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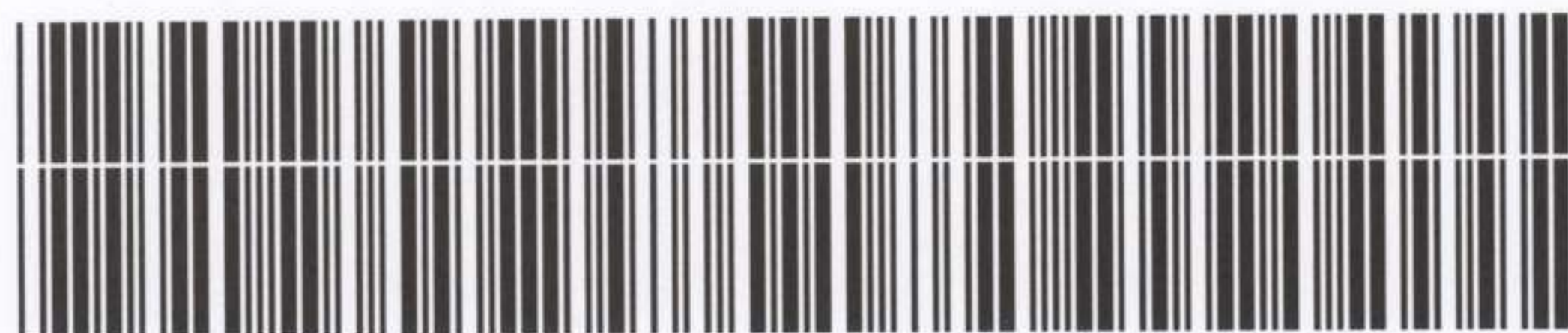
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| STEIN- WERCK. | 1st. | 5.30. | <p>Morning report. Situation normal. Wind W.S.W. A hostile battery at I.12.b.85.70. (S. of LA FRESNELLE) was shelled by us during the night. Our 18-pdrs. silenced a minenwerfer at I.5.d.5.4. (N.E. of SPARROW'S NEST). Our Snipers of Right Section, 11th Bde. front, claim 1 hit. Patrols active. No enemy were encountered. Many guns were fairly quiet. A few rounds of H.E. fell in Left Section, and near FOCHABER DUMP. Machine Guns carried out usual programme.</p> | <p><i>Appx 8</i> Int. Summ. No. 57.</p> |
| | | 5.35. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind West, 10 m.p.h. Weather - Cloudy, with showers. Temperature about 52 deg.</p> | |
| | 2nd. | | <p>Our artillery fired on enemy tramways and traffic routes throughout the night.</p> | <p><i>Appx. 8.</i> Int. Summ. No. 58.</p> |
| | | 5.47. | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind westerly - variable - 15 m.p.h. Hostile working parties I.6.c. (S. of INTACT FARM) and C.29.c. (near BOX FARM) were dispersed by our fire. Our Howitzers bombarded an enemy battery position at I.12.b.8.8. (S. of LA FRESNELLE) causing 2 explosions, presumably ammunition. A Minenwerfer position at C.23.c.95.60. near LES 4 HALLOTS FARM was definitely located and destroyed. Another Minenwerfer S. of FRELINGHEM was silenced. Our machine guns carried out usual indirect fire programme. Our Patrols in NO MAN'S LAND were active, and located working parties who were dispersed by Artillery and M.G. fire. Hostile artillery active against our front and support lines and communication trenches. HOUPLINES was shelled.</p> | |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | Jany. | | | |
| | 2nd. | 5.30. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.W. During morning enemy shelled Right Bde. with 5.9 inch, 4.2 inch, and 77 mm. shells.</p> <p>Temperature day 52. Night 48. Cloudy with mist and drizzle.</p> | |
| | 3rd | 5.15. | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind N.W. Variable 15 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our 18-pdrs. fired on enemy tramline I.6.c.6.4. and dispersed working party at I.11.a.6.7. (E. of PORT EGAL FARM).</p> <p>A mine Trench Mortar opposite PEAR TREE FARM was silenced. Hostile parties walking along the road near L'AVENTURE were dispersed, casualties being inflicted.</p> <p>Our Howitzers damaged enemy's trenches opposite L'EPINETTE Salient, parapet being breached in several places, timber and duck boards being thrown into the air.</p> <p>Our L.T.M's. did much damage to enemy's parapet and destroyed a sniper's post.</p> <p>Our snipers definitely claim a hit on a working party at I.17.a.4.6.</p> <p>Hostile artillery very active. Several lachrymatory shells fell in HOUPLINES -Tissage Dump.</p> <p><u>Reliefs.</u> 39th Bn. relieved 37th Bn. (A Bn.) 40th Bn. relieved 38th Bn. (B.Bn.). 37th Bn. now C. and 38th now D. Bn.</p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summ. No. 39.</p> |
| | | 5.40. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind West, 10.m.p.h.</p> | |
| | 6. 0. | <p>Under cover of heavy bombardment an enemy raiding party of about 60 attempted to enter our trenches in the vicinity of HOBBS FARM held by 40th Bn. The raid was repulsed. The enemy reaching but failing to enter our line. One dead German was found and brought in from our wire. Identification normal. Eight rifles and 6 bags of enemy grenades were also brought in.</p> <p>Weather. Overcast with rain and drizzle. Squally. Temperature low.</p> | | |
| 4th | 5.30. | <p>Morning Report. Situation now normal. Wind N.W. An enemy raiding party of 60 attempted</p> | | |

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| | | | <p>to enter our trenches last evening near HOBBS FARM. Was repulsed and failed to enter. Left 1 dead German, 8 rifles, 6 bags of grenades in our wire.</p> <p>Our Trench Mortars fired on enemy front line system. Our 18-pdrs. shelled suspected Minnie position at I.17.a.3.4. and destroyed an M.G. emplacement opposite PONT BALLOT.</p> <p>Our L.T.M's. fired with effect on enemy's wire and parapet N.W. of HOBBS FARM, and dispersed working parties.</p> <p>Patrols were hindered by bright moonlight.</p> <p>Enemy searchlights were active.</p> <p>Hostile artillery was active and accurate. 4.7. and 7.7 c.m. shells falling in our lines.</p> | <p>Appx.8. Int. Summy. No.40.</p> |
| | | 5.20. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.W. Variable. 10 m.p.h. Enemy shelled right section this afternoon about 3 o'clock with shrapnel and H.E.</p> <p>Weather. Bright but showery. Temperature 45 deg. day. 35 deg. night.</p> | |
| 5th | | 5.45. | <p>Morning report. Situation normal. Wind W. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our artillery bombarded enemy front line system between I.5.b.18.33 and I.5.b.20.45. doing considerable damage.</p> <p>A hostile working party was dispersed at I.12.a.95.00.</p> <p>Medium Trench Mortars cut wire at C.29.a.45.27.</p> <p>Our Snipers were very active and claim 7 hits.</p> <p>NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night.</p> <p>Enemy wiring parties were dispersed with M.G. and Lewis Gun fire.</p> <p>Enemy's artillery was quieter than usual, though numerous shells of all calibre fell in our lines. A large proportion of enemy shells were blind.</p> | <p>Appx.8. Int. Summy. No.41.</p> |
| | | 5.25. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind West. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Weather. Cloudy with rain at intervals. Temperature day 40 deg. night 30 deg.</p> | |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | Jany. 6th | 5.45. | <p>Our artillery fired on enemy's roads and approaches during night.</p> <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind S. 10 m.p.h. Our 18-pdrs. bombarded with effect enemy's front line at I.5.b., I.5.d. and C.17.c. Medium Trench Mortars cut wire. Minenwerfer fire South of LES 4 HALLOTS FARM was silenced. Machine Guns carried out usual indirect fire. Our patrols were active, reporting working parties who were dispersed by L.G. fire. Enemy's guns less active than usual, but his Trench Mortars were busy damaging our trenches. Our snipers claim 2 hits.</p> <p>5.25. Evening Report. Situation normal. Enemy retaliated to our artillery fire. Only slight damage suffered. Enemy fired 6 shells in vicinity of HOUPLINES. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Weather. Cloudy and showery. Day temperature 38 deg. Night 32 deg.</p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summ. No. 42.</p> |
| | 7th | 5.40. | <p>Morning Report. Conditions normal. Wind S.W. 3 m.p.h. Enemy 'plane reported over right centre Bn. at 2.15 a.m. Our artillery shelled enemy front line and communication trenches opposite GD. PORT EGAL FM. Our howitzers got a direct hit on a hostile M.G. emplacement. Trench Mortars cut wire at several points and damaged a cook house and M.G. emplacement. Snipers claim a hit opposite PIGGOTT'S FARM, and another opposite SPARROWS NEST. Our patrols were active locating enemy working parties, and dispersing them with L.G. fire. One patrol found a German flag opposite L'EPINETTE. The flag was 20 yds. from enemy parapet attached to a pole, to which were strings of 3 stick hand grenades tied. The flag was removed from the pole and brought in. German hand grenades were found opposite HOBBS FARM.</p> <p><i>Divisional Order no 12 issued.</i></p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summ. No. 43.</p> <p><i>Appx 9</i></p> |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | Jany. | 5.15. | Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 3 m.p.h. | |
| | | 6. 0. | Our Artillery fired on enemy tramlines, roads and tracks at intervals between 6.0 p.m. and midnight. Weather. Squally with fair intervals. Temperature about 40 deg. dropping to 35 deg. Colder. | |
| | | 8th 5.40. | Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind S.W. 12 m.p.h. Our ¹⁹ pdrs. fired at a steam engine pumping at I.5.d.30.75. in enemy's lines causing it to stop working immediately. Enemy support trenches in I.12.a. b & c. were shelled with effect, several direct hits being observed, and the parapet breached. Our howitzers effectively silenced an active enemy battery at J.17.a.0.7. and shelled enemy billets at J.1.a. causing a great deal of commotion, men being seen to run in all directions. Casualties were inflicted on a party of enemy on road at B.13.a.28.30. L.T.Ms. fired with effect on enemy trenches. M.Gs. carried out usual programme. Enemy shelled SQUARE FARM and LA CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES, a considerable amount of damage being done. Enemy also shelled front and subsidiary line. | Appx.8. Int. Summy. No.44. |
| | 5.15. | Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind West. 10 m.p.h. Weather cloudy, with sleet, some frost. Temperature 35 deg. | | |
| | 9th | 5.50. | Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind E. 5 m.p.h. Our guns bombarded enemy trenches in C.23 and I.5. and I.7. | Appx.8. Int. Summy. No.45. |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | Jany. | | <p>18-pdrs. dispersed working parties N.W. of FARM DU CHASTEL, near BRUNE RUE, S. of ST. ANTOINE, and N. of PERENCHIES.</p> <p>Machine guns dispersed working party opposite PORT EGAL FARM and carried out indirect fire. L.T.Ms. bombarded enemy's line with good effect.</p> <p>Our patrols were active. 2 special bombs attached to a trip wire were found opposite L'EPINETTE arranged so that a slight strain would cause an explosion. The device was destroyed.</p> <p>Enemy reported busy on his defences. Enemy shelled HOUPLINES and I.10.</p> <p>5.20. Evening report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 10 m.p.h. Slight retaliation to our T.M. shoot. We raided the enemy trenches successfully at C.23.c.9.3. S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS. The enemy fled when we entered his trenches. About 12 of them were killed, and a M.G. destroyed. Our casualties were light. Identification normal. 23rd Bavarians.</p> <p>Reliefs. 37th and 38th Bns. relieved 39th and 40th Bns. as A & B Bns. 40th Bn. C. Bn. 39th D Bn.</p> <p>Weather. Cloudy with rain and sleet.</p> <p>10th 6.0. Morning Report. Situation Normal. Wind N.E. 10 m.p.h. Our artillery fire was directed on to enemy dugouts N.E. of PONT BALLOT and West of SPARROWS NEST, the latter being completely destroyed. Howitzers shelled Trench Mortar emplacements East of PIGGOTS FARM, and at SPARROWS NEST, and an active hostile battery N. of ST. ANTOINE. Our machine guns were active throughout the night. Lewis guns fired on enemy working parties. A number of enemy shells fell in HOUPLINES. A hostile aeroplane dropped 10 green and 7 red lights whereupon enemy's artillery opened fire on our trenches.</p> <p>Reliefs. 43rd and 44th Bns. relieved 41st and 42nd Bns. as A & B Bns. 42nd becoming C. Bn and 41st D Bn.</p> <p>3.30. Enemy heavily shelled our front and support lines in the right section.</p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summary. No. 46.</p> |

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| STEBN- WERCK. | Jany. | 5.20. | <p>Evening Report. Wind N.E. 6 m.p.h. Situation quiet.</p> <p>Wind S.E. to S. 20 m.p.h. Squally. Overcast. Snow and rain. Temperature about 35 deg.</p> | |
| | 11th | 5.30. | <p>Morning Report. In reply to our bombardment at 6.0 p.m. enemy retaliated with shrapnel and minenwerfer, and 5.9 H.E. Mainly against support line. Enemy trenches entered and found unoccupied. Situation normal. Wind S. to S.W. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>L.T.Ms. bombarded enemy's trenches in I.17.a., I.5.d., C.17.a., and C.17.d. with effect</p> <p>Lewis guns engaged hostile working parties.</p> <p>Our patrols were active during the night, locating a large enemy working party which was dispersed by artillery.</p> <p>Our snipers claim 3 hits.</p> <p>A few 77 shells fell in CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES and HOUPLINES.</p> <p>Enemy battery positions S.E. of LA HOULETTE and N.E. of LE TEMPLE and transport on the road at C.23.a. and C.30.a. were fired on by our artillery in the afternoon.</p> | Appx. 8. Int. Summy. No. 47. |
| | | 5.14. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind South to South-West. 9 m.p.h.</p> <p>Wind W. to N.W. 20 m.p.h. Cloudy with some rain. Temperature about 35 deg.</p> | |
| | 12th | 5.35. | <p>Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Enemy trenches in I.5.c. and d. and I.11.a. were bombarded by our artillery. Our artillery dispersed working parties.</p> <p>Our M.T.Ms. cut wire south-west of LES 4 HALLOTS.</p> <p>Our L.T.Ms. caused considerable damage to enemy front line trenches.</p> <p>Patrol activity was hindered by the bright moon and the snow.</p> <p>Our Snipers claim to have hit 4 Germans, and broken three enemy periscopes.</p> <p>A number of 77 mm. shells fell in L'EPINETTE Salient and in CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES.</p> <p>Gas was to have been discharged along our front, but operation postponed on a/c of no wind.</p> | Appx. 8. Int. Summy. No. 48. |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | 13th | 5.20 | Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind West, 6 m.p.h. Wind. N.W. 20 m.p.h. Overcast and cold with some snow. Temperature 30 to 35 degrees. | |
| | | 5.45 | Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind south-west. Variable. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy front line in I.5.b. and d. damaging his parapet considerably. Minenwerfer emplacements also effectively shelled. Medium T.Ms. supported by 18-pdrs. and hows. cut wire and damaged enemy parapet and trenches. Machine guns carried out indirect fire. Lewis Guns dispersed working parties. A raiding party from the left section, left sub-section were prevented from entering enemy's trenches N.E. of HOBBS FARM by thick wire in the BORROWS ditch and on enemy's parapet. Enemy artillery retaliated for our T.M. shoots with 77 mm. and minenwerfer shells. | Appx. 8. Int. Summary. No. 49. |
| | | 5.35 | Evening Report. Enemy retaliated slightly for our artillery shoot at 1.45 p.m. Situation normal. Wind West. 7.m.p.h. | |
| | | 8.9. | Our front line in C.17.xx was bombarded with minenwerfer, shrapnel and asphyxiating shells. The enemy frequently bombed his own wire throughout the night. Wind Westerly. Snow showers. Cloudy. Frosty at night. Temp. 35 deg. Divisional Order No. 13 issued. | App. 9. |
| 14th | 5.30. | Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind S.W. Variable. 4 m.p.h. Our artillery silenced a minenwerfer at LES 4 HALLOTS FARM. Our L.T.Ms. bombarded enemy's front line. Our Lewis Guns dispersed working parties N.W. of SPARROWS NEST, West of LES 4 HALLOTS, opposite PORTE EGAL FARM and S. of BOX FARM. Enemy's artillery was very quiet through ^{out} day. Hostile Machine guns and snipers inactive. Reliefs. 39th and 40th Bns. relieved 37th and 38th Bns. as A and B Bns. 37th becoming D. Bn. and 38th C. Bn. Gas was to have been discharged from our front, but operation postponed on a/c of unfavorable wind. | Appx. 8 Int. Summary No. 50. 50 | |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | 15th | 5.30. | <p>Evening Report. Situation quiet. Light hostile artillery activity on our artillery. Wind W. 5 m.p.h. During night enemy sent up many Very lights and bombed his own wire. Weather. Cold. Frosty. Some show showers. Temp. 32 deg.</p> | |
| | | 5.30. | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind E. 3 m.p.h. Our artillery effectively bombarded enemy's trenches in I.17.a. and I.11.a. and on mine-thrower positions. Our T.Ms. cut wire and 18-pdrs. dispersed working parties. Our snipers claim a hit in right section of left sub-section. Our patrols were active. One patrol took a Lewis Gun to within 40 yds. of a hostile working party, and opened fire. 4 of the enemy were seen to fall. Rest fled. Our patrol withdrew under heavy fire without any casualties. A few 10.5 c.m. shells fell in CHAPELLED d'ARMENTIERES. Our trenches were also shelled intermittently. General Staff Circular No. 27A issued.</p> | <p>Appx.8. Int. Summary. No.51.</p> |
| | | 5.28. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Our Trench Mortars damaged enemy parapet. Slight retaliation to our artillery shoot. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Weather misty and foggy. Sharp frost. Temperature under 39 deg.</p> | <p>Appx.10.</p> |
| 16th | 5.30. | <p>Situation normal. Wind N.E. 4 m.p.h. Our artillery bombarded enemy's front line west of BRUNE RUE, and also fired on roads and tramways, and dispersed working parties. A direct hit was obtained on a suspected observation post. Our Medium T.Ms. cut wire west of LES 4 HALLOTS FARM. Our Light T.Ms. bombarded enemy's trenches. Our snipers claim 2 hits. Hostile artillery fire was heavier than usual, and included 10.5 and 77 c.m. shells. Our Lewis Guns dispersed working parties during the night opposite EDMEADS FARM. 5 of the enemy were seen to fall.</p> | <p>Appx.8. Int. Summary. No.52.</p> | |

