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WAR DIARY
OF
GENERAL STAFF, XIV CORPS.

FROM *1st July, 1916* TO *31st July 1916*

(VOLUME 7)

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LA LOVIE.	July 21		36th Division continue moving into XIV Corps area previous to joining V Corps.	
	22		36th Division move to V Corps. 4th Division commence arriving and go into Corps reserve with Headquarters at CHATEAU COUTHOVE.	See Appendix A
	23		Orders received that XIV Corps to be transferred to the Reserve Army and consist of the Guards, 6th and 20th Divisions.	
			8th Corps to be transferred to Second Army and consist of the 4th, 29th and 38th Divisions.	
			4th Division to relieve Guards Division in the line.	
			29th Division to relieve 6th Division.	
			6th Division on relief to assemble in Corps reserve area, until relieved by 38th Division.	See O.O.21 and 2nd Army G.485.
	24		20th Division commence entraining for going South. Orders received that XIV Corps Headquarters to commence handing over to VIII Corps on the 28th, Corps command to pass to the VIII Corps on the 29th instant.	Appendix A
	25		4th Division commence relieving the Guards Division. B.G.G.S., D.A.&Q.M.G., G.O.C., R.A., also G.O.C., XIV Corps Heavy Artillery proceed in advance South, to commence taking over from the VIII Corps. B.G.G.S., and D.A.&Q.M.G., VIII Corps arrive XIV Corps Headquarters to commence taking over front XIV Corps. Orders received 38th Division will relieve the 6th Division when the relief of the 6th Division from the front line has been completed by the 29th Division.	See Appendix B
				See Appendix A

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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LA LOVIE	July 25		Orders received VIII Corps to take over command from XIV Corps at 6 p.m. 29th July. XIV Corps to take over command from VIII Corps at 4 p.m. on 30th July. <u>See Second Army G.435 dated 25th July and Reserve Army S.G. 20/10/38 dated 29th July.</u>	
		27	29th Division commence arriving in the XIV Corps area. 20th Division concentrated in the Reserve Army Area.	See Appendix A
	28		Relief of Guards Division by 4th Division completed. Guards Division concentrated in XIV Corps Reserve Area.	See Appendix B
		29	Guards Division start entraining for the South. 29th Division commence relieving the 6th Division.	
		6 p.m.	Headquarters of XIV Corps close at LA LOVIE CHATEAU, Second Army Area. 20th Division completed relief of 38th Division in the left sector of the line with Headquarters at BUS LES ARTOIS.	See Appendix B
MARIEUX	30	4 p.m.	Headquarters XIV Corps re-open at MARIEUX, Reserve Army Area. O.O. 23 cancelled. The 6th Division will relieve the 25th Division in the right sector instead of the Guards Division. <u>See G.14 dated 30th instant.</u>	See Appendix A
	31	6 p.m.	Headquarters of 38th Division close at BUS LES ARTOIS and re-open ESQUELBECQ Orders issued for the 6th Division to relieve the 25th Division.	See O.O. 24 Appendix A



Appendix A

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Operation Orders

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TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS ISSUED WITH XIV CORPS ORDER NO. 24.

UNIT	FROM	TO	DATE OF COMPLETION OF MOVE	REMARKS.
Guards Division	^{only} BUS-LES-ARTOIS Area	ACHEUX AREA (II Corps)	Aug. 3rd	With Artillery: details to arranged with II Corps.
6th Division.	DOULLENS & CANDAS	^{Acheux} BUS-LES-ARTOIS Area.	Aug. 4th	With artillery.
6th Division (less Artillery)	BUS-LES-ARTOIS Area	Front Line: Right Sector (H.Q. BERTRAN-COURT)	Aug. 7th	
Guards Division. (less Artillery)	ACHEUX Area (II Corps)	BUS-LES-ARTOIS Area.	Aug. 7th	
25th Division.	Front line - Right Sector.	ACHEUX Area (II Corps)	Aug. 7th	Details to be arranged with II Corps.
6th Div. Artillery	BUS-LES-ARTOIS Area	Front line - Left Sector	Aug. 10th	Details to be arranged between 6th and 20th Divs. 38th Divl. Artillery will commence entraining for 2nd Army area any time after 6 a.m. Aug. 11th.
38th Div. Artillery	Front line - Left Sector	BEAUVAL Area	Aug. 10th	
Guards Divl. Arty.	ACHEUX Area	BUS-LES-ARTOIS Area	Aug. 11th	

"A" Form.				Army Form C. 221	
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Place					
Time 3-53 pm					
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XIV CORPS ORDER NO. 23

by

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Lieutenant-General the Earl of Cavan, K.P., D.B., M.V.O.

