.a.b.d.24.a.c.
- Sheet 36. 330. C.28.29.a.c.d.
331. I.12.d.18.b.J.7.c.d.8.c.13.a.b.
- Sheet 28. 332. V.19.20.c.25.a.b.
- Sheet 36. 333. I.4.d.10.b.11.
334. C.30.c.d.I.6.a.b.d.
335. C.29.c.d.I.5.a.b.d.6.a.c.
- Sheet 28. 336. V.3.d.4.c.9.b.d.10.a.c.
- Sheet 36. 337. D.2.d.3.
" 28. 338. P.27.33.a.b.
339. P.7.a.c.8.
- Sheet 36. 340. I.5.d.6.c.d.11.b.12.a.c.
341. I.17.b.d.10.12.c.d.
- Sheet 28. 342. V.9.b.d.10.a.b.15.b.16.a.
" 36. 343. C.12.d.18.b.d.D.7.c.13.a.c.
" 28. 344. D.2.c.d.8.14.t.
345. P.22.28.a.b.
346. V.26.c.d.D.2.8.a.b.
347. V.13.b.d.14.a.c.19.b.20.a.
- Sheet 36. 348. I.24.c.d.30.J.19.c.d.25.

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Sheet 36. 349. I.24.c.d.30.J.19.c.25.a.
 " 28. 350. V.7.b.d.8.a.c.13.b.14.a.
 " 36. 351. I.23.24.a.c.29.30.a.c.
 " 28. 352. V.2.c.d.8.9.a.c.
 " 36. 353. I.12.c.18.b.J.7.c.d.13.
 " 28. 354. V.20.21.a.c.
 355. V.19.b.20.26.a.b.
 356. V.20.c.d.26.
 357. P.21.27.a.b.
 358. V.7.d.8.c.13.b.d.14.a.b.c.
 " 36. 359. C.11.c.d.17.a.b.
 360. C.24.30.a.b.D.19.a.c.
 361. C.24.c.d.D.19.25.
 362. C.16.b.d.17.22.a.23.a.b.
 " 28. 363. P.33.34.a.c.V.3.a.b.
 364. D.7.a.b.c.13.14.a.
 365. P.8.c.d.9.a.14.15.a.
 366. P.28.34.a.b.
 367. P.34.b.d.35.a.c.V.4.5.a.c.
 368. P.34.c.d.35.c.V.4.5.a.c.
 369. P.9.c.d.10.a.c.15.c.d.16.a.c.
 370. P.15.b.d.16.a.c.21.b.
 371. P.9.10.a.b.15.b.
 " 36. 372. D.19.c.d.25.26.a.c.
 373. C.6.b.d.12.a.D.1.7.a.c.
 " 28. 374. V.21.c.d.27.
 375. V.21.b.d.22.a.c.
 " 36. 376. I.22.23.ab.28.a.b.

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2nd. January 1918.

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No.69 Squadron,
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 3

From 6 p.m. 2nd January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 3rd January, 1918.NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Suspected farms and occupied areas were subjected to bursts of intense fire during the period, amongst the targets engaged being HOLLEBEKE MILL and FRELINGHJEN (with gas). Tracks and approaches were thoroughly searched. WARNETON railway station was continuously shelled.

(b) Patrols. Excellent work was done by our patrols along the whole Corps front, several machine-gun positions and sentry posts being located. Telephone wire leading from MOAT FARM was out, and all the houses in PONT ROUGE searched.

One of our patrols was apparently observed by the enemy whilst at U.11.b. Two of the party had crawled forward and a hostile patrol of 8 men was observed evidently attempting to cut them off. A flare, however, apparently revealed to the enemy the existence of the main body of the patrol, and they immediately retired.

(c) Prisoners of War. During the year 1917, the following prisoners were captured by this Corps: 138 Officers and 5,094 Other Ranks.

(d) Trophies. The following trophies were captured by the Corps during 1917:

Machine-Guns	243	Rocket Thrower	2
Minenwerfer	16	Telefunken Set	2
Trench Mortars	18	Oxygen Generator	1
Grenatenwerfer	6	Light bomb Thrower	1
Flammenwerfer	1	Field Guns	9
Anti-Tank Gun	1	Several bicycles, etc.	
10cm. Howitzers	2		

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery was active throughout the night, but quietened down this morning. This afternoon, activity was resumed. MESSINES, COSTAVILLE, and ONRAIF WOOD areas were subjected to harassing fire. The following areas were amongst those which received attention: 0.32.b. by 15cm. How. from WARLETON; RAYNE WOOD by the same calibre from TENBRIELEN; and 0.3.a. from HOUTHEM. DAMSTRASLE by 15cm. and 10.5cm. Hows. and a 10cm. gun from COMNES. Also 0.13, U.5, 0.35, 0.31, and PLOEGSTERT WOOD..

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Wire. Patrols examined the enemy's wire between U.5.d.9.8 and U.6.f.2.1. South of the L'HIRONDELLE road it was found very thickly laid, about 4ft. high and 14ft. in depth. North of this, it was not so strong.

(b) Occupied Cellar. Patrols discovered an old cellar at U.29.b.45.39, which showed signs of recent occupation. Tracks from a rough bridge on the north side of PONT ROUGE Bridge were found leading to it, and the patrol was of the opinion that the track had been used by three men during the previous 24 hours. Some concertina wire was found between U.29.b.5.3 and 6.4, but it is a poor obstacle.

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No. 34. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

(a) Movement. Hostile patrol of 5 men was observed about U.5.d.98.95, and was dispersed by rifle grenades. One of our patrols saw 8 or 12 men moving northeastwards along the Canal which runs to the river from MOAT FARM. 5 Men were also seen moving from U.30.a.3.7 towards the river at about U.30.e.7.8.

(b) Pass-Word. A document gives the pass-word for the whole WYTSCAMETE Group, which includes the 8th Division, for the period December 12th to January 6th, as "Deynze".

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

Smoke Screens. Between 2.20 p.m. and 2.49 p.m. smoke screens were observed at Q.15.b.66.58 and Q.19.d.00.11, respectively. No movement was observed in the vicinity, but train activity was reported at the time in the neighbourhood of WERVICQ.

Light Signals. It is thought that the enemy on our northern sector is carrying out experiments with light signals. These are in many cases repeated from front to rear and are composed of various coloured lights. On one occasion a flare was put up composed of two red lights over one white light.

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AERIAL ANNEXE TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS "INTELLIGENCE" SUMMARY.

3rd. January 1918.

(1) OPERATIONS.

Eight plates were successfully exposed along the Corps front. A list is attached.

255 rounds of M.G., ammunition were fired into W.24,30, V.13,19. DEULERONT and WARRETON.

(2) ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS.

Nil.

(3) ANTI AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

Normal.

(4) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.TRENCHES.

69B.377 - V.1. More fresh work appears to have been put into the new communication trench from about V.1.c.6575 to V.1.d.4365. (edge of photo.)

WIRE.

An Observer reports fresh wire in U.12.d., also that the Pill Boxes at FLY BUILDINGS O.25.b.6.9, BLEN FARM O.29.b.1.9., are wired.

DUGOUTS and SHELTERS.

69B.377 - V.1. There is an occupied dugout of some importance at V.1.b.0020.

69B.380. O.24. Two large occupied concrete shelters can be seen at O.24.b.0058 and O.24.a.9851, also O.24.c.9098, O.24.b.1065, O.24.a.8005, O.24.a.9815, O.24.a.5315 and PILL FARM.

(5) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Normal.

(6) MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION in and behind enemy's lines.FIRES.

10.-0am. Large cloud of white smoke in WERVICQ.
2.35pm. Smoke seen at Q.25.b.2.2.
3.0pm. Fire in P.24.d.
3.10pm. Fire at P.34.d.9.8 burned for 30 minutes.
2.20pm. Fire in P.25.d.

EXPLOSIONS.

3.10pm. Large explosion caused by our shelling at P.34d.9.8.
3.17pm. Two explosions in P.34.d.
3.11pm. Three explosions at P.35.c.0010.
3.16pm. Seven " " "
3.25pm. Four " " "
3.26pm. Three " " "
3.34pm. Two " " "

(All these fires started with big red flashes.)

TRAINS.

8.45am. 1 train in V.17.a. going to COMINES.
8.45am. 1 train in Q.25.b.
8.58am. 1 train in WERVICQ Station.
10.40am. 1 train entering WERVICQ from E.
10.50am. " " " " "
11.14am. " " " " "
1.15pm. 1 train going N. from MENIN.
3.00pm. 1 train with steam up in WERVICQ Station.

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TRAINS. (Cont'd.)

3.15pm. 1 train at Q.25.b.3.6.
 3.03pm. 1 train left MENIN going E.
 3.07pm. Smoke from trains could be seen in TOURCOING.
 2.40pm. 1 train entering WEHVICQ from N.E.

ROUTES and TRACKS.

69B.377. V.1. Well defined tracks lead from a dug-out at V.1.b.0020 to V.1.c.8066, thence towards the front line. The BAS WARNETON - GARDE DIEU road appears well used.

69B.378. P.19. An exceptionally large number of tracks indicating much movement in all directions, can be seen in P.19.b. in and around HOUTHEM.

69B.379. U.29. C.5.a.b. Patrol tracks can be seen running towards the LYS from the enemy's lines, also from C.5.a.9020 to U.29.d.5050.

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Sheet 28, 69B 377. V.1.
 " " 378. P.19.
 " " 379. U.29. (36) C.5.a.b.
 " " 380. O.24.
 " " 381. O.24.
 " " 383. O.28.b.29.a.
 " " 384. O.34.b.d.35.a.c.

In the Field.
 3rd. January 1918.

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 No.69 Squadron,
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 4

From 6 p.m. 3rd January, 1918, to 6 p.m., 4th January, 1918

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Selected targets were engaged during the period, which included WARNETON Railway Station. Strong points, roads, and communications were subjected to harassing fire. Trench mortar and machine gun emplacements were effectively bombarded. Several working parties were fired on.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were active last night, and on two occasions approached sufficiently close to parties of the enemy to engage them with rifle or bomb fire. Valuable information was obtained with regard to the state of the enemy's wire and several machine-gun emplacements, trench mortar positions, and sentry posts were located.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

A document locates 2nd Coy., 21st Bav. I.R., 5th Bav. Divn., in its normal divisional sector.

3. ATTITUDE OF THE ENEMY

Unusual activity is reported in the enemy's lines along the whole Corps front yesterday, but this may be largely due to the excellent visibility then prevalent. On the other hand, the fact that flares opposite our right sector were fired apparently from different places and in a different manner than is usually the case points perhaps to a local relief having taken place. A considerable amount of transport was also observed in this neighbourhood. Opposite our northern sector, increased activity on the part of the enemy's artillery and trench mortars is reported, which can again be ascribed to the almost ideal observation. Light barrages were put down at varying intervals, while registration was actively proceeded with.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

After considerable activity of yesterday, hostile artillery quietened down during the night. During the morning, moderate activity is reported against the forward area, and this again subsided during the afternoon. No heavy shelling is reported except on the front line in U.11 at 11 p.m. last night, which was engaged by various calibres from the direction of GODSHUIS.

5. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Wire. New concertina wire, 6 yards in length, was found by patrols around the west end of the old foot bridge at U.23.d.95.30, but MOAT FARM was found unoccupied.

Patrols examined the enemy's wire between U.18.a.2.3 and the railway. It was found to be thick and strong, except for a few yards near the railway itself. The wire in the vicinity of U.11.b.35.00 was reported to be 3ft. to 5'6" high and an efficient obstacle. Forty yards in front of this, a trap wire was discovered, consisting of plain wire erected in triangular fashion on screw pickets about 10" high. It was broken in places.

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Patrols also examined hostile wire between U.5.d.7.4 and 70.45 (appc.). The wire was found to be fairly thick and no gaps or weak spots were noticed.

Aerial observers report fresh wire at WARNETON in U.11.d., and also at the pill-boxes at FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.b.) and BEEH FARM (O.29.b.) are wired.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

Hostile aircraft were active yesterday. Bombs were dropped in the late afternoon near WALL FARM, DERRY HOUSE, near the northern edge of WESTAVERNE WOOD, and in O.28.c.

7. MOVEMENT

(a) Working Parties. Working parties of some 50 men were observed in V.13.d. and in W.1.d. yesterday, the latter carrying rails. A similar party was again observed working on a trench in V.8.c. (Ground observers).

(b) Patrols. A hostile patrol of 4 men was seen across the LYS in U.17.d. They were dispersed by Lewis gun fire.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Flares. A white flare bursting into two green lights opposite our northern sector was the signal for hostile artillery to put down a light barrage. Quarter of an hour later, a second white flare breaking into two red lights was the signal for hostile artillery to slacken down, and finally subside.

C. H. Hoover
Lieut.

for

Brigadier-General
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 5

From 6 p.m. 4th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 5th January, 1918

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was maintained on roads, tracks, and communications. Points of activity, which included WARNETON Station, and several farms in the forward area, were bombarded intermittently. Slow gas bombardment of PILL FARM and the vicinity was carried out, bursts of gas shell being also put on certain track junctions. In co-operation with the Corps on our left, a flanking barrage was put down between O.11.d.80.25 and O.12.b.35.35, certain points being simultaneously bombarded.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were very active along the whole Corps front. A hostile working party in O.23.c. was dispersed by one patrol and casualties inflicted. Bombs were also thrown into the enemy's trench in U.18 a.