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| STEEN-WERCK | 17th | | Reliefs. 1 Section per Battery 8th F.A.Bde. 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. moved into the line during the night of 16/17th. | |
| | | 5.30. | Evening Report. Situation Normal. Wind E.N.E. 5 m.p.h. Weather. Some snow fall. Frosty. Temp. at night about 30 deg. | |
| | 5.30. | Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy rear communications. Medium T.Ms. cut enemy wire. Our L.T.Ms. dispersed a hostile working party near BOX FARM causing much damage to his trenches. Our snipers claim to have hit one German. Hostile artillery fired on front support and communication trenches in the Right Section. Enemy fired rifle grenades frequently. | Appx. 8. Int. Summary No. 53. | |
| | | Reliefs 41st and 42nd Bns. relieved 43rd and 44th Bns. as A & B Bns. 43rd Bn. becoming C Bn and 44th D Bn. L'EPINETTE Sector. | | |
| 18th | 5.20. | Evening report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Weather. Cloudy and overcast. Some snow. Cold generally. Temperature about 32 deg. 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery relieving the Artillery of the left sector artillery, vide 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery Op. Order No. 1 of 15-1-17. | | |
| | 5.30. | Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 4 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy trenches and rear communications. Our Medium T.Ms. cut wire opposite CHICKEN RUN and PEAR TREE FARM Machine Guns carried out usual indirect fire. Our snipers claim 2 hits. Hostile shelling was light and did little damage. Reliefs. 3rd Aust. D.A.C. took over dumps. Trench Mortar Dump, Artillery Dump, Grenade and Bomb Dump. Weather Cloudy but improved later. Generally colder. Temp. about 28 deg. at night. | Appx. 8. Int. Summary. No. 54. | |

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| STEEN-WERCK | Jany. | | | |
| | 19th | 5.45 | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind S.E. 3 m.p.h. Our artillery retaliated for hostile shelling, directing fire on enemy's rear communications. Our 18-pdrs. dispersed a working party opposite L'EPINETTE. M.Gs. and Lewis Guns fired on and dispersed working parties. Our patrols were active throughout the night. Our snipers claim 2 hits. Hostile artillery shelled our front and support lines during day. Reliefs Infantry. 9th Inf. Bde. completed relief of 10th Inf. Bde. in HOUPLINES sector, Brig-Gen. JOBSON taking over command. 35th & 36th Bns. 35th & 36th Bns. becoming A & B Bns. 33rd and 34th C & D Bns. respectively.</p> | Appx. 8. Int. Summy. No. 55. |
| | | 5.15. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Reliefs Artillery. Brig-Gen. GRIMWADE took over command of the Left Sector Artillery from Lieut-Col. THOMPSON, R.A.</p> <p>Weather. Cloudy. Keen frost. Temperature colder, about 26 deg. by day, and dropping to 15 deg. at night.</p> | |
| 20th | 5.45. | <p>Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy's rear communications. Our M.T.Ms. cut wire and bombarded enemy front line in I.11.a. Lewis Guns dispersed hostile working parties. Enemy heavily shelled our front and support line in I.5.10 and 11 and caused considerable damage to communication tranches.</p> | Appx. 8. Int. Summy. No. 561 | |
| | 5.27. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Weather. Dry keen frost. Temperature below freezing point.</p> | | |

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| STEEN-WERCK | 21st | 5.35 | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy communication trenches, roads & tramways and trench mortars cut wire and bombarded his parapet. Machine Guns carried out usual indirect fire. Lewis Guns dispersed working parties. Hostile artillery very active along front. Shells also fell in HOUPLINES and CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES. Enemy machine guns also were active; also his searchlights. Our snipers claim 4 hits. 9th Field Co., relieved 10th Field Co., in HOUPLINES Sector.</p> | Appx. 8. Int. Summy. No. 57. |
| | | 5.20. | <p>Evening Report. Situation quiet. Wind N.E. 3 m.p.h. Hostile artillery retaliated heavily for our trench mortar shoot which cut lanes in his wire.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Weather. Fine, but very cold. Freezing all day. Temperature at night under 20 deg.</p> | |
| | 22nd | 5.30. | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind E. to N.E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on a large hostile working party opposite PEAR TREE FARM inflicting casualties and dispersing them. Machine and Lewis Guns carried out indirect fire and dispersed working parties. Our snipers claim 3 hits.</p> | Appx. 8. Int. Summy. No. 58. |
| | | 2.0. | <p>A heavy bombardment of our trenches in C.16.17, 22 and 23 commenced and continued all afternoon, guns of all calibre being used. Our guns retaliated.</p> | |
| | | 5.30. | <p>Evening Report. <u>Right Bde.</u> Enemy artillery retaliated slightly to our bombardment of his front line, communication trenches, and support line at I.5. and I.11. at 12 noon.</p> | |
| | | | <p><u>Left Bde.</u> Northern section subjected to considerable hostile bombardment from 2.10 p.m. up to time of reporting. Gas shells used by enemy and large amount of minenwerfer fire.</p> | |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | Jany. | | <p>Communications cut between Battalion and Company Headquarters. S.O.S. signal sent up from trenches in C.17.c. and a., and 40 of the enemy seen surmounting their parapet. Present situation. hostile barrage extending to Right Battalion of left section. Our artillery S.O.S. organization in operation. Wind E.N.E.</p> <p>Weather. Very dry cold weather. Very hard frost all day. Temp. down to 10 deg. at night.</p> | |
| | 23rd | 5.30. | <p>Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our artillery retaliated during day for enemy shelling, and also dispersed working parties S.E. of INTACT FARM, S.E. of PEAR TREE FARM, and opposite PIGGOTTS FARM.</p> <p>Our artillery exploded hostile Trench Mortar ammunition at C.17.a.4.5.</p> <p>Machine and Lewis Guns carried out usual programme.</p> <p>Our snipers claim 5 hits.</p> <p>Our patrols active but hampered by frozen ground and snow.</p> <p>Enemy shelled HOUPLINES and CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES.</p> <p>Hostile aeroplanes were active over our line trying to locate our batteries.</p> <p>Hostile searchlights were active during night.</p> | Appx.8. Int. Summary. No.59. |
| | | 5.20. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Slight enemy artillery activity on right section. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Weather. Cold and hard frost. Fine. Temperature at night 10 deg.</p> | |
| | 24th | 5.45. | <p>Morning Report. Situation quiet during night. Wind E.N.E. 8 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our artillery fired in retaliation for enemy's shelling, and dispersed working parties.</p> <p>Our Trench Mortars cut wire.</p> <p>Machine and Lewis Guns carried out usual firing.</p> <p>Patrolling is now difficult, as patrols show up against white ground, so white shirts were tried with good results.</p> <p>Enemy artillery generally active. Mostly against subsidiary line.</p> <p>Reliefs. 43rd and 44th Bns. relieved 41st and 42nd Bns. as A & B Bns. 41st becoming C. Bn and 42nd Bn. D. Bn. L'EPINETTE Sector. 33rd and 34th Bns. relieved 35th and 36th Bns. as A & B</p> <p>Enemy very active on work in his defences.</p> | Appx.8. Int. Summary No.60. |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | Jan'y | | Bns., 35th Bn. becoming C. Bn. and 36th Bn. D. Bn. HOUPLINES Sector. | |
| | | 5.25 | Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind E.N.E. 10 m.p.h. Hostile aeroplanes active during day. Weather. Fine and dry but freezing all day and at night down to 15 deg. | |
| | 25th | 5.20. | Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind N.E. 8 m.p.h. Our artillery carried out retaliation fire. 18-pdrs. dispersed working parties. Trench Mortars fired on wire and enemy saps. Hostile intermittent shelling against our front line and outskirts of ARMENTIERES. Hostile aeroplanes were active. The enemy fired numerous rifle grenades into our trenches. | Appx.8. Int. Summ No.61. |
| | | 5.35. | Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. Variable. 8 m.p.h. Slight enemy shelling during day. Weather. Fine but very cold. Hard frost. Temperature dropping to 15 or 20 at night. | |
| | 26th | 5.40. | Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery retaliated for hostile artillery and minenwerfer fire. Trench Mortars cut wire. Lewis Guns dispersed hostile working parties during the night. Our patrols were active. Hostile artillery active on our front and support lines. Enemy is putting in a considerable amount of work in his defences generally. Enemy aircraft active. Artillery, with aeroplane observation registered IRISH and EDMEDS AVENUES. Divisional Order No. 14 issued, for relief of 103rd Infantry Bde. by 10th Inf. Bde. | Appx.8. Int. Summ No.62. Appx.11. |
| | | 5.25. | Evening Report. Situation quiet. Enemy bombarded left sub-section intermittently during day with H.E., shrapnel, light T.Ms. and rifle grenades. Enemy registered between IRISH AVENUE and EDMEDS FARM. No damage. Our artillery retaliated. Wind N.E. 6 m.p.h. | |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | 27th | 5.35. | <p>weather. Bright with hard frost. Very cold but dry. Temp. at night down to 20 deg.</p> <p>Morning Report. Situation quiet. Wind E. 5 m.p.h. Relief of 103rd Bde. by 10th Bn. complete. Our artillery retaliated for hostile shelling and dispersed a working party E. of PEAR TREE FARM, and fired on traffic in back area.</p> <p>Trench Mortars cut wire.</p> <p>Machine guns carried out indirect fire.</p> <p>Lewis Guns broke up hostile working parties.</p> <p>Our snipers claim 1 hit.</p> <p>Our patrols were active throughout the night.</p> <p>Hostile artillery fire intermittent against our trenches generally.</p> <p>Hostile aeroplanes were active but were driven back by our A.A. defence.</p> <p>Enemy generally busy on his defences.</p> <p>10th Inf. Bde. relieved the 103rd Inf. Bde. in the RUE DU BOIS Sector, 39th & 40th Bns. becoming A & B, 38th Bn. C Bn. and 37th Bn. D Bn. Reliefs were expeditiously carried out at short notice during night of 26th/27th.</p> <p>10th Field Co., relieved 209th Field Co., R.E. at same time.</p> <p>Brig-General McNicoll assumed Command at 4.0 a.m.</p> <p>Divisional Order No.15 issued.</p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summary. No. 63.</p> |
| | | 5.30. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind E.N.E. 15 m.p.h. Enemy intermittently bombarded front during the day. Several hostile aeroplanes appeared above left and centre sections. Enemy shelling died down on appearance of our aeroplanes about noon.</p> <p>Weather. Cold and dry. Freezing all day. Frost continues. Night temp. down to about 15 deg.</p> | |
| | 28th | 6.0. | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 15 m.p.h.</p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summary. No. 64.</p> |
| | | 5.30. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Intermittent hostile shelling on whole front. RUE FLEURIE heavily shelled during morning. Wind E.N.E. 15 m.p.h.</p> <p>A raid was carried out on enemy trenches on the night of 28th/29th by a composite party from 4 Battalions. 9 dugouts were bombed, all containing Germans. Dugouts were demolished. 30 enemy estimated xxxx killed. 1 Prisoner wounded 2 places and arm broken. Was brought back.</p> | |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | 29th | 5.45. | <p>Since dead. Identification normal. Weather. Cold still continues. Freezing all day. Night temp. about 15 deg.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Morning Report. Raiding Party 10th Bde. entered enemy's trenches last night about C.29.a. penetrated third line, depth over 200 yds. One wounded prisoner brought back. Identification normal. Our right and left parties held up by wire. Right Party came under heavy M.G. fire and had casualties. 3 German dugouts blown up by detachment demolition party. One of these held 8 of the enemy. Another dugout containing enemy burnt with P. bombs. 20 of enemy reliably reported killed by raiders. Raiders report enemy fled before them. Hostile communication trenches badly damaged by our artillery. Our raiders had to advance over land. Raiders report enemy front line held. Second practically empty. Third line practically destroyed by our artillery fire. Situation now normal. Wind E.N.E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery less active. Poor visibility. Trench Mortars cut wire. Lewis Guns dispersed working parties and fired on gaps. Our snipers claim 2 hits. Hostile shelling intermittent over our front, and on HOUPLINES and ARMENTIERES. Enemy working parties doing considerable amount of work. Hostile aeroplanes active. 2 bombs dropped on ARMENTIERES. <u>Reliefs.</u> 41st and 42nd Bns. relieved 43rd and 44th Bns. as A & B Bns., 40th Bn. becoming C Bn. and 44th Bn. D Bn. L'EPINETTE Sector.</p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summ. No. 65. Report of Raid Appx. 13.</p> |
| | | | <p>5.15.</p> <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Our Trench Mortar shoots effective. Slight enemy retaliation. Between 2.0 and 3.0 p.m. enemy landed 80 shells in subsidiary line in vicinity of WINE AVENUE.</p> <p>Weather. Fair and frosty. Still very cold, dropping to 20 deg. or less at night.</p> | |
| <p>30th</p> <p>5.45.</p> <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 4 m.p.h. Artillery bombarded enemy's front and support lines effectively. Trench Mortars cut wire. Lewis Guns dispersed working parties.</p> | <p>Appx. 8. Int. Summ. No. 66.</p> | | | |

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| STEEN-WERCK. | Jany. | | <p>Lewis Guns dispersed working parties.</p> <p>Patrolling was difficult owing to the snow and bright moonlight. A patrol spotted a large enemy working party N. of SPARROWS NEST. A Lewis Gun was brought up and fired on it, dispersing it. Another patrol reached hostile wire, when it was detected and withdrew under heavy fire, and no casualties.</p> <p>Hostile shelling throughout day.</p> <p>One of our shells appeared to hit a hostile house. A great explosion was caused and much debris thrown up.</p> <p><i>Circular as to move of D.N.R. issued.</i></p> | |
| | | 5.20. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Our artillery bombarded enemy lines in I.5.b. and I.11.a. Slight retaliation. Wind N.E. 10 m.p.h.</p> <p>Weather. Somewhat cloudy. Frost continues. Temperature about 20 deg. at night.</p> | App. 14. |
| | | 31st. 5.30. | <p>Morning Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our artillery provided covering fire for T.M. shoots for cutting wire.</p> <p>Lewis Guns dispersed working parties and fired on gaps.</p> <p>Our snipers claim 5 hits.</p> <p>Enemy's artillery fairly quiet.</p> <p>A Raiding Party from right section was prevented by wire and strong hostile resistance from entering German trenches in I.21.c. (East of MANAGER'S HOUSE.).</p> <p>General Staff Circular No. 31A issued.</p> <p><u>Reliefs.</u> 35th & 36th Bns. relieved 33rd and 34th Bns. as A & B Bns. 33rd Bn. becoming C Bn. and 34th Bn. D. Bn. HOURLINES Sector. "X" Bn. composite Bn. made of remains of 37th & 38th Bns. and 2 Coys. from 11th Bde. relieved 39th Bn. as A Bn.</p> | Appx. 3. Int. Summ No. 67. |
| | | 5.30. | <p>Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind Easterly 6 m.p.h.</p> <p>Weather. Dry and bright but very cold. Day temperature about 35 deg. At night down to 20 deg.</p> | |

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 37. January 1st. 1917.(from 6 a.m. December 31st. 1916 to 6 a.m. January 1st. 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY. Enemy tramways and traffic roads were fired on during the night of 30th. ult.

Howitzers and 18-Pdrs. caused considerable damage to enemy trenches at CHICKEN RUN (C.17.a)

A working party was dispersed and the screen damaged. J on screen at C.30.a.15.65

Our Howitzers successfully engaged a hostile T.M. at O.17.b.15.20 (DEBRIS FARM), and silenced a Minenwerfer in I.11.c.

Portions of enemy trenches were enfiladed by R.H.A. during the day.

LIGHT TRENCH Our L.T.M's successfully directed fire on I.11.a.60.45 (HOBBS FARM) (PORT EGALE FM.), I.5.a.65.45 and I.5.a.75.30 (opposite EPINETTE).MACHINE GUNS. M.G's. carried out indirect fire on roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's line.

L.G's. fired on enemy working parties reported by our patrols.

PATROLS. Simultaneous patrols operated on the whole of our front during the night. A special report with reference to their action is being submitted.Other patrols reported "all quiet". "Very" lights were used to a great extent, ^{many} being fired with a low trajectory.

One patrol reports that an enemy M.G. in C.23.c was actively used, and moved backwards and frontwards along a front of about 60 yards.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Trench Mortar enplacements are suspected at I.5.b.5.6 and I.5.b.45.85 (both positions S. of BRUNE RUE)?

Working parties were observed at C.17.a.05.05 (E. of HOBBS FARM), C.17.d.5.2. (N.E. of HOBBS FARM) and C.3.d.40.55 (S. of HALF THATCHED COTTAGE).

Timber has been stacked at C.23.d.1.9 and C.23.d.30.95 (LES 4 HALLOTS FARM)

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINE Observers report having seen a number of small parties of the enemy in rear of the German line. At 9.45.a.m. two men were observed at I.17.c.6.4, moving in the direction of WEZ MACQUART.

At 10.10 a.m. nine men were seen on the road at PROMESQUES. (I.24.b.4.0). Four of the party carried poles, three shovels and the remaining two (both of whom were in greatcoats) walked in rear.

Small parties of the enemy were also noticed at I.6.a.35.95 (S. of BRUNE RUE) and C.29.c.95.45 (BRUNE RUE).

A hooded motor car resembling an ambulance was observed at J.1.c.6.6 (LA PREVOIE).

IDENTIFICATIONS. A German wearing a grey cap with a blue band was observed opposite the Left Section, Right Sub-section.MISCELLANEOUS. Searchlights, in addition to a number of flares, were extensively used by the enemy.

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ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

Enemy's Artillery showed activity during the day, firing on PORT EGALE FARM, and the trenches in the vicinity.

OUR ARTILLERY.

A hostile battery located in houses at I.12.c.25.70. was engaged by our howitzers with excellent results, the fourth round causing a heavy explosion, followed by several minor explosions.

A 77 mm. enemy battery was located at J.7.c.4.6. (N.W. PERENCHIES) firing on L'EPINETTE and the heavy artillery informed.

Another hostile battery was observed to fire from approximately J.13.d.5.0. (S. of PERENCHIES)

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ARTILLERY. A hostile battery at I.12.b.85.70 (S. of LA FRESNELLE) was shelled by us during the night. Our 18-Pdrs. silenced a Minenwerfer at I.5.d.5.4 (N.W. of SPARROWS NEST).