29th July, 1916.

1. The Infantry of the Guards Division will be concentrated in the BUS-on-ARTOIS area by August 1st.
2. The Guards Division (less artillery) will relieve the 25th Division on August 3rd and 4th, the relief being completed by the evening of August 4th. Details of this relief will be settled between Guards and 25th Divisions.
3. The command of the sector will pass from the 25th to the Guards Division on completion of relief.
The 25th Division will on relief move into the II Corps area, the move being completed by August 5th. Details of this move will be settled between 25th Division and II Corps.
5. A separate order will be issued as to the relief of the artillery.
6. Acknowledge.

F. Gathorne-Smith

Issued at *P. 4.15 PM*

Brigadier-General,
General Staff, XIV Corps.

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G.O.C., R.A.	" " 4	20th Divn.	" " 12
C.E.	" " 5	25th Divn.	" " 13
D.P.M.S.	" " 6	15th Sqdn. R.F.C.	" " 14
A.I.A.S.	" " 7	253rd Tunnelling	" " 15
Third Army	" " 8	Coy.	" " 16
		174th Tunnelling	" " 17, 18 & 19.
		Coy.	" " 16
		Record	" " 17, 18 & 19.

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Reserve Army

S.G.20/10/38.

II Corps.
VIII Corps.
X Corps.
✓ XIV Corps.
I Anzac Corps.

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Command of the old VIII Corps front will pass to
the XIV Corps, with Headquarters at MARIEUX, at 4 p.m. on
30th July.

Headquarters,
Reserve Army,
29th July, 1916.

E. B. D. W. H. M. Ingham
for Major-General,
General Staff.

Copies to:-

15th Wing, R.F.C.
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Capt. Renoult
Third Army
Fourth Army
4th Bde. R.F.C.

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Copy No 31

XIV CORPS ORDER NO. 22

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by

Lieutenant-General the Earl of Cavan, K.P., C.B., M.V.O.

27th July, 1918.

1. The XIV Corps (Guards, 8th and 20th Divisions) will be transferred to the Reserve Army, and the VIII Corps (4th, 29th and 38th Divisions) will be transferred to the Second Army.
2. Headquarters VIII Corps (including H.Q. Corps Heavy Artillery) will commence to take over from Headquarters XIV Corps on 28th July, and command of present XIV Corps area will pass to VIII Corps at 6 p.m. 29th July.
3. Headquarters XIV Corps (including H.Q. Corps Heavy Artillery) will commence to take over command of troops in VIII Corps area on the 29th July, and command of present Corps area will pass to XIV Corps at 4 p.m. on 30th July.
4. Orders for move of Corps Troops are being issued by XIV Corps "Q".
5. A List of Units which will be transferred from XIV Corps to VIII Corps is attached.
6. XIV Corps Headquarters will close at CHATEAU LOVIE at 8 p.m. 29th July, and will re-open at HARIEX at 4 p.m. 30th July.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9.20 p.m.

James May
for
Brigadier-General.
General Staff, XIV Corps.

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Guards Division	" " 8
6th Division	" " 9
20th Division	" " 10

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4th Division	" " 13
XIV Corps H.A.	" " 14
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VIII Corps	" " 16
XIV Corps Cav. Regt.	" " 17
177th Tunnelling Coy.	" " 18
British Mission	" " 19
Belgian G.H.Q.	" " 20
Camp Commandant	" " 21, 22
Record	" " 23

LIST OF UNITS TRANSFERRED FROM XIV CORPS

- TO VIII CORPS -

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13th H.A. Group.
24th H.A. Group.
53rd Siege Battery.
'D' / R.A.A. Battery.
6th A.A. Battery.
1st Siege Coy. R. Monmouthshire R.E.
213th A.T. Coy. R.E.
Det. 196th Land Drainage Coy. R.E.
Det. "L" Coy. Special Bde. R.E.
Nos. 5 and 6 Sections 2nd Pontoon Park R.E.
177th Tunnelling Coy. R.E.
4th Labour Battalion R.E.
A.S.C. (M.T.) unit with Corps R.A.
6th Arm. Sub. Park (temporarily)
20th Arm. Sub. Park (")
4th M.A.C.
Army Ordnance Workshops.
H.Q. Second Army Group of Entrenching Bns.
No. 10 Entrenching Bns.