One of our patrols encountered a party of 8 of the enemy, and an engagement resulted, in which the hostile party were driven off. Another patrol left our lines to intercept the enemy on his return journey. A careful search was made of the place where the fight took place (O.29.a.3.9) and 1 rifle and 2 stick bombs were found. Previous to this, another rifle had been captured from the enemy by the first patrol.

2. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

The enemy has been quiet along the whole front, and little movement was observed in his lines owing to the low visibility. His artillery and machine-gun fire were yesterday below normal, though his trench mortars are reported to have been more active than is usually the case in the centre of the left sector. His patrols have, however, become noticeably more active in the northern sector than has lately been the case.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been comparatively quiet throughout the period. Between 6 and 7 p.m. last night 10cm. and 15cm. guns actively shelled O.15, from an unknown direction, but otherwise the shelling has been light and scattered.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Posts. A listening post at O.17.d.2,5 was examined by one of our patrols. It will accommodate 3 men.

(b) Wire. A machine-gun was located at about O.17.d.7.2, heavy wire was visible in front of the emplacement. Patrols report that the wire between U.5.d.75.25 and U.11.b.75.83 is very thick and would afford a considerable obstacle to the passage of troops. A similar report is made on the wire between U.5.d.80.65 and U.6.c.80.93. The wire at about U.11.d.3.5 is from 3'0" to 3'6" in height and forms a decided obstacle.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

It has been observed that a large number of the enemy's 10cm. shells fail to detonate. The driving band often leaves the shell during its flight.

MERRATUM. Reference Corps Summary of the 3rd January, para. 1 (d), read, "Field Guns 2" for "Field Guns 1".

Eastman Capt

Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 6

From 6 p.m. 5th January to 6 p.m. 6th January, 1918.

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. The artillery of both Divisions has been active throughout the period under review. Machine gun and minenwerfer positions were intermittently shelled, and the enemy's roads and communications were kept under fire. Movement and working parties were fired on and hostile buildings and strong points were bombarded. Guns of heavy calibre shelled back areas.

(b) Patrols. Patrols were again active last night reconnoitring No Man's Land.

2. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

The enemy has been quieter than usual, and less machine gun fire is reported for the past 24 hours. Patrols also report that none of the enemy were seen, although working parties were heard in the distance.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery activity has been below normal. The area north of WYTSCHAETE in O.8.b. - O.14.b. and our front line in U.11 were intermittently shelled, and communication trenches west of FRELINGHIEN were lightly shelled from the direction of FARM DE LA VACHERIE.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Posts. Ground observers report that a new post has been constructed during the night of the 4/5th January at U.12.c.4.2 (west of WARNESTON).

(b) Condition of Ground. In no Man's Land is slippery. Yesterday the thaw was making the marshes impassable, and in places the ground was muddy, the shell holes being half full of water.

(c) Wire. The following report has been received from patrols:

Between O.17.d.1.7 and O.17.b.0.1 the wire is continuous, fairly strong, and about 3'6" high.

Between U.6.c.2.3 and U.5.d.95.90 the wire is thickly laid and in good condition

Sastman *Capt*

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General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 7

From 6 p.m. 6th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 7th January, 1918.NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
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(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was maintained on roads and approaches, and concentration shoots were carried out on selected targets. Active minenwerfer and machine gun positions were shelled and occupied localities in forward and back areas were searched.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of both Divisions were active last night. They report the ground difficult owing to the thaw, and visibility bad owing to rain and exceptional darkness. There was marked activity of enemy machine guns on the left divisional front, rendering patrol work difficult. None of the enemy was encountered.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

A dead German was found in C.29. His identification data shows that he belonged to the 1st Pioneer Bn., No. 4 (4th Corps Troops).

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery activity has been considerably below normal. Our front line trenches in C.35.a. were heavily shelled between 9.30 and 9.40 p.m. yesterday evening.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Wire. Patrols report as follows:

The enemy's wire between O.11.d.7.2 and O.11.b.9.4 is continuous throughout and in good condition, consisting of 2 and in some cases 3 bolts.

Between U.5.d.25.65 and U.6.a.2.5 the wire is very strong and forms a serious obstacle.

The wire from O.35.d.55.05 to O.35.d.70.65 is very strong, consisting of spirals of barbed wire thrown loosely among pegged wire.

5. ATTITUDE OF THE ENEMY

Opposite the front of the right brigade of the left Division, the enemy appears to have shown considerable nervousness during the night of the 6/7th January. He fired about twice the usual number of flares, especially on the extreme right of the right brigade front, where sometimes as many as three flares were seen in the air at the same time. This increased alertness may possibly indicate a battalion relief.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

Little hostile aerial activity is reported. Visibility continues indifferent, and the few low flying enemy aeroplanes were driven off by A.A. fire.

H. G. Addison

For ~~Brigadier General~~
General Staff, Australian Corps

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 8

From 6 p.m. 7th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 8th January, 1918

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Throughout the period under review selected centres of recent enemy activity were subjected to systematic harassing fire. Occupied buildings were shelled and enemy movement, roads, communications, and trenches were successfully engaged.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of both Divisions reconnoitred No Man's Land. The ground was frozen and very slippery; marches were found to be passable, but the ice on shell holes is very thin. None of the enemy was seen, but enemy movement was heard at some distance away.

2. ENEMY'S ACTIVITY

The enemy has been generally quiet. Artillery, trench mortar and machine gun activity has been below normal during the past 24 hours, except opposite the front of the right Brigade of our left Division, where the enemy took advantage of intervals of good visibility to conduct registration.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery continues to show little activity. MESSINES was shelled with gas shells from the direction of WARNETON, and forward areas in U.1, W.2, U.4, and U.5 from the direction of BAS WARNETON.

4. ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS

The order of battle of the 5th Bav. Divn. from North to South, is 7th Bav. I.R. - 21st Bav. I.R. - 19th Bav. I.R. In all other divisions there is reason to believe that the order of battle remains the same as shown on the dispositions map of the 19th December.

5. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

(a) Wire. A patrol reports that the enemy's wire at C.11.b.9.4 has been damaged by shell fire and is easily passable.

(b) Occupied Buildings. An overhead telephone wire terminates in a house at U.2.d.9.9.

(c) Signals. Patrols report that hostile machine-gun activity commenced on a double red flare being fired.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

Owing to unfavourable weather conditions, there has been no aerial activity.

Edmund Cobb

Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 9

From 6 p.m. 5th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 9th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery maintained harassing fire on the enemy's tracks and roads, and occupied buildings. Strong points were effectively engaged. Several hostile working parties and centres of activity were fired on.

(b) Patrols. Patrols were active along the Corps front. One patrol located a hostile party repairing trenches at U.6.a.4, 5, and dispersed it with rifle grenades. Another patrol found MOAT FARM to be unoccupied. No hostile patrols were encountered, but the enemy could be heard in several positions of their lines.

(c) Trench Mortars. Our trench mortars effectively bombarded enemy strong points opposite the left Division front.

2. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.

The enemy has been generally quiet, though his trench mortars have been fairly active. Hostile artillery activity was again decidedly marked on the right Brigade front of the left Division.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery has been comparatively quiet during the period. Areas, U.14, U.3, and U.2.a. were lightly shelled from the direction of WIMBETON. U.4 and U.5 were fairly heavily shelled throughout the day.

MESSINES and the vicinity were intermittently shelled.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Machine-Gun Positions. Machine-Guns were located at C.11.c.65.30 and U.13.a.15.90.

(b) Wire The enemy appears to have strengthened his wire in front of trench at U.12.a.50.22.

5. MOVEMENT.

Considerable movement was observed at UNKNOWN FARM in U.29.d. and in the gap just east of it. The enemy was seen to leave the farm and return to it carrying timber and what appeared to be heavy tins. A large party observed here at 8.20 a.m. was fired on by our artillery.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

There was considerable activity on both sides during the morning. Two hostile E.A. crashed in the vicinity of U.12.b. as the result of our A.A. fire or a collision.

W. H. Murray Capt

Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 10

From 6 p.m. 9th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 10th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. During the period under review, all batteries carried out prearranged programmes of harassing and destructive fire on the enemy's roads, communications, and other known centres of activity. Reported new work at C.5.b.1.1 was subjected to concentration shoots, and WARNETON TO ER was used for registration purposes.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of both Divisions were out last night. None of the enemy was encountered, but considerable machine-gun fire was met with. No Man's Land was found to be very muddy and hard going on account of the thaw.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

By the Corps on our left:

(a) Two prisoners of the 93rd I.R. (8th Divn) were taken last night in C.12.a. From statements made it would appear that the 93rd I.R. and 153rd I.R. have changed places, the order of battle from North to South of the 8th Divn. being 93rd I.R. - 153rd I.R. - 72nd I.R.

(b) Two prisoners of the 50th I.R. (214th Divn.) were captured last night in J.21.c. Prisoners state that their division relieved the 18th Res. Divn. on the night of the 7/8th January. This Division was last identified in the AREAS Group opposite LAGNICOURT

(c) From a captured document it appears that the 7th Divn., which was relieved by the 17th Res. Divn. on the night of the 1st/2nd December, 1917, has relieved the 17th Res. Divn.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been uniformly quiet during the past 24 hours, and only intermittent shelling of our front line system in C.17 is reported.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES(a) Wire. Patrols report as follows:

The enemy's wire between C.17.d.2.4 and C.17.d.2.9 is 6ft. wide. Some of it is in good condition, but there are wide gaps and it is badly damaged in places.

At U.5.d.75.25 the wire is very thick and composed mostly of barbed wire with occasional belts of French mixed with it.

The bridgehead at C.11.a.50.40 is protected by a row of French wire 20yds. long, and trip and alarm wires are also laid about 20 yards from the bridge.

(b) Bridges. A patrol reports that the bridge at C.11.a.5.4 is built on 5 piers and consists of a duckboard planking 2½ft. wide. The bridge is two feet above water.

(c) From Corps on our Left.

P.1.d.90.37 - occupied post and P.2.c.02.95 - occupied dug-out. Between and in front of these two points there is a double row of c.b. wire 4ft. high, fixed by screw pickets. At P.1.d.96.95 there is a length of trip wire a foot high and 3 yards wide, running at right angles to and across the main belt of wire.

The hedge running north from C.12.a.52.58 is very strongly held. (Patrol Report).

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5. MOVEMENT

Considerable train movement was observed to-day from COMINES and WERVICQ towards MENIN.

6. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our planes took advantage of improved visibility and carried out artillery registration and bombing. Few of the enemy's machines were met with.

The spot where the two German machines crashed yesterday morning was kept under artillery and machine-gun fire throughout the night.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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From 6 p.m. 10th January 1918 to 6 p.m. 11th January, 1918.

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. The approaches to FRELINGHIEN, DEUREMONT and WARNETON were shelled at frequent intervals throughout the period, and bursts of fire were directed on to selected targets.

Hostile batteries were engaged and working parties in V.13.c. were dispersed.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of both divisions reconnoitred No Man's Land last night. The ground was very muddy and slippery, and all the shell holes are full of water. None of the enemy was encountered. Hostile machine guns were quieter than usual.

Prisoners. An interrogation by the Corps on our left of prisoners of the 93rd I.R. taken yesterday is attached as an annexe to this summary.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been very quiet.

RAVINE WOOD and the WETSCHAEDE area were intermittently shelled.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Machine Guns. Patrols report active machine guns at O.29.d. 5.5., U.6.a.22.00., C.11.c.5.5. and C.11.c.55.35.

Ground observers report that machine guns were active against our planes from the following localities: C.11.b.20.12., C.11.a.7.3., U.29.b.7.2.

(b) Work. A patrol reconnoitred the reported new gap at U.11.d. 85.48., but found no signs of enemy work. There are at this point a number of recently made large shell holes which with a little labour could be made into a continuous line from U.11.d.83.48 to a point 30 yards north-west.

(c) Wire. A patrol examined the enemy's wire between O.23.d.2.9. and O.23.d.1.3. This wire is not continuous and varies from 10-15 feet in width.

(d) Trenches. Ground observers have located a new trench running from the vicinity of U.6 central to a spot close to WARNETON tower. (not confirmed by air photographs.)

4. AIRCRAFT

Activity was normal over the enemy's lines.

A few hostile machines attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by our anti-aircraft fire.

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General Staff, Australian Corps.

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No. 11PART IIINFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

Report on the examination of two wounded prisoners of the 93rd I.R. captured in O.12.a. on January 9/10th (From Corps on our left).

Personal. Prisoners, who were both privates, were two of the team of one of the light M.G.'s of the 6th Coy., 93rd I.R. The one prisoner is not quite 20; he came out to FRANCE this summer; the other, who is 23, came out in March, 1915, and was wounded in CHAMPAGNE in September, 1915. On recovering from his wounds he was kept back for munition work and did not come out again till three weeks ago.

How captured. Prisoners were in a shell-hole in the forward line of posts in O.12.a. They state that the two posts on their right had been vacated during our artillery fire, and that they were isolated except for a small adjoining post on their left, and were easily cut off and forced to surrender.