MACHINE GUNS. The usual programme of indirect fire was carried out, roads and ^{traminet} in rear of the enemy line being fired on intermittently throughout the night.

SNIPERS. One hit is claimed by the Right section, Right Sub-section

PATROLS. A number of patrols from both sections of the Divisional front report NO MAN'S LAND to be very wet and muddy. None of the enemy were encountered, but hostile machine guns and rifles were particularly active, searching NO MAN'S LAND from time to time.

A patrol from Left Section, Left Sub-section, heard sounds of hammering and of timber being moved and stacked in the vicinity of BREAKWATER SALIENT.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy guns were fairly quiet during the day, fire being restricted to a few rounds of H.E. directed against the front line in the Left Section, and the vicinity of FACHABER DUMP in the Right Section

MACHINE GUNS. The usual night activity was maintained by enemy machine guns, one of which was silenced by a Lewis Gun of the Right Section, Right Sub-section.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at the following points:- C.29.c.5.7 (S.W. of COX FARM), C.23.b.35.15 (N. of COX FARM), C.17.d.40.85 (S. of HALF THATCHED COTTAGE), I.11.c.60.80 (S.E. PT. PORTE EGAL FM), I.11.a.6.6 (E. of GD. PORTE EGAL FM.), I.11.e.4.3 (E. of GD. PORTE EGAL FM.) and I.11.c.4.2 (MUSHROOM).

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINE.

At 10.45 a.m. a motor car was seen at D.8.c.8.7, moving in the direction of QUESNOY.

At 11.40 a.m. ^{eight} men walked into a small clump of trees in C.29.b (E. of PONT BALLOT). Smoke later issued from this point, which was engaged by our Artillery.

Smoke was observed to rise from a building at C.23.d.8.1 (S.E. of LES 4 HALLOTS).

SEARCHLIGHTS. Beams were observed at 63°, 70°, 88°, 110°, 140°, and 155°, T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.

MISCELLANEOUS. A new flare used by the enemy opposite the Left Section, Right Sub-section, burned with a bright white light.

A blue and white flare fired by the enemy was followed by bursts of M.G. fire from several points in the German line.

IDENTIFICATIONS Members of an enemy working party at I.11.a.6.6. (RAILWAY SALIENT) wore caps as follows:- One man, khaki peaked cap, two men dark colored hoods and capes (combined), one man cap with red band and a white, blue and white cockade. Identification normal.

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for Major. G.S.
for G.O.C. Third Australian Division.

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ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired on enemy tramways and traffic roads at intervals throughout the night.

Hostile working parties in I.6.c (S. of INTACT FARM) and C.29.c. (near BOX FARM) were dispersed by our fire.

Howitzers bombarded an enemy battery position at I.12.b.8.8 (S. of LA FRESNELLE), causing two explosions (presumably ammunition).

A Minenwerfer position at C.23.c.95.60 (near LES 4 HALLOTS FM.) was definitely located and destroyed; and a Minenwerfer at C.17.b.1.5 (S. of FRELINGHEIM) was silenced.

LIGHT TRENCH L.T.M's. enfiladed a sap, and successfully fired on enemy wire
MORTARS. and trenches opposite the Left Section.

MACHINE GUNS. The usual programme of indirect fire was carried out during the night, attention being given to the enemy's subsidiary line at I.18.b.05.25 and to trenches I.12.d.95.65 to I.12.d.90.52 (near HALT).

The following targets were also engaged:-

C.10.b.6.4 (house near LE TOUQUET), C.11.c.4.9 (Bridge over River LYS near DYE WORKS) C.30.c.95.95 (cross roads L'AVENTURE) and communication trenches in the vicinity of FME DU CHASTEL.

The road between LE TOUQUET & LA HOULETTE was traversed and enemy tramlines searched by our fire.

PATROLS. Patrols report the presence of a strong enemy working party at I.11.a.6.4 (RAILWAY SALIENT), which was at once fired on and dispersed by our Artillery.

All patrols report increased activity of M.G's. and rifles. Searchlights, flares and grenades were freely used, and this fact, combined with the brightness of the night, considerably hampered the movements of our patrols.

Sounds of iron being struck were heard south of LES HALLOTS FM., and as of pile driving from the vicinity of CHICKEN RUN.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile artillery displayed greater activity than usual. Most of the fire was directed against front and support lines and communication trenches from the front to the subsidiary line.

Several enemy shells also fell in HOUPLINES.

5.9, 4.2 and 77mm. shrapnel, minenwerfer and T.M. shells were used by the enemy, many failing to explode. The percentage of blind shells was greater than those from guns of smaller calibre, 18 out of 23 in one instance not exploding.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns were inactive during the day, but at night brought a considerable amount of fire to bear on our communication trenches and the subsidiary line.

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ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed as under:-

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| 2 men | C.29.d.45.20 (N. of BRUNE RUE). |
| 5 men digging | C.29.d.3.3 " " " " |
| 4 men | C.17.d.4.6. (S. of HALF THATCHED COTTAGE). |
| 4 men building up Parade front line trench. | C.23.b.75.05. (N. LES 4 HALLOTS FM.). |
| 2 men | C.23.b.30.05. " " " " |
| 6 men carrying timber. | C.23.d.10.95. W. " " " |
| 3 men carrying duck- boards. | C.23.e.9.5. S.W. " " " |
| | C.23.d.85.29. S.E. " " " |
| 10 men | C.24.e.65.45 (S. of LES OURSINS FM.) |
| digging and baling water | C.29.e.55.65. (W. of BOX FARM). |

Enemy working parties were unusually active repairing trenches etc., damaged by our recent artillery operations.

MOVEMENT IN

ENEMY'S LINES. At 9.10 a.m. a motor wagon stopped at the cross roads C.18.d.6.5. (N.E. FME. DU CHASTEL). At 11.10 a.m. a man placed white flags at intervals of 50 yds., along a communication trench from C.17.d.75.70. to C.17.d.45.75 (S. of HALF THATCHED COTTAGE).

During the morning an unusual amount of movement was noticeable along enemy's second line trench from C.17.a. to C.23.d. opposite the left section, left sub-section.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 3.0 p.m. 3 aeroplanes (unidentified) passed over our lines dropping five silver lights and flying West. At 1.0 p.m. an enemy machine flew over our lines from South to North at a low altitude.

a number of "VERY" lights and searchlights continue to be used by the enemy.

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FORECAST. Noon to noon wind West 25 to 30 m.p.h. increasing to 35 or 40 m.p.h. Mainly overcast with mist and drizzle but a short fairer interval likely. Mild. Temperature day 52 degrees, night 48 degrees.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 40....4th, January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 3rd. January to 6 a.m. 4th. January 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our 18-Pdrs. fired on enemy tramline at I.6.c.6.4 and dispersed a working party at I.11.a.6.7 (E. of PORT EGALE FM.).

A Trench Mortar at I.17.a.30.55 (opposite PEAR TREE FM) was silenced, and fire directed on to several parties of the enemy walking along road C.30.a.3.4 - C.30.a.5.1. (near L'AVENTURE), casualties being inflicted.

Enemy trenches opposite L'EPINETTE SALIENT were badly damaged by our Howitzer fire, the front line parapet being breached in many places, and a considerable quantity of timber, duck-boards etc. thrown into the air.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS. L.T.M's. enfiladed the enemy's parapet at C.25.c.9.3 (S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS), doing considerable damage and obtaining a direct hit on a sniper's post near by.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Guns fired on roads and tramways in rear of the enemy's line. Vickers Gun opened fire in response to the "S.O.S." signal. Lewis Guns covered our wiring parties and fired on gaps in the enemy wire during the night.

ENEMY RAID. Under cover of a heavy bombardment, an enemy raiding party numbering about 60 attempted to enter our trenches in the vicinity of HOBBS FARM. The attack was repulsed, the enemy failing to enter our line. One dead German was brought in from our wire. Identification normal.

PATROLS. Patrols report that the condition of NO MAN'S LAND is improving, the ground opposite the Left Section now drying up. Hostile rifle fire was constant during the night.

SNIPERS. A sniper in the Right Section, Right Sub-section, definitely claims to have hit a member of a working party at I.17.a.4.6.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Hostile artillery displayed great activity during the day, many shells of various types falling in our lines. 4.2, 7.7, and 10.5 cm. shells, aerial torpedoes and minenwerfer projectiles were fired by the enemy. Several lachrymatory shells fell in the vicinity of HOUPLINZ and TISSAGE DUMP.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at the following points:-
C.17.b.2.0 (HALF THATCHED COTTAGE), I.17.a.4.6 (opp. PEAR TREE FARM).
I.11.c.6.8 (N.E. MUSHROOM), I.6.c.4.6 (N. of RETALIATION FARM), C.17.a.6.2 (W. of DEBRIS FM), C.29.c.55.75 (N.W. of BOX FARM), C.29.d.40.15 (N. of BRUNE RUE), C.23.b.3.0 (N. of LES 4 HALLOTS) and C.18.c.25.70 (N.E. of FME. DU CHASTEL).

MOVEMENT IN

ENEMY'S LINES. A two-wheeled cart and horse at C.1.c.9.2 (N.E. of FME. DU VERQUIN) During the day a number of men could be seen in rear of the enemy's position, apparently doing nothing. Steam driven engines were observed on LOMME-PERENCHIES road moving too rapidly for tractors, probably a light railway in the vicinity.

P.T.O.

MISCELLANEOUS. About a minute before the enemy barrage ceased last night, a loud whistle blast was distinctly heard in the enemy front line and as the barrage was finishing four rockets were fired by the enemy from his front line in the direction of his support line.

E. R. Dibbs

for Major. G.S.
for A.O.C. Third Australian Division.

FORPCAST. Noon to noon. Wind west, 25 to 35 m.p.h. changing to N.W. and decreasing later. Overcast with rain or drizzle. Then squally showers of rain or hail with fair bright interval. Cooler.
Note. Brighter, cooler weather likely for a day or two.

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Our Trench Mortars fired on enemy front line system in I.5.b.c & d. and I.11.a.

A suspected Minenwerfer emplacement at I.17.a.3.4 was engaged by our 18-Pdrs. which also fired on and destroyed a machine gun emplacement at C.29.a.7.2. (opposite PONT BALLOT).

The Left Group responded to "S.O.S." call on the evening of the 3rd.; the Artillery of the Division on our left and Heavy Artillery also being called on.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

Enemy wire and parapets at C.17.c.9.5 (N.W. of HOBBS FARM) were fired on with effect.

A number of points opposite the Right Section were also engaged, and working parties at I.11.c.6.8 (S.E. PORT EGALÉ FM.) and I.17.c.4.8 (N.W. of WEZ MACQUART) dispersed.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns carried out indirect fire against a number of points in rear of the enemy's line.

PATROLS.

Patrols were hampered by the bright moonlight.

Enemy continues to bomb his own wire.

A rifle and six bags of enemy grenades were found opposite HOBBS FARM (making a total of eight rifles left behind by hostile raiding party on 3rd. inst.)

A gap in enemy's wire at I.5.c.65.15 (S. of EPINETTE) was explored by one of our patrols as far as the borrow ditch, which was found to be strongly wired. The patrol was fired on and bombs were thrown from this point - casualties nil.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Working parties were observed at the following points:-

C.29.c.4.9 (S. PONT BALLOT), C.29.a.35.15 (N. PONT BALLOT), C.29.c.5.7 (PONT BALLOT), C.29.c.45.85. (S. PONT BALLOT), D.19.d.3.2 (N.E. LE FALOT) and I.12.c.85.75 (near HALT).

Dark colored sandbags were used to repair enemy parapet at C.17.a.2.4.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINE.

Small parties of the enemy were seen at at C.29.d.2.4 (N.E. of BOX FARM), C.29.d.3.5 (E. of BOX FARM), and C.29.d.15.20 (S. of BOX FARM); the last mentioned consisting of three men (one carrying a rifle, another an object like a Lewis Gun and the third a large telescope).

Movement was also observed at C.30.c.1.1 (N. of BRUNE RUE) and C.29.d.2.2 (N.W. of BRUNE RUE).

New wire is visible between I.17.a.4.6 and I.17.a.4.8 (opposite PEAR TREE FARM).

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Activity was shown by hostile guns during the day, a number of 4.7 and 7.7 cm. shells falling at points in rear of our line. Enemy's fire was very accurate.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A number of white flares were fired by the enemy.

Searchlights were again used with frequency, the following True Bearings from C.27.a.3.7 (CHERRY BLOSSOM) being noted:- 85°, 110° and 150°

E. H. Gibbs Lieut.

for Major. G.S.

for G.O.C. Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon wind N.W. 15 to 20 m.p.h. changing to W. and decreasing temporarily. Later increasing from S.W. Mainly bright but hail or rain showers probable. Temp. 40 to 45 in the day. 35 at night.

7 THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 42.....January 6th. 1917.(from 6 a.m. 5th. January to 6 a.m. 6th. January, 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Enemy front line system was bombarded between points I.5.b.18.33 and I.5.b.20.45, causing considerable damage to the enemy trenches.

A hostile working party at I.12.a.95.00 was dispersed. Wire was cut by M.T.M's. at C.29.a.45.27, covering fire being provided by Howitzers and 18-Pdrs.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.M's. fired on several points in I.11.a & c during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns operated as usual against roads and tramlines in rear of the enemy's line.

SNIPERS.

One hit is claimed by the Right Section, Right Sub-section, four hits by the Left Section, Right Sub-section, and two hits by the Left Section, Left Sub-section. Total seven.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. The enemy was busily engaged in repairing wire in several localities. One wiring party S. of MUSHROOM was dispersed by our Artillery, and two others opposite the Left Section by Lewis Guns. Additional bombs and a coil of tape (which had evidently been left behind by the ^{hostile} raiders on the 3rd.) were found opposite HOBBS FM. Enemy Machine Guns and rifles were particularly quiet, and "Very" lights only occasionally used during the night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery was quieter than usual. 5.9 shrapnel, 10.5 cm., 7.7 cm. Minenwerfer and T.M. shells fell in our lines. A large number of blind shells were reported.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at D.19.d.3.2 (N.E. LE PALOT) and C.29.a.5.4 (opposite PONT BALLOT).

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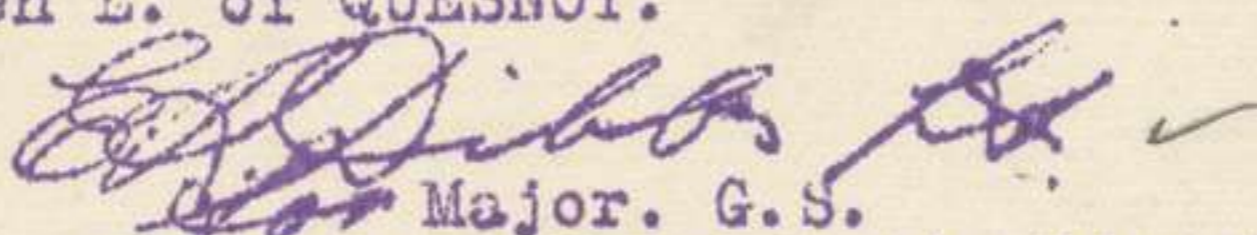
ENEMY'S LINES. Movement was observed as follows:- 9.30 a.m. I.17.a.3.5 (opposite PEAR TREE FARM) 15 men leaving front line; 10a.m. 4 men leaving the front line. The first party consisted of men dressed in grey tunics, wearing steel helmets. The latter party wore grey tunics and soft brown caps with red bands.

Much smoke was seen coming from building at D.19.b.5.8 (S.E. LA HOULETTE), wheeled and pedestrian traffic was observed through the day on road D.1.d.20.15 to D.1.c.2.4. (N.E. FME. DU GDE VERQUIN) Horse transport was also seen at 2 p.m. on road near C.12.c.3.4. (E. of FRELINGHIEN).

Gun flashes were seen at I.24.c.5.1. & I.24.a.8.2 (near PREMESQUE), and smoke was noticed to rise from I.12.b.6.5 (S. of LA FRESNELLE) and I.12 c 85,60 (near HALT)

At I.12.c.95.55 (near HALT) four Germans were observed, doubling in single file.

MISCELLANEOUS. An enemy observation balloon ascended 8° 10' Right of LOMME CHURCH - observed from I.2.b.05.75. (near FM. DE JARDINS). Another balloon was seen E. of QUESNOY.



Major. G.S.
for G.O.C. Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon wind West or N.W. 15 to 20m.p.h. but light at night. Cloudy with rain or hail at times. Some bright intervals. Cool. Slight frost and mist at night. Temp. day 40° night 30°.

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Enemy front line in I.5.b, I.5.d and C.17.c was bombarded with effect by our 18-pdrs., and good results obtained from wire cutting at I.5.b.15.35 (opposite L'EPINETTE) and C.17.c.75.95 (W. of HALF THATCHED COTTAGE) by Medium Trench Mortars.

Minenwerfer at C.23.d.1.4 (S. of LES 4 HALLOTS) and C.17.b.15.20 (DEBRIS FM.) were silenced by our fire.

Enemy roads and approaches were fired on after dark.

LIGHT TRENCH.

L.T.M's. cut wire at points in I.5 & 11.

MORTARS.MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was carried out against roads and communication trenches in rear of the German line.

Direct fire was used against gaps in the enemy's wire opposite the EPINETTE SALIENT.

Lewis Guns were used against hostile machine guns and working parties.

PATROLS.

Activity was maintained by our patrols throughout the night. Enemy rifle fire was reported active, but no sign of hostile patrols was seen. A working party near the MUSHROOM was dispersed by L.G. fire. Bright moonlight hampered the movements of our patrols.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's guns were less active than usual, a few 77mm. shells falling in I.5.a & c (L'EPINETTE) and in C.17.c (N. of BOBBS FM.)

ENEMY DEFENCES.

At I.5.b.45.75 three men worked at a structure in the form of a triangle, about 7' high. Water was bailed in a large bucket, which appeared to be hauled up by means of the triangle.

Working parties were also observed at C.23.c.8.7 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS), C.29.c.7.5 (W. of BOX FARM) and at C.23.c.8.7 (BREAKWATER).

MOVEMENT INENEMY LINE.

At 1.50 p.m. a white horse was seen through trees at D.19.b.70.75 (S.E. of LA HOULETTE), drawing a heavy load which appeared to consist of boxes 3' x 2' x 1½'. The horse and load passed from view at red brick house at D.19.b.9.8. Six trips were made during the afternoon, the horse appearing to pull trucks along a tramway.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

One German wearing a brown cap and brown uniform was observed opposite PORTE REGAL FARM.

