

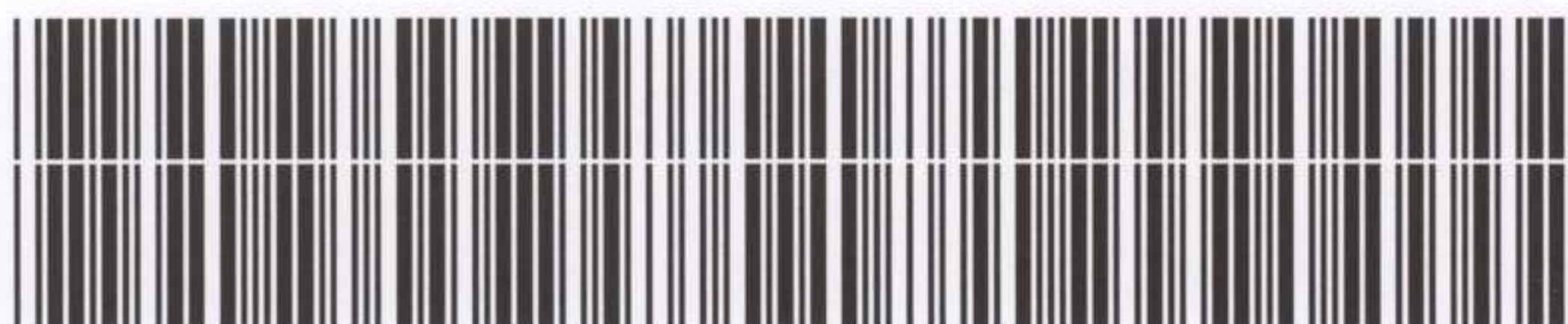
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Place	Date Mar.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	1st	6.20.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Enemy artillery displayed activity during the night, in L'EPINETTE Sector. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our Artillery fired on enemy support trenches in C.29.a. and c.</p> <p>Enemy working parties dispersed at C.29.c.50.73 (W. of COX FARM- and C.29.c.88.34. (S. of BOX FARM)).</p> <p>Our howitzers engaged hostile batteries at J.7.a.6.5. (N. of ST. ANTOINE), I.36.d.8.5. (N.E. of LE BLANC COULON), I.30.b.5.9. (S. of PREMESQUES), C.23.d.78.20 (S.E. of LES 4 HALLOTS), and J.8.d.0.9. (N. of PERENCHIES).</p> <p>Snipers claim 7 hits during the day.</p> <p>Our patrols reported very little activity in enemy's front line.</p> <p>Enemy's artillery active throughout, generally against our front and support lines.</p> <p>HOUPINES shelled during day.</p> <p>Enemy machine gun fired bursts of indirect fire against our trenches in L'EPINETTE Section.</p> <p>Enemy Defences. The enemy parapet in I.11.c. and I.17.d. is still in damaged state, no apparent effort having been made to repair it.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 97.
		9.15 a.m.	<p>A party of 14 men wearing grey caps, and carrying rifles, passed low portion of enemy parapet in I.22.b.5.3.</p> <p>Later 8 men with caps of white, with black hands, carrying rifles with fixed bayonets, passed same place.</p>	
	2nd	5.0.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Our artillery, medium and L.T.Ms. carried out bombardment of enemy front and support lines in I.21.b. Enemy retaliated with minenwerfer, H.E. and shrapnel.</p> <p>Wind N.W. 5 to 10 m.p.h.</p> <p>Weather. Cloudy with bright intervals. Mist and slight frost at night.</p> <p>Visibility fair. Temperature day 45 to 50. Night 30 to 35.</p> <p>HOUPINES Lightly shelled by enemy during night.</p> <p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation Normal. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Artillery shelled enemy communication trenches during day.</p> <p>Working parties dispersed by our artillery at I.16.d.60.90. and I.17.d.03.85.</p> <p>L.T.Ms. fired with good effect on enemy working party and dugouts at I.21.c.5.1. (W. of MANA-</p>	Appx. 18. Int.Summ. 98.

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CROIX DU BAC.			<p>Snipers claim 3 hits during day. A new type of periscope observed in the enemy front line at C.29.c.8.4. (S. of BOX FARM) was fired on and broken.</p> <p>4.45 a.m. Patrols heard sounds of timber and steel rails being unloaded near BREWERY (C.17.d.) CHICKEN RUN (C.17.a.) and E. of HOBBS FARM (C.17.d.). Enemy artillery intermittently active throughout day along whole Divisional front. A number of new screens have been erected in enemy front line opposite Locality 3. Enemy Minenwerfer position located at BRUNE RUE. Increased activity detected in enemy transport and trench tramways.</p> <p>5.25. <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.N.W. 5 m.p.h. Weather. Fair and bright with mist, and slight frost at night. Visibility indifferent. Temperature day 45, night 30. Patrolling rendered difficult by bright moonlight.</p> <p>3rd 5.45. <u>Morning Report.</u> HOURLINES lightly shelled during night, damage nil. Several working parties dispersed by our artillery opposite centre of our line. Situation normal. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h. 10 enemy working parties dispersed by our artillery during day. Hits also obtained against a Snipers post at C.17.c.80.79 and M.G. emplacement at I.11.c.35.18. Enemy communication trenches in I.27.b. and E. of L'EPINETTE fired on during night. Enemy artillery comparatively quiet during day.</p> <p>2 p.m. Dense clouds of smoke observed issuing from enemy lines from C.29.d.77.50 and C.29.d.55.25.</p> <p>9.6 p.m. 2 Red lights fired from enemy line in C.23.c. without any resulting action.</p> <p>5.6. <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 4 m.p.h. Weather. Bright intervals. Visibility during day low. Clear at night.</p>	<p>Appx.18. Int.Summ. 99.</p>

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CROIX DU BAC.	4th.		Fighting Patrol remained for 3 hours in NO MAN'S LAND but did not encounter any of enemy. Patrols carried out reconnaissance of our wire, movement being restricted by brightness of night. Patrols report having heard railway and road traffic opposite the HOUPINES Section.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 100.
		5.45.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Enemy lightly shelled HOUPINES during night. Our artillery retaliated. Wind N.E. 4 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on new enemy works at I.17.d.85.30. and C.23.d.15.48. Howitzers shelled enemy battery position at J.2.d.15.48. and silenced a minenwerfer at C.17.a. 97.12'. Snipers claim 2 hits during day. Enemy artillery intermittently active throughout the day, and directed generally against the L'EPINETTE Sector. Registration of points in RUE DU BOIS and HOUPINES Section was apparently carried out by enemy during day. Enemy working parties displayed great activity and determination, although constantly harassed by our artillery fire, especially at I.11.a. and I.11.c. where his front line is greatly damaged. New concrete dug-outs visible at C.29.c.94.35. and C.29.c.86.44. A party of 40 enemy observed at J.14.a.2.9. A band was heard from the direction of PERENCHIES playing march tunes.	
		5.20.	<u>Divisional Order No. 17 issued.</u> <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.E. 10 m.p.h.	
	5th		Weather. Fine early with fair visibility. Slight snow. Frost at night and clear. Temperature day 35, night 25.	Appx.19.
			Movement of our patrols hampered by brightness of night, but several working parties located by them and dispersed by our artillery.	
		5.50.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind E.10 m.p.h. Our artillery dispersed 14 working parties during day, and fired successfully on enemy M.G. and Minenwerfer positions in I.17.a. , I.11.c. and I.16.d. Our L.T.Ms. severely damaged enemy trenches in I.16.d. and I.27.a.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 101.

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Place	Date Mar.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.			<p>Snipers claim 5 hits during day. Hostile artillery comparatively quiet during day. Minenwerfers intermittently active along our front, but very little damage resulted. Considerable amount of work carried on in enemy front line, especially opposite the HOUPLINES Section. Large Gap discovered in enemy wire at C.29.a.80.90.</p> <p>11 a.m. 2 Lachrymatory shells fell in vicinity of GD. PORTE EGAL FARM (I.10.b.) Large enemy periscopes observed at C.29.a.60.17. and C.29.c.85.95.</p> <p>8.30. to 10.30 p.m. Sounds of enemy railway traffic heard in rear of enemy lines opposite the RUE DU BOIS Section.</p> <p>5.10. <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.S.E. 5 m.p.h.  Weather. Rather overcast with some snow and sleet. Visibility indifferent during day, but clear at night. Temperature day 35, night 30.</p> <p>6th Fighting patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND, but encountered no enemy. Moonlight somewhat hampered movement of patrols.</p> <p>5.40. <u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind light East. Our artillery during day bombarded trenches in I.11.a., C.17.a., C.17.d., and C.23.b. Enemy artillery active throughout day. Fire of 4.2 and 77 m.m. guns distributed over the whole of the Divisional Front mainly against front and support lines. Sounds of hammering and sawing were heard opposite the RUE DU BOIS Section. Enemy machine guns quieter than usual. New enemy works at I.11.a.52.30. were destroyed by our artillery fire. Snipers claim one hit during day. New enemy works are observed at C.29.c.75.63., C.29.c.42.85 and C.29.d.45.00.</p>	<p>Appx.18. Int.Summ. 102.</p>

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CROIX DU BAC.	Mar.		During day parties of enemy observed at C.29.c.63.60. carrying boxes resembling our S.A.A. boxes.	
		8.9 p.m.	Enemy bombed his own wire on four occasions opposite RUE DU BOIS & HOUPelines .	
		9 p.m.	Train heard in direction of PERENCHIES.	
		5.20.	Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind E, 12 m.p.h. Weather. Fair early, later cloudy with slight rain and snow. Visibility fair. Temperature Day 45, night 30 to 35.	
	7th		Patrols hampered by bright moonlight. Enemy bombed his wire opposite the RUE DU BOIS and HOUPelines Sections early in morning. Our artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.5.b., I.6.a. and I.11.a with good results. Several enemy working parties were dispersed during the day.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 103. 102
		6.0.	Morning Report. Situation normal. Artillery bombarded Locality 7 during night with 77 m.m. and 4.2 shell. Also slight artillery activity along whole front area. Wind N.E. 15 m.p.h. Heavy T.Ms. covered by artillery carried out effective shooting on enemy line in C.29.c. Our Snipers claim two hits. Enemy artillery active against our front and support lines in I.15.a., I.21.a. and b., and in I.16.a. and I.15.d. Enemy working parties at I.22.a.13.75., I.11.a.58.60., I.21.b.80.20., C.29.c.57.60., I.11.a.60.70. and C.17.a.30.53. were dispersed by our artillery fire. Divisional Order No. 18 issued.	Appx.20.
		6.8 p.m.	Transport heard moving in rear of enemy lines opposite L'EPINETTE Section. Divisional Order No. 19 issued.	Appx.21.
		5.20.	Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 25 m.p.h.  Weather. Overcast on the whole. Slight rain and snow. Slight frost at night. Visibility fair. Temperature 25 to 30 night and day.	
	8th		Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during night. No enemy patrols encountered.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 104.



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Place	Date Mar.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	8th.		Enemy front line quieter than usual during darkness and few flares fired by him.	
		5.50.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 20 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.27.a., I.11.a., I.21.b. and I.21.c. They also shelled enemy dump at D.17.a.6.4. causing two explosions. Trench Mortars cut wire successfully in I.5.c. and I.11.a. Several hostile batteries were successfully engaged during the day. Snipers claim 24 hits. Enemy artillery displayed very little activity during day, but 60 rounds of T.M. shell were fired by him into the vicinity of L'EPINETTE and into I.3.d. (N. of CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES). During the evening enemy machine guns very active opposite L'EPINETTE section. The enemy wire and parapet opposite the above section is found to be in very bad repair. An enemy M.G. emplacement at I.5.b.12.43. is also found to have been destroyed.	
		4.15 to 5.15 p.m.	Frequent movement on roads in I.24.a. (near PREMESQUES).	
		6.25.	A number of red and green lights were fired from rear of enemy line. No apparent action followed.	
		5.20.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.N.W. 25 m.p.h.  Weather. Fair, bright intervals. Some snow. Frosty at night. Visibility very fair. Cold Temperature day 25, night 20 to 25.	
	9th.		Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during early hours from 2.30 a.m. to 6.0 a.m. Working parties were heard at several places in enemy line.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 105.
		5.45.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. to S.W. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery active throughout the day. Howitzers and heavy artillery bombarded enemy strong points in his support line, and damaged considerably buildings in vicinity of BREWERY, STEP FARM and DEBRIS FARM.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	Mar.		<p>Our field guns dispersed numerous enemy working parties. Enemy battery positions at I.23.b.35.20., I.24.c.00.85, I.18.b.35.15, I.18.a.2.2. and J.13.2. 2.2. were shelled with shrapnel during the day. Our Lewis Guns in Localities 2, 3 &amp; 4 (N. of THE MUSHROOM) caused enemy aeroplane flying low to return over its own lines. Snipers claim 3 hits. Enemy artillery fire slight during day, and mainly in retaliation for our activity. Enemy machine guns less active than usual.</p> <p>9 p.m. Our Artillery fired 3 shells into enemy front line opposite L'EPINETTE Section, whereupon flares were fired from enemy line on a front of at least 500 yards.</p> <p><b>Divisional Order No. 20 issued.</b></p> <p>5.20. Evening Report. Situation normal. Wind S.S.E. 10 m.p.h. Weather. Mainly overcast with slight snow., rain and drizzle. Frost at night. Visibility fair. Temperature 25 to 30, later 35.</p> <p>10th Patrols located enemy working parties in I.5.b. and c. which were dispersed by L.G.fire. Patrols report large gap in enemy parapet at I.11.c.65.55.</p> <p>5.55. <u>Morning Report.</u> Enemy lightly shelled HOUPINES at midnight. Situation normal. Wind S.W. 4 mp.h. 106. Several working parties dispersed by our artillery who also bombarded enemy works in I.11.a. Snipers claim 5 hits during day. Enemy artillery displayed considerable activity during day and night. This was as a rule retaliation for our operations. Enemy machine guns active all along line. Direct hits were obtained by our artillery on enemy M.G. emplacement at I.5.b.60.45.</p> <p>8.0. to 8.20. A number of red lights were fired by the enemy with no apparent action.</p> <p>11.40 p.m. A raiding party endeavoured to enter the enemy trenches in I.11.a. but was prevented by the heavy barrage placed on this line by the enemy.</p> <p>5.25. <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.E. 5 to 10 m.p.h. Weather. Mainly overcast. Mist and fog and some drizzle. Visibility poor. Temp. 40 to 45. Night 35.</p>	<p>Appx.22.</p> <p>Appx.18. Int. Summ.</p>



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CROIX DU BAC.	Mar.			
	11th		Our Lewis Guns were active on enemy wire and parapet during night.	Appx.18. Int. Summ. 107.
	5.50.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S. to S.E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery dispersed several enemy working parties during day. M.T.Ms. carried out effective shoot on enemy front in U.29.b.22.59. Snipers claim to have hit one of the enemy. Enemy wiring party in I.29.d. was dispersed by Lewis Guns. Enemy artillery active during day along our front. 60 shells from small calibre guns fell in HOUPPLINES during the day.		
	5.15.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.E. 6 m.p.h. Weather. Mild during day, cold at night. Temp. day 55 to 60. Night 30 to 40. Rain and drizzle with bright intervals. Visibility fair in middle of day.		
12th		During the night enemy frequently bombed his own wire.  Divisional Order No. 21 issued.	Appx.23.	