Reliefs. The 2nd Bn., 93rd I.R., relieved Bavarians on the night, January 8/8th. Prisoners do not know whether the whole of the 1st Bav. Res. Div. has been relieved; they think that their previous sector, south of the 153rd I.R. has been taken over by the 72nd I.R. and that the 153rd I.R. are still in their old sector.

Prisoners' Company came out of the line on December 30th/31st. In their old sector companies did 4 days in the front line, 4 in support, and then 8 in rest.

Prisoners have been told that the same periods will be in vogue in their new sector and that they will go back to the support position on January 11/12th.

Order of Battle. North to South, Bavarians - 93rd I.R. - 153rd I.R. - 72nd I.R. (8th Division).

Dispositions. Prisoners think that three of the companies of the 2nd Bn. are in the line, the remaining company being in the support position with two companies of another battalion.

Prisoners' company (6th) is in the centre company with the 5th company north, and the 7th south of it. Prisoners cannot give further details of the dispositions of the regiment.

Light Machine Guns. Each company has three light M.G.'s. In the 6th Coy. two of the three guns were in the line at night; the remaining gun being kept in a dug-out near the canal. By day all the guns are kept here.

The personnel for each gun consists of a leader and four other men. Of these two are on duty from 6 p.m. to midnight and the other two from midnight to 6 a.m.

The post the prisoners were in appears to be at about O.12.a.5.6.

Company Strength and Losses. Prisoners state that their present trench strength is only 50. In their old sector they had a number of casualties from our artillery, especially one day when our artillery got a direct hit on two of the dug-outs at BAB FARM and CODE FARM (O.23.a.). They have heard that the 11th Coy. had 18 casualties on January 1st.

Rest Billets and Relief Routes. The resting companies of the 93rd I.R. used to be at REEKE (Q.20.b.) On Jan. 7/8th, the route used to the line was via GODHUIS, KORENTJE cross roads, and KORCE-WILDE.

Names of Commanders. 6th Coy. - Lieut. HEINELM; 2nd Bn. - Capt. ROEHLE (?).

General. Prisoners' moral is poor. They do not believe in the coming German offensive which is so much talked about, but are inclined to think we may anticipate it with some offensive on a small scale.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 12

From 6 p.m. 11th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 12th January, 1918.NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was again the main feature of activity during the period, enemy communications and strong points being subjected to thorough sweeping and searching fire. Registration was effected on FRELINGHUIJEN Church and the gasometer, and known targets in forward and rear areas were engaged. A number of trucks on a light railway in P.21.c. were fired on, and several hits observed. Owing to low visibility, no aeroplane registration was possible.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of both Divisions again reconnoitred No Man's Land, which was found to be very muddy and impassable in places. None of the enemy was seen, but a sap at U.5.d.7.2 was found to be occupied by the enemy, who were talking very freely. Flares and shots were fired at our patrols from C.11.a.9.7.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery continues to show little activity. Intermittent shelling of our front system in O.17.a., U.17.a., C.10., and U.11 is reported.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Machine-Guns. Patrols report active machine-guns at O.12.a.8.1 and O.23.b.8.3.

(b) Trench Mortars. A granatenwerfer was located by one of our patrols firing from O.23.b.1.8.

(c) Wire. A patrol reports that the enemy's wire between U.5.d.55.10 and U.11.d.50.65 is in good condition.

A wiring party was heard by this patrol at U.11.b.80.65.

4. ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS (From Corps on our Left).

The 3rd Bav. R.I.R. (1st Bav. Res. Div.) was identified in the line this morning by document. The 3rd Bav. R.I.R. has therefore not been relieved by the 93rd I.R. but has side-slipped northwards.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

The enemy remains quiet opposite the front of both Divisions.

6. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our planes were active this morning and dropped bombs on DEULEMONT. There was a marked absence of hostile machine gun fire. No hostile aerial activity has been reported.

7. MOVEMENT

Considerable railway movement from COMINES southwards was observed this morning between 9 and 10 a.m.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Ground observers report that WARNETON Tower is still being used as an O.P.

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Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 13

From 6 p.m. 12th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 13th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Enemy roads, trenches and strong points were shelled at intervals throughout the period, and roads and tracks in rear of the enemy's lines were subjected to bursts of fire.

A slow gas bombardment was put down on occupied shell holes at C.30.d.82.75 and rapid bursts of gas shells were fired on to track junctions at F.19.d.00.50 and O.24.d.54.40.

A barrage was put down with the object of destroying enemy machine guns which are moved forward between dusk and dawn. Areas thus shelled were: O.11.d.82.24; O.12.a.42.00 and O.12.a.75.55.

HOUTHEM, COMINES and WERVICQ were shelled during the day and an ammunition dump was blown up.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of 31st divisions were out last night.

No Man's Land was in a very bad state and the going exceedingly heavy. No hostile patrols or working parties were observed.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been quiet and activity was confined to shelling of forward areas and targets.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Machine Guns. Patrols report that hostile machine guns were active from DEULEMONT.

A machine gun fired on our patrol from O.12.a.60.75.

Enemy machine guns were active against our aeroplanes—firing from DURIEZ FARM, LAUNDRY, URAL HOUSE and FRELINGHIEN.

(b) Wire. Patrols report that—

(i) The enemy's wire in the vicinity of O.35.d.8.5. to O.35.d.65.80 is weak.

(ii) Between O.35.b.35.05 and O.35.a.95.55 the enemy's wire is in good order.

(c) Trenches. A patrol reports an old trench runs north through O.12.a.50.85. There is a machine gun post in this trench showing signs of recent occupation.

4. AIRCRAFT

Our machines crossed the enemy's lines and dropped bombs. No hostile machines crossed our lines yesterday.

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for
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General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 14

From 6 p.m. 13th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 14th January, 1918

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Approaches to WARWINGTON and DEULEMONT were shelled during the period, and hostile communications and posts were intermittently bombarded throughout the 24 hours. No. 5 Lock and KOUILLBEE Chateau were successfully shelled.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of 1st Divisions again reconnoitred No Man's Land. None of the enemy was encountered, but hostile machine guns were rather more active than usual, notably on the centre divisional sector. The ground is very muddy and flooded in parts, making progress exceedingly difficult.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery continues quiet. The following areas were intermittently shelled: PLOEGSTEERT, RAVINE WOOD, VYTSCHAETE.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

The following information has been received from patrols:

(a) Posts. An enemy post was located at O.23.c.8.8. This post appears to be strongly held and to contain a large garrison.

An occupied post is reported at O.35.d.95.40. It is forward from the enemy's wire and is strongly held.

(b) Pill-Boxes. A pill-box at P.1.b.80.75 is connected by a trench to another pill-box, 30 yards in rear, thence to communication trench along the road between P.1.b.65.70 and P.1.b.8.8. The pill-box is manned with a machine-gun.

(c) Machine Guns. The following were located: MAY FARM (P.1.d.) - P.1.b.5.2 - P.1.b.8.8 (in a pill-box). - O.23.c.8.8 - O.35.b.45.35 - O.35.b.central - O.35.d.90.45.

4. MOVEMENT

Ground observers report that a great deal of movement was observed throughout yesterday in J.27.c. and along the ridge in J.27.a. and c.

5. ATTEMPTED ENEMY RAID.

The Right Division report that at 1.30 a.m. this morning, a party of the enemy estimated at 40 men and armed with a machine gun, attempted to raid MOST FARM. The enemy approached in 3 parties from a northeasterly direction, and owing to the intense darkness, was not observed until within 10 yards of one of our posts.

The advance party, consisting of about 7 of the enemy, were then fired on and several were seen to fall, whereupon the enemy commenced bombing and meantime working south along the wall of the Farm, while the remainder attempted to gain the north eastern side of the buildings.

The enemy was eventually driven off by bombs and machine-gun fire, and it is estimated that at least 6 casualties were inflicted on them. But, owing to the fact that all the approaches to the Farm are kept under machine-gun fire until daylight, no further details are available. An organized search is being made to-night.

6. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Hostile aircraft was more active to-day, and several machines patrolling our lines were driven off by A.A. fire.

Our machines showed great activity, and owing to improved visibility carried out successful registration.

W.C. Reddison
General Officer Commanding

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 15

From 6 p.m. 14th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 15th January, 1918

NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

For Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Owing to unsatisfactory conditions brought about by snow and mist, our artillery activity was below normal. Enemy roads, tracks, and communications were kept under intermittent fire, and hostile machine gun and trench mortar positions were bombarded.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of all Divisions were out last night. The centre Division reports exchanging shots with a small hostile patrol at approximately O.29.b.1.4, but owing to the darkness the enemy succeeded in getting away. Another hostile patrol was seen on the south side of the DOUVE River at U.11.b.8.4.

Although several patrols were out last night to secure identifications of the enemy raid on MCAT FARM on the night of the 13/14th, nothing was found.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been very quiet throughout the past 24 hours. MESSINES Ridge was shelled from the direction of STE. MARGUERITE.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

The following reports have been sent in by patrols:

(a) Wire. The enemy's wire at O.29.a.8.3 is very weak, and forms no serious obstacle. There is a low belt of wire 6ft. wide at O.11.d.99.55.

(b) Machine-Guns. Hostile machine guns were rather less active, and were located at: U.6.a.35.30 - 4.4 - 39.05 - 30.80 - J.32.b.28.62 - 45.80 - and POOL FARM.

(c) WORK. Working parties were heard at U.6.a.35.20 and U.6.a.4.4, and were engaged by Lewis guns.

(d) Pill-Boxes. Two pill-boxes at O.12.a.60.75 and one at J.32.c.6.5 appear to be occupied.

(e) Trenches. The old sap, running through O.12.a.4.7 is deep and has many obstacles in it.

(f) Roads. The road from J.32.c.2.6 to J.32.c.4.5 is well defined and fairly heavily wired.

4. MOVEMENT

Ground observers of the Corps on our left report abnormal train movement southwards on the MENIN - FOURCOING line between 10.35 a.m. and 10.50 a.m. to-day.

5. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Owing to adverse weather conditions, no flying has been possible to-day.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

A hostile O.P. is reported at P.7.a.6.7.

H. C. Adkins
for
Brigade General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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(Annexe to Australian Corps Intelligence Summary, 15/1/18)

Air photographs of the 13-1-18 show following new work in the enemy's immediate back area:

- 57.K.639. Concrete dug-out at P.23.b.70.65.
- 57.K.636. Movement round farm at P.18.c.45.50.
- 57.K.641 and 642. New trench from P.22.d.60.35 to P.22.d.25.60; new trench from P.23.c.34.34 to P.23.c.05.15; movement round P.23.c.05.15.
- 57.K.695 and 688. Huts along hedge from Q.10.c.40.52 to Q.10.c.75.60; huts at Q.16.a.95.65 - Q.16.a.70.80 - Q.16.a.95.85 - Q.16.a.55.25 - 4 huts at Q.16.a.78.36; new wire from Q.19.b.15.35 to Q.19.b.10.80; concrete dugouts at Q.19.d.05.95 and Q.19.b.46.70; hut at Q.19.c.85.80 - 3 huts at Q.19.d.08.70 - 2 huts at Q.19.d.33.82; new trench from Q.19.b.25.50 to Q.19.b.20.55; new wire at Q.19.b.67.95.
- 57.K.690. Narrow gauge line from Q.20.b.30.15 to Q.20.c.35.65; camouflaged dug-out at Q.20.c.35.75; trench from Q.20.c.35.75 to Q.20.c.15.75; wire from Q.20.b.15.65 to Q.20.b.33.45; concrete dug-out at Q.20.b.15.60; trench from Q.20.b.7.0 to Q.20.d.70.90; huts removed from Q.20.b.9.0.
- 57.K.691. Wire from Q.14.d.00.35 to Q.14.d.50.50; camouflaged dug-out at Q.14.d.55.20; camouflaged dug-out with trench at Q.15.c.25.90; new wire from Q.15.c.20.85 to Q.15.a.10.30.
- 57.K.693 and 694. Trench tracing from W.2.d.98.37 to W.3.c.04.92; trench tracing from W.9.a.50.85 to W.3.a.40.06; thin wire from W.3.c.10.65 northeast to W.3.a.37.10 and south to road at W.3.c.36.55; wire from W.9.a.00.20 to W.8.b.92.32

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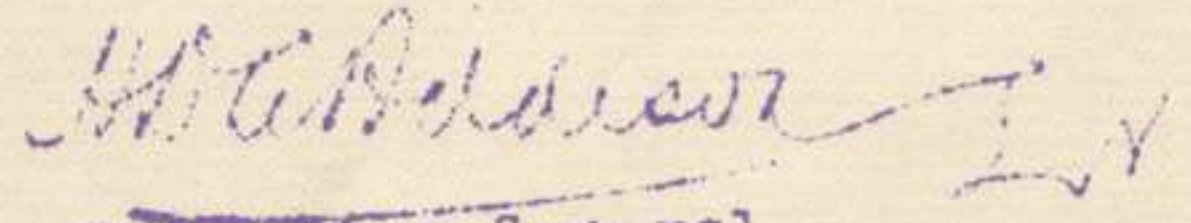
No. 16

From 6 p.m. 15th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 16th January, 1918

NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL

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1. OPERATIONS
 (a) Artillery. Our batteries maintained harassing fire on enemy centres of activity. Intermittent bursts of fire were carried out on occupied buildings and strong points, and area shoots were carried out. BERRY COTTAGES (J.27.a.) were shelled, and the garrison was seen to leave them.
 (b) Patrols. Little patrolling was possible owing to the rain and the consequent bad condition of No Man's Land, which was in places 4ft. under water. Reconnaissances were carried out, but no hostile patrols were met with.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS
 As a result of an unsuccessful enemy raid on the centre Divisional sector, a man of the 4th Coy., 153rd I.R. was killed. (Normal)
3. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.
 At 1.20 a.m. to-day during heavy rain, a hostile fighting patrol estimated at 20 men attacked a pill-box at O.17.a.8.5. The party was repulsed, leaving one dead man behind. Patrols immediately went out, but could not find any further trace of the enemy.
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY
 Hostile artillery continues very quiet, the MESSINES, HOLLEBERG, and WYTSCHAETE areas being lightly shelled during the past 24 hours.
5. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.
Machine Guns. Patrols of the left Division report active machine guns at LOCK 5 and J.32.b.25.70.
6. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY
 Continued bad weather has prevented flying.
7. MISCELLANEOUS
 A parapet of sand bags is visible on the enemy's front line from U.11.b.8.0 to U.11.b.8.2.