A working party at C.23.c.8.7 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS) wore tight-fitting blue-grey tunics and round peaked caps. A man, who appeared to be in charge of the party, wore a peaked cap with white band and brass badge.

ENEMY MORALE.

Singing was heard in enemy trenches opposite the Right Section.

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MISCELLANEOUS. At 8 a.m. enemy fired a number of "Very" lights from trenches opposite BOX FARM. Fifty "Very" lights were also fired during the morning from opposite the Left Section, Right Sub-section.

At 11.15 a.m. a pigeon was seen to fly from the direction of ARMENTIERES towards the enemy's line.

At 10.30 a.m. white star rockets sent up opposite PONT BALLOT were immediately followed by artillery fire. At 12 noon, similar rockets from opposite the Left Section, Left Sub-section, were answered by fire from 10.5 cm. guns near D.7.central (E. of FM. DU GD. VERQUIN).

SNIPING.
section.

Two hits are claimed by the Left Section, Right Sub-

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Major. C.C.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind West 10 a.m.h. changing to South and increasing gradually to 30 or 40 a.m.h. Veering again to S.W. or West later. Showers with fair intervals. Then probably overcast and wet. Cold, becoming milder to-morrow. Temperature, to-day 38, to-night 32, to-morrow 45.

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Our Artillery fired at enemy's tramlines, roads and tracks at intervals between 6 p.m. and midnight. Fire was directed on to enemy front line and communication trenches in I.5.b & d and at I.11.b.O.8 (opposite GD. FORT. SEAL FM.) A direct hit on a hostile M.G. emplacement was scored by our Howitzers.

Trench mortars cut wire at several points in the enemy's line, damaging in addition a cook-house and M.G. emplacement.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns fired as usual on roads, tramways, etc. in rear of the German line. Communication trenches in C.30. c & d, and a dump at C.23.d.85.10 (S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS) were also subject to indirect fire.

SNIPERS.

One hit is claimed at I.17.a.2.6 (opposite FIGOTTS FM.), another at I.5.c.65.00 (W. of SPARROWS NEST), a communication trench being clearly visible for a distance of 10 yards at the latter point.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night. A hostile working party north of the MUSHROOM was located by a patrol and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

One patrol reconnoitred a point opposite L'EPINETTE from which a German flag was flying. The flag, which was 20 yards from the enemy's parapet, was attached to a pole to which were tied the strings of three stick hand-grenades. The grenades were firmly placed in the clay, so the strings were cut and the flag removed from the pole.

Enemy's wire at C.29.a.85.90 (S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS) was found to be very thick and arranged on iron knife rests. The wire at this point, although damaged, still makes a formidable obstacle. This part of the enemy's line does not seem to be strongly held.

Additional grenades, apparently left behind by recent hostile raiding party, were found opposite HOBBS PARK.

Patrols report that enemy working parties appeared to be busy at a number of points opposite the Divisional front, repairing damage to wire and parapet caused by our recent bombardments.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Our trenches in L'EPINETTE SALIENT, I.5.a, I.5.c and in squares C.28 & 29 were shelled by the enemy, very little damage being done.

MACHINE GUNS.

Slightly increased activity by M.G.'s. was noticed during the night.

~~SEE~~ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at C.25.c.6.8 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS) and at I.5.d.2.6 (opposite L'EPINETTE), both parties being dispersed by L.G. fire.

The enemy used explosives in his own trenches, apparently to clear earth from them after our bombardment.

MOVEMENT INENEMY'S LINE.

Several men were seen in a communication trench at I.17.a. 2.6 (S. of CHICKEN RUN).

P.T.O.

IDENTIFICATION. One German was seen opposite PORTE EGAL PW. wearing a brown uniform and cap with polished badge and buttons.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 4 a.m. a hostile aeroplane flew in the direction of ARMENTIERES, and returned at 4.20 a.m. dropping a white flag when over the Right Section, Left Sub-section.

E. Phillips
for Major G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon wind west 30 to 40 m.p.h. changing to N.W. and perhaps later to N. Probably some heavy squalls. Rain or hail at first with fair intervals of good visibility. Risk of snow later. Becoming cold again, Temperature 40 decreasing to 35. Barometer this morning at H.S.L. 29.02 in. unsteady. At 500 feet 28.48 in.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 45...January 9th. 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 8th. January to 6 a.m. 9th. January, 1917.)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our 18-pdrs. fired at a Steam Engine pumping at I.5.d.30.75 (in the enemy's line), causing it to immediately stop working.

Enemy support trenches in I.12.a,b & c were shelled with effect, several direct hits being obtained and the parapet breached, a Trench Mortar emplacement at I.5.d.35.40 was fired on by 18-pdrs.

Howitzers effectively silenced an active enemy battery at J.17.a.0.7 and shelled enemy billets at J.1.a.0.0 causing a great deal of commotion, men being noticed to run in all directions.

A direct hit was scored on suspected O.P. at C.11.c.8.0. Casualties were inflicted on a party of the enemy observed on road at E.13.a.28.80.

Fire was directed on to a hostile battery position at D.25.b.25.46.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS. L.T.M.'s. operated against enemy trenches in I.5.d and I.11.a with good results.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns carried out the usual programme of indirect fire against roads, tramways and dumps in rear of the enemy's line. A hostile L.C. situated opposite L'EPINETTE was silenced by our fire.

PATROLS. Patrols worked in front of our line throughout the night. Enemy working parties were active at several points opposite our front.

Sounds of a train in rear of RAILWAY SALIENT were heard by one patrol.

Gaps in the enemy's wire were found at I.5.c.65.00 and I.5.b.18.45 (N.E. of L'EPINETTE), the width of each being 10' and 30' respectively.

Wire opposite the Left Section was ascertained to be in good condition except at C.29.c.40.05(N. SALIENT PONT BALLOT), where a gap was located.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. SQUARE FARM in LA CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES was shelled during the morning, a considerable amount of damage being done.

Several portions of the subsidiary line and the front line at C.17.1,2,4 & 6 received attention from hostile guns.

ENEMY SNIPERS. Inactive.

ENEMY PATROLS. None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES. New green sandbags are visible at several points which have recently been repaired.

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MOVEMENT IN at 7.20 a.m. a locomotive was observed near QUESNOY, and
BEHIND LINE. was later seen moving in the direction of LILLE.
 Considerable movement was noticed at J.1.a.9.0 (S.E. of
 LE TEMPLE), a number of men carrying buckets and bags.
 A man wearing a white coat walked along a road at C.8.b.4.7
 or D.8.b.1.6 (S. of LA FORGETTE) waggons all drawn by grey
 horses were observed.
 An ambulance waggon flying the Red Cross flag passed along
 road at C.18.a.3.9. (N.E. FM. DE LA VACHERIE)
 Other movements were observed as follows:-
 at D.13.a.28.50 (LA HOULETTE) small parties of men wearing white sheepskin
 coats; at I.5.a.3.2 (S. of L'EPINETTE) a German officer in trench; a
 motor transport waggon at J.1.d.4.5. moving in the direction of PERENCHIES.
 Near PERENCHIES a steam engine (probably a tractor) and in
 square C.18 near FM. DE LA VACHERIE a motor waggon.

MISCELLANEOUS. Searchlights were less active than usual.

at 7.5 p.m. two red lights were sent up opposite BOX FARM,
 one of which burst into two stars.

A single blue asteroid rocket was also fired at 11 p.m.
 and a similar red one at 1 a.m.

E. J. D. Roberts

Lieut.

for Major G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon wind N. increasing to 30 or 40 m.p.h. and squally.
 Mainly overcast with sleet or snow at times. Cold, pro-
 bably becoming frosty. Fair visibility. Temp. 35. Note. N. or N.W.
 winds. Cold weather likely to last for some days. Probably mainly
 dull and unpleasant.

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Our Trench Mortars cut wire at C.23.c.9.3 (S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS), I.5.b.15.46 (E.W. of BRUNE RUE) and I.17.a.22.70 (opposite PEAR TREE FARM).

18-pdrs. dispersed hostile working parties at C.18.c.5.6 (N.W. FM. DU CHASTEL), I.5.b. (near BRUNE RUE), J.7.c.80.45 (S. of ST. ANTOINE) and J.8.c.0.2 (N. of PERENCHIES); firing also at parties of the enemy on a road from C.11.d.80.45 (S. of FRELINGHILM) to C.12.c.80.05 (N. of FM. DE LA VACHERIE).

Enemy trenches in squares C & I⁵ were bombarded by our guns. 23. 4.17

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns dispersed an enemy working party at I.11.a.8.4. (opposite PORTE EGAL FM.)

Indirect fire was carried out on roads and communication trenches in rear of the German line.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.M.'s. fired on C.23.b.1.7 (S.E. of LES 4 HALLOTS) and on SALIENT opposite PONT BALLOT with good effect.

RAID.

The enemy trenches were successfully raided last night at C.23.c.9.3 (S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS).

Although the enemy ran when we entered the trenches, about 12 of them were killed and a machine gun destroyed.

Normal identification (23rd. Bavarian) was established. Our casualties were light.

PATROLS.

Patrols, although hindered by the bright moonlight, approached the enemy's wire at several points.

One patrol located a sally point in German wire at I.5.b.18.45 (opposite L'EPINETTE). At this place the borrow ditch was found to be 14' in width and about 4' in depth. The ditch, which contains water, is 8' across at water level.

A working party opposite PONT BALLOT, on information being received from a patrol, was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Additional grenades and a German cap (without badge) were found opposite HOBBS FARM.

Our own wire was examined and reported on by our patrols during the night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Hostile guns fired a few rounds into HOUPLINES and trenches in I.10.

Enemy T.M. positions are suspected at I.5.d.2.3 (S.W. of L'EPINETTE), I.5.d.45.50 (S.W. of L'EPINETTE) and I.11.b.80.40 (E. of PORTE EGAL FM.).

A 77 mm. battery position is suspected at J.13.c.8.7 (N.E. of PONT DE SENAMONT).

MACHINE GUNS.

A.M.G. fired intermittently throughout the night from N. of RAILWAY SALIENT.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at RAILWAY SALIENT and in four places in the angle opposite L'EPINETTE SALIENT.

P.T.O.

MOVEMENT IN
ENEMY'S LINE.

Movement opposite the Divisional front was observed as follows:-

REPORTED BY ARTILLERY O.P.'s.

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| During the day. | Men passing. | I.5.c.7.1. |
| 7 a.m. | Heavy traffic from PERENCHIES. | |
| 9.30 a.m. | Engine pumping. | I.5.d.2.5 (N. SPARROWS NES) |
| 10.10 a.m. | Four men carrying timber. | I.12.c.10.60 (S. of HALT) |
| 1.35 p.m. | Nine men on road. | J.7.d.8.5 (N. of PERENCHIES) |
| 1.10 p.m. | Four men wearing great-coats. | I.24.b.4.0 (PROMESQUES) |
| 1.15 p.m. | Eight men in trench. | I.11.a.8.7 (op. PT. EGAL FM.) |
| 1.55 p.m. | Men passing. | I.12.d.0.7 (HALT). |

REPORTED BY LEFT SECTION O.P.

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| 8.30 a.m. | Ten men in trench. | C.29.a.35.10 |
| 8.45 a.m. | A white motor-car carrying five men wearing light grey coats. | C.18.d.40.85 (N.E. of FM. DU CHASTEL). |

MISCELLANEOUS. Two spherical bombs, attached to a trip wire, were found at I.5.b.18.45 (opposite L'EPINETTE), and arranged so that a slight strain on the wire would cause an explosion. The device was destroyed.

A searchlight is suspected at about I.17.d.10.85. Two red rockets were fired by the enemy opposite trench I.5.5. (N. of L'EPINETTE).

On several occasions it was noticed that flares were fired to cover the flash of an enemy T.M. firing during the night.

A dog in the enemy's line near WILLOW DITCH barked on the approach of one of our patrols, upon which the enemy threw bombs into his own wire.

E.A. Dibbs

Lieut.

for Major G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon, wind N.E. of N. 20 m.p.h. decreasing at night. Changing to N.W. and W. and increasing considerably to-morrow. Cloudy, with rain or sleet at times. Brighter, with frost and mist at night. Unsettled and probably wet again to-morrow. Indifferent visibility, Temperature - 30 tonight 30 to-morrow.

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Our Artillery supported a raid on enemy trenches opposite the Left Section at 6.15 p.m. on 9th. inst. Fire was directed on to enemy dug-outs in C.29.a.95.80 (N.E. PONT BALLOT) and I.5.c.6.0 (W. of SPARROWS NEST), the latter being completely destroyed.

Working parties at C.17.b.25.30 (DEBRIS FARM), J.7.d.3.2 (S.E. of ST. ANTOINE) and I.11.c.6.8 (N.E. of LA HONGRIE FM.) were fired on by 18-pdrs.

Howitzers shelled enemy T.M. emplacements at I.11.c.80.25 (E. of PIGOTTS FARM), and I.3.d.05.10 (SPARROWS NEST).

A number of troops ^{observed} moving behind bushes at C.23.b.7.7 (E. of EDMEDS FARM) were fired on and seen to run in all directions.

An active hostile battery at J.7.a.6.5 (N. of ST. ANTOINE) was shelled by our Howitzers.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.M's. operated effectively against a number of points in the enemy's line.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire.

Searchlights in rear of the RAILWAY SALIENT and in I.5.c. were engaged with effect.

Lewis Guns fired on enemy wire and dispersed several hostile working parties.

PATROLS.

Patrols from the Left Section reported considerable rifle and machine gun activity was shown by the enemy during the night. The enemy frequently bombed his own wire.

The same activity was shown opposite the Right Section during the raid, but after our bombardment had ceased, this section of the line became quiet.

RAID.

The enemy trenches were raided last night at I.5.c.65.00 (N. of RAILWAY SALIENT) with Artillery co-operation. The raiders found the enemy trench deserted although it had evidently been in good repair prior to our bombardment. No casualties were inflicted upon the enemy.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

A number of shells fell in HOURLINES during the day. At 3.30 p.m. the enemy heavily shelled our front and support lines in the Right Section.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at:- C.29.d.85.90 (N. of BRUNE RUE) and C.17.d.5.4 (N.E. of HOBBS FARM).

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE.

9.50 a.m. { C.12.b.6.3 (on road from) Waggon drawn by a
FM. DU GD. VERQUIN) pair of grey horses.
C.1 . . . (LA CROIX) White horse in
AU BOIS) plough.
D.20.d.45.45

8.4 a.m. { C.18.b.25.85 (N.E. FM.) Motor car.
DE LA VACHERIE.)

At 6.15 a.m. noise as of a locomotive and trucks being shunted was heard opposite PONT BALLOT.

At 7.30 a.m. a train was heard whistling in rear of enemy's line opposite the Left Section.

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AIRCRAFT.

A hostile aeroplane dropped ten green and seven red lights, upon which the enemy's artillery opened fire. Two hostile 'planes circled over the enemy's line opposite L'EPINETTE, and dropped the following:-
 White paper resembling a bag - Pieces of white and silver paper
 Red papers like bags - A smoke bomb.

MISCELLANEOUS. When our artillery placed a barrage on enemy trenches opposite the Right Section, a green asteroid rocket, which burst into three stars, was fired by the enemy.

At 7.50 a.m. a pigeon flew from the German line (opposite PONT BALLOT) in the direction of ARMENTIERES.

J. H. F. T. ...

Major. G.S.
 Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon, wind S.E. or S. 20 to 30 m.p.h. Squally
 Probably changing to N.W. or N. later. Overcast, with
 snow and rain. Cold, but temperature rising. Visibility poor,
 becoming fair. Temperature 35, increasing to 40.

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Our Artillery covered a raid on enemy trenches on the 10th. instant.

Working parties at C.23.c.9.4 (S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS) and I.11.c.6.8 (S.E. of PORTE EGAL) were dispersed by 18-pdrs. Fire was also directed on to Minenwerfer positions at C.17.a.95.65 (N.W. of STEP FARM) and D.25.c.8.7 (N.E. of LE TEMPLE). Hostile battery positions at D.13.c.85.80 (S.E. of LA HOULETTE) and D.25.c.8.7 (N.E. of LE TEMPLE), also transport on road at C.23.d. and C.30.a. were fired on during the afternoon. Wire cutting at C.17.c.75.95 (E? of HALF THATCHED COTTAGE) was carried out by T.M.'s.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.M.'s. fired with effect on enemy trenches in I.17.a, I.5.d, C.17.a and C.17.d.

MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was carried out against roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's line.

Lewis Guns engaged hostile working parties at I.11.c.40.50 (MUSHROOM), and I.11.a.55.75 (opposite GDE. PORTE EGAL FM)

PATROLS.

Patrols reported NO MAN'S LAND to be very wet and muddy.

One patrol located an enemy listening post, the two occupants of which disappeared in the direction of the enemy's line. Hostile Machine Guns were active, while enemy frequently bombed his own wire.

A patrol from the Right Section, Right Sub-section, ascertained the positions of four enemy sentries, there being an interval of three bags between each sentry.

A large enemy working party was detected at I.11.c.4.5 (opposite MUSHROOM). The Artillery on receipt of the information dispersed the party.

A gap 10 feet in width was found at I.5.b.15.40 (N.E. of L'EPINETTE) and a machine gun located at the same place. Four men at this point threw into the borrow ditch what appeared to be coils of wire.

SNIPERS.

Our snipers claim three hits.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

A few 77 mm. shells were fired into HOUPLINES and CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES. Communication trenches in

the Right Section were searched with shrapnel during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy M.G.'s. were quiet during the day, but active at night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at C.17.a.6.2 (S. of CHICKEN RUN), I.11.c.4.5 (N. of MUSHROOM), I.11.a.55.75 (opposite GDE. PORTE EGAL FM.) and I.5.c.65.00 (N.E. of GDE. PORTE EGAL FM.)

MOVEMENT INENEMY'S LINE.

Smoke emanated from C.17.a.12.65 (THE BREWERY) and C.23.d.3.9 (N. of LES 4 HALLOTS FM)

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MISCELLANEOUS. Trains and transport waggons were heard in rear of the German line opposite the Left Section, also bugle calls in the vicinity of LES 4 HALLOTS FARM.