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CROIX DU BAC.	12th	5.25	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Enemy bombarded Localities 15, 16 and 17 commencing at 2.0 a.m. and attempted to raid at 2.10 a.m. Enemy repulsed and did not reach our parapet. Situation normal. Wind N.W. 3 m.p.h.</p> <p><del>2.0 a.m.</del></p> <p>During morning frequent movement of pedestrians observed on road between FME. LA HOULETTE and Fme. GDE VERQUIN.</p> <p>Our artillery bombarded enemy trenches in I.17.a. and I.11.c.</p> <p>Medium Trench Mortars covered by 18-pdrs. successfully cut the enemy's wire in I.11.a.</p> <p>Snipers claim one hit in C.23.b.</p> <p>Hostile artillery lightly shelled our front and support lines with 77 m.m. and 4.2. shells during the day.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 108.
	13th	5.30	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> At 11.40 p.m. a raiding party endeavoured to enter enemy trenches in I.11a. The enemy placed a barrage on his own front line thus preventing an entry from being made. Situation normal. Wind S.E. 2 m.p.h.</p> <p>During the day several enemy working parties were dispersed by our artillery.</p> <p>Snipers in the HOUPLES Sub-Section claim to have hit 5 of the enemy.</p> <p><u>Divisional Order No. 22 issued.</u></p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 109.
		5.30	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Medium Trench Mortar Shoot successfully carried out against enemy's wire at I.11.a. at midday.</p> <p>H.T.M. and L.T.M. carried out shoot against enemy works in C.29.c.</p> <p>Situation normal. Wind S.W. 6 m.p.h.</p>	Appx.24.
	14th	5.25	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Fire was brought to bear on enemy front and support line trenches opposite the HOUPLES Sub-Section. Several enemy working parties were dispersed by our 18-pdrs. during the day.</p> <p>Enemy's artillery was active during the period, and between 4 and 5 p.m. heavily bombarded our front and support line trenches in I.5.a. and c. and communication trenches in I.4.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 110.



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CROIX DU BAC?	Mar.			
	14th	5.20	At 7.45 p.m. enemy <del>front</del> bombarded our front, support and communication trenches in C.23.c. <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 8 m.p.h.	
	15th	5.40.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Our Artillery fired on enemy front and support line trenches In I.5.b. and C.17.a. and C.17.c. Several enemy working parties were dispersed during the day. The enemy's artillery was less active, firing a few rounds of 77 m.m. and 4.2. c.m. shells in the vicinity of our front and support line trenches in I.5.a. I.5.c. and C.17.c. The enemy apparently registered our support line from ST. YVES to LOUNDS AVENUES during the morning. At 5.20 p.m. registration of our front line in U.28.a. and c was also apparently carried out. A number of lachrymatory and suspected asphyxiating shells were fired by the enemy during the afternoon and night	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 111.
		5.17.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 10 m.p.h.	
	16th	5.30.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. 5 m.p.h. Our Artillery fired on enemy's support and front line trenches in I.11.a. and C.17.c. Howitzers also brought fire to bear on a concrete machine gun emplacement in C.23.b. Enemy working parties were dispersed during the day by the fire of our 18-pdrs. Snipers claim to have hit 11 of the enemy. The enemy's artillery was comparatively quiet during the period. A few rounds of 4.2 and 5.9 c.m. shells fell in the vicinity of our front and support line trenches in C.17.c. and C.29.c. STATION and SEVEN TRESS REDOUBTS were shelled with 4.2. and 5.9. c.m. at intervals throughout the day.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 112.
		5.15.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. 15 m.p.h.	

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CROIX DU BAC.	17th	6.5.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. 5 m.p.h. At 3.0 a.m. we released gas and smoke against enemy trenches opposite the Right Section. Our artillery botained direct hits on enemy works in J.12.d. and a suspected O.P. at J.14.a.70.45. Several enemy working parties were dispersed. A hostile party of 10 men in single file was observed in NO MAN'S LAND by one of our patrols, in the vininity of the enemy's line in I.11.c. On the approach of our patrol the enemy quickly retired to their front line. The enemy's artillery was fairly active and fired a number of rounds of 5.9 c.m. and 77 m.m. shell against our anti-aircraft position in T.30.d. Hostile fire was also directed against C.23.a. C.27.b. C.27.c. C.28.b. and I.4.a. during the day.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 113.
		5.15.	<u>Divisional Order No. 23 issued.</u> <u>Evening Report.</u> Intermittent hostile artillery activity throughout the day. Situation normal. Wind W. 15 m.p.h.	Appx.25.
	18th	5.50.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 3 m.p.h. Our artillery fired with effect on Fort DU DENAMONT and enemy billets in the vicinity. Fire was also directed against hostile trench mortar emplacements in C.23.b. and C.24.c. Direct hits were scored against a hostile battery at D.19.a.11.25. causing fires and large explosions. This position appeared to be completely destroyed and men, who were seen to leave the gun-pits, were caught by the fire of our 18pdrs. and casualties inflicted. Enemy's artillery was active against the Right Section. Fire was directed mainly against their front and support line trenches in C.23.a. C.17.c. and C.17.a.	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 114.
		5.32	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal Wind N.W. 10 to 12 m.p.h.	



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CROIX DU BAC.	19th	5.50.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 3 m.p.h. Our Artillery fired on ammunition dumps in C.17.b. Enemy working parties were dispersed during the day. Snipers claim to have hit three of the enemy at points E. of L'EPINETTE. The enemy's artillery was active during the period, particularly against the Right Section. Heavy fire was directed against their front and support line trenches in C.17.a. C.17.c. C.29.a. and C.29.c. A Number of rounds of 77 m.m. 4.2. c.m. and 5.9. c.m. shell fell in C.23.a. c.28b and C.28.d. A small gun (probably revolver gun) was located at I.5.c.8.22. Gas was released from Localities 8 and 13, and smoke from Locality 11 at 7.30 p.m. Gas was also released from Locality 12 at 8.45 p.m. The wind was suitable at the time and there is reason to believe that the release was successful.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 115.
		5.25.	<p><u>Divisional Order No. 24 issued.</u></p> <p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. 30 m.p.h.</p>	
	20th	5.45.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Enemy fired our S.O.S. signal at 9.43 p.m. opposite left of Right Brigade Front. Our artillery opened fire, but ceased immediately Battalion advised barrage not required. Situation normal. Wind N. to N.W. 12 m.p.h. Our artillery successfully bombarded buildings in J.13.b. and I.12.b. and dispersed an enemy working party in C.17.b. Trench mortars cut wire in C.29.a. and brought effective fire to bear on the enemy's front line trench in C.29.c. Snipers hit two of the enemy opposite L'EPINETTE. Patrols carried out an examination of the enemy's wire during the night. Enemy's artillery displayed less activity than usual. A few rounds of 5.9. c.m. 4.2. c.m. and 77 m.m. fell in C.28 and in the vicinity of our front and support line trenches in I.11.c. I.11.a. and I.5.c. At about 5.0 p.m. 9 gas shells fell in "G" Gap (U.21.d.)</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 116.
		5.30.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W.N.W. 15 m.p.h.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	21st Mar.	5.55	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind North 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our Artillery fired on a dump at LA FRESNELLE causing a fire which burned for a considerable time.</p> <p>Fire was also directed against enemy billets in J.14.a., and several enemy working parties which were dispersed.</p> <p>Snipers claim to have broken an enemy periscope in UNA trench (C.28.c.). Opposite the Right Section the enemy has become more careful and has been observed to run past gaps and screens in his line.</p> <p>Patrols which operated actively in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night carried out an examination of the enemy's wire at several points.</p> <p>The enemy's Artillery was comparatively inactive. A few rounds of 5.9 c.m. fell in the vicinity of HOBBS FARM, and our front and support line trenches in I.5.c. and C.23.c. were lightly shelled.</p> <p>At 4.30 p.m. several gas shells fell in the vicinity of our front line in U.28.a.</p> <p>A large explosion was heard in the enemy's lines (apparently in Square C.29.) at midnight. The ground was considerably shaken in the vicinity.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 117.
		5.10.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Our Heavy Artillery fired on targets in C.10.b., C.23. and C.24. commencing at 1.0 p.m. Situation normal. Wind North 8 m.p.h.</p>	
	22nd Mar.	6.0.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Enemy bombarded our lines in U.15.d. and U.21.b. with minenwerfer and 4.2. H.E. at 4.30 a.m. Our casualties 2 other ranks wounded. Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Fire was directed against suspected enemy billet in I.17.d. and J.14.a. Fire was also brought to bear on enemy trenches in I.5.a. I.5.c. and I.11.a. Several working parties and traffic in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE were effectively fired on during the day.</p> <p>Patrolling was actively maintained throughout the night.</p> <p>The enemy's artillery was active against the Left (PLOGSTERT) Section at intervals throughout the day. A number of rounds of 4.2. c.m. shells fell in the vicinity of I.11c. C.29.a. and C.29.c. in the Right Section.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 118.
		5.20.	<p><u>Divisional Order No. 25 issued.</u></p> <p><u>Evening Report.</u> M.T.Ms. covered by artillery fired on M.G. emplacement in C.23.d.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	Mar.			
	23rd	6.0.	<p>There was practically no enemy retaliation. Situation normal. Wind N.W. 10 m.p.h.</p> <p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Fire was brought to bear on enemy traffic in J.13.b. Several working parties were dispersed by the fire of our 18-pdrs. Howitzers obtained a number of direct hits on a building housing hostile battery in D.7.d. 21 Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. Patrols reported that the enemy's line in I.5.c. appeared to be strongly held. Hostile artillery fire was fairly light. A few rounds were fired by guns of small calibre from the vicinity of BRUNE RUE (I.5.b.) Between 9.40 a.m. and 12.0 noon ranging was apparently carried out by the enemy on LONG AVENUE from the Railway Station to Front line (C.4.c. C.10.a. C.9.d.).</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 119.
		5.30.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N. to N.E. 10, m.p.h.	
	24th	6.5	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on a suspected enemy Headquarters in C.18.d., a dump in I.12.b., and concrete structures at I.12.b.92.98. 18-pdrs. directed fire against buildings in I.12.b. and I.14.a. Snipers destroyed 6 enemy periscopes opposite the Left (PLOEGSTEERT) Section, and claim to have hit 4 of the enemy opposite L'EPINETTE Salient. Patrols were active throughout the night. Very little activity displayed by enemy artillery during the period. at 4.0 p.m. 20 4.2. shells fell in our wire at the head of LOUNDES AVENUE (U.21.d.) making a gap in our wire 20 yards in width.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 120.
		5.7.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 10 m.p.h.	
25th	5.40.		<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 6 to 10 m.p.h.	



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Place	Date M.D.Y.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.			<p>Artillery fired on new enemy works in C.17.a. and a recently erected screen in C.23.b. 18-pdrs. also shelled enemy billets in I.13.b. and I.17.b.</p> <p>Patrols operated actively in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night, locating several enemy working parties which were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.</p> <p>The enemy's artillery again displayed very little activity.</p> <p>A number of 77 m.m. shells fell in the vicinity of I.10.b. 35 rounds 5.9. and 4.2. c.m. shell fell in PLOEGSTEERT. Fired was also directed against FORT BOYD in U.21.a.</p>	Appx.18. Int. Summ. 121
		5.15.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h.	
	26th	5.30.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Under cover of heavy bombardment on our front and support line trenches between WARWAVE RIVER and HAMPSHIRE Trench an enemy raiding party endeavoured to enter our line. Our Artillery barraged NO MAN'S LAND in the vicinity, and the hostile party was bombed from our parapet, and forced to withdraw, having failed to effect an entry. Situation normal. Wind N. 5 to 10 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our Artillery carried out an effective bombardment on enemy's support and communication trenches in C.10.b. In response to an S.O.S. call a barrage was placed on NO MAN'S LAND in U.21.d. at 2.0 a.m. On account of enemy registration during the day the attempted raid was anticipated and arrangements made to concentrate artillery on NO MAN'S LAND and the vicinity early in the evening.</p> <p>Medium Trench Mortars fired on the enemy's lines in U.21.b. and U.22.a. during the day.</p> <p>Patrolling was actively maintained throughout the night.</p> <p>Snipers claim to have hit two of the enemy in C.23.b.</p> <p>Except for the heavy bombardment at 2.0 a.m. in connection with the attempted enemy raid, there was very little hostile artillery activity during the day.</p>	Appx.18. Int. Summ 122.
		5.20.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind North 10 to 15 m.p.h.	
	27th	5.45	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind North to N.E. 4 m.p.h.	



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Place	Date Mar.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	27th		<p>Our Artillery directed fire against trenches in C.29.a. and U.28.a. Fire was also brought to bear on traffic observed in rear of the enemy's lines at I.11.c.35.26. and on the BAS TROU -PREMESQUES Road.</p> <p>Patrolling was carried out during the night. An Officers Patrol approached to within 10 yards of an enemy wiring party in C.17.a. Bombs were thrown with apparent success by our patrol, which retired under revolver fire from the enemy's front line trench.</p> <p>Hostile artillery was normally active against the Left (PLOGSTEBERT) Section, but was quieter than usual opposite the Right.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 123.
		5.20.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N. to N.E. 7 to 10 m.p.h.	
	28th	5.35.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 10 to 20 m.p.h.</p> <p>Our artillery fired on the enemy's front and support line trenches in C.4.a., U.21.d. and I.11.a., b. and c.</p> <p>Trench Mortars fired with effect on the enemy's support line and wire in U.28.a., and on points in U.28.a. and b.</p> <p>Trench Mortars also carried out an effective bombardment of the enemy's front line and wire in I.5.c.</p> <p>Patrols which operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night carried out an examination of the enemy's wire in C.29.a. and U.21.b.</p> <p>Normal activity was displayed by the enemy's artillery during the period.</p> <p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. H.L's. fell in PONT DE NIEPPE between 1.30 and 3.0 p.m. Successful M.T.M. shoot carried out during the afternoon. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h.</p>	Appx.18. Int.Summ. 124.
	29th	6.0.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 12 m.p.h.</p> <p>Howitzers fired on and caused considerable damage to a concrete structure in C.23.b.</p> <p>Fire was directed against enemy trenches in I.5.b. and C.4.d.</p> <p>Several enemy working parties were dispersed during the day.</p> <p>Our patrols were active in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night and examined the enemy's wire in I.17.a., I.11.c., C.29.c., and C.29.a. A patrol ascertained that the enemy's trenches</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	Mar.		in I.11.a. (N. of the RAILWAY) were unoccupied. East of the MUSHROOM in I.11.c. the enemy's line appeared to be held. Normal activity was displayed by hostile artillery during the day.	Appx.18. Int. Summ. 125.
		5.18.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. At 3.0 p.m. slight retaliation to trench mortar fire Left Section. Wind S.W. 7 to 15 m.p.h.	
	30th	5.50.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Enemy shelled locality C.3.b.70.16 at 3.40 a.m. with M.T.M. and 5.9 c.m. shell. Wind W. to S.W. 10 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy works in C.29.c., I.11.c. and I.11.b. Considerable damage was caused to the enemy's wire in C.10.b., U.15.d. and U.28.c. Trench Mortars fired on enemy's wire and parapet in C.23.b., I.17.a. and U.15.d. 29 Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night, and located several enemy working parties which were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. Hostile artillery fire was heavy against the Left Section during the day. The enemy's artillery was normally active against the Right Section.	Appx.18. Int. Summ. 126.
		5.20.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. 10 to 15 m.p.h.	
	31st.	5.25.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. to S.W. 20 m.p.h. During the day our Artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.5.c., I.5.b., and C.17.a. Several direct hits were obtained on a Wireless Station at FRELINGHEIN. Trench Mortars fired with effect on a suspected Snipers post in C.10.b. Patrols were active in NO MAN'S LAND during hours of darkness. An Officers Patrol entered a Sap in I.11.c. and left "Anti-War Propoganda" in conspicuous places. Enemy's artillery was normally active. A few gas shells fell in U.25.a. <u>Divisional Order No.26 issued.</u>	Appx.18. Int. Summ. 127.
		5.10.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 10 to 12 m.p.h.	Appx.28.

Major, G.S.,  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 97.....2nd. March, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 1st. March to 6 a.m. 2nd. March, 1917.)