 Brigadier-General
 General Staff, Australian Corps.

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No. 17

From 6 p.m. 16th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 17th January, 1918

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Registration was successfully carried out and harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads, communications and strong points. Direct hits were obtained on an O.P. at C.11.b.2.6, on pill-boxes at O.12.d.40.88, and LOCK 5.

A gas bombardment of LAKE, TEL, and PILL Farms (O.24.c. and O.24.a.) was carried out.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were again active last night. One patrol of the left Division got to within 15 yards of an enemy post at O.12.a.6.0, which it engaged with bombs and Lewis gun fire, making some of the garrison run away.

Visibility was good, but the going very difficult, No Man's Land being exceedingly wet and boggy. Little machine gun fire is reported, and none of the enemy was seen.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been very quiet, activity being confined to intermittent shelling of the immediate forward areas.

3. HOSTILE DEFENCES.

The following is reported by patrols:

(a) Wire. The enemy's wire in front of their post at O.12.a.6.0 is very good and difficult to get through.

Between O.35.d.65.30 and O.35.d.00.15 the wire is in good condition, some of it being of recent erection.

(b) Machine Guns. The following active machine gun positions are reported:

Left Sector. O.12.a.63.95 - P.1.c.1.6 - J.26.d.6.0.

Centre Sector. O.36.c.2.1 - U.6.a.12.00

Right Sector. C.17.a.03.78 - C.11.c.46.35

(c) Work. Patrols located working parties at P.1.c.1.6 and the GIANT.

(d) Trench Mortar. An active trench mortar was located by one of our patrols at P.1.c.9.4.

4. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Weather conditions continue adverse for flying.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

It is suspected that the enemy crosses the LIS at the DOLLS HOUSE (U.24.o.)

H. H. Addison
for Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 18

From 6 p.m. 17th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 18th January, 1918.

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Roads, tracks, and communications were kept under intermittent fire during the period, and centres of activity and occupied dug-outs were shelled. Special shoots were made on LOCK 4 (P.13), foot bridge in P.13.a., and cross road in P.19. Gas bombardments of LAKE FARM (O.24.c.) and tracks in O.3.a.33.10 were carried out.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of all Divisions again reconnoitred No Man's Land. A patrol of the right Division located a working party which they dispersed with bombs. A patrol of the left Division located the enemy at O.12.a.35.60. A hostile patrol of 6 men was encountered at U.17.b.90.55. Our patrol bombed them, and they ran away leaving one prisoner in our hands.

The state of the ground continues very bad.

(c) Prisoners. A prisoner of the 7th Coy., 228th R.I.R. (49th Res. Divn.) was captured while on patrol at U.17.b.90.55. This identification established the relief of the 32nd Divn. by the 49th Res. Divn. An interrogation of the prisoner is attached as an annexe to this Summary.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery continues quiet and only intermittent shelling of our forward defences and areas is reported, fire chiefly coming from the direction of WERVACQ.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

Patrols report as follows:

(a) Wire. Old enemy wire in front of GREEN FARM (O.17.b.) is much damaged and forms no obstacle.

At O.35.d. central the wire is in good condition.

A wiring party was heard in the direction of U.18.a.1.9.

(b) Machine Guns. Were located at DOLLS HOUSE (U.24.c.) - U.12.c.4.3 - LOCK 5.

(c) Pill Boxes. The pill box at O.29.a.4.3. is unoccupied.

4. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our machines undertook photographic and reconnaissance flights, and successfully bombed targets in the enemy's lines. No hostile machines crossed our lines.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A number of sandbag shelters have been constructed along the bank south of LOCK 6. Duck-walks lead to them at approximately O.12.b.2.9.

H.C. Addison

for Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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No. 18

EXAMINATION of prisoner, belonging to the 7th Coy., 2nd Bn., 228th R.I.R., 49th Divn., captured south of WARRINGTON on the night of the 17/18th January, 1918.

Personal History. The prisoner, a Prussian, originally belonged to the 72nd R.I.R., 7th Res. Divn., to which he was drafted in August, 1916. He was wounded in July, 1917, and on his recovery went to a convalescent home at ASCHAFFENBERG, SAXONY. From there he was sent to the Ersatz Battalion of the 72nd R.I.R., and then to a Feld-Rekruten Depot at TOURCOING and remained there till transferred to the 228th R.I.R on December 28th, 1917.

Method of Capture. Prisoner was one of a patrol consisting of 1 officer, 1 sergeant, and 4 O.R. sent out to examine our wire. At about U.17.b.90.55 they were surprised by one of our patrols. Shots were exchanged and prisoner, while trying to escape, ran towards our lines and was captured.

Movements of 228th R.I.R. The 228th R.I.R. was in TOURCOING up to January 10th, on which date they marched to COMINES and stayed there till the afternoon of the 15th. At 10 p.m. on the night of the 15/16th inst., they marched into the line, relieving the 103rd I.R.

Route Taken. Prisoner had no knowledge.

Order of Battle. The 228th R.I.R. is the centre regiment. Prisoner does not know for certain which of the remaining regiments of his division are on his left and right.

Dispositions. Two companies are in the front line, and two are in immediate support. One battalion is in reserve, and the other is in rest at COMINES.

Company Strength. 80 - 100. The 7th Coy. received a draft of 20 men, of whom prisoner was one, from the Feld-Rekruten Depot while at TOURCOING, and prisoner believes that all companies of this regiment have been brought up to full strength.

Tour of Duty. 6 days in the front line; 6 days in reserve; and 6 days in rest.

Machine Guns and Trench Mortars. No knowledge.

Units seen in Rear. Prisoner could not state having seen any unit other than his own.

Regimental Commander. Colonel SCHMIDT.

Condition of Trenches. Prisoner states that his trenches are knee deep in mud, and that he had not been out of his dug-out since he got into it. This dug-out is in a very bad condition. It has five steps leading down into it; the roof leaks, and the water comes up through the floor, which is boarded, and has to be baled out every two hours. It is impossible to lie down, as the dug-out is too small. It was built for only 4 men, and now accommodates 8, so that the men have to sit on their blankets until these get partially submerged, when they start baling again. The night they arrived there were 18 inches of water on the floor, so they had to stand up all night, as they had nothing to bale the water out with.

Moral. Prisoner's moral is very fair. He himself is very ignorant, and having been only a short time with his regiment, does not know anything of pending attacks or intentions.

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AERIAL ANNEXE TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18th. January 1918.

(1) OPERATIONS.

36 plates were successfully exposed on the Corps front.
16 20lb. bombs were dropped on C.6.c.4.0, O.18.d, V.7.a, P.13.central, P.21, P.26.a, P.27.b, and V.3.

890 rounds M.G. ammunition were fired into enemy trenches and hutments in P.19, COMINES, D.10.b, U.12.d, HOUTHEM, D.7, C.11.d, and P.20.

(2) ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS.

Air Observer reports encountering heavy M.G. fire from trenches in U.5.d and U.6.d.3.2.

(3) ANTI AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

Normal.

(4) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.TRENCHES etc.

3 B.A.2. O.18.c.24.a.b.c. Numerous tracks can be seen, running to what appears to be three concrete structures at O.24.b.0060, 0057, 0556., also to four at O.24.a.9523, 9315, 0245, 0333 and 0028.

The concrete Pill Box at O.24.a.5027 also shows signs of occupation.

3 B.A.4. U.6.c.d.12. The dug-outs at U.12.a.6898, 9588, U.12.b.0583 and 3735 are still being used. All the roads on this photograph show signs of considerable use.

5 B.A.6. O.24.30.a.b. An occupied concrete shelter can be seen at O.24.c.5550.

The tramway running from an Easterly direction to O.24.c.9005, is still being used.

There appears to be a small dump at O.24.c.9000.

A well defined track can be seen running from O.24.a.3266 to a dugout at O.24.d.1550.

The crossing at O.24.d.3260 is being used considerably.

3 B.A.7. O.30.c.d.36.a.b. Well defined tracks can be seen running to concrete structures at O.30.d.3000 and O.36.b.3055.

3 B.A.8. 036. Shows numerous well used tracks leading to the front system of trenches.

3 B.A.11. U.29.d.30.c.36.C.5.b.d.6.a.c. There appears to be a trench mortar emplacement at U.29.d.8525.

3 B.A.13. U.24.V.19.a.c. The trench from U.24.d.8860 to D.3533 shows signs of occupation.

3 B.A.32. C.6.c.d.12.a.b. The trenches from C.6.c.3250 to 9903, from C.12.b.5070 to 5058 and from 8045 to 9842 show signs of recent work. The dugouts at C.6.c.2042 are occupied.

3 B.A.14. U.24.c.d.30. Most of U.24.c. and U.30.c. are flooded. The trench from U.30.b.3070 to 1895, show signs of recent work. The concrete structures at U.30.b.3045 and the ruins at U.30.a.1505 are occupied.

3 B.A.17. U.12.d.18.b.V.7.c.13.a. The numerous tracks surrounding the ruins of WARNETON, in the vicinity of the Church, in U.24.d, indicate their present occupation.

3 B.A.18. U.12.b.d.V.7.a.c. The concrete structures at U.12.b.8845, appear to be undamaged and still occupied. V.7.c. is flooded. The WARNETON - COMINES Railway covered by this photo is considerably damaged and appears disused.

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TRENCHES etc. (cont'd).

3 B.A. 21. P.13.c.d.19.a.24.b. Concrete shelters at P.13.c.3038, 3540 and 3840, P.19.a.3098, 2590 also at P.19.a.5223, 4507 show signs of recent occupation. The railway running E. from O.24.b.4552 to P.19.a. 9056 appear to be in use.

3 B.A. 23. F.25.31.a.b. Show a new piece of trench traced out from P.25.c.4522 to O.36.a.8098. The trench from P.25.c.4531 to P.25.d.2146 have been recently worked upon.

The ruined buildings at P.31.a.4585 and 4582 show signs of occupation.

3 B.A. 25. O.30.b.d.F.25. New work has been carried out on trench from P.25.a.7010 to 8099.

Numerous tracks lead to the concrete structures at O.30.b.7558. 3 B.A. 26. U.18.b.d.V.13.a.c. Well defined tracks can be seen, running to what appears to be concrete shelters, at V.13.c.2350 2947, 2545 and 2842.

3 B.A. 27. U.12.d.18.b.V.7.c.13.a. Shows the country to the South of WARNETON (V.7.d.U.18.b.) underwater, the road running N.W. through WARNETON is still being used.

The following is a list of Aeroplane Photographs taken on the 18th. January 1918. Divisions etc., should indent direct on the Branch Intelligence, Australian Corps, No.3 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

Sheet 28. 3BA.1.	0.12.	Sheet 28. 3BA.31.	V.13.c.d.19.
"	2. 0.18.c.24.a.b.c.	" 36	32. C.3.c.d.12.a.b.
"	3. 0.6.b.d.P.1.a.c.	" 28.	33. P.7.d.30.15.b.
"	4. U.6.c.d.12.	" 36.	34. C.1d.12c.17b.18a.
"	5. 0.17.b.d.18.	" 28.	35. U.30.c.d.(36)C6.
"	6. 0.24.30.a.b.		
"	7. 0.30.c.d.36.a.b.		
"	8. 0.36.		
"	9. U.6.		
"	10. U.12.c.d.18.a.b.		
"	11. U29d.30c.(36)C.5.b.d. 6.a.c.		
Sheet 36.	12. C5d.6c.11b.12.a.		
" 28.	13. U.24.V.19.a.c.		
" 28.	14. U24.c.d.30.		
" 28.	15. U.18.24.a.b.		
" 36.	16. C.11.17.a.b.		
" 28.	17. U12d.18b.V7c.13a.		
" 28.	18. U12ba.V7.a.c.		
" 28.	19. V.13.c.d.19.a.b.		
" 28.	20. V.1.		
" 28.	21. P.13.c.d.19a.024b.		
" 28.	22. P25.31.a.b.		
" 28.	23. O.30.b.d.P.25.		
" 28.	24. P.31.V.1a.b.		
" 28.	25. O.36.b.d.P.31.		
" 28.	26. U.18.b.d.V.13.a.c.		
" 28.	27. U12d.18b.V7c.13a.		
" 28.	28. P.2.8.a.b.		
" 28.	29. J.32.P.2.a.b.		
" 28.	30. P.7.c.d.13.		