Dummy figures are being made use of, by the enemy in an endeavour to draw fire from our snipers and so locate their position

FLASHES.- 116 and 127 deg. T.B. from BRENTWOOD.
 79 deg. T.B. from CHERGY BLOSSOM - flash to report, 12".
 88 deg. T.B. from TAIHAPE - flashes seen from LA FRESNELLE.

ROCKETS. Green rocket seen 110 deg. T.B. from BRENTWOOD, at 6.18p.m. and 6.25 p.m.

SEARCHLIGHTS. 114° 30', 126° , 117°, 135°, 92°30' T.B. from BRENTWOOD, 6.15 - 6.52 p.m.
 84 deg. T.B. from TAIHAPE (fixed).

E. Phillips

Major G.S.
 Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon, wind W. or N.W. 20 to 30 m.p.h., probably changing later to N.E. Cloudy with some rain or hail at first and snow or sleet later. Fair visibility. Temperature 40 decreasing to 35 or 30.

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Enemy trenches in I.5.c & d and I.11.a were ~~bombarded~~ by our artillery.

18-pdrs. dispersed a hostile working party at C.17.b.10.45 (STEP FARM) and enfiladed a communication trench at C.12.b.2.2 (N.W. of FM. DE LA VACHERIE) causing casualties.

Enemy working parties at I.11.c.5.4 (MUSHROOM) and J.7.c.80.45 (S.E. of ST. ANTOINE) were also dispersed by our fire. T.M.'s. cut wire at C.23.c.9.5 and C.23.c.85.65 (S.W. of LES 4 HALLOTS).

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.'s. fired on a number of points in the enemy's line, causing considerable damage to the front line trenches.

MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was carried out against roads and road junctions in rear of the enemy's line.

PATROLS.

The movement of patrols was considerably ~~restricted~~ by an operation which was intended to have been carried out by the R.E., the bright moonlight, and the snow.

Patrols reported that the enemy wire at I.11.a.55.75 (E. of GD. PORTE EGAL FM.) was in good condition, about 3 feet in height and very thick.

The ditches in NO MAN'S LAND were reported to contain less water and to be more easily forded.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit four Germans and broken three enemy periscopes.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

A number of 77mm. shells fell in L'EPINETTE SALIENT and in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns fired as usual during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at I.16.d.5.8 (S.E. of CHARDS FARM) and I.5.c.7.3 (W. of SPARROWS NEST).

Green sandbags have been used to repair enemy dugouts at I.5.b.5.6 (S. of BRUNE RUE).

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE.

The following movements were observed in the enemy's line during the day:-

Smoke at I.11.a.5.2 (RAILWAY SALIENT)
 " I.16.d.5.8 (S.E. of CHARDS FARM)
 " I.5.b.15.60 (near BRUNE RUE)
 " C.11.d.35.00 (N. of STEP FARM)
 " I.12.b. (LA FRESNELLE)

Four men carrying timber into trench at C.12.b.2.2 (E. of FRELINGHIEM)

Three men wearing greatcoats at C.30.c.1.1 (N.E. of BRUNE RUE)

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MISCELLANEOUS. Hostile Battery positions are suspected at:-
 J.1.c.40.45 (N.E. of LA FRESNELLE)
 J.7.a.6.5 (S.E. of ")
 J.13.d.2.3 (S.E. of PERENCHIES.)
 A Minenwerfer position is suspected at
 I.5.d.16.56 (N. of SPARROWS NEST)

E. J. ...

for Major. G.S.
 Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon, Wind N.W. 20 to 30 m.p.h. probably becoming light and afterwards changing to W. or N.E. Overcast and cold, with some sleet or snow. Fair visibility. but misty when the wind falls. Temperature 30 to 35.

MISCELLANEOUS. Hostile Battery positions are suspected at:-
 J.1.c.40.45 (N.E. of LA FRESNELLE)
 J.7.a.6.5 (S.E. of ")
 J.13.d.2.3 (S.E. of PERENCHIES.)
 A Minenwerfer position is suspected at
 I.5.d.16.56 (N. of SPARROWS NEST)

E. J. ...

for Major. G.S.
 Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon, Wind N.W. 20 to 30 m.p.h. probably becoming light and afterwards changing to W. or N.E. Overcast and cold, with some sleet or snow. Fair visibility. but misty when the wind falls. Temperature 30 to 35.

MISCELLANEOUS. Hostile Battery positions are suspected at:-
 J.1.c.40.45 (N.E. of LA FRESNELLE)
 J.7.a.6.5 (S.E. of ")
 J.13.d.2.3 (S.E. of PERENCHIES.)
 A Minenwerfer position is suspected at
 I.5.d.16.56 (N. of SPARROWS NEST)

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 50. ...14th. January 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 13th. January to 6 a.m. 14th. January, 1917)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Fire was directed on to enemy front line in I.5.b & d causing considerable damage to the parapet. Minenwerfer emplacements in I.5.b & d, and I.11.a were also fired on with effect.

Medium Trench Mortars, supported by 18-pdrs. and Howitzers, cut wire at two points in C.29.a.

Enemy's wire, parapet and trenches at I.5.c.91.38 (N.E. of SPARROWS NEST) were also badly damaged by our M.T.M. fire.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns brought indirect fire to bear on roads and cross-roads in rear of the enemy's line. Lewis Guns dispersed hostile working parties at three points opposite the Right Section.

RAID.

A raiding party from the Left Section, Left Sub-section, were prevented from entering the enemy trenches N.E. of HOBBS FARM by thick wire in the borrow ditch and on the enemy's parapet. Enemy's trench at this point appeared to be unoccupied.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night.

Patrols from the Left Section reported that enemy Machine Guns and rifles were active during the early part of the night. An enemy working party opposite HOBBS FARM were protected by a covering party of eight men lying at the edge of the enemy's wire. Smoke bombs were thrown by the enemy, exploding between the working and covering parties.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery retaliated for our T.M. "shoots" with 77mm. and minenwerfer shells.

Between 8 & 9 p.m. our front line in C.17 was bombarded with minenwerfer, shrapnel and asphyxiating shells, resulting in damage to trench C.17.1.

MACHINE GUNS.

Hostile Machine Guns opposite the Left Section were active between 6 p.m. & 10 p.m.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at C.17.c.1.0 (opposite HOBBS FARM), I.17.a.25.65 (E. of PEAR TREE FM.) and I.16.d.5.8 (S.E. of CHARDS FARM).

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE.

Weather conditions prevented observation being made.

MISCELLANEOUS.

When our artillery placed a barrage on enemy trenches opposite the Left Section, numerous red asteroid rockets were fired by the enemy. Hostile artillery immediately responded to this signal. On our fire ceasing, a green rocket, bursting into five green lights, was fired from the German line, hostile artillery fire ceasing shortly afterwards.

Enemy frequently bombed his own wire during the night.

Searchlights have been located by intersections at the following points:- C.17.d.97.87, C.18.a.20.85, C.23.d.65.57.

[Signature] Lieut.
for Major G.S.

Third Australian division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon, wind light and variable, becoming N. or N.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h. Misty or foggy at first, clearer later. Snow or sleet showers. Frost. Visibility bad today, imp. to-morrow. Temp 30-35

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 51....15th. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 14th. January to 6 a.m. 15th. January 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

A Minenwerfer was silenced at LES 4 HALLOTS FARM.

Fire was also directed on to an enemy working party at C.29.c.9.3 (S. of BOX FARM).

On the night 13 - 14th. inst. support was given to a raid on enemy trenches opposite the Left Section, Left Sub-section.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

Light Trench Mortars fired on points in the enemy's front line in I.17.a, I.5.c, and C.23.b.

MACHINE GUNS.

A normal programme of indirect fire was carried out by Machine Guns against buildings, roads and cross-roads in rear of the enemy's line.

Lewis Guns fired on and dispersed working parties at I.5.c.9.5 (N.W. of SPARROWS NEST), C.23.c.8.6 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS), I.11.a.6.8 (opposite PORTE EGAL FARM), C.29.c.8.4 (S. of BOX FARM) and I.5.c.6.5 (N.W. of SPARROWS NEST).

PATROLS.

Patrols reconnoitred gaps in the enemy's wire opposite the Right Section, locating three in I.11.a & c (N. of

MUSHROOM). The wire near these points was found to be about 3 ft. in height.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Enemy's artillery was exceptionally quiet throughout the day. A few 77 mm. shells fell in the Left Section.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were quiet during both day and night.

SNIPERS.

Hostile snipers were inactive.

ENEMY MORALE.

A number of "Very" lights were fired by the enemy, who continued to bomb his own wire during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at I.5.c.85.20 (S. of L'EPINETTE), I.16.d.7.5 (WEZ MACQUART), C.29.c.9.3 (N. of BRUNE RUE) and C.23.c.8.6 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS).*E. P. Dubs.*Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.FORECAST.

Noon to Noon, wind N.E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Mainly fair, and at times bright, but some snow showers likely.

Indifferent visibility. Cold. Frost. Temperature, day 32, night 25. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 29.60 in. Rising. At 500 ft. 29.04 in.

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CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 52...16th. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 15th. January to 6 a.m. 16th. January 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Enemy trenches in I.17.a & I.11.c were effectively bombarded.

Minenwerfer positions in C.23.c & C.17.b were fired on.

A working party in C.29.a was dispersed by fire of our 18-pdrs, wire in the same locality being cut by Trench Mortars.

Fire was directed on to a road at I.24.b.4.0 (S.E. of LES OURSINS FARM) and a searchlight at J.19.a.8.8 (S.E. of PONT DE SENAMONT).

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

Light Trench Mortars fired with effect on several points in the enemy's line opposite the Left Section.

MACHINE GUNS.

Roads, crossings and buildings in rear of the German line were searched by indirect fire of our Machine Guns. Lewis Guns fired on enemy's parapet and wire, dispersing several working parties during the night.

SNIPERS.

One hit is reported by the Right Section, Left Sub-section.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled during the night.

During the day, patrols went out from the Right Section, Left Sub-section, under cover of a fog. No enemy ~~marking~~ patrols were seen ^{during the night}, but a number of working parties (afterwards dispersed by L.G. fire) were observed near the enemy's wire.

One patrol took a Lewis Gun to within 40 yards of an enemy working party and opened fire. Four of the enemy were seen to fall, the remainder of the party running back to their trench. Our patrol withdrew without casualties under a heavy fire from the enemy.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

A few 10.5 cm. shells fell in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES. Our trenches in I.10.c, I.10.d, C.23 & C.17 were also fired on during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy M.G.'s. were more active against the Right Section.

SNIPERS.

Inactive.

PATROLS.

None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at I.5.c.85.20 (W. of SPARROWS NEST), I.17.a.80.25 (S.E. of PEAR TREE FARM) and I.16.d.7.8 (S.E. of CHARDS FARM).

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE.

Smoke was observed at I.11.c.6.9 (S. of RAILWAY SALIENT) and I.11.a.8.7 (E. of GD. PORTE EGAL FARM)

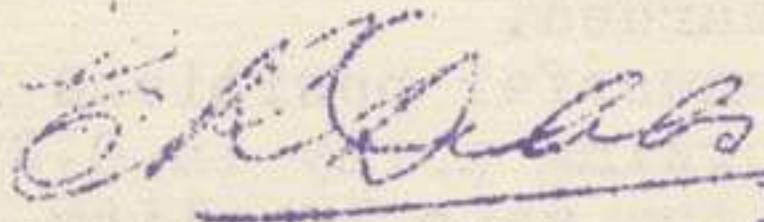
An explosion took place near a house at I.5.d.40.45 (N.E. of SPARROWS NEST) at 9.35.a.m.

At 1 p.m. a train and sounds of transport were heard N.W. of WEZ MACQUART.

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MISCELLANEOUS. A large periscope was located in enemy's front line at I.17.a.16.20. (S.E. of PEAR TREE FARM). The enemy used fewer "Very" lights than usual. Searchlights, which were very active, were located at 113°, 127°, 137°, 85° (T.B.) from CHERRY BLOSSOM (C.27.a.3.7), and 45° and 50° T.B. from EREWHON (C.27.c.6.9.) At 8.50 p.m. two dull, muffled explosions were heard. This occurrence was reported from I.5.5.



Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon, Wind N.E. to N. 5 to 15 m.p.h. Mainly overcast.. Showers likely. Frost. Visibility poor but improving in afternoon. Temperature, day 30, night 25.

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 53...17th. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 16th. January to 6 a.m 17th. January 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery bombarded enemy's front line from I.5.b.25.80 to I.5.b 22.93 (W. of BRUNE RUE).

Roads and tramways in I.12, J.7, I.6 & J.1 were fired on during the afternoon.

Several enemy working parties were dispersed, and direct hit obtained on a suspected C.P. opposite the Left Section.

T.M's. cut wire at C.23.c.85.65 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS FM)

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.M's. fired on enemy trenches in C.17.c (N.E. of HOBBS FARM) and C.29.c. (W. of BOX FARM).

MACHINE GUNS.

M.G's. carried out a programme of indirect fire against roads, cross-roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's line.

Lewis Guns fired at intervals on enemy's parapet and gaps in wire.

SNIPERS.

One hit is claimed by the Right Section, Left Sub-section, and another by the Left Section, Left Sub-section.

PATROLS.

Patrols from the Right Section examined enemy's wire at several points.

The following movements in rear of the enemy's line were heard by patrols:-

A locomotive moving E. of BOX FARM.

A train, apparently with a heavy load, opposite the Left Section, Left Sub-section, steaming slowly in a N.E. direction.

A band at 5.30 p.m. playing opposite the Left Section, Left Sub-section.

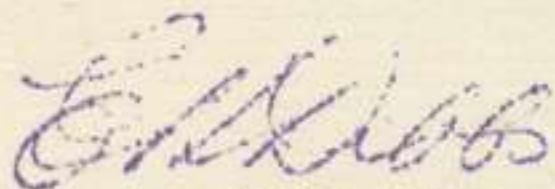
On account of the snow and frozen ground, movements of patrols were considerably restricted.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Fire of hostile artillery was heavier during the day than for several previous days, a number of 10.5 and 7.7 cm. shells being fired by the enemy.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at the following points.

I.16.d.7.5 (near WEZ MACQUART), I.5.c.7.2 (W. of SPARROWS NEST), C.23.b.2.6 (opposite EDMEADS FARM), C.23.d.3.1. (S. of LES 4 HALLOTS FARM), C.17.b.15.40 (STEP FARM) and C.12.b.80.25 (N.W. of FM. DU GDE. VERQUIN).

MISCELLANEOUS. At 9.30 a.m. the enemy opposite HOBBS FARM fired two red and two green rockets, no apparent action following.MACHINE GUNS (addendum) At 9 a.m. our Lewis Guns dispersed an enemy working party opposite EDMEADS FARM, five of the enemy being observed to fall.

LIEUT.

For Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon, Wind N. 15 to 20 m.p.h. probably changing to N.E. Snow at first. Fair intervals later. Frost. Visibility indifferent. Temp. day 32 night 28. ✓

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 54...18th. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 17th. January to 6 a.m. 18th. January 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on roads and communication trenches in rear of the enemy's line.

Trench Mortars cut enemy's wire at I.11.a.57.40
(RAILWAY SALIENT).LIGHT TRENCH
MORTARS.

Light Trench Mortars dispersed an enemy working party at C.29.c.80.45 (BOX FARM) causing considerable damage to trenches in the vicinity.

MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was carried out against roads, cross-roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's line.

SNIPERS.

Opposite L'EPINETTE a German was hit by a sniper of the Right Section, Left Sub-section.

PATROLS.

Patrols report having heard two dogs barking at different points in the German line.

Talking was heard in the enemy's front line opposite Locality 7 (N. of L'EPINETTE).

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Hostile artillery fired on front, support and communication trenches in the Right Section, doing very little damage to our defences.

During the past three days, Minenwerfers have been inactive, while rifle grenades have been more freely used by the enemy.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns were quiet. A M.G. position is suspected at I.5.b.25.50 (S.W. of BRUNDE RUE).

ENEMY SNIPERS.

Inactive.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy parties worked at I.17.a.06.42, I.11.c.42.22 and C.18.c.95.25, the last party apparently shovelling snow from a tramline.

MOVEMENT IN
ENEMY'S LINE.

Movement was observed as follows:-

At 8.50 p.m. 6 men at C.23.b.7.9 (E. of HOBBS FARM)

At between 3 men at D.7.a.25.40 (N.E. FM. DU GD.

3 & 4 p.m. VERQUIN).

Observation was rendered difficult by weather conditions.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fewer flares were used by the enemy during the night. At 7.10 a.m. two rockets were fired from C.29.a.4.3 (N. of PONT BALLOT). At 4.30 a.m. three red lights were fired. No apparent action followed in either instance.

E. J. G. S.
Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to Noon. Wind N.W. of N. 10 to 15 m.p.h. changing to N.E. Overcast, with snow and rain in small amounts.

Cold. Indifferent visibility. Temperature, Day 33, night 30.

Note. General tendency towards fairer weather.

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 55...19th. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 18th. January to 6 a.m. 19th. January 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery directed fire on to the enemy's trenches in C.17.c, C.17.b, C.23, I.17.a, and on roads opposite the Right Section.

Trench Mortars cut wire at I.17.a.12.52 (opposite PEAR TREE FM.) and C.17.a.7.0 (S.E. of CHICKEN RUN).

MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was carried out against cross-roads, tramways and communication trenches in rear of the German line.

SNIPERS.

Two hits are claimed by the snipers of the Right Section.

PATROLS.

Patrols located two enemy working parties opposite the Right Section.

Patrols from the Left Section report having heard railway trams in rear of the enemy's line.

A hostile machine gun and a fixed rifle were located in C.23.b.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Hostile shelling, which was light, did very little damage to our defences. A large proportion of the shells which fell in the Sector failed to explode.

MACHINE GUNS.

Hostile machine guns maintained a normal state of activity during the night. Fire was directed against our patrols and wiring parties.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy working parties were observed as follows:-

Party carrying timber. C.23.b.2.6 (Opposite EDMEDS FARM).

Party carrying duckboards and wheels of an artillery pattern. C.23.b.1.9 (opposite HOBBS FARM).

Party repairing wire and parapet. C.29.d.0.3 (S.E. of BOX FARM).

-do- -do- I.5.c.66.20 (W. of SPARROWS NEST).

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MOVEMENT INENEMY'S LINE.

Sounds of trains and heavy transport were again heard N.E. of COX FARM throughout the night. At intervals sounds of iron being unloaded were heard.

At 3.30 p.m. four of the enemy looked over their parapet opposite EDMEDS FARM.