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

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on the German support and reserve trenches in C.29.a & c. 18-prs. dispersed enemy working parties at C.29.c.50.73 (W. of COX FARM) and C.29.c.88.34 (S. of BOX FARM). Howitzers engaged hostile batteries at J.7.a.6.5 (N. of ST. ANTOINE), I.36.a.8.5 (N.E. of LE BLANC COULON), I.30 b.5.9 (S. of PREMESQUES), C.23.d.78.20 (S.E. of LES 4 HALLOTS) and J.8.d.0.9 (N. of PERENCHIES).

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns brought fire to bear on SPARROWS NEST (I.5.d), gaps in the enemy's wire N. of RAILWAY SALIENT and the LILLE RAILWAY in I.11 and 12. Lewis Guns dispersed five enemy working parties. Two hostile patrols were also fired on during the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit seven of the enemy.

PATROLS.

Right Section. An enemy patrol of from 15 to 20 men was observed in the vicinity of the enemy's wire N. of SNIPERS HOUSE (I.22.a.) A fighting patrol of 1 officer and 19 O.R. was sent off, remained in NO MAN'S LAND for a period of 5 hours, but did not encounter any of the enemy.

Centre Section. Patrols reported that very little activity was displayed in the enemy's front line. E. of L'EPINETTE Section during the night. Flares were fired mainly from the enemy's support line instead of from the front as is usually the case.

An enemy working party located (by a patrol) in I.5.b. (E. of L'EPINETTE) was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Left Section. A patrol discovered a hole in the ground 3 ft. in diameter and 4 to 5 ft. in depth at a point 70 yds. from our parapet in C.29.c.

The enemy frequently brought rifle and machine gun fire to bear on NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

At 9.40 p.m. two of the enemy were observed at C.23.c.60.85. Both men retired quickly on the approach of one of our patrols.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active during the period. Fire was mainly directed against our front and support lines. HOUPLINES was also shelled during the day and in the early part of the night.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns fired "bursts" at irregular intervals during the night. Indirect fire was carried out against our trenches in L'EPINETTE Section.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

The enemy's parapet in I.11.c and I.17.a is still in a damaged state, no apparent effort having been made to repair it.

OBSERVATION OFTHE ENEMY.

At 9.15 a.m. a party of 14 men wearing grey caps and carrying rifles passed a low portion of the enemy's parapet at I.22.b.5.3. Shortly afterwards, eight men wearing caps with white crowns and black bands and carrying rifles with fixed bayonets, passed the same place.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. a sentry was observed at I.17.c.4.2 (house on WEZ MACQUART ROAD). The man was dressed in a dark blue uniform, helmet and leggings and carried a rifle.

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**OBSERVATION OF  
THE ENEMY.  
(contd.)**

At J.14.b.5.8 a sentry, wearing a light blue uniform, soft cap and leggings, was also observed.

*E. J. H. H. H.*

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

**FORECAST.**

Noon to noon. Wind light, and variable in direction. Fair, and probably bright in the day, with mist or fog at night and slight frost. Afternoon visibility indifferent or fair. Temperature, day 45 night 30.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 98.....3rd March, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 2nd March to 6 a.m. 3rd March, 1917).

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Fire was directed against enemy Communication and Support Line trenches during the day.

18-pdrs. fired on and dispersed enemy working parties at I.16.d.60.90 and I.17.d.05.85.

L.T. MORTARS.

L.T.Ms. fired with effect on an enemy working party and dug-outs at I.21.c.5.1. (W. of MANAGER'S HOUSE).

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns fired on roads in the vicinity of RUELLIE DE LA NOIX and WEZ MACQUART. Fire was also brought to bear on SPARROWS NEST FARM and gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet opposite L'EPINETTE Section.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit 3 of the enemy.

A new type of periscope observed in the enemy's front line at C.29.c.8.4. (S. of BOX FARM) was fired on and broken.

PATROLS.Right Section. Patrolling was rendered difficult by bright moonlight.

Patrols located enemy working parties in I.27.a., I.21.b. and I.16.b. all of which were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Centre Section. Patrols from this Section located enemy working parties at I.17.a.22.70, I.5.c.92.37 and in I.5.b (W. of BRUNE RUE). Our Artillery on being informed opened fire and dispersed all three.Left Section. A dog was heard barking in the enemy front line.

An enemy working party in C.17.c. (near WILLOW DITCH) was located by a patrol and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

At 4.45 a.m. Patrols heard sounds of timber and steel rails being unloaded near BREWERY (C.17.a). Similar sounds were heard at the CHICKEN RUN (C.17.a.) and in C.17.d. (E. of HOBBS FARM).

ENEMY OPERATIONS. The enemy's Artillery was active intermittently throughout the day. Fire was directed against points in our front and support line trenches in all sections of the Divisional front.MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active at intervals during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A dug-out has been located in the German support line at I.22.a.35.42 (W. of SNIPER'S HOUSE).

Several working parties were located during the day and dispersed by our artillery.

A number of new screens have been erected in enemy support line opposite Locality 3.

Enemy Minenwerfer position was located at BRUNE RUE. Another position not definitely located exists to the south of BRUNE RUE.

Wiring party near I.16.d.6.9. (opposite CHARDS FARM) and also working party opposite PARK Loc. dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

On night 2nd/3rd instant large working parties at I.17.a.22.70 and from I.11.a.55.55 to Railway engaged by our Artillery.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is an increased activity in enemy transport and trench tramways. Previous experience goes to show that this may be

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~~accompanied shortly by increased~~ artillery activity on the part of the enemy.

At 10.30 p.m. train was heard moving towards PERENCHIES and stopped at this place shortly afterwards, when a band was heard playing march tunes.

Smoke, as from engine or tractor, observed moving N.E. in rear of FORT ENGLOS.

Forecast. Visibility during day very low. Clear at night.

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*G. J. Vowe*  
Captain.  
for Major.- G.S.



## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 99.....4th March, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 3rd March to 6 a.m. 4th March, 1917).

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

## OUR OPERATIONS.

## ARTILLERY.

Our 18-pdrs. fired on and dispersed 10 enemy working parties during the day.

Fire was also directed against an enemy snipers post at C.17.c. and a Machine Gun emplacement at I.11.c.  
80.79. 35.18.

## MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns brought indirect fire to bear on enemy roads in the vicinity of WEZ MACQUART, LA HOUSOIE, INTACT FARM and LA FRESNELLE. Communication trenches in I.27.b. and East of L'EPINETTE were also fired on during the night.

Lewis Guns dispersed enemy working parties at I.16.d. (near 6.9.

CHARDS FARM) and in I.22.a. (W. of Snipers House).

Fire was also opened on enemy working parties in C.23.b. and

C.17.a.

## SNIPERS.

Snipers claim hits at C.23.b. and C.23.c.  
20.30 9.5.

## PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrols carried out an examination of our own wire, beyond which movement was restricted by the brightness of the night. A dog was heard barking in the enemy's lines during the night.

Centre Section. At 10.0 a.m. an Officers Patrol operating in NO MAN'S LAND under cover of fog located a party of three men in the enemy's wire East of PEAR TREE FARM. Our patrol opened fire, dispersing the hostile party and inflicting one casualty.

At I.11.c. the enemy wire was examined and found to be weak.  
55.60.A patrol located an enemy working party at I.17.a.  
25.92

The artillery on being informed fired and dispersed the hostile party.

Left Section. A fighting patrol remained for three hours in NO MAN'S LAND but did not encounter any of the enemy.

Patrols reported again having heard sounds of railway and road traffic in rear of the enemy's line opposite the HOUPINES Section.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS.

## ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was comparatively quiet during the period.

A few H.E. and shrapnel shells fell in the vicinity of portions of the front and support lines during the day.

## MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns were active against the HOUPINES Section.

## ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy working parties were located at I.5.d. (S. of BRUNE  
30.65.RUE) I.5.b. (S. of BRUNE RUE), I.17.a. (N. of RUE DE LA NOIX), I.11.a. (E. of  
18.15 25.70. 60.55GD. PORTE EGAL FM), I.5.d. (S. of BRUNE RUE), I.11.a. (E. of GD. PORTE EGAL FM.)  
25.60. 60.85.I.11.c. (S. of MUSHROOM), I.5.b. (W. of BRUNE RUE), I.11.c. (E. of MUSHROOM),  
30.20. 28.75. 55.50.I.11.a. (E. of Pt. PORTE EGAL FM.).  
55.40.

Our 18-pdrs. fired on and dispersed the above parties.

A Machine Gun emplacement has been located at I.11.a.  
53.70.

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and Minenwerfer emplacements at C.23.b., C.23.b., C.23.d.  
85.10. 52.69. 40.88.

Other Minenwerfer emplacements are suspected to exist at  
C.17.a. and C.17.a.  
84.85. 55.42.

OBSERVATION OF  
THE ENEMY.

At 2.0 p.m. dense clouds of smoke were observed to issue  
from C.29.d. and C.29.d.  
77.50. 55.25.

COMMUNICATIONS.

At 9.6 p.m. two red lights were fired from the enemy's  
line in C.23.c.

*B. P. Dibbs.*  
Lieut.  
for Major.-G.S.  
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S.E. 20 m.p.h. increasing to 30 or  
35 m.p.h. and probably changing to East. Fine at first. Fair visibility.  
Frost at night. A risk of snow later. Temperature day 35 night 25. Easterly  
type likely persist some days..

T.C.



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85.30  
15.48.Howitzers brought fire to bear on an enemy battery position at J.2.d. and suspected gun emplacement in the vicinity of FARM de la 60.55.  
VACHERIE.A Minenwerfer at C.17.a. was silenced by our fire.  
97.12.MACHINE GUNS.Machine Guns traversed roads in the vicinity of LA HOUS-  
SOIE and WEZ MACQUART.Indirect fire was carried out against roads in I.17.b.  
and I.18.a.SNIPERS.Snipers claim hits at points in the enemy's line E. of  
PEAR TREE FARM (I.17.a.) and E. of L'EPINETTE (I.5.b.).PATROLS.Right Section. Movement of patrols was hampered by the  
brightness of the night.An enemy working party located in I.16.d. (N.W. of WEZ  
MACQUART) was dispersed by the fire of our Artillery.Centre Section. Several enemy working parties located  
by patrols, were fired on and dispersed by our Artillery.An Officers patrol located a gap in the enemy's wire in  
I.11a. (N. of RAILWAY SALIENT).Left Section. Patrols covered our wiring parties in  
C.17.c. and C.23.a.An examination was made of portion of the enemy's wire  
in C.17.a.ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.The enemy's Artillery was intermittently active through-  
out the period.Hostile fire which was directed chiefly against the Centre  
(L'EPINETTE Section) consisted mainly of 4.2 and 7.7 c.m. shells, and a  
number of heavy and medium T.M. Bombs.Registration of points in the Right (RUE DU BOIS) and  
the Left (HOUPLES) Sections was apparently carried by the enemy during  
the day.MACHINE GUNS.Enemy Machine Guns displayed less activity than usual.  
Short "bursts" were fired at intervals during the night from points in  
the enemy's line opposite all sections of the Divisional Front.ENEMY DEFENCES.

Considerable activity was displayed by enemy working

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parties in I.11.a. and I.11.c.

Although constantly harassed by our fire the enemy continued to work on his front line (which is greatly damaged) in this area.

Seven working parties in this vicinity were dispersed by our Artillery.

Enemy working parties were also observed at I.6.a.  
54.48.

I.5.c. and I.21.b.  
70.10. 5.4.

18-pdrs.

The above parties were dispersed by the fire of our

New concrete works are visible at C.29.c. and C.29.c.  
94.35 86.44.

#### OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Smoke, apparently from a steam tractor was observed near LOMME CHURCH (J.27.c.)

A party of 40 of the enemy was observed at J.14.a.  
2.9.

#### MISCELLANEOUS. of PERENCHIES.

A band was heard playing march tunes in the vicinity

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

#### FORECAST.

From noon to noon. Wind East or S.E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. increasing to 20 or 30 m.p.h. Overcast. Snow, sleet, and rain. Thawing and then probably freezing temporarily. Indifferent visibility. Temp. to-day 35, night 30, to-morrow 35 to 40. Barometer this morning M.S.L. 29.39 inches. Unsteady. At 500 ft. 28.83 inches.

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CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 101.....6th March, 1917.(from 6 a.m. 5th March to 6 a.m. 6th March, 1917).NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.  
the day.

Our Artillery dispersed 14 enemy working parties during

Fire was also directed against enemy Machine Gun emplacements in I.17.a. and I.11.c., and Minenwerfer position in I.17.a. and trenches in I.16.d.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

thrown into the air.

L.T.Ms. fired with effect on enemy trenches in I.16.d and I.27.a., quantities of timber and iron bars being

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns traversed roads in the vicinity of WEZ MACQUART and RUELLÉ DE LA BLANCHE.

A normal programme of indirect fire against enemy front, support and communication trenches was carried out during the night.

SNIPERS.

Working party at a

Snipers claim to have hit four members of an enemy point E. of L'ÉPINETTE.

One hit is also claimed in I.11.a. (E. of PORTE EGAL FM.).

PATROLS.  
night.Right SECTION.

Patrols were again hampered by the brightness of the

A railway train (moving in rear of the German line) and several enemy working parties were heard during the night  
Centre Section. Patrolling, though rendered difficult by moonlight, was maintained throughout the night.  
No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

Left Section. Patrols from this section reported having heard sounds of working at points in the enemy front line at I.23.c., I.29.a., and I.29.e.

A fighting patrol moved into NO MAN'S LAND but did not encounter any of the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.  
ARTILLERY.

Hostile Artillery was comparatively quiet throughout the period.

Minenwerfer were active against sections of our front and support lines during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.  
DU BOIS) and Centre

Enemy Machine Guns were active against the Right (RUE (L'ÉPINETTE) Sections.

Several hostile Machine Guns in the latter Section were silenced by the fire of our Artillery.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A considerable amount of work was in progress in the enemy's front for its entire length opposite the HOUPPES Section.

Hurdles and duckboards were carried along the trench during the day.

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A large gap in the enemy's wire exists at C.29.a.  
80.90.

OBSERVATION OF  
THE ENEMY.

Large periscopes were observed at C.29.a. and C.29.a.  
60.17. 85.95

MISCELLANEOUS. Sounds of railway traffic in rear of enemy's line opposite the Right (RUE DU BOIS) Section were heard at 8.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

At 11.0 a.m. two lachrymatory shells fell in the vicinity of GD. PORTE EGAL FARE (I.10.b.).



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

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.E. or E. 25 to 35 m.p.h. Fair at first. Probably cloudy with some rain or snow later. Fair visibility; Temperature day 45, night 30 to 35.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.102.....7th March, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 6th March to 6 a.m. 7th March, 1917).

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

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.11.a., C.17.a. C.17.d., and C.23.b.

A number of enemy working parties were dispersed by the fire of our 18-pdrs. during the period.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire against enemy trenches during the night.

Indirect fire was also brought to bear on roads in the vicinity of LA HOUSOIE and WEZ MACQUANT.

SNIPERS. A Sniper in the Right (RUE DU BOIS) Section claims to have hit one of the enemy.

PATROLS. Right Section. NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night. Patrols reported having heard sounds of transport at 7.0 p.m. in rear of the enemy line in I.15.d.

At 7.30 p.m. a railway train was also heard moving in the vicinity.

The enemy bombed his own wire on four occasions between 8.0 p.m. and 9.0 p.m.

Centre Section. Patrols from this Section heard sounds of working parties in the enemy's front line.

No enemy patrols were encountered.

Left Section. Patrolling was carried out during the night.

Patrols reported that at 7 and 9 p.m. a small bell was heard ringing in the enemy's trenches. The ringing of the bell was on each occasion followed by much talking in the vicinity.

A patrol located a small piece of white paper tied to a tuft of grass close to a gap in our wire in front of Gap M (S. of EDMOND'S FARM).