BRANCH INTELLIGENCE,
No.3 Squadron, A.F.C.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 19

From 6 p.m. 18th January, 1918, to 6 p.m. 19th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was continued against enemy roads, tracks, and communications, and dug-outs, pill-boxes, and centres of activity were intermittently shelled throughout the period. Direct hits were obtained on LOCK 5. The heavy artillery was engaged on counter-battery work and shelling of back areas.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were out again last night. The enemy was observed on the road at O.12.b.4.5, moving in the direction of HOLLEBEKE. The patrol bombed them, whereupon the enemy opened fire, but it has not been possible to ascertain results or to obtain identifications. Patrols of the centre and right Divisions did not encounter any of the enemy.

All the low lying ground in No Man's Land is under water and going is very heavy.

(c) Prisoners. A stretcher bearer of the 3rd Bn., 226th R.I.R., 49th Res. Divn., was captured last night in O.29.c. An interrogation is attached.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been quiet. MESSINES, DENNYS WOOD, and PLOEGSTEERT WOOD have been intermittently shelled.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

Patrols report that:

(a) Machine Guns. Were less active than usual. A machine gun was located apparently in an isolated tree at U.11.d.85.60. Machine guns at WAM and RIFLE FARMS (O.23.d.) were again active.

(b) Wire. There is a belt of wire at J.32.c.0.2.

(c) Work. A working party engaged on revetting a trench was heard at U.11.d.85.35.

4. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our machines were engaged on artillery registration, and successfully bombed enemy targets.

Hostile aircraft did not cross our lines.

H. C. Addison Lt

for Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

19-1-18

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No. 13

EXAMINATION of a prisoner, a stretcher bearer, belonging to the 12th Coy., 3rd Bn., 226th R.I.R., 49th Res. Divn. Aged 31, the prisoner appeared a very reliable man, though his education had been neglected.

Method of Capture. On account of water, they had to evacuate their flooded post, and whilst looking for a "better one", prisoner lost himself and wandered into our lines.

Enemy's Intentions. On this sector a purely defensive policy exists. On this point, the prisoner was very emphatic.

Reliefs. The 226th R.I.R. relieved the 102nd I.R. (32nd Divn.) on the night of the 14/15th about 10 p.m., and prisoner states that an inter-battalion relief is to take place to-night (19/20th), and every 5 days. The period in the front line used to be 8 days, but on account of the fearful conditions prevailing, it has been reduced to 5 days.

Dispositions. The regimental sector (O.29.d.central to O.35.d.central approx.) is held by 1 battalion in line, 1 battalion about 2,000 yards in rear, and the third battalion in rest about WERVICQ. Of the company dispositions, prisoner's knowledge was very vague. He was confident that the 4 companies came into the line, each company responsible for a particular sector of the front, this latter statement lacks confirmation.

Company Strength. Battalion strength of 12th Coy. - about 150; trench strength - about 70.

Casualties. One man killed on the night of the 15th January is the only casualty prisoner knows of, since they have been in this sector, but evacuation on account of sickness, trench feet, etc., is a daily occurrence.

Headquarters. The Regimental Headquarters of the 226th R.I.R. is in a small building just to the north of the Ribbon Factory in WERVICQ (Sheet 28 S.E. 1.Q.32.a.7.6.).

Gas Masks. Prisoner speaking purely from a personal point of view, having never experienced a gas attack, stated he much prefers the leather to the rubber gas mask. The former are more adaptable, and there is no fear of trouble if oil gets on to them.

Commanders. Regimental Commander, 226th R.I.R. - Major HART; of 12th Coy. - Licut. SCHOLTZBACH.

Our Airmen. Prisoner had a great admiration for, and yet feared the skill and pluck of our aviators whilst he was in the line. He states our machines constantly crossed their lines, and the absence of German planes was a constant topic of complaint amongst themselves.

German Tanks. Prisoner knows nothing of any supposed building of tanks by the Germans.

Reliefs crossing Canal. Prisoner stated that whenever relieving battalions come into line, they cross a succession of bridges in P.27.c., and on account of our artillery constantly shelling that area, the bridges (the main one is at D.27.d.1.2) are crossed at the double.

Miscellaneous. Questioned as to the reason for the excessive display of flares and shouting on the night of the 17/18th inst., prisoner stated as follows: The Bavarians who were on the left of their Division, and who are the only troops to receive an issue of "Schnapps" (a sort of gin), were responsible for the display. As a large number of the Bavarian shell hole positions were absolutely untenable on account of the water, they had instructions to evacuate the foremost posts, and retire to slightly better ground. The time of the evacuation of these posts coinciding with the issue of "Schnapps" was the cause of the excessive hilarity, and the surplus stock of rockets were released.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 20

From 6 p.m. 19th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 20th January, 1918.

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was very active throughout the period. Registration was carried out, and the systematic bombardment of enemy defences and approaches was continued, intense harassing fire being directed on O.36.a., O.35.b., and O.29.d. between 8 and 11 p.m. yesterday. Hostile working parties were shelled, and movement in the enemy's lines was shelled.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols again reconnoitred No Man's land. A patrol of the centre Division, while examining pill-boxes in the vicinity of the GIANT (O.12.c.) came under heavy machine gun and grenade fire. None of the enemy was encountered by patrols of the other Divisions.

No Man's Land has dried considerably since the previous night, but shell holes are still water-logged.

(c) Prisoners. A party of the enemy consisting of 2 men of the 1st Pioneer Bn. No. 4 and 2 men of the 4th Coy., 72nd I.R. (8th Divn.) approached our lines in O.23 at 6.45 this morning. They were fired on, one man being killed, one severely wounded and captured, and one captured unwounded. The fourth man escaped. The unwounded man admitted that he and his companions intended to desert. An interrogation is attached.

2. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

The centre Division reports the enemy to be quiet but watchful, especially opposite their right brigade front, and increased activity in artillery and machine guns opposite their left brigade front.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

The enemy's artillery remains quiet. Intermittent shelling of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, DENNIS WOOD, and OOSTAVERNE WOOD is reported.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

Patrols report as follows:

(a) Machine Guns. A hostile machine gun was active from the direction of MOAT FARM (P.1.b.). Machine gun fire was encountered from U.12.d.3.8.

(b) Wire. An enemy wiring party was heard at U.11.d.85.40.

5. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our machines carried out reconnaissances and registration, and bombed targets in the enemy's lines. Heavy A.A. fire was encountered. Hostile planes patrolled the front lines, but did not cross our lines in the face of our aerial patrols.

for 
Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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EXAMINATION of prisoner, belonging to No. 4 Coy., 1st Pioneer Bn., attached 72nd I.R. (8th Divn.).

Prisoner with three companions deserted to our lines, and was taken in 0.23 this morning.

He is a man of extremely low moral and great ignorance, and had little information to impart.

He was engaged on work in the front line, repairing dug-outs, etc.

PIONEER BN. H.Q. Is in a house about 25 yards West of the Church.

BACK AREAS. Concrete structures were in course of construction in back areas. These were chiefly dug-outs and cellars.

The wounded prisoner of the 72nd I.R. could not be interrogated.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 21

From 6 p.m. 20th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 21st January, 1918.NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
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(a) Artillery. Our artillery has been active on all Divisional fronts, notably the central, where a prearranged programme was carried out on all batteries ensuring the thorough sweeping and searching of enemy communications, routes, tramways, and strong points. A large ammunition dump near MALLET FARM was blown up. Heavy artillery also shelled COMINES and WERVICQ, dense clouds of smoke arising from the latter during the shelling.

On the right Divisional sector, FRELINGHIEN, DEULEMONT, and WARNETON were shelled, and numerous working parties in U.12, U.29, C.5, and V.13 were fired on.

One active battery at V.10.d. was silenced by our Heavy Artillery.

(b) Patrols. Patrols of all Divisions continued their activities. A patrol of the right Division discovered a German patrol of 12 to 20 men with a machine gun in front of our wire, and they endeavoured to cut off the party with bombs and Lewis gun fire. The enemy scattered and ran, and shortly after heavy machine gun fire was opened on our patrol.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

At 8.30 a.m. a German officer was seen approaching our post at U.17.b.8 3.40. When within 10 yards of the post he was challenged, and turning to run away was shot. His pay book and shoulder straps, which were recovered, showed him to be a 2/Lieut. of the 424th I.R. (70th Landwehr Brigade, attached 11th Landwehr Divn.). This Division was last identified on the Eastern front, and has in all probability relieved the 5th Bav. Divn.

3. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

The enemy's attitude is generally quiet. The centre Division reports slightly increased artillery activity on their left Brigade front.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has shown moderate activity . . . during the past 24 hours. The immediate forward areas were intermittently shelled, notably PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and RAVINE WOOD from the direction of WERVICQ and COMINES.

5. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

Patrols report that:

(a) Work. Sounds of the enemy working were heard at trench in U.11.d.9.5.

(b) Machine Guns. Very little machine gun activity is reported, and only desultory fire was encountered.

(c) Posts. The enemy post at U.11.d.7.7 and shell hole posts at U.11.d.8.8 are unoccupied.

(c) State of Ground. Although still very wet, No Man's Land is drying up well. The river has receded about 10 yards.

(e) Observation Posts. Ground observers report considerable camouflage work at WAUSTINE FARM (V.13.c.2.7, where there are 3 lookout platforms in trees with a telephone wire leading to them.

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(f) Enemy's Ruses. During a shoot on a hostile battery at P.26.d.1.9 yesterday, the enemy made use of dummy bursts to represent the bursting of our shells. The flashes were of a bright red, and formed a puff of white smoke similar to powder. (Aerial observer).

6. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our machines patrolled and bombed the enemy's lines. Hostile machines showed slight activity. Only occasionally did machines cross our lines, and they were engaged with good effect by our A.A. fire.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Aerial observers report that 3 A.A. guns were seen firing intermittently from W.I.c.7.6 between 10.30 and 11.45 this morning.

W.C. Harrison

for Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 22

From 6 p.m. 21st January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 22nd January, 1918.

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Enemy routes and centres of activity were again subjected to harassing fire at irregular intervals, and farms and other occupied buildings were intermittently shelled. Train in siding at D.1.c.1.5 and a train moving between V.14.d.5.2 and V.14.a.45.80 were shelled.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were again active last night. Rather more hostile machine gun fire was encountered, and several enemy working parties were seen, but no encounter was made with the enemy.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

A patrol of the centre Division found the recently killed body of a man of the 72nd I.R. (8th Divn.) in O.23.c. This is probably the fourth of the party of 4 encountered on the night of the 18/19th.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been more active. The following areas are reported to have been shelled: NORFOLK LODGE - WYTSCHAETE - MESSINES - and the area North of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

Patrols report as follows:

(a) Machine Guns. The machine gun at FUNNY FARM continues active. Other active machine guns were located at J.32.b.25.70 - O.12.a.60.75 - U.29.b.65.20 - PONT ROUGE Bridge - DOLLS HOUSE (U.24.c.) - LOCK 8.

(b) Work. Hostile working parties were seen at O.12.a.6.8 to O.6.c.65.10. They were protected by two machine guns. A large enemy working party was seen at U.11.d.9.5, covered by a machine gun firing from U.11.d.8.5. Working parties were heard at O.35.d.5.5.

(c) Wire. A machine gun post was being wired at O.12.a.60.65. A wiring party was seen adjusting wire at U.11.d.8.7.

(d) Bridges. The main bridge at PONT ROUGE is partially submerged, and the duckboard bridge is completely under water. At U.29.b.7.4 the bridge is partially under water and washed away in the centre.

(e) Ground. The ground in No Man's Land is rapidly drying. The following information has been derived from air photographs: No. 57.K.732 - A new trench is visible from W.9.a.5.3 to W.9.a.37.00.

No. 57.K.723. There is an air line from V.23.d.57.88 to V.23.d.10.80.

5. MOVEMENT.

Ground observer report that at 9.30 a.m. yesterday a party of 20 men approached our post at U.17.b.8.4 down the LA BASSE VILLE - WARETON Road. Advancing as far as the ruined house at U.17.b.65.45 they stopped. Our post opened fire and dropped 3 of the enemy. One of our patrols last night ineffectually attempted to reach the place where these men are reported to have been killed.

6. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Enemy planes were over our lines at intervals during the day. Photographic and bombing flights were carried out by our machines.

HAC [Signature]
Brigadier General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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The following information has been derived from a captured German map:

FARMS.

APPLE FARM	is called	BARBARA HOF.
LAKE FARM (O.24.c.)	"	HINDENBURG HOF.
SQUARE FARM (O.30.b.)	"	JOHANN HOF.
CIRCLE FARM (P.31.a.)	"	SPELLEN HOF.
YANCO FARM (P.31.a.)	"	FUCHSBAU HOF.
KINGSCLERE (U.6.b.)	"	SCHWALBENHOF.
Farm in U.6.b.2.2.	"	PLANMENHOF.
WAUSTINE FARM	"	HAMBERG GUT.
KIWI FARM	"	BUECK HOF.