Two men were observed at I.17.a.05.42 (S.E. of PEAR TREE FARM) and three men at I.5.c.68.14 (W. of SPARROWS NEST).

MISCELLANEOUS.

A bugle call was heard at 5 p.m. and again at 5.30 p.m. apparently being sounded from DEBRIS FARM. (C.17.b.)

Enemy threw fewer bombs into his own wire during the night.

G. S. G. G. G.

Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to Noon. Wind N.E. 15 to 25 m.p.h. changing to E. Lighter at night. Fair but cloudy at first, probably clearing later. Temperature - day 33, night 28.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No...56..20th. January 1917.

(from 6ma.m. 19th. January to 6 a.m. 20 th. January 1917)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired in retaliation for hostile shelling. Fire was directed against roads, tramways and communication trenches in rear of the enemy's line. 18-pdrs. fired on a hostile working party at I.5.b.55.00 (E. of L'EPINETTE).

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns brought indirect fire to bear against enemy roads and tramways, and assisted in dispersing working parties as reported by patrols. Lewis Guns engaged enemy working parties at I.5.b.20.95 (W. of BRUNE RUE), I.5.d.50.75 (S.E. of L'EPINETTE) and in I.17.a.

SNIPERS.

Two hits are claimed by the snipers of the Right Section, Left Sub-section.

PATROLS.

Patrolling of NO MAN'S LAND was actively carried out throughout the night. More talking than usual was heard in the enemy's line opposite the Right Section. Patrols from the ~~Right~~^{Left} Section examined our own wire at several points. At 9.30.p.m., 6.40 a.m. and 12.45 a.m. trains were again heard in rear of the enemy's line opposite the Left Section.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our front and support lines were shelled during the day. A number of 10.5 c.m. and 77mm. shells were fired by the enemy in addition to T.M. bombs and rifle grenades.

MACHINE GUNS.

Hostile Machine Guns displayed normal activity, firing intermittently throughout the night.

SNIPERS.

Enemy snipers were inactive.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

With the exception of wiring parties located by patrols during the night, the only work observed to be carried out by the enemy was at I.5.d.1.2. (SPARROWS NEST), two men being engaged in shovelling earth from a trench.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINES.

Considerable movement is reported to have taken place opposite the Right Section, Left Sub-section, during the day. In this portion of the enemy's line, men were observed wearing blue uniforms and steel helmets, similar in color to those used by the French.

Other movement was observed as follows:-

- At 9 a.m. 10 men wearing packs passed I.5.c.68.14 (W. of SPARROWS NEST) moving north.
- Two pigeons rose from I.17.a.22.50 (E. of PEAR TREE FARM) about noon, and flew East.
- At 9.50 a.m. to 9.55 a.m. 5 men going in direction of PREMESQUES were observed on road at I.24.b.4.0.
- At 12.25 p.m. 2 cyclists going from PREMESQUES.
- " 12.43 " 1 cyclist " " "

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MOVEMENT IN

ENEMY'S LINE (contd) At 9.35 a.m. 12 men carrying rifles passed from left to right along C.23.d.2.7 (LCS 4 HALLOYS FARM) and disappeared in trench.

At 1.55 p.m. smoke was observed issuing from C.29.c.8.6

MISCELLANEOUS.

Considerable noise of heavy rolling stock was heard from the direction of PERENCHIES. Engine whistling and sounds of shunting were also heard.

Very lights were freely used by the enemy throughout the night.

During a bombardment of the German line by the division on our right, the enemy fired two red rockets, each of which burst into two stars. Enemy Artillery immediately opened fire on NO MAN'S LAND with shrapnel.

At 4.45 p.m. 8 orange-colored lights were fired from the enemy's support trench, transport being shortly afterwards heard to move in rear of the line.

J. H. T. [Signature]

Major. S.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to Noon, Wind N.E. or E. 20 to 25 m.p.h. decreasing later. Overcast at first. Keen frost. Fair x visibility. Temperature, day 26 night 15. Note. Frost continuing some days. General tendency is towards brighter weather.

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Our Artillery fired an enemy's communication trenches, roads and tramways.

Trench Mortars cut wire at several points in squares I.11.c & C.29.a, and bombarded the German front line in I.11.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns fired on communications and road junctions in rear of the enemy's front line. Indirect fire was also brought to bear on BRUNE RUE and L'AVENTURE during the night.

Lewis Gun fire was directed against gaps in the enemy's wire which had recently been cut by our Trench Mortars.

PATROLS.

Patrols reported increased vigilance on the part of the enemy.

A hostile working party in I.5.d was located by a patrol and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Patrols from the Left Section carried out a further examination of our own wire.

A train in the vicinity of PERENCHIES was heard moving at 7.5 p.m. and to stop at 7.8 p.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy showed a marked increase in Artillery activity in this Sector, heavily shelling our front and support lines in I.5, 10 & 11, and causing also considerable damage to 2nd. HOUSE AVENUE & JAPAN ROAD.

Our front, support and subsidiary lines were bombarded with shrapnel intermittently throughout the day and night. A large number of T.M. shells and rifle grenades also fell in our line.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns were moderately active against the Left Section. The Right Section reports less Machine Gun activity than usual during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

At I.5.c.7.1 (W. of SPARROWS NEST) what appears to be a row of steel girders and some piping is just visible over the parapet.

Considerable damage has been caused by our Trench Mortars to enemy's front line and wire opposite the Left Section.

MOVEMENT INENEMY'S LINES.

The following movements were observed during the day:-

Germans seen on road J.13.c.50.25 (PONT DE SENAMONT)

9.45 a.m. I.22.b.3.3

Working party of 6 men seen.

11.55 a.m. I.24.b.4.0

Two men in greatcoats going to PERENCHIES

10.25 a.m. I.5.d.1.2

2 men carrying boards.

7.48 a.m. I.5.b.3.6

3 men moving back from front line carrying a black box about 3 X 1 on shoulder.

7.55 a.m.

6 men in fatigue dress - four wearing helmets - two wearing caps - carried timber to C.29.c.4.8. This party appeared to be reconstructing trenches.

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MOVEMENT IN
ENEMY'S LINE.

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| 9.6 a.m. | C.29.a.5.4 | Six men in fatigue dress repairing trenches and screens. |
| 10.20 a.m. | I.5.b.5.7 | 12 men with fixed bayonets passed low gap in trench. |
| 3.5 p.m. | C.23.b.7.1 | One man walked along trench and disappeared in bushes. |
| | I.11.a.60.92 | One man observed wearing dark blue uniform and steel helmet. |

ENEMY MORALE.

Sounds of whistling and singing were heard in the German trenches in the vicinity of CHICKEN RUN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Searchlights and "Very" lights were used frequently by the enemy.

A pigeon flew from the direction of ARMENTIERES to the German lines.

Another pigeon was found in a loft in HOUPLINES bearing the number C.2.V.2. This bird is not of the army type.

G.S.
Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to Noon. Wind E. . 10 m.p.h. changing to S.E.
Dry. Frost. Overcast, probably clearing to-night. or
to-morrow morning. Indifferent visibility. Temperature, day 28,
night 20

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 58 ... 22nd. January 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 21st. January to 6 a.m. 22nd. January 1917)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery retaliated several times during the day. Trench Mortars cut wire in C.29.a, C.23.b and C.23.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out indirect fire on enemy's tramways and communication trenches. Lewis Guns dispersed hostile working parties at C.23.c.9.2 S.E. of LES 4 HALLOTS FARM) and in C.17.a.

SNIPERS.

Four hits were claimed by our snipers.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night.

Patrols from the Left Section, Left Sub-section, heard sounds of railway traffic, trains apparently moving from N. to S. Sounds of talking and coughing were heard in the enemy's line opposite the Left Section.

of the MUSHROOM.

One patrol located a strong enemy working party S.L. The Artillery, on being informed, dispersed the party with several well-directed shots. A noise of steel being hammered was heard in C.17.c.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY.

The enemy's artillery displayed considerable activity throughout the day. A few shells fell in HOUPLINES and CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES.

Shrapnel shells were freely used by the enemy, as also were rifle grenades which in some cases fell 3 or 4 at a time in our lines. These appeared to be fired from Rifle Grenade Batteries.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns were active at night, engaging our working parties and bringing indirect fire to bear against our Subsidiary Line.

SNIPERS.

Inactive.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

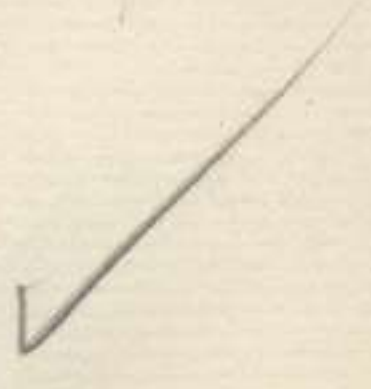
Hostile working parties were observed at C.17.a.3.3 (CHICKEN RUN) and C.23.c.85.60 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS)

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE.

Smoke was seen at I.11.c.14.05, L.17.a.40.92, I.17.a.22.60 and I.5.b.4.5.

- 8.5 a.m. C.23.d.1.6. Party apparently reconstructing trench.
- 8.20 a.m. C.29.d.9.1 Seven men observed working, four carrying planks while three placed them in position.
- 8.35 a.m. C.23.d.2.7. Three men carrying duck-boards (LES 4 HALLOTS)
- 8.40 a.m. C.23.d.1.6 Four men passing full sandbags to others in trench who laid them on the parapet.
- 9.10 a.m. C.23.b.3.8 Enemy working party in trench.
- 10 a.m. I.24.b.4.9 Three men in great-coats going to PREMESQUES.
- 10.10 a.m. J.13.b.3.4 Motor transport going to PERENCHIES.
- 11.20 a.m. J.8.c.3.6 " " " "

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MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE. - (contd.)

11.25 a.m. I.6.c.8.5

Ten men observed carrying planks about 12' in length and disappeared behind screen.

1 p.m. I.12.c.8.7

2 men working with pick and shovel.

3.39 p.m. C.23.d.3.6

3 men in field dress carrying what appeared to be stakes about 6' in length on to road.

Three men were observed in front line opposite Locality 8 wearing light blue steel helmets.

During the morning a party of 10 men was observed to pass opposite Locality 5 from N. to S. along the front line.

SEARCHLIGHTS.

Searchlights were very active along the Left Section. Two sizes were used - large and small. Immediately light was shut off from the larger size there was a red glow as from the carbon of an arc lamp. When searchlights were working, and if the wind was in a certain direction, clouds of steam or smoke were blown into the beam from under the lamp. This was noticed on three occasions during the night. One searchlight was operating from the front line. Others were observed as follows:-

132 deg. T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.

25° 30° 47° 48° 63° 67° 91° 127° from C.28.a.10.10.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 2.32 p.m. on our heavy guns opening fire, a bell was heard to ring in the enemy's line opposite the Left Section.

Fewer flares than usual were fired by the enemy during the night. It was noticed that when Minenweifer were bursting during yesterdays bombardment a small light was thrown into the air for a height of 30 feet. Great activity (Railway) is reported behind the lines shunting being heard from dusk till midnight.

E. J. Roberts Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to Noon. Wind East 10 m.p.h. changing to S.E. and at times bright. Keen frost. Indifferent visibility. Morning fog probably becoming variable after to-morrow. Mainly fair
Temperature, day 30, night 20. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 30.34 i
Rising. At 500 feet, 29.76 in.

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Our Artillery fired in response to S.O.S. signal from the Left Section, Left Sub-section.

A large enemy working party at I.17.a.35.80 (opposite BEAR TRAIL FARM) was fired on, casualties being inflicted.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out indirect fire as usual.

The Machine Guns and Lewis Guns of the Left Section fired on enemy raiding party in response to S.O.S. signal from Localities 16 and 17.

Lewis Guns dispersed working parties at I.16.b.6.9 (S.E. of BEAR TRAIL FARM), I.11.c.10.65 (S.E. of MUSHROOM) and I.5.b.2.5 (opposite L'EFINETTE).

SNIPERS.

Three hits are claimed.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. The enemy were quiet and no hostile patrols were encountered.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

At 2 p.m. a heavy bombardment of our trenches in C.16.17.22 & 23 was commenced by the enemy, this activity continuing until after 5 p.m. Guns of all calibre were used, particularly 15 c.m., 77 mm. and Minenwerfer.

MACHINE GUNS.

Hostile Machine Guns were active during the night, fire being directed on to communication trenches in rear of the Left Section.

SNIPERS.

Enemy snipers were active opposite the Right Section, but did not cause any casualties.

PATROLS.

None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Sounds of hammering and sawing and of corrugated iron being moved were heard opposite L'EFINETTE SALIENT. Enemy trenches in front of Localities 15, 16 and 17 have been greatly damaged by our Artillery fire.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE.

Movement was observed as follows:-

Smoke was observed at I .11.a.50.52 .

Small working party was observed at I.17.a.40.02.

About 10 minutes prior to our shoot in the morning,

small parties of the enemy were observed doubling along his front line into communication trenches to the support. From this it would appear that he had some intimation of the time our shoot was to take place.

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| 7.30 a.m. | I.6.c.8.5 | 8 men observed digging with shovels. |
| 7.35 a.m. | I.5.b.2.5 | Earth observed being thrown out of trench. |
| 8.10 a.m. | C.29.d.7.0 | 8 men observed carrying and placing planks about 12' in length. |
| 8.20 a.m. | C.23.b.3.7 | Party of 8 men was observed moving to and from C.18.c.8.2 and C.18.c.9.2. |

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MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE
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9 a.m. Ten men observed in trench to the left of BRUNE RUL.

10 a.m. Men observed walking between I.6.c.8.2 and I.6.c.7.1.

10.5 a.m. C.23.d.5.6 5 men wearing steel helmets and with rifles slung disappeared into communication trench.

10.15 a.m. 8 men carrying duck-boards from communication trench at C.23.c.9.2.6 to C.23.c.9.4. and walked along front line

MISCELLANEOUS. At 5.10 p.m. six green rockets (each bursting into two stars) were fired from enemy trenches opposite the Right Section at intervals of two minutes.

At 8 a.m. two white rockets were fired opposite Loc.10.

At 5.12 p.m. a red rocket which burst into two stars was fired opposite the Left Section, Left Sub-section.

At 5.19 a.m. a green rocket was sent up by the enemy. Sounds of motor and railway traffic were heard in rear of the German line.

At 5.59 p.m. two gas shells fell in the vicinity of HOBBS FARM.

Enemy bombed his own wire during the night.

Much laughing and talking came from working parties heard by our patrols. The parties in each case became silent by order of their commanders.

Minerwerfer emplacements have been located at C.17.a.95.20, C.17.a.4.6, C.17.a.70.58.

Edwards R.V.

Major. C.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon. Wind East to N.E. 15 m.p.h. but light at night. Fair. Mainly brighter but not unlikely to become temporarily overcast. Visibility poor in morning but improving during day. Keen frost. Temperature Day 25 Night 10 to 15.

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ARTILLERY. Our Artillery retaliated for hostile activity. Enemy working parties were dispersed at I.6.c.8.8 (S.E. of INTACT FARM), I.17.a.18.58 (S.E. of PEAR TREE FARM) and I.17.a.43.96 (opposite PIGOTTS FARM).

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns carried out an active programme of indirect fire on enemy roads, communication trenches and dumps during the night.

Lewis Guns directed fire on the enemy's wire and parapet at several points, and dispersed working parties opposite our line in squares C.29.a & c and I.5.c.

SNIPERS. Five hits are claimed by our snipers.

PATROLS. Patrolling was actively carried on throughout the night. The enemy opposite the Right section was found to be alert, though quiet. Hostile snipers, located in sap-heads, fired on our patrols when near the enemy's wire.

Enemy's wire opposite the Left section was found to be in good order and arranged on knife-rests, with the exception of portion of the enemy's line opposite Localities 16 & 17, where the wire is only fair. Sounds of working parties were heard repairing the trenches at these points.

Machine Guns and rifles operated from the German support line in C.17 & 23.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A moderately quiet day was experienced. A number of 4.2 shells fell in HOURLINES and CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES, while 5.9 and several other rounds from a gun of small calibre fell in C.27.a.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns were active opposite the Left section but unusually quiet opposite the night.

SNIPERS. Inactive.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at the following points. I.11.a.2.6 (opposite PEAR TREE FARM) and C.29.a.4.2 (opposite PONT BALLOT).

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY'S LINE. Smoke was observed at I.17.a.24.74 ~~SENGHITA~~ (opposite PEAR TREE FARM). Road running I.23.a.0.8 - I.12.d.0.7 is reported being used for enemy transport.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Four men observed to enter the enemy front line trench at I.17.a.2.6 wore brown caps with red bands.

Opposite CHICKEN FARM one of the enemy was observed wearing a bright blue helmet.

Two men were seen opposite the left sub-section, right sub-section. These men wore blue caps with dark red bands.

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AIRCRAFT. Hostile aeroplanes were active throughout the day, flying above our line between 9 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

SEARCHLIGHTS. Searchlights were observed at 32° 30', 34° 30', 24° 30', 64° T.B. from . . . BLUFF O.P. . . .
104° 30', 96° 30', 118° 30' T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.

MISCELLANEOUS. Trains were heard in rear of the enemy's line opposite the Left Section during the day.
At 3.10 p.m. a bugle sounded in the enemy's support line opposite the Left Section.

On our Artillery opening fire on Minenwerfer position at C.17.a.4.6 an explosion of ammunition was seen.

E. J. Deane
Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon. Wind N.E. 20 m.p.h. probably changing later to E. Mainly fair and bright, but some cloud likely at times. Visibility fair, but deteriorating. Frost. Morning fog. Temperature, day 20 to 25, night 10 to 15. Note. No indications of thaw yet. Afternoon, cloud low.

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Our Artillery fired in retaliation for enemy bombardment of our lines.

An enemy working party was dispersed at C.24.b.2.8. (S. of FME. DU CHASTEL.)

Trench Mortars effectively cut wire in C.29.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was carried out by Machine Guns against tramlines and roads in rear of the German line.

Lewis Guns fired intermittently on enemy's parapet during the night, and dispersed hostile working parties at I.17.a.6.1 (S.E. of PEAR TREE FARM) and in C.29.a (N. of COX FARM).

SNIPERS.

Our snipers were less active than usual, very few targets presenting themselves during the day.

PATROLS.

Patrolling was difficult on account of the snow and the frozen ground. White night-shirts were found to be most useful and effective in concealing movement.