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's Artillery was active during the day. Hostile fire, chiefly from 4.2 c.m. and 77 m.m. guns, was directed mainly against our front and support line trenches, and was distributed over the whole of the Divisional Front.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy Machine Guns were less active than usual.

ENEMY DEFENCES. New enemy works at I.11.a were destroyed by our artillery. 52.30.

Working Parties were apparently busily engaged at a number of points in the enemy's line opposite the Divisional Front.

Sounds of hammering and sawing were heard opposite the Right (RUE DU BOIS) Section. Sounds of iron being handled were heard from

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I.5.b.  
27.50.

At I.5.c. a new gap is visible in the enemy's wire.  
80.21.

New sandbags were observed at C.29.c. C.29.a. and C.29.a.  
85.45. 44.00 38.09.

New work at C.29.c. C.29.c. and C.29.a.  
75.63. 42.85. 45.00

Repairs have been carried out at C.29.c.  
70.50.

Apparently no effort was made by the enemy to conceal the presence of any of the working parties.

#### OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Several times during the day parties of the enemy were observed carrying boxes (resembling those used by us for S.A.A.) from C.29.c.  
63.60.

Parties of the enemy observed at C.29.d. C.29.d. and C.29.c. were dispersed by Machine Gun fire directed from an O.P.  
85.77. 65.52 58.15.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 9.0 p.m. a train was heard in the direction of PERENCHIES.

The enemy bombed his own wire opposite the Right (RUE DU BOIS) and Left (HOUPPLINES) Sections at intervals during the night.

*[Signature]*

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

#### FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind East or N.E. 30 to 40 m.p.h. with gusts of 50 to 60 m.p.h. Overcast. Some snow or sleet likely. Frost. Fair visibility. Temperature 25 to 30.  
Note; The effect of the frost will be temporarily considerable owing to the high wind.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 103.....8th March, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 7th March to 6 a.m. 8th March, 1917).

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

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.  
and I.11.a.

the day.

Our Artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.5.b., I.6.a

Several enemy working parties were dispersed during

Heavy Trench Mortars covered by the fire of our 18-pdrs. fired with effect on the enemy's line in C.29.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out indirect fire against enemy roads and trenches during the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim two hits in the enemy's line in I.5.b. and C.29.d. respectively.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrolling was maintained throughout the night. NO MAN'S LAND was found to be in a very wet and muddy condition.

No enemy patrols were encountered.

Centre Section. Patrols, though hampered by bright moonlight, operated in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night.

At I.17.a. an enemy working party was located by a patrol and dispersed by the fire of our Artillery.

The garrison of the enemy's front line was quieter than usual during the night.

Left Section. 12 Patrols from this Section moved into NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

Patrols reported that an enemy Sentry fired from a sap in I.23.b. (N. of CENSORS NOSE).

Working parties were heard at several points in the enemy's line in C.17.a and c. and C.23.a.

Though few flares were fired from enemy's front line, a large number were fired from his Support Line during the night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active. 200 rounds of 4.2 c.m. and 77 mm. shell fell in I.15.d. and I.21.a. and b. 70 77 mm. shells were directed against our support line in I.16.a. and I.15.d. 30 rounds of 77 m.m. fell in C.29.d.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns were less active against the Centre (L'EPINETTE) Section.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work was carried out at a number of points in the enemy's line during the day.

Enemy working parties observed at I.22.a, I.11.a. 13.75. 58.60. I.21.b., C.29.c., I.11.a. and C.17.a. were dispersed by the fire of our 8-pdrs. 80.20. 57.60. 60.70. 30.55.

An enemy Machine Gun fired from C.17.c. during the night. 06.53.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Transport was heard moving in rear of the German line opposite the Centre (L'EPINETTE) Section between 6 and 8 p.m.

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



FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind North 25 to 35 m.p.h. Probably changing to N.W. and decreasing. Some snow. Fair, bright intervals. Frost. Good visibility. Temperature day 35 deg. night 20 to 25 deg. Note. Cold weather likely for some days.



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ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.27.a, I.11.a. I.21.b. and I.21.c. An enemy dump at D.17.a. was shelled, two explosions 6.4. being caused.

Trench Mortars effectively cut wire in I.5.c. and I.11.a. Several hostile batteries were engaged during the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns carried out indirect fire against enemy roads and trenches during the night. Lewis Guns dispersed enemy working parties in I.16.d. C.29.d. and C.29.c.

SNIPERS. Snipers claim hits in I.5.c. and C.29.c.

PATROLS. Right Section. Patrolling operations were again restricted by bright moonlight.

Listening posts were established in shell holes.

The enemy was quiet and apparently did not carry out any work in his front system of trenches during the night.

Centre Section. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night.

A gap in the enemy's wire at I.11.a. (located on a 55.45.

previous occasion) was examined and found to be still open.

A fighting patrol remained in NO MAN'S LAND between 2.30 p.m. and 6.0 p.m. but did not encounter any of the enemy.

Left Section. Patrols heard working parties in the enemy's support line during the night.

Enemy Machine Guns fired from C.29.a.42. and a point in the enemy's line West of LES 4 HALLOTS FARM.

Fighting Patrols did not see or hear any of the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's Artillery displayed little activity during the period.

30 77 m.m. and 40 Trench Mortar shells fell in the vicinity of L'EPINETTE.

20 rounds of 5.9 c.m. fell in I.3.d. (N. of CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES).

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were active against the Centre (L'EPINETTE) Section during the early part of the night, but were otherwise quieter than usual.

ENEMY DEFENCES. The enemy's wire and parapet opposite the Centre (L'EPINETTE) Section have been considerably damaged by our shell fire.

An enemy Machine Gun emplacement at I.5.b. (THE PIMPLE) 12.43.

has also been destroyed.

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OBSERVATION.

OF THE ENEMY. Between 4.14 and 5.15 p.m. frequent movement was observed on roads in I.24.a. (near FRAMESQUES).

Gun flashes were observed at I.16.a. and D.8.c.  
45.33. 25.15.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 9.0 a.m. a steam whistle in the vicinity of FRELING-  
LIEN sounded continuously for two minutes.

At 6.25 p.m. a number of red and green lights were fired from a point in rear of the enemy's line. No apparent action followed.

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*E. H. S. H. S.*  
Lieut.  
for Major.- G. S.  
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S. or S.E. 25 to 35 m.p.h. with squalls of gale force. Mainly overcast with some snow perhaps turning to rain or drizzle later. Frost at night. Visibility fair becoming poor. Temperature 25 to 30 increasing to 35.



CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 105.....10th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 9th. March to 6 a.m. 10th. March, 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery was active throughout the day.

Heavy Artillery and Howitzers fired on strong points in the enemy's support line. Considerable damage was caused to buildings in the vicinity of BREWERY, STEP FARM and DEBRIS FARM.

18-prs. dispersed several enemy working parties.

Enemy battery positions at I.23.b.35.20, I.24.c.00.85, I.18.b.35.15, I.18.a.2.2 and J.13.a.2.2 were shelled with shrapnel during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns dispersed enemy working parties in C.29.a.

Indirect fire was carried out during the night.

Lewis Guns in Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Localities (N. of THE MUSHROOM) opened fire on an enemy aeroplane, causing it to return to the German lines.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim three hits at a gap in the enemy's parapet E. of L'EPINETTE.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Enemy working parties in I.11.a, and c and I.17.a were located by patrols and dispersed by the fire of our Artillery.

Patrols located enemy working parties in I.5.b and c. Lewis Gun fire was brought to bear and both parties dispersed.

Left Section. Twelve patrols from this section operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

Between 7 and 7.30 p.m. patrols heard sounds of transport in the vicinity of L'AVENTURE. Shortly afterwards sounds of a trench tramway in use (apparently between L'AVENTURE and LES 4 HALLOTS FARM) were heard.

Several shots were fired by the enemy from the apex of CENSORS NOSE in C.23.a.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

A number of shells fell in I.17.d, I.13.a and I.13.b during the day. Hostile fire was mainly in retaliation for our Artillery activity. Our front and support line trenches were intermittently shelled by 4.2 cm. guns and trench mortars during the day.

MACHINE GUNS?

Enemy machine guns were less active than usual.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Several breaches have been made in the enemy's parapet opposite the Right (L'EPINETTE) Section, including a large gap at I.11.c.65.55.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Eight men, two of whom carried objects resembling machine guns, were observed at C.23.b.27.95.

At 6.30 a.m. 30 men wearing blue helmets were observed to leave from the enemy's front line from a communication trench which passes SPARROWS NEST in I.5.d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 9 p.m. our 18-prs., fired three shots into the enemy's front line opposite L'EPINETTE SECTION, upon which flares were fired from the enemy's line on a front of at least 100 yards.

*C. P. M. G.*  
Lieut.  
for Major. G.S.



FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind between S.E. and S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Mainly overcast. Mist or fog and some drizzle. Poor or bad visibility. Temperature 40 to 45 probably decreasing to 35.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.106.....11th March, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 10th March to 6 a.m. 11th March, 1917).

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

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.  
the day.

Several enemy working parties were dispersed during

At 6.45 p.m. heavy fire was brought to bear on the enemy front and support lines and communication trenches in I.5.b. Howitzers also directed fire against strong points in the enemy's line.

Trench Mortars fired with effect on the enemy's wire in I.16.d.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out indirect fire.

Lewis Guns and a Machine Gun traversed the enemy's wire and parapet at intervals throughout the night.

PATROLS.  
night.

Patrolling was actively carried out throughout the

Patrols located working parties in the enemy's line in C.17.a. and C.23.c.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active during the day.

Minenwerfer shells fired by the enemy in retaliation for our fire fell in I.10.d. and C.17.c.

A number of 77 m.m. shrapnel and H.E. Shells were directed against our front line in the Left (HOUP-LINES) sub-section during the morning.

At 4.0 p.m. the enemy retaliated on the Left (HOUP-LINES) Sub-section for our Artillery activity.

At 6.30 p.m. a bombardment of our front and support line trenches in I.5.a. was commenced.

Hostile fire (which included 94 Minenwerfer, 19 4.2. and 28 Granatenwerfer Shells) ceased at 7.10 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A T.M. Emplacement has been located at C.17.a. 98.72.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Two shells suspected to be gas shells fell in AUSTRALIA AVENUE (C.29.c) at 9 and 10 p.m. respectively.

*J. H. J. Fair*

Major.- G. S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S.E. or South 15 to 25 m.p.h. Some rain or drizzle likely with considerable fair bright intervals. Very mild in day. Cooler at night. Fair visibility except in early morning. Temperature day 55 to 60, night 35 to 40.

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 107.....12th. March 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 11th. March to 6 a.m. 12th. March, 1917.)

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

18-prs. dispersed several enemy working parties during the day.

Fire was brought to bear on an enemy machine gun emplacement at I.5.d.40.33 and new works at I.11.c.95.75.

H.T.M's. fired with effect on C.29.b.22.59.

MACHINE GUNS.

At 7.15 a.m. machine guns dispersed an enemy working party at I.6.c.55.65.

Vickers and Lewis Guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet during the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim one hit at a point in the enemy's line in I.5.

PATROLS.

Nine patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

Enemy working parties were heard at a number of points in the enemy's front and rear lines opposite L'EPINETTE.

An enemy wiring party in I.29.d was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

No enemy patrols were encountered during the night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active. A number of 5.9, 4.2 cm 77mm and Trench Mortar shells were directed against our front system, causing very little damage, except in Localities 16 and 17.

60 77 mm, 30 10.5 cm and a number of 10.5 cm shells fell in HOUPINES during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns were active throughout the night against the L'EPINETTE Sub-section.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy working parties observed at I.5.d.00.45, I.11.c.35.18, I.11.b.1.5, C.29.c.65.55, I.17.a.06.53 and I.12.b.38.90 were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 12.15 p.m. an enemy observation balloon flying a triangular flag ascended in the vicinity of FORT DE SENAMONT (J.19.a.) At 3.16 p.m. the flag was hauled in and the balloon descended.

COMMUNICATIONS.

At 6.30 a.m. six red lights were fired from the enemy's line in I.11.a. Fifteen minutes later, five H.E. shells fell near the junction of our Subsidiary line and the LILLE RAILWAY.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Flares were frequently fired by the enemy during the night.

Lieut.

for Major. G.S.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Probably changing to W. or N.W. Occasional rain or hail. Much cloud. Mild, becoming cooler. Visibility fair, deteriorating. Temperature, 55, decreasing 5 or 10 degrees. Note. Some risk of thunderstorms with sudden change of winds from S.W. to N.E. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 29.52 in. Rising. At 500 ft. 28.97 in.



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Our Artillery brought fire to bear on enemy trenches in I.17.a and I.11.c.

Trench Mortars, covered by the fire of our 18prs, fired on the enemy's wire in I.11.a, with good results.

An enemy working party was dispersed at C.29.c.5.7.

At 2.8 a.m. in response to the "S.O.S." signal, a barrage was placed on NO MAN'S LAND in C.17.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire.

Lesie Guns and a machine gun fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet at intervals throughout the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim one hit in C.23.b.

PATROLS.

An officer's patrol examined the enemy's wire in C.23.b, which had been examined by a patrol 10 days previously.

Damaged wire : located at the first examination was found to be still in a state of disrepair.

Patrols searched NO MAN'S LAND subsequent to the attempted enemy raid, finding two rifles and a peaked cap.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active. A number of rounds of 4.2 cm and 77 mm shell were directed against our front and support line trenches during the day.

At 2 a.m. a heavy bombardment of our trenches in Localities 16 and 17 (C.17.a) was commenced. During this bombardment, which took the form of a box barrage on the Localities named, an enemy raiding party endeavoured to enter our line. Hostile fire slackened at 2.10 a.m. and ceased at 2.15 a.m.

ATTEMPTED ENEMY RAID.

Covered by a heavy bombardment, an attempt was made by an enemy raiding party to enter our trenches in Locality 16. In response to the "S.O.S." signal, a barrage was placed on NO MAN'S LAND by our Artillery. Rifle fire was brought to bear and the hostile raiding party (which failed to reach our parapet) was dispersed. Our casualties were 3 O.R. wounded during the bombardment.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

An enemy working party was observed in I.12.b.30.90.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

During the morning, frequent movement of pedestrians was observed on the road between LA HOULETTE and FME. DU GDE. VERQUIN (D.7.c and D.13.a).

Small parties of the enemy wearing greatcoats and caps and not carrying packs moved in both directions along this road.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Prior to the bombardment of Localities 16 and 17 at 2 a.m., several green lights were fired from the German line.

ISCELLANEOUS.

During the night the enemy frequently bombed his own wire.

*E. J. Dubs.*

Lieut.  
for Major. G.S.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind mainly between W. and S. 5 to 10 m.p.h. Probably increasing from S.W. later. Overcast and misty. Some rain or drizzle likely. Cool. Poor or indifferent visibility. Temperature day 45 night 35 to 40°



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 109.....14th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 13th. March to 6 a.m. 14th. March 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery supported a raid on enemy trenches in I.5.c, I.5.d and I.11.a.

During the day several enemy working parties were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs. Fire was also brought to bear on enemy works in I.11.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Vickers and Lewis Guns co-operated with the Artillery in supporting the raid on enemy trenches. Indirect fire was carried out during the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Left (HOURLINES) Sub-section claim to have hit five of the enemy.

PATROLS.

carried out.

Patrols were active in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night. An examination of our wire in C.23.c. was

Patrols assisted in locating and bringing in wounded members of the raiding party.

A shell-hole located at C.17.c was examined and found to be 15 feet in depth and of unusual shape.

RAID ON ENEMY TRENCHES.