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Second Army G.485.

XIV Corps.
VIII Corps (for information)

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1. Under instructions from G.H.Q. the VIII Corps (4th, 29th, 38th Divisions) will be transferred to Second Army, and the XIV Corps (Guards, 6th, 20th Divisions), to the Reserve Army.
2. H.Q., VIII Corps (including H.Q., Corps Heavy Artillery) will commence to take over from H.Q., XIV Corps, on 28th July, and command will pass from XIV to VIII Corps at 6 p.m. 29th July.
H.Q., XIV Corps (including H.Q., Heavy Artillery) will commence to take over command of the troops in VIII Corps area on 29th July.
Reserve Army will issue orders as to time at which command passes to XIV Corps.
3. (a) 4th Division will complete arrival in 2nd Army area by July 26th.
(b) 20th Division (less Artillery) will complete arrival in Reserve Army area by July 27th.
(c) 29th Division (less Artillery) will complete arrival in Second Army area by July 29th.
(d) One Cable Section will join from Reserve Army (one with 4th and one with 29th Division).
(e) One Cable Section left with 20th Division and one will proceed with Guards Division.
(f) Details of the move by march route of the Cavalry Regiment, Cyclist Battalion, and Motor Machine Gun Battery of VIII and XIV Corps will be issued by D.A.&Q.M.G., Second Army.
4. The Guards Division and one Cable Section will be transferred by rail from Second to Reserve Army. Entrainment of Infantry will commence on night, July 29th/30th. Entrainment of Artillery to commence 31st July. Details will be issued by D.A.&Q.M.G., Second Army.
On detrainment the Guards Division will be concentrated as early as possible in the LUCHEAUX area under arrangements

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to be made by Third Army.

Infantry will do short marches and will be assisted if necessary by bus, lorry or tactical trains.

5. The 38th Division (less Artillery) and one Cable Section will be transferred by rail from Reserve Army to Second Army (VIII Corps).

Entrainment to commence at DOULLENS and CANDAS any time after 12 noon, July 30th. VIII Corps will be notified of arrival. This Division will concentrate in VIII Corps Reserve Area.

6. The 6th Division (less Artillery) and one Cable Section will commence entraining on 2nd August.

Details will be issued by D.A.&Q.M.G., Second Army. On detrainment (at DOULLENS and CANDAS) this Division will be concentrated in Reserve Army area.

7. Corps Signal Troops, excluding Cable Section mentioned above, will be moved under arrangements to be made between Second and Reserve Armies.

Details will be issued by D.A.&Q.M.G., Second Army.

8. The remainder of the Corps Troops, VIII and XIV Corps, will move by road under orders to be issued later.

9. On the arrival of the 29th and 38th Divisions in Second Army area, and of 20th and 6th Divisions in Reserve Army area, the following attachments of Divisional Artillery will take place until further orders :-

29th Divisional Artillery	to	20th Division.
20th	"	to 29th
38th	"	to 6th
6th	"	to 38th

(sd) C.H.HARINGTON,
M.G., G.S.
Second Army.

25th July, 1916.

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Copy No.

XIV CORPS ORDER NO. 21.

by

Lieutenant General The Earl of Cavan, G.B., M.V.O.

23rd July, 1916.