ROADS.

Road from O.24.c.8.0 to HOUTHEN is called HOHENZOLLERN WEG.
 Road from O.24.central to P.31.d. is called KOLMBEKE STRASSE.
 FRELINGHIEN - LA COINAU BOIS Road is called SCHWERE HAUBITZE STRASSE.
 Road from O.23.b. to O.18.b. is called SCHEER STRASSE.
 CINEMA ROAD is called KAISER STRASSE.

TRENCH NAMES

VAGABOND AVENUE is called DEULEMONT GRABEN.
 VAGRANT ROW is called KARSTALL GRABEN.
 UNCURL TRENCH (U.30.a. and U.29.b.) is called STUTZPUNKT A.
 UNCOVERED TRENCH is called DAMMWEG.
 Trench from U.24.a.central to U.24.c.8.3. is called FELSENKELLER.
 Trench from U.29.d. to C.6.1.8.4. including CREATED TRENCH is called NORDGRABEN.
 Trench in C.6.d.55.20 to CEYLON SUPPORT, and including CERTIFIED TRENCH (C.5.d.) to CEYLON TRENCH (C.6.d.5.C.) is called MITTELGRABEN.
 CEYLON LANE and CERTIFIED SUPPORT are called JUDGRABEN.
 CHAIN AVENUE is called EDWIN FRIESEN GRABEN.
 CEMETERY AVENUE is called PLATOWEG.

TRENCH SYSTEMS and SWITCH NAMES.

DANUBE and DANCE TRENCHES, and SUPPORT LINES, are called FORGETTE RIEGEL.
 FRELINGHIEN - DEULEMONT - WARNETON Line is called ARTILLERIE STELLUNG.
 VACILLATING and VAGABOND LINES are called PREAU STELLUNG.
 Line East of the CANAL - P.7. - 13 - 20 is called KANAL STELLUNG.
 Area north of cross-roads in P.20 a. and b. is called KANAL RIEGEL.
 The line through P.19.a. - b. - c. - d. is called BRUCKENKOPF STELLUNG.

BRIDGES

Bridge in V.7.c.	is called	KAISERBRUCKE.
Bridge in V.7.d.	"	KIRCHBRUCKE.
Bridge in U.30.a.	"	HEINRICHBRUCKE.

VARIOUS.

The QUADRANGLE (V.13.d.) is called UNTERASBACH.

HEADQUARTERS.

The following H.Q. are given on the map:

R.T.K. in Q.15.c.9.0.
 B.T.K. at LE HALLOT in house at W.13.c.9.7.
 X K.T.K. at WARNETON in house at U.12.d.5.8.
 B.T.K. at BAS WARNETON in house at V.8.a.0.1.

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AERIAL ANNEXE TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

22nd. January 1918.

(1) OPERATIONS.

43 plates were successfully exposed along the Corps front.
A list of photos taken is attached.

A Trench reconnaissance was carried out between WARNETON and FRELINGHIEN.

16-25lb. bombs were dropped on O.24.a.8.3, V.3.a, U.5.d.4.8, V.24.d, WARNETON, P.31.a.8.6, HOUTHEM, U.38.a.8.6.

1220 rounds M.G. ammunition were fired into C.6, U.18, U.5.a and d, V.1.d, U.12.d, P.13.b, COMINES, U.24.c, DEULEMONT.

(2) ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS.

Nil.

(3) ANTI AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

The enemy's A.A. guns were very active and accurate from FRELINGHIEN to QUESNOY to WARNETON over D.8 and P.26.

(4) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.TRENCHES and SHELL HOLES.

3 B.A.90. Existing trench from P.19.a.9525 to C.8790 has been repaired and the trench has been continued to P.19.c.8375. New digging can also be seen on trenches from P.19.c.8320 to 8306 and from P.19.c.8000 to P.25.a.6545.

3 B.A.78. V.13.c.d.19. VAGABOND AVENUE appears to have been cleared up. Probably mud has been thrown up out of it.

3 B.A.81. P.7.d.8.c.13.14.a.c. The line of trenches running through P.13.b.14.a.8.c.8.a. Appears to be in a very bad state, full of water and no attempt has been made to improve them. The enemy appears to be holding a line running from about P.14.a.3593 to P.8.c.9955.

DUGOUTS and SHELTERS.

3 B.A.90. P.19.20.25.a.b.26.a. Buildings at P.19.b.1943 shows signs of occupation.

3 B.A.63. 28.V.2. The row of shelters from V.2.b.2843 to V.2.b.7070 appear to have been badly damaged. An occupied dug-out can be seen at V.2.b.9000; also in MAI FARM at V.2.b.2020.

3 B.A.75. 28.U.29.d.30.36.C.5.b.6. A large dug-out has been built at C.5.b.9761. There appears to be some movement around the ruins at C.6.a.9858.

3 B.A.81. P.7.d.8.c.14.a.c. A good deal of movement can be seen around the shelters near PEREGRINE FARM (P.14.c.) These are probably occupied.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

An Observer that an active M.G. emplacement could be seen at U.24.a.2557.

WIRE.

3 B.A.78. V.13.c.d.19. Wire has been placed around the North Western side of the semi-circular trench in V.19.central, also along the edge of the road as far as V.19.b.2067.

3 B.A.81. P.7.d.8.c.13.14.a.c. A line of wire has been put out from P.13.b.4530 to P.13.d.5868.

(5) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Normal.

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(6) MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION in and behind the ENEMY'S LINES.TRAINS.

11am.	Train leaving HALLUIN going S.	12.20pm.	Train going S. through RONCQ.
11.5am.	" going S. through RONCQ.		
11.10am.	" in W.16.c. going N.	12.23pm.	Train entering MENIN from S.
11.20am.	" shunting in HALLUIN.		
11.21am.	" entering LINSELLES.	12.41pm.	Train leaving RONCQ going N.W.
	from N.E.		
11.26am.	" leaving MENIN going S.	1.3pm.	Train going S.E. from LILLE.
11.36am.	" going S.E. from LILLE.		
11.36am.	" at W.12 going S.W.	1.15pm.	Train entering LILLE from S.E.
12.5pm.	" leaving WERVICQ going E.		
12.5pm.	" " " " E.	1.22pm.	Train in HALLUIN.
12.10pm.	" in W.12 going N.E.	1.22pm.	Train in MENIN Station.

FIRES.

12.49pm. Fire at D.B.2 which developed into two bright red fires and lasted 'till 1.15pm.
 12.22pm. Fire in COMINES Church.
 4.2pm. Large smoke screen sent up from V.28.d.3.9.
 11 to 11.20pm. Red flares at V.3.d.6.7,
 1pm. to 1.10pm. Red flares at V.28.d.1.4.

EXPLOSIONS.

11.25pm. Large explosion at P.26.c.5.7.
 12.48pm. Two explosions at V.28.d.2.5. showing red flame.
 12.35pm. Explosion at P.26.d.3.2., giving off dense clouds of white smoke, which lasted for three minutes.
 1.45pm. Explosion at V.4.b.4.4., giving off large clouds of white smoke.
 12.50pm. to 1.13pm. Five explosions at V.28 d.2.6.
 1.10pm. Explosion in COMINES.

ROUTES and TRACKS.

3 B.A.63. 28.V.2. Very heavy tracks can be seen running from V.3.c. to V.2.d.9090, then to the road at V.2.b.1535 also from V.8.b.1896 to V.2.a.8015.

3 B.A.78. V.13.c.d.19. Well defined tracks lead from the road at V.19.d.23.20, to V.19.c.2262 and also to V.19.c.0545 at the end of the tramway.

DUMPS.

3 B.A.78. V.13.c.d.19. There appears to be a dump at the end of the tramway at V.19.c.0545.

Further notes and list of photos taken will appear in tomorrow's Summary.

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 3rd. Squadron,
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 23

From 6 p.m., 22nd January, 1918 to 6 p.m., 23rd January, 1918.

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. During the period selected targets were engaged by our artillery, which included several trench mortar and machine gun emplacements. Roads and approaches were kept under harassing fire, intermittent bursts being also directed on various ruins in the forward area. A gas bombardment was put down on P.19.a.90.58. Yesterday afternoon ammunition dumps were exploded on two occasions. This morning several working parties were dispersed.

(b) Patrols. Patrolling was actively carried out along the whole Corps front. Several machine gun emplacements were located. Various suspected positions were searched, and some cases of high explosive were found in a dug-out at J.26.d.35.74. Some old receipts for pioneer stores, dating back to June, 1917 were found in a building at U.29.b.25.60, beside an old German dump. Contact was established with the enemy on several occasions.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been comparatively quiet during the period, except for the heavy shelling of GAPAARD at 10 p.m. last night. Shelling was on the whole light and scattered over a wide area, the following localities receiving most attention: O.10.d. - O.16.d. - U.7.d. - U.2.a. - C.7.b. - LE BIZET.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

Headquarters. A motor car was seen to drive up to L'ESPERANCE CABARET (O.36.b.) this morning and was engaged by our artillery. This place is suspected to be a headquarters. A.P.B.A.7 (18/1/18) shows considerable movement in this neighbourhood.

4. MOVEMENT

Considerable movement was seen by ground observers during the day along CINEMA ROAD, casualties being inflicted by our artillery. Yesterday morning continuous movement of small parties, comprising about 80 men, was observed by ground observers along the road in O.6.d. moving towards the Farm du GRAND VERQUIN. They were engaged by our artillery.

5. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our machines crossed the enemy's lines and dropped bombs on selected targets. No hostile aerial activity has been reported.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Patrols report that the River LYS has fallen about 15 inches since the previous night.

Sutherland
Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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AERIAL ANNEXE TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

23rd. January 1918.

(1) OPERATIONS.

Six 25lbs. bombs were dropped on V25a, P34d50 and U2a73. 935 rounds M.G. ammunition were fired into the enemy's trenches in P33a, P13b, V2b, O18b, U6c, U18band c U24d, and HOUTHEM.

(2) ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS. Nil.(3) ANTI- AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY. Normal.(4) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.TRENCHES AND SHELLHOLES.

3 B.A. 69 28 P14d, 15cd, 20bd, 21. A new piece of trench has been dug from P21a3190 to P21a2273.

3 B.A. 86. V1, 7ab. A small piece has been added to the existing communication trench, from V1d4760 to V1d7870.

DUGOUTS AND SHELTERS.

3 B.A. 67. 28 V25, 26ac, 36 Dlab. What appears to be an exceptionally large concrete blockhouse can be seen at V25d9653. A good deal of activity can be seen around it. It appears to be square and raised above ground.

WIRE.

3 B.A. 67. 28 V25, 26ac, 36 Dlab. A belt of wire has been put up from V25b2562 to V25d6875.

(5) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.() MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.TRAINS.

12.27pm. 1 train at V6b38 going towards COMINES.

2.40pm. 1 train moving E at Q26b.

3.25pm. 1 train moving E at Q22c.

3.25pm. 1 train seen going E from WERVICQ.

ROUTES AND TRACKS

3 B.A. 67 28 P25cd, 31. The road running past CIRCLE FARM P31a, to P31b-32a-32b shows signs of much traffic.

3 B.A. 70 28 V7bd, 8, 14ab. The road from BAS- WARNATON to COMINES appears to be much used. There is a large number of tracks running along the bank of the river from V14a3265 to V8d8250 (edge of photo). These tracks are exceptionally numerous.

BILLETS AND OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

3 B.A. 76 28 U30, V25c, 36C6ab, D1a. The building at U30d9789 appears to be occupied.

3 B.A. 87 28 P25cd, 31. The buildings at CIRCLE FARM P31a show signs of occupation.

RAILWAYS.

3 B.A. 99 28 P26, 32ab. There appears to be a tram line running down the road from P32b4593 to P25c2896 at which point a curve joins on to the existing tram line : coming from P20d.

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The following is a list of Aeroplane photos taken on the 19th., 20th., and 22nd. inst.

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 78. V. 13cd, 19.
 79. U. 24. d, 30d, V. 19cd.
 80. P. 7bd, 8, 13b.
 81. P. 7d, 8c, 13.
 82. P. 1. cd, 7ab, 8. a.
 83. J. 31cd, 32c. P. 1, 2. a. c.
 84. P. 1bd, 2.
 85. P. 26, 32ab.
 86. V. 1. 7ab.
 87. P. 25cd, 31.
 88. P. 31. V. 1a. b.
 89. P. 19cd, 20d, 25.
 90. P. 19, 25ab, 20ac.
 91. J. 32d. 33. P. 2bd.
 92. J. 27cd, 32bd, 33.
 93. P. 20cd, 25, 26, a, c.
 94. P. 8cd, 13bd,
 95. V. 1, 2. a. c., 7abc.
 96. U. 12, 18ab, V. 7, 13ab.
 97. P. 31, 32ac.
 98. P. 32.
 99. P. 36, 32. a. b.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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From 6 p.m. 23rd January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 24th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
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(a) Artillery. Our artillery maintained harassing and searching fire on the enemy's tracks and approaches. Selected areas, which included the GIANT, were subjected to concentrated shoots. Various working parties were dispersed and active trench mortars silenced. Gas bombardments were carried out against certain forward areas in the centre sector, suspected to be in occupation by the enemy.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were active along the whole Corps front. Valuable information was obtained with regard to the state of No Man's Land and enemy's forward defences. Several machine gun positions and working parties were located, but no encounter with the enemy took place.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

A body, found near the ruins of a house at U.17.b.85.62, of a man, probably killed on January 21st, confirms the presence of the 228th R.I.R., 49th Res. Divn. in its normal sector.