At 11.40 p.m. a raiding party endeavoured to enter the enemy's trenches in I.11.a. The enemy placed a barrage on his own front line, thus preventing an entry from being made.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's artillery displayed considerable activity during the period. Hostile fire, which was chiefly in retaliation for our operations, was directed mainly against our front and support line trenches in the right (L'EPINETTE) sub-section. The enemy retaliated heavily for our fire during the raid.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active.

SNIPERS.

Sniping activity was shown by the enemy opposite the Left (HOURLINES) Sub-section.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A machine gun emplacement at I.11.c.35.18 and a dug-out at I.5.b.60.45 were fired on by our Artillery, direct hits being obtained.

Working parties were observed at C.29.c.60.55 and C.29.c.8.8.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 4.40 p.m. a cylindrical-shaped vehicle, measuring about 20 feet in length and 5 feet in diameter was observed at D.7.d.08.28. The vehicle remained at this point for 10 minutes, moved along road to D.7.d.01.11 and disappeared from view.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A number of red lights were fired by the enemy between 8 p.m. and 8.20 p.m.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
for Major G.S.

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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind variable probably becoming N.W.  
or N. 20 to 30 m.p.h. and rather squally.

Some rain or drizzle, with fair but cloudy intervals. Indifferent,  
or fair visibility. Temperature 50 decreasing to 40.

Note. Unsettled weather continuing.



CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 110....16th, March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 14th. March to 6 a.m. 15th. March 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Fire was brought to bear on enemy front and support line trenches opposite the Left (HOUPINES) Section. Enemy working parties in C.29.c, C.24.a and I.12.d were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs. during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of the German line. Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed an enemy working party in C.17.c.

SNIPERS.

A sniper claims to have hit one of the enemy at a point in the German line in C.29.c.

PATROLS.

Patrols heard sounds of work being carried out in the enemy's front line trench at C.17.c.85.50. The enemy's front line at C.17.a.6.2 appeared to be unoccupied.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active during the period. At 3.55 p.m. a heavy bombardment of our front and support line trenches in I.5.a & c and communication trenches in I.4. a, b, c and d, was commenced. Fire ceased at 4.50 p.m. At 9.20 p.m. this area was again shelled by the enemy. In the latter bombardment, approximately 900 shells, including a large proportion of 5.9 cm, fell in our lines.

At 7.45 p.m. the enemy bombarded our front, support and communication trenches in the vicinity of Locality 13 (C.23.c.)

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active against Localities on the extreme right of the Divisional front, but were otherwise quiet during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

At C.29.d.90.20 a mound has recently been constructed by the enemy. At this point a party of 5 men attempted to erect a screen, but were dispersed by our Machine gun fire.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 2.10 p.m. a party of 16 men, wearing grey uniforms and helmets, was observed on the road from FME. DU GDE. VERQUIN to LA HOULETTE (D.13.a.).

COMMUNICATIONS.

At 3.40 p.m. an enemy observation balloon ascended from the vicinity of QUESNOY CHURCH. Signals, apparently in Morse or a similar code, were made from the balloon during the enemy bombardment of our line in I.5.a & c. at 3.55 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Enemy searchlights were active at intervals throughout the night.

*E. H. P. B.*  
Lieut.  
for Major. G.S.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N. or N.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h. decreasing. Cloudy. Perhaps a shower or two. Becoming bright. Visibility fair, but indifferent in early morning. Temperature, 40 to-day, 30 to-night 45 to 50 to-morrow. Note. Fair and probably bright weather likely for a day or two.



CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 111.....16th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 15th. March to 6 a.m. 16th. March 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy front line and support trenches in I.5.b, C.17.a and C.17.c.  
Several enemy working parties were dispersed during

the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns in the Right Section brought indirect fire to bear on roads and trenches in rear of the

German line.

Lowis Guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet at intervals throughout the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim two hits in I.5.c, one hit in I.11.a and one in I.11.c.

PATROLS.

Right Section. A patrol approached the enemy's wire in I.11.a and endeavoured to remove the bodies of two men killed in a recent minor operation. Enemy machine gun fire was directed against the party, which was thus prevented from carrying out its intention.

Other patrols, which operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night, reported having seen no signs of the enemy.

Left Section. Patrols from this section carried out a preliminary reconnaissance of NO MAN'S LAND.

No enemy patrols were encountered.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was less active during the day. A few rounds of 77 mm and 4.2 cm shells fell in the vicinity of our front and support line trenches in I.5.a, I.5.c and C.17.c.

Registration of our support line from ST. YVES to LOUNDS AVENUES was apparently carried out by the enemy during the morning. At 5.20 p.m. apparent registration of our front line in U.28.a and c was also carried out.

A number of lachrymatory and suspected asphyxiating gas shells were fired by the enemy during the afternoon and night.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active against our line in C.17.a, C.23.a, C.23.c, C.29.a and C.29.c. intermittently throughout the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at C.17.a.6.7., I.6.a.4.0, I.6.a.50.75, I.11.d.14.68 and were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

Machine gun emplacements have been located at C.23.b.15.70 and C.23.d.05.95.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Hostile observation balloons were observed 30 degrees right of QUESNOY CHURCH from C.27.a.4.7 and 90 degrees T.B. from C.27.a.4.7.

Frequent movement of pedestrians on the road from LA HOULETTE to FME. DU GDE. VERVAIN was observed between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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COMMUNICATIONS. Red lights were fired by the enemy as follows:-

7.10 p.m.	From the enemy's line in	C.29.c.
7.50 p.m.	" " "	C.17.c.
9 p.m.	" " "	C.17.c.
9.2 p.m.	" " "	I.5.a.

Opposite the Left Section at 8.30 p.m. the enemy fired a succession of red and green rockets.

Following this signal a number of gas shells were discharged against our trenches E. of BOIS DE PLOINGSTEERT.

*E. H. H. H.*

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

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind light and variable, becoming S.W. or S. 20 to 30 m.p.h. Fair and bright. Probably becoming overcast later. Fair visibility. Slight frost at night. Temperature day 45 to 50, night 30 to 35. Note. Risk of unsettled weather being renewed to-morrow.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 112.....March 17th. 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 16th. March to 6 a.m. 17th. March 1917)

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

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy support and front line trenches in C.17.c and I.11.a.

Howitzers brought fire to bear on a concrete machine gun emplacement at C.23.b.15.70.

Several enemy working parties were dispersed during the day by the fire of our 18-prs.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns dispersed two enemy working parties in C.29.d.

Lewis Guns traversed the enemy's wire and parapet during the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim three hits in I.5.b, four in C.23.b, two in C.17.c and two in U.21.b. - a total of 11 hits.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrols heard sounds of talking and coughing in the enemy's front line trench in I.11.c. Sounds of enemy working parties at points opposite the Sub-section were also heard during the night.

Left (MOUPLINES) Sub-section. Patrols in this Section were not fired on by enemy machine guns.

Enemy working parties, located in ULTRA TRENCH (U.15.d.) and UNA TRENCH (U.28.c.), were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

At 8.30 p.m. sounds of coughing and talking in CELESTIAL TRENCH (C.10.b.) were heard.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was comparatively quiet during the period.

A few rounds of 4.2 and 5.9 cm. shell fell in the vicinity of our front and support line trenches in C.17.c and C.28.c.

STATION REDOUBT (C.9.d.) and SEVEN TREES REDOUBT (C.9.b.) were shelled with 4.2 and 5.9 cm. at intervals throughout the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns brought searching fire to bear on our trenches in the Left Section (PLOEGSTEERT).

Very little fire was directed into NO MANS LAND or against our parapet. During the early part of the night hostile machine guns were active against our line in the vicinity of L'EPINETTE SALIENT.

SNIPERS.

Inactive.

PATROLS.

None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were located at the following points:- I.5.d.0.4, C.17.a.90.52 and C.29.c.4.6.

Each of the above parties was dispersed by fire of our 18-prs.

The enemy's wire and parapet opposite the Left (PLOEGSTEERT) Section appear to be in a good state of repair.

THE BIRDCAGE (U.21.b.) has been considerably damaged by the fire of our Artillery

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OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. Between 9 and 10 a.m. movement of individuals on the DEUELLEMONT - QUESNOY ROAD was noticed.

COMMUNICATIONS. A number of red and green lights were fired opposite the Right Section between 6.30 and 9 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS. Portion of the gas given off by shells fired by the enemy on the night 15/16th. inst. remained in the vicinity of our trenches and BOIS DE PLOEGSTEERT in the Left Section during the day.

A large number of dead rats have been seen in the wood.

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Lieut.  
for Major G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or W. 15 to 25 m.p.h. but lighter at night. Fair and bright. Mild day. Cool at night with slight mist. Fair visibility. Temperature, day 55 night 35 to 40 Note. Indications more favorable for fair weather continuing.



CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 113.....18th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 17th. March to 6 a.m. 18th. March, 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Several enemy working parties were dispersed.  
 Direct hits on an enemy O.P. at J.14.a.70.45 were obtained.  
 A screen and enemy works in the vicinity of J.12.d.0.8 were fired on and destroyed.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire during the night.  
 Lewis guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed an enemy working party in UMBRIA TRENCH (U.22.c.)

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim one hit in I.11.a. and two in I.5.c.  
Right Section.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night.  
 A hostile party of 10 men in single file was observed by one of our patrols in the vicinity of the enemy's line in I.11.c.  
 On the approach of our patrol, the enemy retired to their front line.  
 Very little noise in the enemy's trenches was heard during the night.

Left Section. Patrols reconnoitred NO MAN'S LAND in U.28.c. and C.10.d. Craters in U.28.c were examined and found to be unoccupied by the enemy.

Flares were frequently fired from the enemy's front line in U.28.c.

E. of BARKENHAM (C.10.d.) flares were apparently fired from the enemy's support line.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY

The enemy's Artillery was fairly active during the period. A number of rounds of 5.9 cm. and 77 mm. shell were directed against our Anti-aircraft position at T.30.d.75.80.  
 A number of 4.2 and 5.9 cm. shells fell in C.23.a, C.27.b, C.27.c, C.28.b and I.4.a. during the day.  
 80 rounds of 4.2 and 5.9 cm. and 30 rounds M.W. were directed against our front and support line trenches in I.6.b and I.10.d.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active against our line in the vicinity of BOIS DE PLOEGSTEERT during the night.

SNIPERS.

Active against the Left Section.(PLOEGSTEERT).

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at C.29.b.5.7 and C.30.c. 60.15. Both of the parties were dispersed by our Artillery.

The German trenches in I.5.b,c and d are in a bad state of repair.  
 A number of new screens have been erected in the support line in the RAILWAY SALIENT.(I.11.a.)

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At U.29.b.6.3 small parties of the enemy were observed between 9.10 and 9.20 a.m. At 2.15 p.m. another small party of 9 men was observed at the same point.

At 3.45 p.m. QUESNOY CHURCH was observed to be on fire. The CHURCH continued to burn until 9 p.m.



COMMUNICATIONS.

Searchlights, which were very active, were apparently used from the enemy's support line opposite the Right Section.

At 8 and 9 p.m. a number of green lights were fired from a point in the enemy's lines E. of WARNAVE LODGE. (U.28.c.)

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

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind W. or N.W. 20 to 30 m.p.h. decreasing later. Fair and probably bright. Good visibility, but morning mist. Temperature to-day 50, to-night 30 to 35 to-morrow 50 to 55. Note. Fair weather continuing.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 114.....19th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 18th. March to 6 a.m. 19th. March 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired with effect on FORT DE SENAMONT (J.19.a.5.4) and enemy billets in the vicinity.

Fire was also directed against enemy trench mortar emplacements at C.23.b.85.10, C.23.b.4.8 and C.24.c.37.52.

Howitzers engaged a hostile battery at D.19.a.11.75.

This shoot was very successful, many direct hits being obtained and the position completely destroyed. Two large explosions occurred and fires were observed at one point. Men who were seen to leave the gun pits, and others in the vicinity, were engaged by 18-prs. and casualties were inflicted.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire against roads and tramways in rear of the enemy's line.

Lewis Guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed a working party in UMBO NOSE (U.21.b.)

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim seven hits at points in the enemy's line opposite L'EPINETTE and one in UNA TRENCH E. of

WARNAVE LODGE.PATROLS.

Right Section. Ten reconnoitring and two fighting patrols operated on this front during the night.

NO MAN'S LAND was found to be in a wet and muddy condition. A crater at C.17.a.20.22 was examined and appeared to be formed by the explosion of two or three successive Minenwerfer shells.

A gap in the enemy's wire at C.29.c.65.60 was found to have been repaired. Several gaps were located in C.23.c.

Left Section. Patrols from this section were not hampered by machine gun fire during their reconnaissance of NO MAN'S LAND. Very little sound emanated from the enemy's front line trenches during the night

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active against the Right Section. Fire was directed mainly against our front and support line trenches in C.23.a, C.17.c and C.17.a.

Very little firing was carried out against the Left (FLOEGSTEERT) Section during the period.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns opposite the Right Section brought fire to bear on NO MAN'S LAND after searchlights had been switched off.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at C.30.a.4.5 and C.11.a.9.7. The members of the latter party were unarmed and were apparently guarded by sentries. It is considered that these may have been prisoners who have been brought to work in the forward area.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Frequent movement of individuals was noticed on the DEULEMONT-QUESNOY and DEULEMONT-FRELINGHIEN ROADS during the day.

At 1.20 p.m. a motor-car was observed on the road between DEULEMONT and PONT ROUGE.

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# OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY (contd)

At 8.17 a.m. 12.75 a house was destroyed by fire during the afternoon

COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.5 p.m. two red lights were fired in succession from the enemy's trenches in I.11.c. Red lights were frequently fired from other points in the enemy's line during the night. No apparent action followed.

*B. H. H. H.*  
Lieut.  
for Major. G.S.  
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind W. or S.W. 25 to 35 m.p.h. and probably gale force at times. Mainly fair, but cloudy with a risk of rain or hail showers. Fair or good visibility. Temperature day 50 night 45. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 30.20 inches. Falling. At 500 feet 29.65 inches.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 115.....20th. March 1917,(from 6 a.m. 19th. March to 6 a.m. 20th. March 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Fire was directed against an ammunition dump at C.17.b.05.80. Direct hits were obtained, but no explosions were heard.

Three concrete structures (partially screened) at I.12.b.92.88 were fired on. several enemy working parties were dispersed during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

An enemy working party at I.6.b.6.4 was dispersed by indirect fire. The party returned to work 15 minutes later, and was again dispersed. Fire was also brought to bear on targets in C.5.c and C.11.d.

Lewis Guns traversed gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet during the night. An enemy working party was dispersed at U.21.b.68.49 (UMBO NOSE)

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim three hits at points in the enemy's line E. of L'EPINETTE.

PATROLS.

Right Section. 11 patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. Several gaps in the enemy's wire were located opposite Locality 4 (I.11.a.), Locality 5 (I.5.c.), and Locality 2 (I.17.a.). A former gap at C.17.c.92.32 has been recently repaired with knife-rests and thick, strong wire of an average height of 18 inches. About 15 yards in front of this wire, a patrol located 12 shallow holes in a line at intervals of about three yards. 20 yards in front of, and in the centre of this line, another hole was found. A heap of bombs was located in proximity to this hole, which was connected with the line of holes in rear by a tape. Each hole would provide cover for one man. Several small spades were found in the vicinity.

At C.29.a.75.80 and C.29.a.6.5 the enemy's wire, which was previously reported to have been cut, has not yet been repaired.

A patrol operating in front of Locality 10 (C.29.a.) came under hostile rifle fire and was prevented from further approaching the enemy's wire.

Left Section. 11 patrols went into NO MAN'S LAND from this section during the night. An enemy working party was located at U.21.b.68.49 and was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. No other enemy working parties or patrols were seen or heard.

NO MAN'S LAND in U.21.b. is not much broken by shell-holes, but is at present impassable in many places owing to large ponds of water.