1. The 4th Division will relieve the Guards Division in the line. The 29th Division will relieve the 6th Division in the line. The artillery of the 20th Division now covering the 6th Division will not, at present, be relieved.
2. The relief of the Infantry of the Guards Division will be completed by the evening of July 28th. Details of relief will be settled between Guards and 4th Divisions.
The Guards Division, on relief, will move two infantry brigades into the BOLLEZELLE area, and one infantry brigade into the HOUTKERQUE area.
POPERINGHE and the WORMHOUDT area will be clear of troops of Guards and 4th Divisions by 8 a.m. on July 27th, and K. L. M. and N. Camps by 10 a.m. on July 28th.
The artillery relief will commence on the night July 28th/29th and be completed on night 29th/30th.
The Guards Division artillery on relief will move into the ZEGGARS CAPPEL area.
3. The 29th Division on arrival will have one infantry brigade in POPERINGHE, one infantry brigade in K. L. M. and N. Camps and one infantry brigade in the WORMHOUDT area.
4. The relief of the 6th Division by the 29th Division will commence on the night July 29th/30th, and be completed by the night August 1st/2nd.
The artillery of the 20th Division will be attached to the Division.
Details of relief will be settled between 6th and 29th Divisions.
5. Acknowledge.

F. Gathorne Hardy

Brigadier General,

Issued at 3.10. pm

General Staff, XIVth Corps.

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Corps Commander	"	1	4th Division.	11.	
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C.E.	"	5	No. 5. Sqdn. R.F.C.	15.	
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A.D.A.S.	"	7	"	18.	
Guards Division.	"	8			
6th Division.	"	9			
20th Division.	"	10.			



Appendix B

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Summary
of
Operations.

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XIV CORPS GENERAL STAFF WEEKLY SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 21st July to 6 p.m. 27th July (Both dates inclusive.)

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The principal events which have taken place during the week are the moves of Divisions, which owing to the XIV Corps being transferred from Second Army to the Reserve Army, had to be carried out at short notice.

On July 23rd orders were received that the XIV Corps was to be transferred to the Reserve Army and consist of the Guards Division, 6th Division and 20th Division.

The XIV Corps to be relieved by the VIII Corps from the Reserve Army, which Corps is to consist of the 4th Division, 29th Division and 38th Division.

Headquarters of the XIV Corps to close at LA LOVIE CHATEAU at 6 p.m. on 29th July and re-open at MARIEUX at 4 p.m. on 30th July.

On July 24th the 20th Division, which as stated in last weeks summary had been transferred to the V Corps, commenced entraining for the South.

On July 27th the 20th Division was concentrated in the Reserve Army area with Headquarters established at BUS les ARTOIS, and on July 29th will be in the line with Headquarters established at COUIN.

On July 25th the Guards Division commenced being relieved by the 4th Division, this relief finishing on July 28th, command passing from the G.O.C., Guards Division to G.O.C., 4th Division at 4 p.m. 27th July.

On completion of this relief the Guards Division concentrate in the XIV Corps Reserve Area with Headquarters at ESQUILBECQ.

On July 29th the Guards Division will start entraining for the South and will be concentrated in the Reserve Army Area by August 1st, with Headquarters established at BUS les ARTOIS.

On August 3rd the Guards Division will be in the line with Headquarters established at BERTHANCOURT.

On July 29th the 6th Division will commence to be relieved by the 29th Division, which latter Division commenced to arrive in the XIV Corps area on the 27th July.

This relief is to be completed by the night of August 1/2nd, the command passing to the G.O.C., 29th Division, at 12 noon August 1st. On completion of relief 6th Division to be concentrated in XIV Corps Reserve area.

When in the Corps Reserve area the 6th Division is to be relieved by the 38th Division, which latter Division entrains for the Second Army area any time after midday July 30th.

On August 2nd the 6th Division will commence entraining for the South and will be concentrated in the Reserve Army area on August 4th with Headquarters established at BEAUVAL. On August 5th the 6th Division will come into the XIV Corps Reserve in the Reserve Army area with Headquarters established at BUS les ARTOIS.

Artillery Transfers. The 20th Divisional Artillery now covering the 6th Division in the line, is not to be relieved, and will be transferred to the 29th Division.

29th Divisional Artillery remains down South and joins the 20th Division on arrival in the Reserve Army area.

The Guards and 6th Divisional Artillery accompanying their respective Divisions to the Reserve Army area.

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OPERATIONS.