Correspondence taken off a dead German of the 228th R.I.R. found in U.17.b. locates the 603rd I.R., 251st Divn. at MUNSTER (LAGER) on the 12th January, 1918.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been comparatively quiet, except against the area north of the YPRES - COMINES Canal. GREEN WOOD, WYTSCHAE, OOSTAVERNE, and LE BIZET received the most attention.

4. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Machine Guns. A patrol examined a machine gun position at O.12.a.60.75. It is strongly wired and commands a good field of fire in all directions. A party were working on it at the time.

(b) Wire. A patrol reports loose wire on the western bank of the BASSEVILLE BEEK in J.25.d.

(c) Regimental Boundary of 228th R.I.R. A captured diary gives the southern boundary of this regiment as the River LYS.

5. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Hostile aircraft activity has been slight. Several machines were reported over HOLLEBEKE between noon and 2 p.m. to-day.

Our aeroplanes have been very active, numbers of bombs being dropped and over 1,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition fired with good effect at targets in the enemy's lines.

6. MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION

(a) Movement. Continual movement was observed by ground observers along the tram line at QUATRE BRAS (V.20.a) and along the CHEMIN du TEMPLE. Considerable odd movement was also seen by ground observers throughout yesterday in J.27.a. and J.28.b.

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(b) Reliefs. A captured diary shows that reliefs in the 228th R.I.R. occur every six days.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

Light Signals. On the approach of our aeroplanes last night, the enemy fired numerous chains of white lights from the neighbourhood of DEULEMONT towards the rear.

Movements of 228th R.I.R. A captured diary shows that after leaving CAMBRAI on the 13th December, 1917, this regiment proceeded to TOURCOING, where it remained till 9th January, 1918. After a night at LE BLATON (W.15.o.) they came into the line at 6 p.m. on 10th January in front of WARNETON.

Eastman Capt
Br. Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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" "	3	B.A.104.	0.12, 18.b.d, P.7.a.c, 13.a.b.
" "	3	B.A.105.	0.5.d, 11.b.d, 6.c.d, 12.
" "	3	B.A.106.	0.30.c.d, 26.b, P.25.a.c, 31.a.b.
" "	3	B.A.107.	0.24.c.d, 30.a.b.d, P.25.a.
" "	3	B.A.108.	0.30.d, 36.a.b, P.25.a.c.
" "	3	B.A.109.	0.36, P.31.a.c.
" "	3	B.A.110.	U.17, 23.a.b.
" "	3	B.A.111.	0.6.d, 12.b, P.1, 7.a.b.
" "	3	B.A.112.	I.35.b.d, 36, 0.5.b, 6.a.b.
" "	3	B.A.113.	J.32, 33.a.c, P.2, 3.a.b.
" "	3	B.A.114.	I.36.b.d, 0.6.b, J.31.a.c.
" "	3	B.A.115.	J.31, 32.a.b, P.1.b, 2.a.

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AERIAL ANNEXE TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(1) OPERATIONS.

18 plates were successfully exposed along the Corps front. Eighteen 25lb. bombs were dropped on WARNETON, V.1.b.8.3, FRELINGHIEN, P.14.d.8.4, P.26.c, P.20.c, HOUTHEM, P.13.

A number of rounds of M.G. ammunition were fired into the enemy's trenches.

A trench reconnaissance was carried out over the FRELINGHIEN - WARNETON Sector.

(2) ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS.

Machine gun fire was encountered from U.14.d.central.

(3) ANTI - AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

Normal.

(4) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

TRENCHES and SHELL HOLES.

Air observers report that the trenches in U.5.central are in very good condition.

The sap at C.5.d.central running E. looks as though it is being extended to the road at C.5.d.8.4.

The trenches in C.11.a and b are in very good condition.

The trench running from the S.W. corner of LAUNDKY WOOD to C.11.a.8.2 looks as though it were extended to the main trench in FRELINGHIEN.

The trenches from FRELINGHIEN to U.29.d.central are in very good condition.

The trenches from U.29.d.central to DEULEMONT can be hardly distinguished.

The trenches in front of WARNETON are in good condition.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

Air observers report M.G. emplacements at U.24.a.4.7 and U.29.c.7.2.

(5) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

The enemy's machines were rather more active than usual. One enemy two-seater was brought down in flames by one of our flash reconnaissance machines.

Several other machines were seen to either fall in flames or crash but their nationality was unknown.

(6) MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION in and behind enemy's lines.

TRAINS.

1.32pm.	1	train in	WERVICQ. (Q.26.b.1.7.)		
1.34pm.	1	"	on ROUBAIX - TOURCOING	Railway going	S.
1.50pm.	1	"	HALLUIN - LINCELLES	"	S.W.
2.12pm.	1	"	TOURCOING -	"	S.E.
2.15pm.	1	"	COMINES - WERVICQ	"	E.
2.50pm.	1	"	LINCELLES - TOURCOING	"	N.E.
3.08pm.	1	"	MENIN - WERVICQ	"	S.W.
3.08pm.	1	"	HALLUIN - TOURCOING	"	S.
3.50pm.	2	"	WERVICQ.		

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FIRES.

- 1.19pm. Fire in LINCELLES.
- 1.33pm. Large fire E. of YPRES.
- 1.45pm. Fire at D.4.a.
- 3.10pm. Fire at V.Z.34.
- 4.5pm. Flares seen at P.34.d.0.3.

EXPLOSIONS.

- 1.22pm. Large explosion in LEDEGHEM.
- 1.25pm. " " " J.18.c.
- 2.05pm. Explosion in V.Z.34.
- 2.07pm. " " V.4.b.8.2.
- 2.10pm. " " V.23.a.3.8.
- 2.34pm. " " V.4.b.9.3.
- 2.34pm. " " V.5.a.3.3.
- 2.39pm. " " P.34.d.central.
- 2.55pm. 2 expxions at COMINES (V.5.a.)
- 2.58pm. Explosion at P.34.d.1.5.

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"	"	118. 0.6.b.d, 12.a.b.d, P.1.c, 7.
"	"	119. 0.24, 30.a.b.
"	"	120. U.5.d, 6.c.d, 11.b.d, 12.a.c.
"	"	121. 0.30.c.d, 36.b.d, P.25.c, 31.a.b.
"	"	122. U.17.b.d, 18, 23.b, 24.a.b.
"	"	123. 0.24.d, 30.b.d, P.19.c, 25.a.c.
"	"	124. U.6, 12.a.b, V.1.a.c.
"	"	125. 0.30.c.d, U.6, V.1.a.c.

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From 6 p.m. 24th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 25th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
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(a) Artillery. Our artillery was very active during the period. Direct hits are reported on the FERME DE LA VACHERIE (C.18.a), WARNETON TOWER, where large pieces of masonry were dislodged, and other places. Intermittent bursts of fire were directed against suspected centres of occupation. New work in U.6. d. and V.1.c. was bombarded. Many working parties were engaged with good results. Roads, tracks, and approaches were subjected to harassing fire. Yesterday a dump in LINKS WOOD (P.9.a.) was blown up by our heavy artillery.

(b) Trench Mortars. Good work was done by our trench mortars against certain occupied buildings in the forward areas, and in particular against a suspected M.G. emplacement at O.29.b.10.70, which was destroyed. Some 40 or 50 mining sets were reported thrown into the air. Excellent results were obtained in the other shoots, direct hits sending up timber, sand-bags, and brick dust into the air.

(c) Patrols. Active patrolling was carried out along the whole Corps front, very valuable information being obtained regarding the enemy's machine gun positions and posts, and the condition of No Man's Land. A working party of about 50 men was observed near LOCK 6, and parties of the enemy were seen or heard on several occasions, and in one instance engaged with rifle grenades.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been comparatively quiet during the period, the WYTSCHAETE area receiving most attention. During the afternoon the shelling increased to the normal intensity, but no heavy shelling is reported.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Wire. Ground observers report that the wire in O.35.b. has been slightly strengthened. Patrols observed the enemy laying wire at O.29.d.3.9 and reported the fact to our trench mortars. Ground observers also report new wire at J.29.b.35.35.

(b) Trenches. Ground observers report that the enemy is working at the improvement of his trenches at J.35.central and J.28.a.

(c) Posts. Patrols located a post at O.12.c.2.9 and suspect two others at about O.12.c.28.63 and 30.75. Another post was located by a patrol at O.29.d.3.9.

(d) Machine Guns. Patrols located two machine guns in the GIANT at O.12.c.28.63 and 30.75.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

Our aeroplanes have been very active to-day, bombs being dropped in the enemy's lines and rounds fired into his trenches on several occasions. Two hostile aeroplanes crossed our lines at 12.40 p.m. and were engaged by our patrols. Both crashed in the vicinity of O.23, one being in flames. Hostile aircraft have also been active over our lines to-day.

5. MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION

(a) Patrols. A small hostile patrol of 4 men was observed, at O.12.a.7.7. Another small patrol in U.18 was dispersed by Lewis gun fire.

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A. (b) Dispositions and Headquarters (from captured map).
 A secret map published by the LILLE Group gives H.Q. and Company dispositions in the SOUTHERN Regiment of the WARNETON sector in the first fortnight in January.

Four companies are shown in the front line. The support troops appear to be divided into two portions, two companies being in immediate support in WARNETON and BAS WARNETON under a H.Q. Forward Supports (1 Stellung B.T.K.) and 2 companies in the LE HALLOT line under H.Q. Supports. The Reserves (probably 4 companies) are in the LINSSELLES area. These dispositions are similar to the 6 company system which has been adopted in the Fourth German Army. Headquarters are shown as follows:

(a) Northern Regt. in DEULEMONT sector.

Regtl. Battle H.Q. (28 S.E.) V.28.b.95.70.

(b) Southern Regt. in WARNETON sector.

Regtl. Battle H.Q. (28 S.E.)	V.18.a.95.70
H.Q. Front line troops "	V.12.d.5/8 in WARNETON.
H.Q. Front line supports "	V.8.a.0/1 in BAS WARNETON.
H.Q. Rear Supports "	W.13.c.9/7 in LE HALLOT.
H.Q. Reserve Troops "	W.15.c.8/0.

(c) Reliefs of 228th R.I.R. Inter-regimental reliefs may normally be expected in the 228th R.I.R. on the nights of 28/29th January, 3rd/4th February, and 9/10th February, if the regular period of 6 days in the line is consistently adhered to.

L. H. ...
 by Brigadier-General
 General Staff, Australian Corps.

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From 6 p.m. 25th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 26th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
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(a) Artillery. Our artillery engaged traffic routes and suspected centres of activity intermittently with harassing fire. Several working parties were successfully dispersed, and hostile trench mortars silenced, gas shell being on one occasion effectively used. In anticipation of probable inter-battalion reliefs in sectors of the 2nd and 3rd Bav. R.I.R.'s, particular attention was paid to roads and tracks in P.2, 3, 7, 8, and 9.

(b) Patrols. Active patrolling was carried out along the whole Corps front. No encounters with the enemy are reported, but several working parties were heard, and machine gun positions located. Valuable information was also obtained with the regard to the state of No Man's Land, which is reported to be generally improving. In particular, the river LYS is said to have fallen 6 inches during the past 24 hours.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been comparatively inactive, very little shelling being reported, except in the neighbourhood of RIDGE FARM and the area in front of HILL 63.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Trenches. The enemy has been at work in UNCUT TRENCH, ground observers report newly turned earth at U.18.c.8.8. Work is also being continued on a new trench at O.24.c.2.4, where a party of 6 men were observed labouring by ground observers. In general a considerable amount of work is apparently in progress in the enemy's trench system and defences in the neighbourhood of KIWI FARM (O.35.c.), judging from the large amount of noise proceeding from this locality.

4. MOVEMENT

Patrol. A small hostile patrol was observed in O.35.b. and dispersed by rifle fire.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

A noticeable increase in the use of 77mm. guns is reported in the northern sector. These principally employ shrapnel and fire from a considerable range.

When a hostile plane crashed just within the enemy's lines yesterday, groups of men were observed to run towards it from ARPOY FARM, WEATHER FARM, and PIKE HOUSE. They were dispersed by our machine gun fire.

W. H. Carr

Brigadier-General
General Staff, Australian Corps.

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No. 26PART IIINFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCESA. NEW GERMAN MACHINE GUN

According to an unconfirmed report, the Germans are now carrying out trials at PADERBORN camp with a new type of light machine gun, which would appear to be giving very satisfactory results.

The calibre of this new gun is stated to be 5.5 mm. or 0.22 inches (the calibre of the existing patterns is 7.9mm. or 0.311 inches), and its rate of fire 400 rounds per minute. The gun is not water cooled and can be carried easily by one man.