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RELEASE OF GAS. Gas was released from Localities 8 and 13 and smoke from Locality 11 at 7.30 p.m. Gas was also released from Locality 4 at 8.45 p.m. The wind was suitable at the time and there is reason to believe that the release was successful.

#### ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's Artillery was active during the period, particularly against the Right Section. A number of rounds of 77 mm, 4.2cm and 5.9cm. shell fell in C.23.a, C.28.b and C.28.d. Heavy fire was also directed against our front and support line trenches in C.17.a. ~~and~~ C.17.c, C.29.a and C.29.c.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were fairly active during the early part of the night. Short bursts were fired opposite the Left (PLOEGSTEERT) Section at intervals throughout the night.

SNIPERS. Enemy snipers fired frequently during the day.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A working party, apparently constructing a dug-out at C.29.c.5.8, was fired on and dispersed by our Artillery. A Minenwerfer, active at C.29.a.82.77 and a machine gun emplacement at I.5.c.82.20 were engaged, several direct hits being obtained.

A Minenwerfer, located at C.23.b.6.9 was fired on by our Howitzers. At the commencement of this shoot, six men wearing grey uniforms and caps with red bands hurriedly evacuated the position. The emplacement was completely destroyed.

An enemy working party was observed at C.4.c.55.85 and dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

A light gun (presumably a Revolver gun) was located at I.5.c.8.2.

Enemy gun positions are suspected to exist at I.24.a.0.4 (in a wood) and at J.4.c.3.4. (in houses). Minenwerfer positions are suspected at U.28.a.75.45.

#### OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Movement of small parties of the enemy on the PONT ROUGE BRIDGE at U.29.b.6.3 was observed as follows:

10.28 a.m.	6 men crossed bridge from PONT ROUGE.
11.15 a.m.	2 " " " " " "
11.25 a.m.	2 " " " " " "
11.30 a.m.	4 " " " " " "
2 p.m.	6 " " walked under the bridge in the direction of PONT ROUGE.

Between 2.30 & 3 p.m. 15 men crossed underneath bridge going towards PONT ROUGE.

Between 8.45 a.m. and 12 noon frequent movement was observed in Square U.30.b. mainly on the DEULEMONT- QUESNOY and DOULEMONT-FRELINGHIEN ROADS. Movement was also observed in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE on the PONT ROUGE-WARNETON ROAD.

A structure, apparently a large concrete dug-out, is visible at U.28.a.5.7

Frequent movement was observed on the road from FME. DU CHASTEL to LA HOULETTE.

IDENTIFICATIONS. One man, wearing a bright blue uniform and a cap with black braid, was observed opposite Locality 5 (I.5.c)

COMMUNICATIONS. During the release of gas against enemy trenches, Searchlights were brought to bear on the gas clouds by the enemy. A large number of flares were fired, apparently from their lines of trenches; Green rockets were also fired, apparently from the enemy's second line.

13 rockets, bursting into one, two, three and four stars were observed.

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COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.15 p.m. an orange-colored star shell was fired E. of WARNAVE LODGE (U.28.c.). A searchlight was at once directed on to this area by the enemy. At 9.45 p.m. four yellow lights were sent up from a point N. of RAILWAY (CECIL RESERVE) and were followed by two white lights. No further action was apparent. At 7.35 p.m. green lights were fired E. of ST YVES. At 8.50 p.m. another green light was fired from this vicinity. At 5.30 p.m. a white light, bursting into 12 white stars, was fired E. of ST. YVES and repeated from the vicinity of the BIRDCAGE.

From 8.5 to 9.20 p.m. a searchlight played continuously on the crater N. of the BIRDCAGE.

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

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind N.W. 25 to 35 m.p.h. decreasing irregularly and probably becoming N. and later perhaps N.E. Squally showers of rain, hail and sleet. Fair bright intervals. Visibility good, becoming indifferent later. Cold. Temperature, day 40, night 30 to 35.



CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 116.....21st. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 20th. March to 6 a.m. 21st. March, 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.ARTILLERY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Houses at J.13.b.15.65 and concrete structures at I.12.b.92.88 were fired on with effect during the day.

An enemy working party at C.17.b.80.15 was dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

Medium Trench Mortars cut wire at points in the enemy's line in C.29.a. H.T.M's. brought effective fire to bear on the enemy's front line trench at C.29.c.91.38.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's line.

Lewis Guns fired throughout the night on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed a hostile working party at J.15.d.85.45. (W. of FACTORY FARM).

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim two hits at points in the enemy's line opposite L'EPINETTE.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Twelve patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

Gaps were located in the enemy's wire at I.11.a and c. Damaged wire N. of RAILWAY SALIENT has not yet been repaired.

A patrol carried out a further examination of a line of holes reported in Intelligence Summary No. 115. These holes appear to have been used by a covering party to an enemy wiring party in the vicinity. A metal horn was found near this work and brought in.

Gaps still exist at C.23.c.90.08 and C.23.c.90.32. At C.23.c.88.20 and C.23.c.84.50 the enemy's outer system of wire has been gaped, but the inner system has not been cut. The enemy's wire

of PONT BALLÖT in C.29.a was examined for a distance of 70 yards, and found to be in fair condition, though damaged by our Artillery fire.

Left Section. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. 11 patrols left this Section and operated freely in NO MAN'S LAND except E. of WARNAVE LODGE (U.28.c.), where one patrol was detected by the enemy and subjected to heavy machine gun fire.

The enemy's wire in front of UMBO NOSE (U.21.b.) was ascertained to be in a bad state of repair.

Enemy wiring parties were heard near UMBO SWITCH (U.21.b.)

A working party was located at U.15.d.85.45 (ULTRA TRENCH) and was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

ARTILLERY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was less active than usual.

A few rounds of 5.9 cm, 4.2 cm and 77 mm shell fell in C.28 and in the vicinity of our front and support line trenches in I.11.c., I.11.a and I.5.c.

Hostile retaliation for our fire was light.

Between 4.50 and 5.15 p.m. nine gas shells fell in "G" support line between U.28.a.72.50 and U.28.a.72.66. These shells appeared to be fired from the enemy's

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns opposite the Left (FLOEGSTERT) Section were active between 6.30 and 10 p.m., but were

otherwise quiet throughout the night.

A machine gun has been located in a sap at U.28.a.4.5.

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MACHINE GUNS

contd.  
strongly wired.

The emplacement from which this machine gun fired appears to be provided with overhead cover and to be

ENEMY DEFENCES.

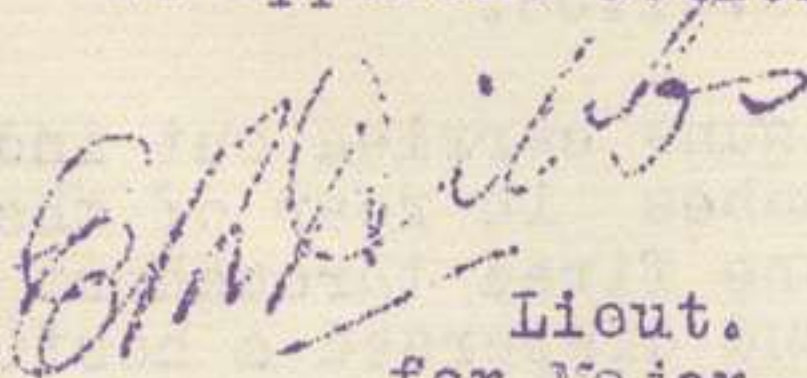
A trench mortar emplacement is suspected at U.28.a. 75.45.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Small parties of the enemy, at no time exceeding 5 in number, were observed under the BRIDGE at U.29.b.6.3 at 11.15 a.m., 11.50.a.m., 12.15 p.m. 12.20 p.m., 3 p.m., and 3.15 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Between 6 p.m. and midnight a number of flares and rockets (red, green, yellow and white) were fired by the enemy during the night. No apparent action followed.



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

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N.E. or N. 15 to 25 m.p.h. decreasing and probably changing to N.W. or W. later. Occasional snow or sleet with fair intervals. Cold. Frost at night. Fair or good visibility. Temperature, to-day 35, to-night 30 to-morrow 40 to 45.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 117..... 22nd. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 21st. March to 6 a.m. 22nd. March, 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.(I.12.b.99.85)  
considerable time.

Fire was directed against a Dump at LA FRESNELLE causing a fire, which burnt for a considerable time.

(J.14.a.3.7).  
the day.

Fire was also brought to bear on enemy billets at Several enemy working parties were dispersed during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns engaged targets in C.11.b, C.11.d and U.22.b. Enemy working parties in C.29.d and C.30.a and c were dispersed by indirect fire.

Lewis Guns fired at intervals throughout the night on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet. A working party was dispersed in ULTIMO TRENCH (U.15.b.).

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Left Section claim to have broken an enemy periscope in UNA TRENCH (C.28.c.) Opposite the Right Section the enemy has become more careful and now runs past gaps and screens in his line.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Twelve patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

A patrol from Locality 5 approached the enemy's parapet in I.5.c. This patrol, which reached a point 15 yards from the enemy's front line trench, located a gap in the enemy's wire.

Gaps in the enemy's wire at C.17.d.52.70 and C.29.a.45.30 have not been repaired.

Left Section. Patrols from this Section operated actively in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night.

A gap 20 yds. in width was located in the enemy's wire in front of UMBO NOSE (U.21.b.)

HAMPSHIRE TRENCH in U.21.d was found to be well wired and occupied by the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was less active during the day.

A few rounds of 5.9 cm shell fell in the vicinity of

HOBBS FARM. Our front and support line trenches in I.5.c and C.23.c were lightly shelled. At 4.30 p.m. several gas shells, fired from a point in the enemy's line between U.28.a.72.50 and U.28.a.72.56, fell in the vicinity of our front line in U.28.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active against the Left Section and brought fire to bear on NO MAN'S LAND in C.10.b.

Opposite the Right Section, enemy machine guns were quiet, except for occasional bursts during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A gap in the enemy's wire exists at I.5.c.65.13.

In I.5.d a concrete dug-out (to which telephone wires appear to lead) has been located. Structures resembling dug-outs have been located at U.21.b.95.82, U.21.b.70.45, U.28.a.5.7, U.28.a.70.55, U.22.a.2.4, U.15.d.9.8 &amp; U.16.d.1.2.

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ENEMY DEFENCES. (contd)

Sounds of steel rails being moved in the enemy's front line trench in U.28.c were heard. Work was also in progress in the BIRDCAGE (U.21.b.) and ULTIMO TRENCH (U.15.b.).

Minenwerfer positions at C.23.b.4.6, U.28.a.10.55, and C.10.a.85.55 were fired on by our Artillery.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Enemy observation balloons were observed in the vicinity of LOMME, QUESNOY, PERENCHIES, WARNETON and PONT ROUGE.

Sixty men were observed to enter FME. DES DEUX FREILLES in D.1.d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A large explosion in the enemy's lines, (apparently in square C.29) was heard at midnight. The explosion shook the ground considerably in the vicinity.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 6 p.m. a red and white light was sent up at U.28.c. At 8 p.m. a red, followed by a green, was fired from the same locality, and at 8.30 p.m. a green, followed by a red, was fired in the vicinity of the BIRDCAGE. No apparent action followed.

Small searchlights were again active against the Right Section.

*E.M. Gibbs.*  
Lieut.  
for Major. G.S.  
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N. or N.E. 15 to 25 m.p.h.  
Mainly fair and bright, but occasional snow still probable. Cold. Frost at night. Good visibility. Temperature day 35 to 40, night 30.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 118.....March 23rd. 1917.  
 (from 6 a.m. 22nd. March to 6 a.m. 23rd. March 1917.)

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

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on houses in I.17.d and J.14.a. (suspected to be enemy hill-tops).

I.5.c and I.11.a.

Fire was also brought to bear on enemy trenches in I.5.a,

Several enemy working parties and traffic in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE were fired on during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire during the night and dispersed an enemy working party near BRUNT RUE in I.5.b.

Lewis Guns in the Left (PLOGSTEERT) Section dispersed enemy working parties which had been located by patrols.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Right Section claim one hit and to have broken four periscopes. Two enemy periscopes were destroyed by the Snipers of the Left (PLOGSTEERT) Section.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Nine patrols from this Section operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

I.5.b.2.7.

Patrols located enemy working parties at I.5.d.3.8 and

BRUNT RUE (I.5.b.). Enemy transport was heard moving in the vicinity of A train was also heard in rear of the enemy's line at 11 p.m.

Enemy machine guns were more active during the night, particularly at the eastern end of RAID DITCH in C.17.c and south of CENSORS NOSE in C.23.c.

Left Section. Patrolling was actively maintained throughout the night.

Enemy working parties were located by patrols at U.28.c.75.75 (UNA TRENCH) & C.4.a.67.45 (CECIL TRENCH) and were dispersed by the fire of our Artillery.

An enemy wiring party, which was located in UMBO TRENCH (U.21.b.) was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Tracks of an enemy patrol are visible in NO MAN'S LAND in front of UMPIRE TRENCH U.28.a, and leading through a sally port across the enemy's parapet at U.22.c.37.17.

No enemy patrols were encountered during the night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery was active against the Left (PLOGSTEERT) Section at intervals throughout the day, and between 4 and 4.30 a.m. 23rd. inst. A number of rounds of 4.2 cm shell fell in the vicinity of I.11.c, C.29.a and C.29.c, in the Right Section. Registration of our wire in Locality 3 and Locality 4 (I.11.a) was apparently carried out by the enemy between 11 a.m. and noon.

MACHINE GUNS.

An enemy machine gun at C.23.d.05.90 was active at night. Another machine gun fired from a sap at U.28.a.45.50

ENEMY DEFENCES.

our 18-prs.

Working parties were observed at C.11.a.34.29 and C.30.c.5.5. Both parties were dispersed by the fire of

Machine gun emplacements are suspected to exist at J.28.b.1.0, U.28.a.70.55 and U.28.b.0.2.

The enemy's parapet has been repaired with sandbags at several points opposite L'EPINETTE SALIENT.

Concrete dug-outs have been located at I.11.a.88.74 and I.11.b.01.89. Dug-outs have also been located at U.16.c.10.05 and U.16.c.30.35.

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ENEMY DEFENCES (contd.)

A minenwerfer fired from U.28.b.11.04.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Hostile observation balloons were observed near QUESNOY and PREMESQUES.

Movement was observed on the FME. DU CHASTEL-LA HOUL-ETTE and at the cross-roads at I.30.a.7.4.

A four-wheeled transport vehicle appeared at D.7.c.03.70 at 10.30 a.m. and disappeared at D.7.c.07.60.

At 4.30 p.m. what appeared to be a gun drawn by four horses, passed along the DOULEMONT ROAD in U.30.c.

Between 1 and 3 p.m. movement was noticed on the DOULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A few very lights were fired during the night.

Searchlights were not active against the Left (PLOG-STERT) Section.

*E.P. Sibbs.*

Lieut.  
for Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h., probably becoming E. Mainly fair and bright. Cold. Frost at night. Fair visibility. Day temperature 40, night 25 to 30.

Note. Fair weather probable for two or three days.



CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.119.....24th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 23rd. March to 6 a.m. 24th. March, 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Fire was directed against enemy traffic at J.13.b.15.60 (N.W. PERENCHIES).

Fire was also brought to bear on a dug-out in C.11.c, machine gun emplacements in C.10.b, U.28.a and U.28.c and trench mortar emplacements in U.28.b, C.4.d and I.5.b.

Several enemy working parties were dispersed during the period.

Howitzers obtained a number of direct hits on a building housing a hostile battery at D.7.d.22.95.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns engaged enemy roads and trenches in C.11.b, C.11.d, U.29.a and U.28.b.

Indirect fire was also carried out against CEREAL TRENCH (C.30.a and c) & CEREMONY TRENCH (I.5.d).

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit one of the enemy in U.15.d.