The enemy was reported to be alert and at some points noisy and talkative. All patrols from the Left Section drew fire on nearing the enemy's wire.

An enemy working party located by one of our patrols opposite PONT BALLOT was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Activity was displayed by hostile guns during the day, fire being directed mainly against the Sub-sidiary line, SQUARE FARM and Battalion Headquarters in the Left Section, Right Sub-section. One lachrymatory shell is also reported in this Sub-section.

A number of H.E. and shrapnel shells fell in the Right Section, attention being given to our front and support lines.

FRY PAN (S.P.) was also fired on during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Hostile M.G's. were more active than usual.

SNIPERS.

Enemy snipers were active. Fixed rifles ^{apparently} were used by the enemy during the night. ^

PATROLS.

None observed.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were heard at I.11.c.50.65 (S.E. of PORTE EGAL) and I.5.c.9.4 (near SPARROWS NEST).

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY.

Much hammering was heard in enemy front line opposite Left Section, right Sub-section, where men were observed carrying corrugated iron.

There was much talking and whistling heard in enemy front line opposite HOBBS FARM.

A sentry was heard to challenge in enemy trenches in C.17.d.

At 8 a.m. a party of 8 men seen working at C.29.d.3.3.

A bell was heard frequently in support trench in C.29.a.

At 8 a.m. earth was thrown on enemy's parapet at C.29.a.4.1.

At 8.25 a.m. two men were observed walking north in trench at C.23.d.3.6.

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OBSERVATION OF ENEMY. (contd)

At 12.53 p.m. 3 men were observed at I.5.b.4.5.
 A new screen has been erected between I.6.c.8.2.& 7.1.
 At 1.20 p.m. small white flag was seen at C.29.c.3.9.
 At 1.35 p.m. a man was observed running with rifle
 between C.29.d.0.5 and C.29.c.8.7 and disappeared at C.20.c.6.8.
 At 2.1 p.m. a man wearing a cap was observed at C.29.d.4
 German wearing greatcoat observed at C.29.c.8.7.

AIRCRAFT.

Enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines several times during the morning of 24th. inst.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Railway traffic was heard in the direction of WEX MACQUART. during the night.
 Two pigeons were observed flying in an easterly direction from ARMENTIERES at 8.15 a.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.
 In the early morning on five occasions a blast on a horn was heard opposite the Right section, Right Sub-section, followed in each case by enemy Machine Gun fire.

C. R. Dicks
for

Major. G.S.
 Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. changing to S.E. 20 to 25 m.p.h. later. Bright. Indifferent
 visibility. Morning fog. Frost. Temperature, day 25, night 15 to 20. Note. Fair, quiet weather, probably breaking up. A risk of snow after to-morrow. a slight risk of thaw following.

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Our Artillery, fired in retaliation during the day. At C.29.c.65.55 wire was cut by our T.M's., and at C.29.d.5.8 an enemy working party was dispersed by the fire of our 18-pdrs.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.M's. co-operated with the Artillery in cutting wire opposite the Left Section. Enemy saps in I.5.c & d were also fired on with effect.

MACHINE GUNS.

Our Machine Guns engaged roads and communication trenches in rear of the enemy's line during the night. Lewis Guns traversed the enemy's parapet intermittently throughout the night, giving particular attention to lanes in the enemy's wire which had been cut by our Trench Mortars during the day.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. An examination of the enemy's wire made at several points opposite the Right Section revealed a number of gaps and weak places. In the vicinity of RAILWAY SALIENT the enemy's wire was noted to be in a bad state of repair, whilst S. of this point a large gap was observed. N. of L'EPINETTE sounds of men running along the enemy trenches and talking were heard.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Enemy Artillery activity took the form of intermittent shelling, directed chiefly against our front line and

CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES. A few 5.9 shells fell on the outskirts of ARMENTIERES.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns were active at night apparently firing from alternate emplacements.

SNIPERS.

Movement in our lines drew fire from rifle grenade batteries instead of from hostile snipers as usual.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at the following points:- I.11.c.9.9 (S.E. of RAILWAY SALIENT); I.5.d.28.66 (E. of L'EPINETTE), and C.29.d.50.25 (N. of BRUNE RUE).

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY.

Smoke was observed issuing from C.23.b.4.2, C.18.c.25.75, C.29.d.5.1, I.17.a.20.75, I.11.c.9.0, I.5.d.30.45, I.11.c.90.65, and I.11.a.40.05 at various times during the day.

C.29.b.65.30.

Three men were observed carrying duckboards at

C.30.c.35.60.

At 9.45 a.m. three men were observed in great-coats at

at I.11.a.7.5

At 1.40 p.m. a large square light appeared on parapet four times and then disappeared (suspected periscope).

At 1.50 p.m. party of 8 men seen gathering timber from derelict buildings at I.16.d.6.1.(WEZ MACQUART).

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ENEMY. (contd) On our Artillery opening fire on enemy trenches near BOX FARM four of the enemy were seen to run a short distance along trench towards BOX FARM where they appeared to enter a dugout. After the bombardment they re-appeared and went back to the front line.

AIRCRAFT.

German aeroplanes were again active, flying above our lines frequently throughout the day.

At 11.20 a.m. an enemy aeroplane was attacked and driven off by a British.

At 9.30 a.m. one of our aeroplanes was engaged by a German aeroplane above the enemy's lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Three red lights, each of which burst into two, were fired opposite the Right Section. No apparent action followed.

Searchlights and "Very" lights were used by the enemy. Sounds of transport were again heard in rear of the German line opposite the Left Section.

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Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to Noon. Wind E. 15 to 20 m.p.h. increasing later to 25 to 30 m.p.h. Fair and bright at first. Probably becoming overcast later. Perhaps some snow afterwards. Poor visibility. Frost. Temperature 30 to-day, 15 to 20 to-night. Note. Frost likely to last over to-morrow.

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY N^o 63... 27th. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 26th. January to 6 a.m. 27th. January 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery retaliated for hostile gun-fire on several occasions during the day, firing in addition on an enemy Minenwerfer and immediately silencing it. Trench Mortars cut wire at two points in I.11.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Our Machine Guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire during the night. Lewis Guns dispersed enemy working parties in C.29 and fired on a strong enemy patrol opposite the Left Section.

BATROLS.

Our patrols operated actively, in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night. Hostile working parties were located at several points opposite our line.

An enemy listening post located by one of our patrols was apparently working in conjunction with a Machine Gun. Disused enemy trenches entered at C.23.a.6.1 (BREAKWATER) were found to be derelict and full of water.

One of our patrols located an enemy sniper in a tree opposite the Left Section. On the approach of our patrol, however, the man retired to the German line.

Patrols again reported that the enemy was noisy and talkative.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Hostile Artillery fire was directed mainly against the front and support lines. A few 10.5 and 4.2 cm. shells fell in CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy working parties were observed at the following points:- C.29.b.8.2 (W. of L'AVENTURE), C.17.c.8.6 (N.E. of HOBBS FARM) and I.5.b.15.40 (THE PIMPLE).

Work was in progress at several places in the enemy's front line during the night.

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY.

Smoke was observed issuing from BRUNE RUE, I.12.c.9.2 (S. of HALT) and C.29.c.8.4. (S. of BOX FARM). Movement was seen in communication trench in I.22.b (S.W. of WEZ MACQUART). Other movements were observed as follows:-

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| At 7.55 a.m. | I.5.b.55.80 | 9 men working with picks and shovels. |
| 9.30 a.m. | C.29.a.5.2. | 2 men walked along trench, and a few minutes later 6 more appeared, wearing great-coats, and with rifles slung. |
| 10 a.m. | I.22.b.1.8. | Men seen moving along trench. |
| 9.45 a.m. | C.29.a.65.15.2 | 2 men seen, wearing great-coats. |
| 4.15 p.m. | C.23.d.3.6. | 2 men wearing caps, walking from the direction of LES 4 HALLOTS. |

During the day several of the enemy were noticed wearing steel helmets of a blue color. Many others wore the ordinary grey field cap.

At I.11.a.05.90 clothing was seen hanging on a tree.

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MACHINE GUNS. An enemy Machine Gun, located N.E. of PORTE EGALE FM. was silenced by a Lewis Gun. Hostile Machine Guns were active throughout the night.

AIRCRAFT. German aeroplanes were again active above ARMENTIERES and HOUPLINES, but returned to the enemy's lines on being engaged by our A.A. Guns. In conjunction with aircraft, enemy guns of all calibre up to 5.9 registered on the area between IRISH & EDMEADS AVENUES in the Left Section. Our own aircraft patrolled above our lines at intervals throughout the day. It was noticed that while our machines were flying above the enemy's lines, his artillery remained silent.

MISCELLANEOUS. Opposite Locality 7 (E. of BRUNE RUE), one of our shells exploding in the enemy's trenches caused a cloud of greenish-yellow fumes. It is suspected that a gas cylinder was hit at this point.

Two pigeons left the enemy's lines and flew in the direction of ARMENTIERES at 1.45 p.m.

"Very" lights and searchlights were freely used by the enemy throughout the night.

B.P.S.
Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind E. 25 to 35 m.p.h. Gusts of 40 to 50 m.p.h. Bright at first, probably becoming overcast with some snow showers. Fair visibility. Frost. Temperature, day 25 to 30, night 20 to 25. Note. Frost probably lasting over to-morrow.

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 64....January 28th.1917.(from 6 a.m. 27th. January to 6 a.m. 28th. January 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our artillery retaliated for hostile gun-fire during the day.

An enemy working party at I.17.a.25.60 (E. of PEAR TREE FARM) was fired on and dispersed.

Fire was also directed against traffic on roads at C.17.d.87.42 and C.11.c.78.80 (FRÉLINGHIEN).

Trench Mortars effectively cut wire at C.17.c.7.9 (W. of HALF THATCHED COTTAGE) and C.17.d.0.1 (E. of HOBBS FARM).

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trench junctions in rear of the German line.

Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet, and also dispersed several working parties during the night.

SNIPERS.

Our snipers claim one hit and to have broken three enemy periscopes.

An enemy sniper's post at I.5.c.90.36 (N.E. of SPARROWS NEST) was destroyed by our Artillery.

PATROLS.

Patrols actively operated in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night.

Patrols from the Right Section reported having heard sounds of railway traffic and transport in rear of the enemy's line.

The enemy fired rifle grenades into NO MAN'S LAND during the time in which our patrols were active.

The Centre Section sent out a number of patrols, one of which located a large enemy working party at I.17.a.2.6 (E. of PEAR TREE FARM). The Artillery were informed, and the party dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

Patrols from the Left Section reconnoitred NO MAN'S LAND in C.17, 23 and 29, collecting considerable information in reference to the configuration of the ground.

Talking was heard in the vicinity of BRUNE RUE and in the enemy's front line trenches opposite the Right Section, Left Sub-section.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's artillery fire, which was directed mainly against the front and support line trenches, was intermittent throughout the day.

A number of shells fell in CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES and HOUPLINGS.

Communication trenches and a light railway in the Left Section were also shelled with 5.9 H.E., 77mm. H.E. and 77mm. shrapnel.

MACHINE GUNS.

At 7 p.m. a number of flares were fired in quick succession opposite the Centre and Left Sections of the Divisional front. Simultaneously enemy Machine Guns opened a heavy fire from the whole length of the enemy's line between I.16.b & C.17.a.

For the remainder of the night, enemy Machine Guns were unusually quiet.

AIRCRAFT.

At 9.30 a.m. an enemy aeroplane flew over our lines, but was driven off by the fire of our A.A. Guns.

At 3.30 p.m. A.A. Guns again repelled two German machines.

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ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy working parties were observed at I.5.d.28.66 (N. of SPARROWS NEST), I.17.a.2.6 (E. of PEAR TREE FARM) and I.11.c.50.45 (MUSHROOM):

T.M. emplacements are suspected at I.16.b.85.15 (E. of CHARDS FARM) and I.17.a.35.90 (E. of PEAR TREE FARM).

New work is visible on a communication trench at I.11.c.60.55 S.E. of PORTE EGALLE FARM).

Five boarded screens, having the appearance of large wooden boxes, have been erected at points in the enemy's front line opposite the Left Section. These screens, which are about 14 ft. in length, 5 ft. in height, are very conspicuous.

Several large periscopes were observed above the enemy's parapet opposite the Left Section.

At night sounds of metal (possibly girders or gas cylinders) being unloaded were heard at C.17.a.15.20. Similar sounds were later heard opposite Locality 13 (C.23.b.)

OBSERVATION OF

ENEMY.

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| | | Movement was observed during the day as follows:- |
| 6.25 a.m. | C.23.d.33.85 | Smoke observed. |
| -do- | C.24.c.45.85 | Party of enemy |
| 9.10 a.m. | C.29.c.55.75 | Party of 3 men wearing steel helmets. |
| 9.12 a.m. | -do- | " " 13 " " " " |
| 9.20 a.m. | C.29.c.60.65 | One man |
| 9.29 a.m. | C.29.a.40.23 | 7 men |
| 10.15 a.m. | C.23.c.02.40 | 2 men wearing caps |
| 11.15 a.m. | C.13.d.1.4 | 2 men wearing great-coats. |
| 11.43 a.m. | C.17.a.13.52 | 4 men wearing great-coats. |
| 2.50 p.m. | C.29.c.85.70 | 4 men |
| 3.25 p.m. | near FME DU CHASTEL. | 2 men wearing great-coats. |
| 3.26 p.m. | C.29.a.4.1 | 1 man wearing great-coat |
| 3.27 p.m. | I.6.a.45.20 | Several flashes from roof of house |
| 3.50 p.m. | C.30.c.7.3 | One man wearing cap |
| 10 a.m. | I.11.c.60.55 | Smoke observed. |
| 7.45 a.m. | I.5.c.3.6 | 5 men |
| 9.30 a.m. | I.5.b.3.5 | 2 men seen on road. |
| 3.35 p.m. | I.12.c.85.60 | 2 men seen leaving trench and going towards PERENCHIES. |
| 3.40 p.m. | -do- | 1 man -do- -do- -do- |
| 1.30 p.m. | I.17.c.8.6 | Flash of gun seen in old building. |
| 2.10 p.m. | -do- | 1 man seen to enter this building. |
| 3.10 p.m. | J.19.a.3.9 | Smoke was seen to rise from FORT DE SENARMONT while enemy was shelling our lines. New earth is visible on southern side of the Fort. |
| 3 p.m. | J.13.c.2.1 | 2 men working on apparent dug-out. |
| 2.45 p.m. | J.13.b.7.6 | 5 travelling coaches halted on road. |

At 7.35 a.m. an object was unloaded from a truck at I.5.b.54.80 and placed on the ground. A surmise that this was a searchlight proved to be correct. Five rounds were directed against the searchlight, which immediately ceased to operate.

MISCELLANEOUS. Greenish-yellow fumes were given off by two shells which burst in Locality 6 (I.5.a)

A small black box about 18" x 12" was observed on enemy parapet N.W. of COX FARM. A shutter, working over a white disc, was attached to the box.

Lieut.

for Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind E. or N.E. 20 to 30 m.p.h. Probably decreasing later. Bright. Frost. Fair visibility to-day, indifferent to-morrow. Temp. day 30, night 15 to 20. Frost lasting over to-morrow and probably Tuesday.

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 65....29th. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 28th. January to 6 a.m. 29th. January, 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery supported a raid on the enemy trenches in C.29.a.

During the day, a hostile working party was dispersed at I.5.d.28.66 (N. of SPARROWS NEST).

Medium Trench Mortars cut wire at several points in the enemy's line.

MACHINE GUNS.

A normal programme of indirect fire was carried out by Machine Guns.

Lewis Guns directed fire on to the enemy parapet during the night, dispersing in addition an enemy patrol at C.23.c.5.8 (W. of LES 4 HALLOTS) and several hostile working parties.

PATROLS.

Our patrols were active in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night. A reconnaissance of the enemy's wire was made at several places, gaps being located.

Increased vigilance on the part of the enemy was reported by patrols from the Centre Section.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.ARTILLERY.

Enemy Artillery activity showed a marked increase during the day.

At 6.15 p.m. in reply to our barrage (on German line in C.29.a.), the enemy carried out an intense bombardment of our trenches in the Left and Centre Sections.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns displayed normal activity during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Parties of the enemy were heard working at I.17.a.2.6, I.11.c.50.75, I.5.c.65.00, C.29.c.7.4, C 23.c.8.3 and C.29.a.6.8.

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY.

Smoke was observed rising at I.12.a.70.75, I.12.c.9.9, I.11.d.3.1, ..

Other movement was observed as follows:-

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| 7.48 a.m. | I.5.b.54.80 | Working party. |
| 7.50 a.m. | C.29.d.25.13 | " " Both parties wore steel helmets. |
| 8.12 a.m. | C.24.c.5.5 | " " of nine men. |
| 10.35 a.m. | C.11.d.35.00 | Men observed moving about. |
| 10.46 a.m. | C.12.b.6.6 | 24 men in greatcoats passed this point. |
| 11.5 a.m. | C.11.d.35.00 | Three men walking towards houses. |
| | | 1 man also seen as if on sentry-post. |
| 12.45 p.m. | D.1.c.3.4 | Transport wagons on road. |
| | C.18.b.60.65 | 7 men entered trench, 5 minutes later, 5 men came out of the trench. |
| 3.30 p.m. | | 5 men. |
| 3.50 p.m. | C.29.c.60.65 | 5 men. |
| 7.30 a.m. | I.5.d.3.6 | 3 men. 2 hours later 5 men. All wore dark hooded cloaks. |
| 10.30 a.m. | I.5.c.9.3 | 5 men on parapet. |
| 12.30 p.m. | I.17.b.5.4 | man carrying sack towards PERENCHIES. |

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OBSERVATION OF ENEMY (contd)

A suspected O.P. was located in a house at I.16.d.65.05
2 men left an apparent dug-out in support line and
entered farm at C.24.a.5.1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On red rocket and flares being fired by the enemy, his
artillery opened fire.

RAID.

A raid on enemy trenches in C.29.a. was carried out
on the night 28/29th. inst. by a composite party from
four battalions.

Nine dug-outs containing Germans (who would not come
out) were demolished. Thirty of the enemy were killed and one wounded
prisoner brought back.

Normal identification (23rd. Bavarians) was established.