Confirmation is required.

A. GERMAN ATTEMPT TO FRATERNIZE

It is reported that the enemy troops of the 199th Div. N.W. of PASSCHENDAELE showed a desire to fraternize with our infantry. On the 31st inst. a party of Germans approached our lines and made signs to our men to come out and parley. They were at once fired on and scattered.

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From 6 p.m. 26th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 27th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery maintained the usual searching and sweeping fire on the enemy's tracks and approaches, good targets being secured throughout yesterday in J.32, 33, and 27 by continuous odd movement, which probably represented local reliefs in the 363rd I.R. and 358th I.R. Gas shoots were carried out on certain buildings and road junctions in the forward zone. Several working parties were successfully dispersed, and satisfactory concentrations carried out on certain active heavy trench mortars.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were active along the whole Corps front, but did not encounter the enemy, though several working parties were located and subsequently engaged with Lewis gun fire. No Man's Land is reported to be still very wet, in particular the BASSEVILLE BREEK is still in high flood and furnishes a considerable obstacle. During the past 24 hours the LYS has fallen a further 3 to 4 feet.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

(a) The body of a man of the 8th Coy., 93rd I.R. (8th Divn.) killed in O.12.a. was recovered last night, and establishes that regiment in its normal sector.

(b) Papers taken from the body of a dead German, killed this morning at O.35.d.8.2, show that he belonged to the 3rd Coy., 226th R.I.R. (49th Res. Divn). (Normal).

3. ATTITUDE OF THE ENEMY

During the past 36 hours, two parties of the enemy approached our lines, and enabled us to secure identifications. Probably no offensive action was intended, and these parties only lost their way. Yesterday morning one party approached one of our posts in O.6.c. and were allowed to approach to within 50 yards of our post. Fire was then opened and one man killed, six others are thought to have been wounded, but escaped. This morning a party of five of the enemy got between two of our posts in O.35.d. They were fired on and all made good their escape, except one who was killed.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has again been comparatively quiet. No heavy shelling is reported, a few rounds fell on BATTLE WOOD end on the front line in O.17.c.

5. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Posts. A patrol located two posts in front of the GIANT (O.12.c.), which are protected by a strong belt of wire. Men were observed moving from one post to the other.

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6. MISCELLANEOUS

A small card, which was among the effects of the man of the 93rd I.R. killed yesterday, serves as a reminder for the current light signals. Interchangeable slips of green, yellow, and red paper are inserted opposite the respective signals, and in the present instance give the following:

Barrage	Green
Annihilating Fire	Yellow
Lengthen Range	Red.

Too great reliance must not be placed on this, however, as there is no clue to the dates or periods of change, and the slips of paper may not have been recently adjusted.

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PART II

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

A. MORAL

On the morning of the 25th Jan. the enemy in the WESTROOSEBECK sector (2nd Guard Res. Div.) was seen walking about on his parapet. He seemed disposed to be friendly, but was dispersed by rifle fire. A similar attempt to fraternize was made in the same sector by the 199th Div.

In the MENIN Road sector (214th Divn.), a British dog, which had disappeared from our lines on the 23rd inst. returned on the 24th with a German message tied to its neck. The translation of the message is as follows:

"Best wishes from your companions in misfortune.
What is the position with regard to peace?"

AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARYNo. 28From 6 p.m. 27th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 28th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was normally active during the period. Tracks, cross-roads, and bridges were subjected to irregular bursts of fire. Various active machine gun- and trench mortar emplacements were fired upon, and in most cases silenced. A gas concentration was put down yesterday morning, and again last night on the area around ESPERANCE GABARET.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols obtained valuable information regarding the enemy's forward positions, in particular in the neighbourhood of the Giant (O.12.c.). One post and several machine-gun emplacements were definitely located. The condition of No Man's Land is reported to be very poor in the southern sector, though the ground is still drying up in the neighbourhood of the river. On one occasion a hostile patrol of one officer and 7 O.R. passed quite close to one of our own patrols in J.32.b. Few working parties were seen, but one was located by a patrol in O.35.b. and subsequently fired upon by our Lewis gunners and light trench mortars.

2. IDENTIFICATION

Papers taken from the dead body of a man killed last night in P.1.a. identify the 10th Coy., 1st Bav. R.I.R. (1st Bav. Res. Divn.) in its normal sector.

3. ATTITUDE OF THE ENEMY

About 9-30 p.m. last night a patrol of 3 men approached one of our posts in P.1.a. The sentry fired on them and killed one, thereby obtaining the identification reported in para. 2. The enemy has been very inactive along the whole Corps front during the period. It is reported that at mid-day on the 26th instant two of the enemy climbed on to their parapet opposite our centre sector and made friendly signs to our men. They were engaged by our snipers and one was killed, while the other jumped back into the trench. The body was subsequently pulled back into the enemy's trench.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been comparatively quiet, except against the southernmost area of the Right Division. WYTSCHAETE and the area south of PLOEGSTEERT were the chief areas shelled.

5. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Posts. A small post was located at O.18.a.0.7, one man being on watch. It is protected by a thin belt of wire.

(b) Wire. A patrol moving from O.12.a.5.3 to O.12.c.1.8 reports that the wire in front of the enemy's posts at the GIANT is in good condition, but that elsewhere it is weak. Another patrol located a belt of wire between J.26.b.7.3 and 8.5.

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No. 286. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Our aeroplanes were very active. Bombs were dropped on various points in the enemy's forward system, and several hundred rounds fired into the enemy's trenches and other occupied positions.

Hostile aircraft have also been very active over our lines, especially during the morning.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

A diary, which was amongst the effects of the dead man of the 1st Bav. R.I.R. contains the following:

"On 12/13th (January) we went into rest until the 17th - 18th." Assuming that a five days' cycle of reliefs is in operation in this regiment, further inter-regimental reliefs may be expected on the 1/2nd and 6/7th February.

On the southern sector of our centre Division the enemy has been making greater use of his trench mortars, increased bombing being reported over O.35 and U.5.b.

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was normally active during the period. Roads and tracks were kept under harassing fire, particularly opposite our southern sector where local reliefs were anticipated. Numerous working parties were engaged and dispersed. A dump of bombs was exploded at P.3.c.0.8. During the early morning KIWI FARM and ESPERANCE CABARET were bombarded with gas shells.

(b) Patrols. Our patrols were active along the whole Corps front. Little movement was observed in the enemy's lines, though one patrol of 4 men was seen near GAME COPSE.

(c) Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were active throughout the day. Many rounds were fired into the enemy's trenches, and bombs were dropped on WARNETON and other places. 30 rounds were fired by the observer of one of our machines at a hostile aeroplane patrolling between COMINES and QUESNOY. The hostile machine went down, apparently under control, leaving a trail of smoke.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery has been on the whole comparatively inactive. No heavy shelling is reported. The chief areas shelled were HOLLEBEKE, ARAVINE WOOD, O.16 and 22, U.26, and LE BIZET.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Trenches. New work is reported by ground observers at C.5.b.85.16. It is evident from the noises proceeding from that direction that the enemy is working at night between U.11.b.78.30 and U.11.d.84.40.

Aerial observers also report new work at O.36.c.1.6, apparently a machine gun emplacement.

(b) Machine Gun Emplacement. Aerial observers located a machine gun position at U.24.a.60.15.

(c) Concrete Building. A concrete building was located by aerial observer at O.36.c.25.60.

(d) Post. Patrols located a post at J.26.d.25.60.

4. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Hostile aircraft were active over our lines between 11 a.m. and 2.15 p.m., but no low flying planes are reported.

5. MOVEMENT

Aerial observer reports activity around a dump in P.20.a.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

The increased use by the enemy of 77mm. shrapnel against our northern sector has subsided.

At 7.20 a.m. yesterday a gas alarm was heard in the enemy's line opposite the southern portion of the left sub-sector of our centre Division.

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No. 30

From 6 p.m. 29th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 30th January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERSFor Official Use Only1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery thoroughly searched and swept the enemy's approaches and centres of activity, several working parties were dispersed and a number of active trench mortars effectively engaged. Gas bombardments were carried out against certain selected points in the enemy's forward system, and thereby one trench mortar in O.35.d. was silenced.

(b) Patrols. The whole Corps front was actively patrolled last night, and a number of machine-guns thereby located. One patrol observed a German patrol of 15 men on the road at U.23.d. 20.15, which immediately ran towards MOAT FARM and passed out of sight. On account of the moonlight it was impossible to discover how the enemy crossed the LYS, but a large number of stick bombs were picked up which they had discarded in their flight.

(c) Aircraft. Our aircraft actively patrolled the enemy's lines, dropping bombs on his forward defences and firing rounds into COMINES and other centres of activity. Two combats with hostile aircraft ensued, in which the enemy were driven off.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

The identity disc taken from a dead German in O.29 shows him to have belonged to 2 Company 1 Pioneer Battalion No.4., 6th Division (Normal). It is stated that the man had probably been dead about 4 days.

The Corps on our right has identified the 131st I.R. (48nd Divn.) in the WEZ MACQUART sector.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery activity has been normal. Last night the southern portion of our left Division was subjected to heavy fire. The chief areas shelled have been forward areas generally, I.35, O.4, O.10, O.9 and O.11, and LE BIZET.

4. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

Opposite the centre and southern sectors considerable alertness prevailed, coupled in the latter case with a considerable increase in the activity of trench mortars and the increased use of flares. Great activity was displayed by the enemy's machine guns last night on our northern sector.

5. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Wire. Patrols located a narrow, semi-circular belt of wire west of the bridge-head at U.29.b.60.35. The wire in front of Rifle Farm is reported to be very high.

(b) Posts. A strong post is suspected by patrols at approximately O.29.a.8.6.

(c) Barricade. Patrols found a barricade running between PAPER HOUSE (U.29.c.35.30) and the river. It has loop-holes every three feet and commands the country southwards in the direction of WHITE FARM.

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No. 306. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Hostile aircraft has been comparatively inactive to-day. Two aeroplanes were reported over our centre sector this morning but were driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

When one of their own shells dropped near one of the enemy's posts, the latter fired 4 flares bursting into red or orange stars, whereupon the firing ceased. On another occasion, five red cluster flares fired in succession were the signal for the enemy's artillery to open fire.

At intervals throughout the night a call was heard from the enemy's lines and was answered along the whole front.

This afternoon a hostile aeroplane dropped a red paper balloon which landed near WYTSCHAETE. From this balloon descended a bundle of paper, which contained no printed or written material.

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From 6 p.m. 30th January, 1918 to 6 p.m. 31st January, 1918NOT TO BE TAKEN FURTHER FORWARD THAN
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(a) Artillery. Our artillery kept the enemy's communications, approaches, and strong points under harassing fire during the period. Cross-roads and certain bridges were also engaged. Hostile trench mortars, particularly in the neighbourhood of WARRETON and DEULEMONT, were fired upon and on five occasions effectively silenced. Several working parties were also dispersed. After our field guns had been shelling O.36.c., calls for stretcher bearers could be heard proceeding from the enemy's lines. A fire was also started in his trenches but was quickly extinguished.

(b) Patrols. Active patrolling was carried out along the whole Corps front, and excellent information was obtained regarding the enemy's forward systems of defence. Several working parties and active machine guns were located. The condition of No Man's Land was carefully examined. In particular it is reported that the ground between WHITE FARM at G.5.a.15.65 and the Brickfields (G.4.b.70.50) is in good condition, though between the brickfields and the river the ground is practically impassable.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Owing to the poor visibility to-day hostile artillery has been comparatively inactive. Very little shelling is reported, except on the forward areas in the northern sector of the Corps front. At about 4 a.m. this morning, the enemy is reported to have put about 20 shells among his own posts at O.12.a.8.8.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

(a) Posts. Amongst the ruins of WAI FARM a new position was found by one of our patrols. It was made of concrete blocks 4'6" high with three sides 5' x 5', the open end facing the enemy's lines. It is of quite recent construction and still intact.

(b) Wire. Patrols examined the wire in O.C.c. and found it to be a two aproned fence. The wire in the vicinity of O.35.d. 9.9 was reported to be sagging and damaged.

(c) Barbed. Aerial observers report a working party in J.27.a. and what appears to be new earth thrown up from a trench near BERRY COTTIS (J.27.a.central). (Army Summary)

4. MOVEMENT

Patrols. A hostile patrol of about 25 men was noticed by one of our patrols when in O.23.g. Another patrol was seen in O.29.a. and fired on by one of our posts. A small patrol of 4 men was also seen opposite our centre sector and dispersed by Lewis gun fire. A similar party of 4 men was seen J.25.b.65.15.

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No. 51PART IIINFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

A. It has been suspected that a re-organization of hostile divisions in line opposite the centre of the Army Front was in progress. The movement evidently started on January 9th by the 8th Div. taking over a regimental sector from the 1st Cav. Res. Div. N. of the COMINES Canal.

It has been continued by each division in turn North of the Canal, until one sector (the former MOORSLEDE sector) has been eliminated by the 31st Div. taking over part of the sector N.E. of POLYGON WOOD and the whole of the MOORSLEDE sector. There are thus now only 13 divisions in line opposite the Army Front. The number of divisions in reserve is now either 15 or 16 as far as is known.