Armour-piercing bullets were successfully used against steel plates in the enemy's line opposite L'EPINETTE SALIENT.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Twelve patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. The enemy's line opposite

Locality 5 (in I.5.c) appeared to be strongly held.

Enemy working parties S.E. of the MUSHROOM (I.11.c.) and N.E. of L'EPINETTE (I.5.b.) were located by patrols and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Left Section. Nine patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND from this Section.

A patrol located an enemy patrol in the vicinity of the wire in front of CECIL TRENCH (C.4.a.). On the approach of our party, the enemy withdrew through the wire into the German trenches.

One patrol came under fire from an enemy machine gun in a sap at U.28.a.45.50. Another was engaged by rifle fire from the enemy's trenches. Other patrols moved freely in NO MAN'S LAND and approached the enemy's wire at many points.

Working parties opposite Gap "G" (U.22.c.) were active during the night.

Transport heard in rear of the enemy's line appeared to stop close to suspected minenwerfer positions in U.28.b and d.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.Right Section.

Between 7.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. 15 H.E. shells were fired into HOUEPLINES. A few rounds were also fired by a gun of small calibre in the vicinity of BRUNE RUE (I.5.b.) Otherwise the enemy's Artillery was inactive throughout the period.

Left Section.

Between 9.40 a.m. and 12 noon ranging was apparently carried out by the enemy on LONG AVENUE from the RAILWAY STATION to the front line (C.4.c, C.10.a and C.9.d.)

A number of minenwerfer shells fell in the vicinity of MONMOUTH HOUSE (C.4.c). Fire was directed mainly against our front and support line trenches.

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MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were quieter than usual.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy working parties were observed at C.29.c.70.55, C.29.a.8.8, C.17.d.60.45, U.28.c.70.77, U.21.b.5.6, U.16.c.1.2, C.18.a.30.75, I.5.b.9.8, I.6.a.55.45, C.29.a.70.15, I.30.a.8.2 & I.30.a.63.32. Newly dug earth is visible between C.23.b.60.37 and C.23.b.60.95.

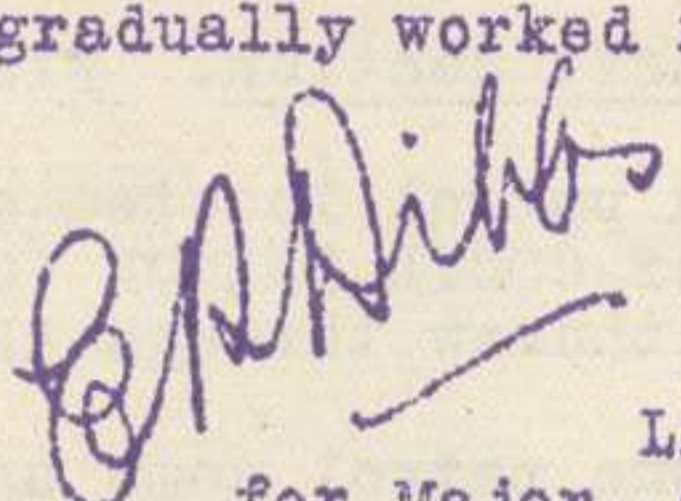
OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. A working party of 25 men was seen crossing the PONT ROUGE BRIDGE in the direction of the front line at 9 a.m. At 3 p.m. 10 men crossed the bridge from PONT ROUGE. Considerable movement was observed on the DOULEMONT ROAD near FRELINGHIEN. 3 parties, totalling 100 men, marched S.E. along road in C.18.d.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A man wearing a khaki cap with a bright yellow badge was observed E. of L'EPINETTE (I.5.b.) Nearly all of the enemy observed during the day in the enemy's front line N. of BIRDCAGE (U.21.b.) wore grey caps with black peaks.

COMMUNICATIONS. Few flares were fired by the enemy opposite the Left Section.

MISCELLANEOUS. Railway trains were heard moving in rear of the enemy's lines opposite the Left Section, at intervals of about half an hour during the greater part of the night.

At 5.30 p.m. a dull explosion took place approximately in the enemy's support line E. of LE GHEER (U.22.c.) Between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. considerable shouting and noise in the enemy's front line N. of the RAILWAY in I.11.a. was heard. Cries of "KAMERAD" and sharply-given orders were also heard. At this time bells were heard ringing and enemy machine guns were active. The noise, which commenced at about I.11.a.6.8 gradually worked northwards.

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

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind N.E. 20 to 30 m.p.h. but less at night. Fair and bright. Frost at night. Fair or good visibility. Day temperature 40 night 25 to 30.  
Note. Fair weather likely to continue.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 120..... 25th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 24th. March to 6 a.m. 25th. March 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Fire was directed against suspected enemy Headquarters at C.18.d.2.1 (FME. DU CHASTEL), direct hits being obtained.

Howitzers fired on enemy dump at I.12.b.9.8 and screened concrete structures at I.12.b.92.88.

Buildings at I.14.a.20.35 and I.12.b.90.75 were fired on by 18-prs. during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire during the night.  
Lewis Guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have destroyed 6 enemy periscopes opposite the Left (PLOEGSTERT) Section.  
Snipers in the vicinity of L'EPINETTE SALIENT claim to have hit four of the enemy.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrolling was actively carried out during the night. Enemy machine guns were more active than usual. Patrols reported that a whistle blast from a sap in front of the enemy's wire in I.5.c. was followed by machine gun fire directed on to NO MAN'S LAND.

In C.29.c the enemy's <sup>front</sup> line is apparently held by posts or sentry groups at intervals of 20 yards. From C.29.a.3.1 to the RIVER LYS posts are apparently placed at intervals of 50 yards.

Sounds of work and baling of water were heard at several points in the enemy's front line trench between C.29.c.8.4 and the RIVER LYS.

Left Section. Ten patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND during the night. Patrols reported all quiet in NO MAN'S LAND except on ST YVES RIDGE, where considerable work was apparently carried out during the early part of the night. Sounds of hammering and of timber being moved were heard. At 2 a.m. the enemy's front line on this Ridge appeared to be strongly held. A large number of "Very" lights were fired from this Locality.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Very little activity was displayed by enemy Artillery during the period. A few rounds of 5.9 cm. shell fell in I.2.a and b. Buildings at F.24.d.7.2 were heavily shelled by 5.9 and 4.2 cm. during the morning.

At 10 a.m. several 77 mm. shells fell in the vicinity of our support line in U.21.a. Other rounds followed, each shot being approximately 50 yards short of the previous one, and the last hitting the enemy's front line in UMBO NOSE at a point between two yellow flags which had been erected earlier in the morning.

At 4 p.m. 20 4.2 shells fell in our wire at the head of LOWNDES AVENUE (U.21.d.) making a gap in our wire, 20 yards in width.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns were active against the Right Section. A gun (not previously located) operated from the enemy's line N.E. of GD. PORTE EGAL FM. (I.11.a.).

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ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at C.23.b.15.55, C.29.c.60.68 and C.29.c.6.8. These parties were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs. Other enemy working parties were located at C.18.c.32.72 and C.17.a.93.55. A new screen 6 feet in height has been erected between I.24.b.75.35 and I.24.b.55.80.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. A number of men carrying packs and rifles were seen moving along ULTRA & UMBO LANES during the morning. A local relief is suspected to have taken place. A motor-cyclist was observed on the DOULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD at 7.5 a.m., 11.35 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.15 p.m. and 4.50 p.m. going in the direction of DOULEMONT. Motor-cyclists were observed to leave DOULEMONT at 12.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. and travelled in the direction of QUESNOY.

A timber dump is visible at U.22.c.80.05. Small parties, at no time exceeding 5, moved backwards and forwards on the PONT ROUGE BRIDGE frequently during the day.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 1.35 p.m. a "Golden Rain" rocket was sent up opposite Locality 4 (in I.11.a.). Five minutes later, the enemy's Artillery opened fire on the enemy's line in the vicinity of the point from which the rocket was fired.

ARTILLERY. (addendum)

At 11.30 a.m. 8 5.9 shrapnel shells fell in the vicinity of the junction of LE BIZET & PONT DE NIEPPE in PONT DE NIEPPE. Six of these shells were badly fused and did not explode until striking the ground. No casualties were incurred.

*8.2.1918*

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

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind N.W. or W. 5 to 10 m.p.h. probably increasing to 25 or 35 m.p.h. later. Fair but cloudy at first. Becoming considerably milder. Probably some showers later and perhaps wet. Visibility fair or good. Temperature, day 50 night 40.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 121.....26th. March 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 25th. March to 6 a.m. 26th. March 1917.)

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

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on new enemy works in C.17.a. and at a recently erected screen at C.23.b.4.8. Fire was also directed against enemy billets in I.13.b and I.17.b.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of the German lines. An enemy working party in CEREBAL TRENCH was dispersed by means of indirect fire at 7.45 a.m. Lewis Guns fired at intervals on enemy saps, wire and parapet.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Right Section claim one hit in I.5.c, and to have broken three enemy periscopes. Snipers in the Left (PLOEGSTEERT) Section destroyed 7 periscopes. Dummy figures were displayed by the enemy E. of BOIS DE PLOEGSTEERT.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Nine patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. An enemy working party was located in I.5.b. and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. Patrols reported having heard sounds of working parties in the enemy's trenches in C.29.c. The enemy's line E. of Locality 11 (C.23.c.) appeared more heavily manned than usual. NO MAN'S LAND was in a wet and muddy condition. Rifles were frequently fired and the enemy bombed his own wire at intervals during the night. Left Section. A working party was located by a patrol at U.28.c.7.5. Patrols reported much activity in the enemy front line in U.15.d. Sounds of talking and laughing were heard in this portion of the enemy's line. A small searchlight operated from the enemy's front line in U.22.c.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Very little activity was displayed by the enemy's Artillery during the period. A number of 77 mm. shells fell in the vicinity of I.10.b. 35 rounds of 5.9 and 4.2 cm. shell fell in PLOEGSTEERT. Fire was also directed against FORT BOYD in U.21.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were fairly active against the Right Section. Emplacements are suspected at U.28.c.72.55 and U.22.a. 10.35.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work was apparently carried out in the enemy's front and support line trenches in C.29 during the night. A dug-out (apparently Company Headquarters) has been located at U.16.c.05.05. and a minenwerfer position at U.28.d.13.97. Work has been carried out in ULTRA & UNA TRENCHES (U.15.d and U.28.c. respectively).

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OBSERVATION OF  
THE ENEMY.

Less traffic than usual was observed under BRIDGE in U.29.b. and on DOULEMONT-CUESNOY ROAD. At 10 a.m. two men were seen moving along the enemy's support line in U.22.a. Both men carried field glasses and stopped to observe our line at various points.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Green rockets were fired at 10.25.p.m. from the enemy's line in I.17.a and at 2 a.m. from FRELINGHIEN.

Very few flares were used opposite the Left (PLOG-STEEERT) Section during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Much movement was heard at night in the vicinity of HALT in U.23.a.

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

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind between N.E. and N.W. 20 to 30 m.p.h. Squally showers of hail and probably of snow or sleet later. Bright intervals of good visibility. Cold. Temperature, Day 40 night 30 to 35. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 29.53 inches. Steady. At 100 metres 29.19 inches.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.122.....27th. March 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 26th. March to 6 a.m. 27th. March, 1917.)

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

Our Artillery fired on minenwerfer positions in C.4.b. and U.28.a.

Fire was also directed against an enemy strong point at C.10.b.42.33 and cook-houses in U.28.a and b.

An effective shoot was carried out against the enemy's support and communication trenches in C.10.b.

In response to an "S.O.S." call, a barrage was placed on NO MAN'S LAND in U.21.d. On account of enemy registration during the day a raid was anticipated and arrangements made to concentrate Artillery on NO MAN'S LAND in this vicinity early in the evening.

Medium Trench Mortars brought fire to bear on enemy trenches in U.21.b. and U.22.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Indirect fire was carried out during the night.

An enemy working party in C.30.c. was fired on and dispersed. Four guns in the Left Section opened fire on "S.O.S." lines at 2 a.m.

Lewis Guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet. Lewis Guns in the Left Section concentrated fire on enemy raiding party at 2 a.m.

PATROLS.

Right Section. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. Enemy machine guns and rifles were active, but the enemy did not bomb his own wire.

The enemy's line appeared to be less heavily manned opposite FORT BALLOT (C.29.a and c.)

Transport was heard moving in the vicinity of L'AVENTURE at 2.10 and 3.40 a.m.

Left Section. Nine patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

After the cessation of artillery activity at 3 a.m. patrols moved out from all localities and a fighting patrol moved over the area on which the enemy had been seen. No enemy dead were located but two wounded men were seen being helped through the enemy's wire by four other men at 3.30 a.m.

On the night of the 25th. inst. a patrol entered UMBO NOSE (U.21.b.) and placed a demolition charge in a steel structure 6 feet in diameter and embedded in concrete. The charge was exploded and the structure blown clear of the foundation. No signs of recent occupation were noticed in this part of the enemy's line.

On the night of the 26/27th. a further examination of enemy trenches in this vicinity was carried out by a patrol.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit two of the enemy in C.23.b.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

The enemy's Artillery displayed very little activity opposite the Right Section.

At 3.15 p.m. the enemy retaliated vigorously against the Left (PLOGSTBERT) Section for our Artillery activity.

Between 5.30 and 7 p.m. a number of 4.2 shells fell in our wire between HICKS HOUSES in U.21.d and BURNT OUT FARM in U.28.a, seven gaps in our wire being cut. At 2 a.m. our front and support line trenches between GERMAN HOUSE (U.21.b) and LA WARNAVE RIVER (U.27.d) were heavily bombarded with 5.9 cm, 4.2 cm. and 77 mm. H.E. shell. Communication trenches in this area were simultaneously engaged and shrapnel fired over FORT BOYD in U.21.a. Fire ceased at 2.50 a.m.

P.T.O.



MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns were fairly active throughout the night, but did not appear to fire in conjunction with enemy raid.


ATTEMPTED ENEMY RAID. A party of the enemy (estimated about 20 strong) attempted to raid our trenches in the vicinity of LE GHEER and BELCHIER'S COTTAGES (U.22.c) at 2 a.m. under cover of a heavy bombardment. The hostile raiding party failed to enter our trenches though two small parties (3 and 2 men respectively) reached our parapet. These parties were bombed and forced to withdraw. Our casualties were slight, totalling 12 O.R. slightly wounded.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Work was carried out in the enemy's line B. of PONT BALLOT (C.29.a and c). Dug-outs have been located at U.28.d.1.4, U.22.a.05.64 and U.22.a.10.67. A minenwerfer position has been located at U.28.a.95.25. A gun position is suspected to exist at U.17.d.25.55. Working parties in U.28.c. were dispersed by our Artillery.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. A motor cyclist, carrying a satchel was observed on the DOULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD? going in the direction of DOULEMONT at 4.30 p.m. and leaving DOULEMONT at 5.15 p.m. At 3 a.m. a train was heard moving in the vicinity of FRELINGHIEN.

COMMUNICATIONS. Green rockets were frequently fired opposite the Right Section during the night. No apparent action followed.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flares were fired by the enemy as usual during the night.

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

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind North 15 to 25 m.p.h. decreasing and probably changing later to W. or S.W. Some squally showers of snow, hail or sleet with fair, bright intervals. Probably generally fair later. Cold. Slight frost at night. Good visibility. Temperature to-day 40, to-night 30, to-morrow 45.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 123.....28th. March 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 27th. March to 6 a.m. 28th. March 1917)

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

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Fire was directed against trenches in C.29.a. and U.28.a.

Fire was also brought to bear on traffic observed in rear of the enemy's lines at I.11.c.35.26, and on road between BAS TROU and PREMESQUES.

Trench Mortars fired with effect on the enemy's wire and parapet in C.29.a and c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire during the night. Lewis Guns engaged gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet.