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Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to Noon. Wind N.E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. light at
night. Bright. Frost. Perhaps becoming overcast
and foggy later. Temperature day 25 to 30, night 15. Barometer
this morning at M.S.L. 29.91 in. Steady. At 500 ft. 29.32 in.
Visibility indifferent or poor.

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 66...January 30th. 1917.(from 6 a.m. 29th. January to 6 a.m. 30th. January 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery was less active than usual. Medium Trench Mortars cut wire at several places in the enemy's line, covering fire being supplied by the Artillery.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire during the night. Lewis Guns engaged Machine Guns, and fired on gaps in the enemy's wire, dispersing hostile working parties S. of the MUSHROOM and in C.29.a & c.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. Enemy Machine Guns were reported to be active. Trains and transport were again heard in rear of the German line.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit two of the enemy opposite the Right Section.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

A number of 77 mm, 5.9 and 4.7 shells fell in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES. At intervals throughout the day, hostile fire was directed against our front and support lines. Roads and buildings in the vicinity of HOUPLINES were also fired on by the enemy.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns showed considerable activity opposite the Left and Centre Sections, fire being directed against our parapet and working parties.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A steel plate with loop-hole was located at I.21.c.2.6 (S.E. of BURNT FARM). In rear of this point, a dug-out, from which smoke issued, was observed.

Eight yards to the left of the first steel plate, another, having a sliding door, was noticed. It is suspected that this is a M.G. emplacement.

Sounds of corrugated iron being moved were heard opposite the Centre Section.

New earth is visible at C.29.a.35.15 (opposite PONT BALLOT) and C.29.c.4.8. (S.E. of PONT BALLOT).

Enemy working parties were located at C.29.a.6.4 (N. of COX FARM) and C.29.c.4.9 (S.E. of PONT BALLOT).

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Smoke was observed at I.17.a.30.87, I.16.d.50.15, and C.29.d.0.8.

Other movement was observed as follows:-

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| Between 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon. | I.5.c.56.05 | Small parties of the enemy passed a gap in hedge. |
| 7.50 a.m. | C.29.d.15.25 | Party of men working. |
| -do- | I.5.b.5.8 | -do- -do- -do- |
| 8.40 a.m. | C.25.b.70.93 | 6 men seen on parapet. |
| 11.20 a.m. | C.29.c.55.75 | 1 man seen on parados. |
| 2.17 p.m. | C.17.d.2.8 | 2 men. |
| 2.23 p.m. | -do- | 2 men. |

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IDENTIFICATIONS. At I.5.c.56.05 a man was observed wearing a cap similar to that worn by the R.F.C.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy aeroplanes flew above ARMENTIERES at intervals throughout the morning. Two bombs were dropped in the town.

MISCELLANEOUS. A paper balloon, 4 ft. in diameter, descended in I.4.a (near DISTILLERY).



Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon. Wind between N.E. and N.W. 15 to 20 m.p.h. Cloudy with some snow showers, light at first, and probably heavier later. Frost. Fair visibility. Temperature 20 rising to 30 or 32 Note. Frost probably lasting over to-morrow.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 67...31st. January 1917.(from 6 a.m. 30th. January to 6 a.m. 31st. January 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Fire was brought to bear on portions of the enemy's front and support line trenches. Trench Mortars cut wire at several points in the enemy's line.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

L.T.M.'s. fired with effect on a Minenwerfer position at I.21.d.35.65 (S. of GERMAN HOUSE).

MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was brought to bear against roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's line.

Lewis Guns dispersed hostile working parties at MUSHROOM SALIENT and I.5.c.95.37 (E. of SPARROWS NEST).

The enemy's wire and parapet were also traversed by L.G's. intermittently throughout the night.

PATROLS

Patrolling was rendered difficult by the snow and the brightness of the night. The enemy was alert and frequently opened fire with rifles and machine guns.

A patrol from the Centre Section took a Lewis Gun into NO MAN'S LAND and opened fire on a large enemy wiring party at I.5.c.95.37 (N. of SPARROWS NEST). The party was effectively dispersed and did not recommence work. Our patrol withdrew without incurring any casualties.

Another patrol reached the German parapet, but was detected by the enemy, who fired several red lights, and shouted the alarm from bay to bay along the line. The patrol withdrew under heavy machine gun fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Hostile shelling was well distributed during the day. A large proportion of shrapnel was fired by the enemy.

MACHINE GUNS.

Less indirect fire than usual was employed by the enemy. On several occasions during the night, direct fire was used against our patrols.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at I.28.d.55.55 (N. of ELBOW RD.), C.29.c.3.9 (W. of COX FARM) and C.29.c.60.63 (W. of BOX FARM).

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Three steam tractors moved along the PERENCHIES-LOMME RD. Movement of small parties and individuals was observed at a number of points in rear of the enemy's line.

At 2 p.m. a house, situated in rear of the enemy's line opposite PORTE EGALE FM., was hit by one of our shells. A great explosion was caused and debris thrown to an estimated height of 100 feet in the air.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Searchlights were less active than usual.

At 5.40 p.m. eight orange-colored flares were fired from la HONGRIE FM. Transport was at once heard to move.

ARTILLERY.(addendum)

An active enemy battery at I.34.d.7.5 was silenced by our Howitzers. A hostile T.M. at I.16.d.55.30 was engaged by our 18-prs. with effect.

E.R. Dibbs Lieut.
for Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon, wind N.N.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h. decreasing and becoming N.N.W. Cloudy with further showers of snow. Frost. Fair visibility. Perhaps thawing very slightly to-morrow. Temp. day 30 to 32, night 20 to 25

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 68...1st. February 1917.(from 6 a.m. 31st. January to 6 a.m. 1st. February 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery responded to the S.O.S. signal from three localities.

Retaliation for hostile fire was also given during the day and early part of the night.

An enemy working party was dispersed at C.23.b.50.15 (N. of LES 4 HALLOTS), several casualties being inflicted.

One of our Howitzers, the fire of which was directed by infantry observation, obtained a direct hit on a Minenwerfer in C.23.d (near LES 4 HALLOTS FM).

M.T.M's. cut wire in I.5.c, I.21.c, and C.17.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns in the Right Section fired with effect on a hostile party of the enemy retiring after an attempted raid on our trenches.

Machine Guns in the Left Section co-operated with the Artillery in response to the S.O.S. signal from Locality 16.

A normal programme of indirect fire was carried out.

PATROLS.

The brightness of the night and the snow on the ground again made patrolling difficult.

The enemy was alert, and maintained a keen observation

of NO MAN'S LAND.

ENEMY OPERATIONSARTILLERY.

Considerable artillery activity was displayed by the enemy. Hostile fire was distributed over the whole Sector at irregular intervals throughout the day.

At 6.30 p.m. a heavy bombardment of our trenches in the Right Section was commenced, and was continued intermittently until 9 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS.

Hostile Machine Guns showed considerable activity during the night.

Our communication trenches and parapet in the Left Section were searched by H.G. fire at 4 a.m. 1st. inst.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at I.35.a.75.75 (S. of LE PARADISE) and in C.29.c. (opposite AUSTRALIA AV.) A quantity of new timber and iron is visible in enemy support and communication trenches near BREWERY. Three wooden screens and seventy newly-filled sandbags can also be seen. Thirty of the sandbags are blue in color.

New screens have been erected at C.17.c.78.78 (N. of HOBBS FARM) and C.17.c.93.78 (S. of HOBBS FARM).

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Considerable movement of individuals and small parties of the enemy was noticed throughout the day.

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MISCELLANEOUS. The enemy bombed his own wire during the night.

MINOR OPERATIONS.

RAID ON ENEMY TRENCHES. An endeavour was made to enter enemy trenches opposite the Centre section at 4 a.m. Owing to the alertness of the enemy, and his skilful use of Machine Guns, the objective was not attained.

ENEMY RAID ON OUR TRENCHES. At 6.40 p.m., after artillery preparation a party of the enemy (estimated strength about 40) attacked our trenches in the LILLE ROAD LOCALITY (I.16.central) and were repulsed by the fire of a Lewis Gun and use of bombs. A quantity of equipment was left in NO MAN'S LAND by the enemy.

Simultaneously a party consisting of about 15 Germans approached our line at I.21.a.9.0 (S. of RUE DU BOIS). Our garrison opened fire with Lewis Guns and throw bombs, repulsing the attack.

E.R. Gibbs
Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind variable, mainly easterly at first and southerly later. Cloudy, with some snow showers. Frost. F is visibility, but morning mist. Temperature, day 25 to 30, night 20. Note. Frost probably lasting over to-morrow.

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7th January, 1916

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 12

1. The relief of the 10th Infantry Brigade by the 9th Infantry Brigade will be completed on the 19th instant so far as rank and file are concerned. Certain Commanders will remain in the line 24 hours longer as mentioned in para. 9
2. Details of relief will be arranged by Brigades concerned.
3. Brigades will apply to "Q" Staff of the Division for any additional transport necessary.
4. The relief will not definitely start before the 18th, but Advance Parties and Specialists will go into the line on the 17th.
5. The command of the HOULLINES Section will pass to G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on the evening of the 19th. Time of taking over will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.
6. On relief, the 10th Inf. Brigade will take over the billets and duties of the 9th Inf. Brigade and will report to Divisional Headquarters which Battalions will remain in ARMOURIES. The G.O.C. 9th Inf. Brigade will hand over to the G.O.C. 10th Inf. Brigade all details concerning the ARMOURIES Defences and the action of the Reserve Brigade in case of an enemy offensive.
7. There will be no change at present of Field Ambulance or Engineer Personnel.
8. Arrangements as to rations during the period of relief will be made between the Brigades concerned.
9. Attention is directed to Divisional General Staff Circular No. 1 A, and Corps Circular No. S.G. 277. The same principles will hold good. Commanders of outgoing Units will remain with the opposite numbers in the Left Section for 24 hours after the relief of their Unit. This applies to Company Commanders. ^{concerned}
Copies of orders for relief issued by Brigades/will be submitted to Divisional Headquarters.

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WARNING OF ENEMY CLOUD GAS ATTACK.

In the case of a Cloud Gas Attack, the alarm in the Town of ARMENTIERES will be given by the sounding of Syrens, Strombos Horns, beating of Gongs, or ringing of Bells, from the following stations:-

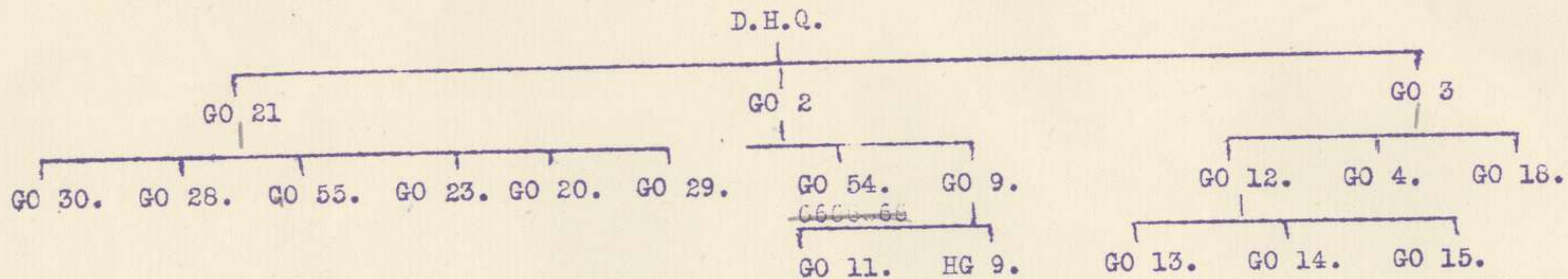
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| a. HOUPLINES. | C.21.d.4.5. | G.O.18. Left Bde. Advanced Hqrs. |
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| f. ARMENTIERES NORTH. | C.19.c.15.05. | G.O.30. Field Ambulance. |
| g. ECOLE PROFESS- IONELLE. | B.30.b.4.2. | G.O.21. Advanced Div. Hqrs. and Signals. |
| h. RUE SADI CARNOT ARMENTIERES SW. | B.30.d.1.0. | G.O.2. Right Brigade Hqrs. |
| i. TOWN HALL. | C.25.c.7.5. | G.O.55. "E" Bn. Reserve Brigade. |
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| m. ARMENTIERES ASYLUM AREA. | I.2.a.4.9. | G.O.13. Left Group Battery. |
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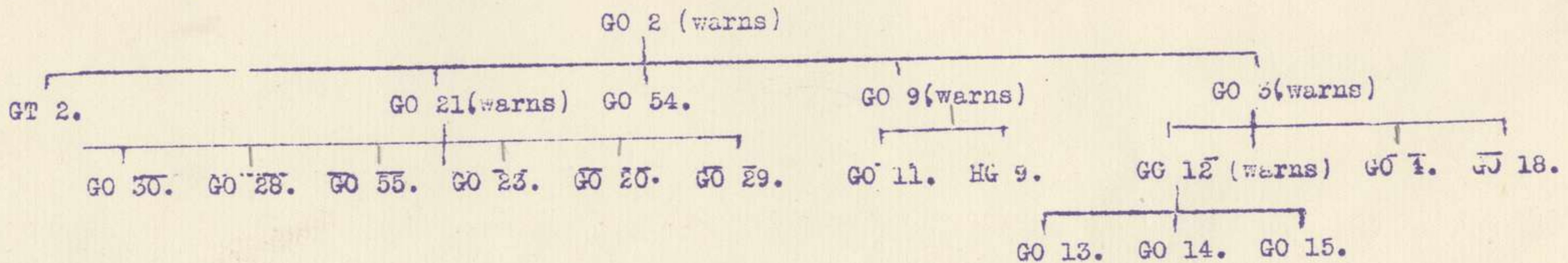
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| o. DANSETTE JUTE FACTORIES. | B.29.d.6.8. | G.O.23. Inland Water Transport. |
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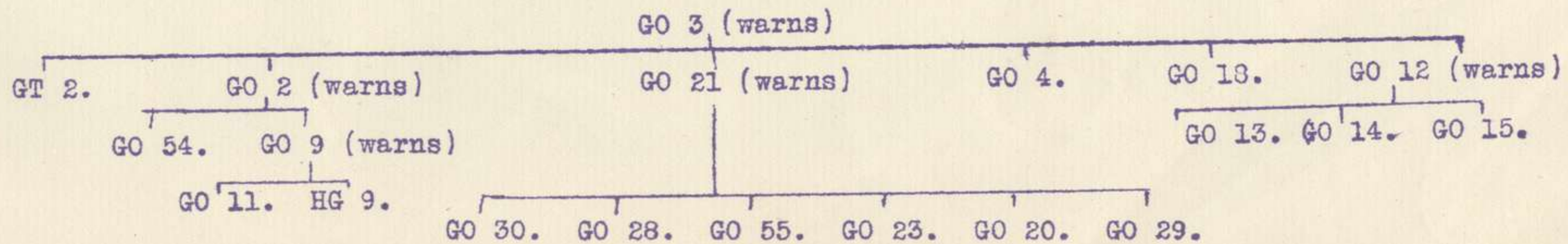
If Cloud Gas attack is reported from Divisional Headquarters the chain will be as follows:-



If Gas attack is reported by GO 2 the chain will be:-



If the Gas attack is reported by GO 3 the chain will be:-



Appendix No 10

2. Responsibility of the Signal Service and method of reporting

The procedure to be adopted for warning all concerned of a hostile attack is as follows.

(a). The Signal Service will repeat the message automatically as far back as Brigade Headquarters.
e.g. Battalion Operator warns Artillery, Brigade Headquarters, and flank Battalions.

Form of Message.
"Gas attack Trench....."

(b). Beyond Brigade Headquarters the responsibility of the Signal Service ceases.

The message will be delivered to the Brigade Staff. The Brigadier will then decide to whom it should be sent.

(c). Similarly the responsibility for transmission will rest with the Divisional Commander.

The message will be repeated as a matter of Routine from Brigade to Division, and from Division to Corps, but the greatest care must be exercised in the form of the message, if it is decided to repeat it to flank Units.

Gas attack messages are apt to ramify indefinitely along telegraph and telephone lines with the result that needless alarm and exertion are caused to Units far remote from the scene of attack.

The Signallers of a Battalion which is not itself subject to gas attack, but which receives the alarm from a Battalion on one flank will not automatically transmit the message to the Battalion on its other flank. The Officer who receives the message should, however, communicate with the Flank Battalion, not only to give warning, but in order to prevent an alarm which might be transmitted by horns etc., from spreading indefinitely.

3. In the case of a Cloud Gas attack troops in the back Area will be warned as follows:-
STEENWERCK. Divisional Headquarters will warn the Camp Commandant and A.P.M.

The A.P.M. will be responsible for having the Church Bell in STEENWERCK sounded.

Divisional Gas Officer will sound the Strombos horn.
LA CRECHE. A Special Cyclist Dispatch Rider will be dispatched to warn the Divisional Train.

WATER LANDS FARM. "L" Coy.R.E. will be warned by priority wire and will be responsible for spreading the alarm by sounding the strombos horn provided from Divisional Headquarters.

4. In the case of a hostile GAS SHELL attack (as happened at ARRAS) it will be reported immediately to Divisional Headquarters by priority wire.

The same procedure will be adopted to warn the stations responsible for sounding alarms as for CLOUD GAS attack.

To differentiate between CLOUD GAS attack and GAS SHELL attack, all bells or gongs will be sounded like a ship's bell, i.e. a succession of two strokes to indicate GAS SHELL attack. The effect of a Gas Shell attack is local and it is

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necessary to prevent the warning ramifying and alarming Units beyond range of Artillery Fire, therefore STROMBOS HORNS and SYRENS will not be used for alarm signals for Gas Shell attack.

PRECAUTIONS.

(a). All men taking cover in cellars and dugouts to escape from shell fragments will wear their S.B. Respirators, and will not remove them while under cover. Buildings and Cellars should be vacated as soon as the Gas shell bombardment ceases, and should be entered again with caution, as fumes given off by shells remain a long time in buildings. Box Respirators must be worn if any trace of gas is present.

(b). Face-pieces of Box Respirators must not be removed so long as any shell gas is present.

(c). All men in the shelled area must be aroused at once so that they may put on their Box Respirators.

(d). The enemy often uses a mixture of "Tear" and Asphyxiating shells in which the latter may not be detected, and casualties may be caused by men breathing small quantities of shell gas. Strict discipline with regard to protective measures against gas shells must be maintained and S.B. Respirators at once adjusted.

(e). The entrance to cellars and dugouts within gas shell area should be provided with doors or gas blankets.

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