1. During the week the enemy has tried on four occasions to obtain identification. Four raids have been attempted by the enemy, only one of which succeeded.
On the night 20/21st July a patrol left the enemy's line opposite A.1. They were dispersed by our Lewis guns.
2. At about 9.30 a.m. on the 21st July, 3 parties of the enemy were seen crawling up opposite D.20 and D.21. Each party was composed of from 6 to 10 men. At the same time enemy machine guns firing from the HIGH COMMAND REDOUBT swept our parapet. The dead ground had enabled the enemy to get within 35 yards before they were seen. Two Lewis guns and the men holding the posts in these trenches immediately opened fire and the Germans retired throwing bombs behind them as they ran. Several were seen to fall. At nightfall a patrol went out to search the ground, but the enemy kept a ~~party of machine gunners~~ barrage of machine gun fire in front of the spot for an hour, and when this had ceased the patrol was unable to find any dead Germans. The enemy crawled up in two lines, bombers in front, bayonet men behind.
3. On the night of the 23rd/24th July the enemy attempted a small bombing attack on WIKLETJE, evidently with the intention of obtaining prisoners to establish identification. The enemy crawled up to within bombing distance and bombs were thrown at the junction of B.10 and CAVAN trench; they were, however, easily driven off by our rifle fire and bombs.
4. On the night 25th/26th July a working party was employed in reclaiming the derelict trench E.25, whilst a wiring party was out in front. About 1 a.m. the wiring party returned and was apparently closely followed up by an enemy raiding party, who suddenly threw a volley of bombs into the middle of the working party. The trench was held by two bombing posts and a Lewis gun, but owing to the confusion caused by the presence of the working party, the former were unable to drive off the enemy until some casualties had been inflicted upon our troops. The enemy also succeeded in carrying away prisoners, and three of our men are missing.
A patrol which was sent out immediately, was unable to find any dead Germans, with the exception of these three men missing - nothing else was captured.

5. OUR PATROLS.

Have been active throughout the week, especially along the ADMIRALS ROAD and on the extreme left of the line. Very little has been seen of hostile patrols throughout the entire front.

Two day patrols were carried out - one from FORWARD trench and one near CANADIAN DUGOUTS. During the latter a German flag was cut down from a tree and brought in.

6. ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

The enemy's artillery has been fairly quiet during the week. The usual places being shelled, but with less intensity. His heavier guns, although undoubtedly present, have fired on fewer occasions. On the other hand his minenwerfers have been rather active, particularly against D.20, D.21 and E.24 - E.27. They were very quickly silenced by our retaliation. One minenwerfer was definitely located at COLNE FARM.

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7. ENEMY'S WIRE.

The enemy has been particularly active on repairing wire throughout the week, and in spite of our machine and Lewis gun fire, which has been directed on damaged portions every night, he has succeeded in mending most gaps.

8. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Hostile aircraft was active at the beginning of the week, bombs being dropped near REIGERSBURG and HILL TOP FARM. During the latter portion of the week, weather has been unsuitable for flying and little has been seen of hostile aircraft.

9. WIND.

The wind has been slight, and has blown continually from N. and N.E., Gas Alert being consequently ordered throughout.

10. CASUALTIES.

	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
Officers.	2	12	0
Other Ranks	31	160	3
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Total....	33	172	3
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ARTILLERY OPERATIONS from July 21st to July 28th.

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During the night 20/21st experimental wire cutting was carried out by the 20th, Results tended to prove that Batteries should fire at a range of not more than 2500 yards, that Trench Mortars should co-operate at a range of not more than 300 yards, to assist in clearing a passage, and that Infantry must be prepared to complete work done by Artillery.

Otherwise, the activity of Divisional Artillery has been confined to retaliation, and shelling of Working Parties, Billets and suspected O.P's.

On July 22nd, 99th Siege, 6" Howitzers, carried out shoot on Datum point (PILCKEM MILL), and "A" point C.13.b.9.8., as an experiment for general registration.

On July 24th and 25th, 4th Siege, 6" Howitzers, fired on Minenwerfer in the neighbourhood of VON KLUCK COT., which had been annoying our Infantry. On the same day, the 86th Siege, 12" Howitzers, shelled the enemy's strong point at CANAL COT., B.12.b. central.

As our Heavy Artillery have fired little during the last week, the enemy's shelling has been comparatively slight.