SNIPERS.

Our snipers were active, but could not claim any definite hits. Dummy heads were displayed by the enemy opposite the Right Section in an endeavour to draw our fire.

PATROLS.

Right Section. 13 patrols from the Right Section operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

An officer's patrol approached to within 10 yards of an enemy wiring party in C.17.a. Three bombs were thrown, with apparent success, by our patrol, which retired under revolver fire from the enemy's front line trench.

The enemy's wire in the vicinity of CENSORS NOSE was found to be thick and free from gaps.

Left Section. Patrols carried out an examination of craters in U.4.c and U.10.d. and found them to be unoccupied by the enemy.

No sounds of work emanated from the enemy's front line in U.28, C.4 and C.10 during the night.

The enemy's support line in this area was, however, apparently occupied.

Patrols reported having heard sounds of working parties in the enemy's front line in U.15.d.

Sounds of a truck being moved round a curve of a tramline were heard in proximity to the front line in this vicinity.

A patrol operating on the ST YVES RIDGE (U.15.d) was fired on by an enemy machine gun at 3 a.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

The enemy's <sup>Artillery</sup> ~~Artillery~~ displayed little activity opposite the Right Section.

Hostile Artillery was normally active in the Left (PLOEGSTEERT) Section. Hostile fire, which consisted chiefly of 4.2 cm, 77 mm. and trench mortar shell, was directed mainly against our front and support line trenches. A number of rounds of 77mm. shell fell in and around BOIS DE PLOEGSTEERT.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns opposite the Right Section fired frequently during the night on NO MAN'S LAND and our front line parapet.

One machine gun only operated against the Left Section. This gun brought fire to bear on a crater in the vicinity of the BIRD-CAGE.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties were observed at C.17.d.1.9 and I.17.a.85.40 and were dispersed by our Artillery.

P.T.O.



OBSERVATION OF  
THE ENEMY.

Frequent movement of small parties on the DOULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD was observed during the day.

At 10 a.m. a party of 40 of the enemy was observed in a trench at U.30 c.l.6. This party moved along trench in a northerly direction.

At 11 a.m. a party of 13 men carrying rifles and packs was seen at U.30.b.4.6 moving towards QUESNOY.

At 11.30 a.m. 7 men wearing greatcoats and equipment and carrying rifles passed over the PONT ROUGE BRIDGE, moving S.W.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Smoke was observed from C.4.d.55.70, U.29.d.5.1, U.16.c.05.15 and from building at U.29.c.40.45.

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Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or W. 10 to 15 m.p.h. increasing to 25 or 30 m.p.h. Fair but cloudy. Some rain or drizzle probable later. Milder. Visibility fair. Temperature 40 increasing to 50.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 124.....29th. March 1917(from 6 a.m. 28th. March to 6 a.m. 29th. March 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN ONTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on the enemy's front and support line trenches in I.11.a,b and c.

Fire was also brought to bear on the enemy's trenches in C.4.a and U.21.d.

Trench Mortars fired with effect on the enemy's support line and wire at U.28.a.8.4. and on U.28.b.15.05 and U.28.a.8.0. A hostile trench mortar was engaged and silenced at the point last mentioned. Trench Mortars also carried out an effective bombardment of the enemy's front line and wire in I.5.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's line during

the night.

Lewis Guns fired as usual on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed a hostile patrol on ST. YVES RIDGE.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim ~~five~~ - hits in the enemy's line in I.17.a, I.5.d and I.29.d and one in U.28.c.

Snipers also claim to have broken two periscopes in C.4.d and three in I.11.c and I.17.a.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Ten patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

The enemy's wire opposite BONT BALLOT (C.29.a) was examined and found to consist of an outer and inner system of entanglements. The outer system was found to consist of a double row of knife rests in good condition. A man was heard pacing the duck-boards in the enemy's line in the vicinity.

NO MAN'S LAND was wet and muddy. No enemy patrols were encountered.

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

A patrol approached the enemy's wire in U.28.c. and was fired on by a hostile rifleman. Apart from this, the enemy's front line was particularly quiet during the night.

Wire in front of the BIRDCAGE (U.21.b) has not recently been repaired by the enemy.

A length of insulated wire was found to lead from Gap "E" (U.28.c) into NO MAN'S LAND.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.Right Section.

36 rounds  
10 rounds  
58 "  
10 "

10.5 cm and 77mm.  
10.5 cm.  
10.5 cm and 77 mm.  
77 mm.

fell in C.16.d.  
" " C.23.c.  
" " I.10.b.  
" " C.29.a.

Left Section.

16 rounds.  
20 "  
15 rounds  
7 "

77 mm.  
4.2 cm  
77 mm.  
15 cm.

" " U.14.c and d.  
" " U.27.b.  
" " C.9.b.  
" " the vicinity of  
PONT DE NIEPPE.

A series of rounds were fired against our trenches in U.28.c, apparently in registration of calibration of the enemy's guns

P.T.O.



MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active against the Right Section by night.

Opposite the Loft (PLOEGSTEERT) Section machine guns were quiet except for a few bursts directed against one of our working parties and Trench Tramway at STATION REDOUBT (C.9.d) at 9.30 p.m.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

FORT DE SENAMONT appears to have been recently improved. A large concrete dug-out has been located in rear of the enemy's front line E. of L'EPINETTE. This structure was partly concealed by lattice work.

A tram, or light train, was heard moving in rear of BIRDCAGE (U.22.a).

Minenwerfer positions are suspected at C.4.a.7.6 and C.4.d.27.96.

Enemy working parties were observed at J.13.c.85.43 I.17.a.80.12, C.17.a.1.9 & C.4.b.23.00. Our Artillery fired on and dispersed the last three parties.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Small parties of two or three of the enemy frequently passed over PONT ROUGE BRIDGE between 10 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Movement of individuals was observed on the DEULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD between 2 and 5 p.m.

A motor cyclist, travelling in the direction of DEULEMONT, was noticed at 5 p.m.

4 enemy observation balloons ascended during the day.

COMMUNICATIONS.

At 10 and 10.25 p.m. red lights were fired from the enemy's line opposite the Right Section. In each case the signals were followed by bugle calls. No further action was apparent.

A small balloon, 10 ft. in diameter, and having a small staging suspended from it, was observed above HOBBS FARM (C.23.a) at 3.30 p.m. The balloon, which was at a height of about 60 feet, was fired on without effect.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 8.35 p.m. a white dog passed in the vicinity of the subsidiary line in I.3.d. and disappeared in the direction of ARMENTIERES.



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for Major. G.S.  
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or W. 25 to 35 m.p.h.  
Gale at times. Overcast, with some rain, drizzle and mist. Visibility indifferent, becoming good. Temperature 45.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 125.....30th. March 1917.(from 6 a.m. 29th. March to 6 a.m. 30th. March, 1917)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN ONTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Howitzers fired on a concrete emplacement at C.23.b.2.5, causing considerable damage to enemy works in the vicinity<sup>1</sup>

and C.4.d.

Fire was brought to bear on enemy trenches in I.5.b

Several working parties were dispersed during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire during the night. Lewis Guns traversed the enemy's wire and parapet.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Right Section claim to have hit four of the enemy during the day.

PATROLS.

Right Section. 14 patrols operated on this front during the night.

A gap in the enemy's wire was located in the vicinity of a crater in I.17.a. Gaps were also found to exist at I.11.c.4.5 and C.29.c.5.7.

The enemy's trenches E. of MUSHROOM (I.11.c.) appeared to be occupied. A machine gun and a granatenwerfer fired from this vicinity. In front of the enemy's line at this point, two iron pipes were located. One pipe was about 50 feet in length and the other about 30 feet. Both pipes were closed . . . by means of conical ends of galvanized iron. These pipes, which have apparently been recently placed in position, are not . . . of recent manufacture.

A patrol approached to within 15 yards of the enemy's trenches N. of the RAILWAY in I.11.a. and ascertained that the line was occupied at this point.

Rifle fire was observed from 6 places in the enemy's line in I.11.a.

A gap located at C.29.c.5.7 was examined and found to be 3 yards in width. Enemy sentry groups or posts were located at points approximately 20 yards north and south of the gap. The intervening space was apparently patrolled by a party of 2 or 3 men.

The enemy's wire in C.29.a. was found to be constructed in two lines. The outer system consists of knife rests and is intact. A number of gaps exist in the inner line.

Very little movement was heard in the enemy's front line in this locality.

Left Section. NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night. No enemy patrols or working parties were located, NO MAN'S LAND being particularly quiet.

A hand grenade was thrown from the enemy's front line in the direction of a patrol operating in C.4.b.

A length of tape (apparently left by enemy party in recent attempted raid) was found leading from our line in U.22.c. to a shell-hole near the German front line trench. The tape was fastened to an object in the shell-hole and broke on being pulled. A number of hand grenades, left by enemy in recent attempted raid, was also brought in.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

25 rounds  
12 "  
25 "  
20 "

Right Section.

77 mm.  
10.5 cm.  
77 mm.  
10.5 cm.

fell in C.28.b and d.  
" " C.29.c.  
" " C.17.a and c.  
" " I.5.c.

P.T.O.



ARTILLERY. (contd).

	<u>Left Section.</u>	
100 rounds.	chiefly 5.9 cm.	fell in U.21.a.
30 "	4.2 cm.	" " U.19.b.
22 "	77 mm. and 4.2 cm.	" " U.21.a.
26 "	" " "	" " U.25.c.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns fired from FRELINGHIEN and THE BIRDCAGE. Activity was displayed by hostile machine guns opposite both Sections of the Divisional front during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy O.P's. have been located at C.11.b.15.42 and U.29.b.18.65. Sounds of hammering were heard in C.10.b. at 8.40 p.m. Working parties at C.17.d.1.9, I.17.c.80.98 and C.5.b.12.18 were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs. Gun-pits (apparently unoccupied) were located at U.17.d.4.6.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. A party of 12 of the enemy was observed moving in a southerly direction on road at U.23.a.92.10. Our Artillery fired and dispersed the party, the first shell inflicting 8 casualties.

MISCELLANEOUS. The body of a dead German was located in C.4.a. Bavarian buttons were found on the corpse, but no other identification was established. 50% of the bullets in cartridges taken from the body are copper plated.

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

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or W. 20 to 30 m.p.h. Less at night. Probably changing to N.W. later. Squally. Occasional hail or sleet with fair, bright intervals. Perhaps thunderstorms. Cold. Good visibility. Temperature, day 45, night 30 to 35.



CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 126.....March 31st. 1917.(from 6 a.m. 30th. March to 6 a.m. 31st. March 1917.)NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy works in C.29.c, I.11.c and I.11.b.

Considerable damage was caused to enemy wire in C.10.b, U.15.d and U.28.c.

French Mortars fired on the enemy's wire and parapet in C.23.b, I.17.a. and U.15.d.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns brought indirect fire to bear on enemy working parties in CEREAL TRENCH and CEREAL SWITCH. Indirect fire was carried out during the night.

Lewis Guns fired as usual on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed an enemy working party at U.28.c.7.5. Fire was also directed against a wiring party in ULTRA TRENCH.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit three of the enemy opposite the Right Section and one in C.10.b. opposite the Left (FLOEG-STEERT) Section. Three periscopes were fired on and destroyed.

PATROLS.Right Section. 14 patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. Gaps were located in the enemy's wire at I.17.a.15.60 and I.11.c.45.00. The enemy's wire in I.11.a. was found to be weak and broken in many places.

A patrol located an enemy wiring party in C.29.c.

The enemy bombed his wire on the flanks of this party and brought machine gun fire to bear between the enemy wiring party and our patrol.

The enemy bombed his own wire in front of his support line in C.29.a.

Wiring parties heard at C.23.b.1.3. and C.23.a.90.12 were dispersed by machine gun fire.

The enemy's front line trench in the Salient in C.17.a. appeared to be lightly held. A gap was located in the enemy's wire at C.17.a.9.3.

Left Section. 15 patrols moved out from this Section during the night. Working parties located in ULTRA TRENCH and at U.28.c.7.5 were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Patrols observed two German patrols consisting of 9 and 3 men respectively: 100 yards S. of the WARNAVE RIVER (U.28.c.) Lewis Gun fire was brought to bear on these parties of the enemy.

Two enemy patrols were also observed in NO MAN'S LAND in front of the Division on our left.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.Right (ARGENTIERES) Section.

50 rounds.

77 mm.

fell in C.22.d.

40 "

"

" " I.10.b, C.23.a. and along PORTE EGAL AVENUE.

30 "

4.2 cm.

fell in I.10.b.

6 "

77 mm.

" " "

21 "

"

" " I.4.a.

No apparent registration was carried out against this Section during the period.

Left (FLOEGSTEERT) Section.

400 rounds

5.9 cm.

fell in T.24.d.

150 "

" &amp; 4.2cm.

" " T.30.d.

20 "

4.2 and 77 mm.

" " the vicinity of SCREEN AV.

51 "

" " "

" " U.15.a.

14 "

5.9 cm.

" " U.19.c.

P.T.O.



ARTILLERY. (cont.)Left (PLOCSTEDT) Section (cont.)

33 rounds.	4.2 cm.	77mm.	and H.T.M.	fell in	U.15.d.
40 "	4.2 cm			" "	U.21.b.
70 rounds	5.9 cm.			" "	C.1.a.
20 "	77 mm.			" "	U.27.b.
90 "	4.2 cm.	and 77 mm.		" "	C.2.d.
120 "	4.2 cm.			" "	the vicinity of PLOCSTEDT.
46 "	77. mm.	and T.M.		" "	U.28.a.
10 "	77 mm.			" "	C.10.b.
20 "	77 mm.	and 4.2 cm.		" "	C.9.b.

Hostile fire was exceptionally heavy in this Section of the Divisional front during the day.

Registration of our lines from U.21.b to U.28.a inclusive was apparently carried out by the enemy.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns were active. Machine guns again fired from FRELINGHIEN and from lines in rear of the BIRDCAGE during the night. One machine gun operated at intervals from the enemy's line in I.11.c.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Working parties were observed at U.29.d.90.75, U.29.c.3.5, C.5.b.10.20, C.5.c.9.7, C.5.b.1.1, and C. C.30.c.05.45 and were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs. It would appear that the enemy is endeavouring to build a new trench in the vicinity of C.5.b.1.1.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. At 7.15 a.m. 10 motor lorries were observed travelling along the DEULEMONT ROAD in the direction of QUESNOY. 6 of these vehicles appeared to be heavily, and 4 lightly loaded.

At 8.50 a.m. a motor waggon, carrying a large load, was noticed moving in the direction of DEULEMONT on the DEULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD.

At 12.44 p.m. a party of 20 men, without arms or equipment passed U.30.b.5.5, marching from the direction of DEULEMONT.

The tramway on the DEULEMONT-FRELINGHIEN ROAD was frequently used during the day, most of the movement being towards DEULEMONT.

Movement of individuals was frequently observed on the DEULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD between 7.15 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. Small parties of two or three men crossed the PONT ROUGE BRIDGE at intervals between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

At 5.20 p.m. an enemy observation balloon broke from its moorings in the vicinity of DEULEMONT and drifted past WARNETON. One occupant was seen to descend by means of a parachute.

Five fires were observed in the enemy's front line in I.5.a.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.25 p.m. 15 green rockets, followed by one yellow rocket, were fired opposite the Right Section.

At 6.55 and 7.25 p.m. orange-colored rockets were fired opposite the Left Section.

At 8.15 p.m. one rocket, bursting into a number of violet lights was also fired.

Lieut.

for Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S. or S.W. 20 to 30 m.p.h. Changing later to N.W. or N. but perhaps temporarily E. tonight. Cloudy, with occasional rain or snow. Cold. Slight frost at night. Fair visibility. Temperature, day 45, night 30 to 35.