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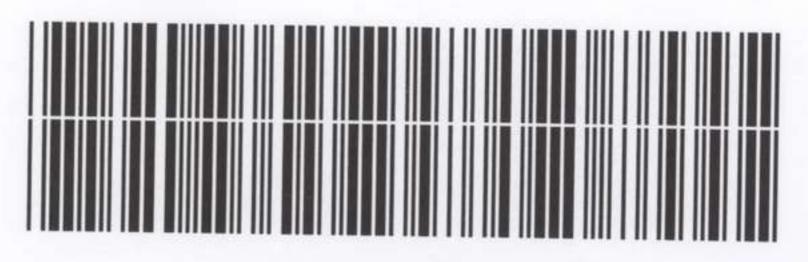
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CONFIDENTIAL. WAR DIARY OF GENERAL STAFF, XIV CORPS. FROM . ...... TO ....... (VOLUME 7)

### WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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			36th Division continue moving into XIV Corps area previous to joining V Corps.	See
	22		36th Division move to V Corps. 4th Division commence arriving and go into Corps 1 36th Division move to V Corps.	Appendix
	23		Orders received that XIV Corps to be transferred to the Reserve Army and consist of the Guards,	
			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 0.0.21 and 2nd A	Annendi
	24		20th Division commence entraining for going South. Orders reserved that XIV Corps Headquarters commence handing over to VIII Corps on the 28th, Corps command to pass to the VIII Corps on the 29th instant.	to
	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.	20
			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
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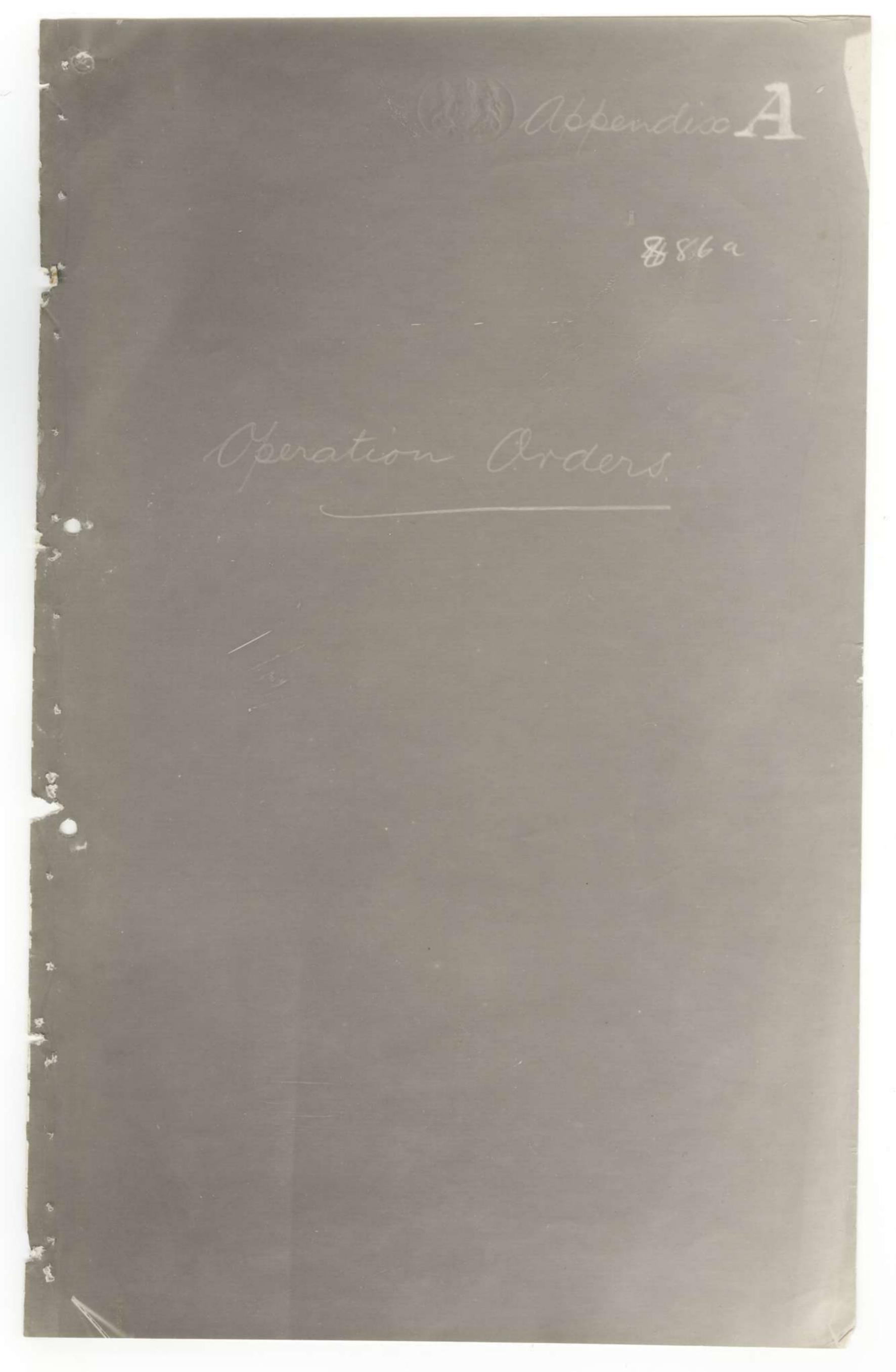
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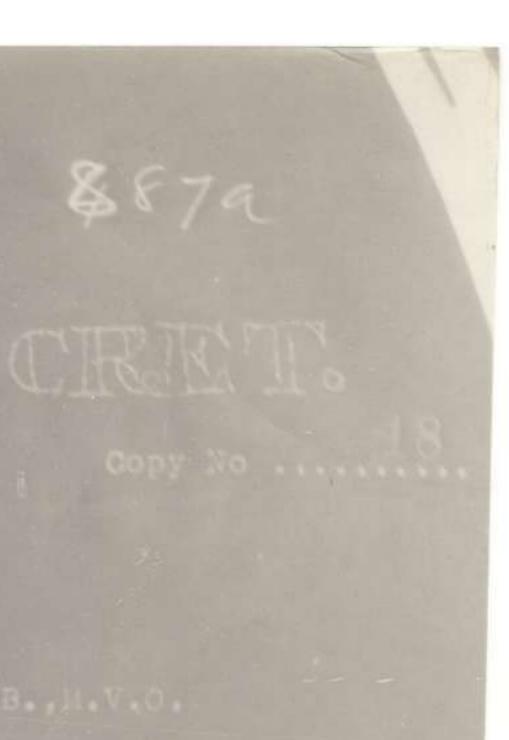
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		Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references to Appendices
	July 25		Orders received VIII Corps to take over command from XIV Corps at 6 p.m. 29th July. XIV Corps to take over command from VIII Corps at 4 p.m. on 30th July.  See Second Army G.435  dated 25th July and Reserve Army S.G. 20/10/38 dated 29th July.	
	27		29th Division commence arriving in the XIV Corps area.	
			20th Division concentrated in the Reserve Army Area.	See Appendix
	28		Relief of Guards Division by 4th Division completed.	
			Guards Division concentrated in XIV Corps Reserve Area.	See Appendix
	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 Head- quarters at BUS LES ARTOIS.	See Appendi:
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.  See G.14 dated 30th instant.	See Append1:
	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 0.0 Appendix
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MIV CORPS ORDER NO. 24

by

Lieutenant-General the Earl of Savan, K.P., C.B., H.V.O.

51st July, 1918.

being arranged between Divisions concerned.

The Relief of the 25th Division by the 6th Division will be completed by 12 noon August 7th, and command of the Sector will pass from 25th to 8th Division at that hour.

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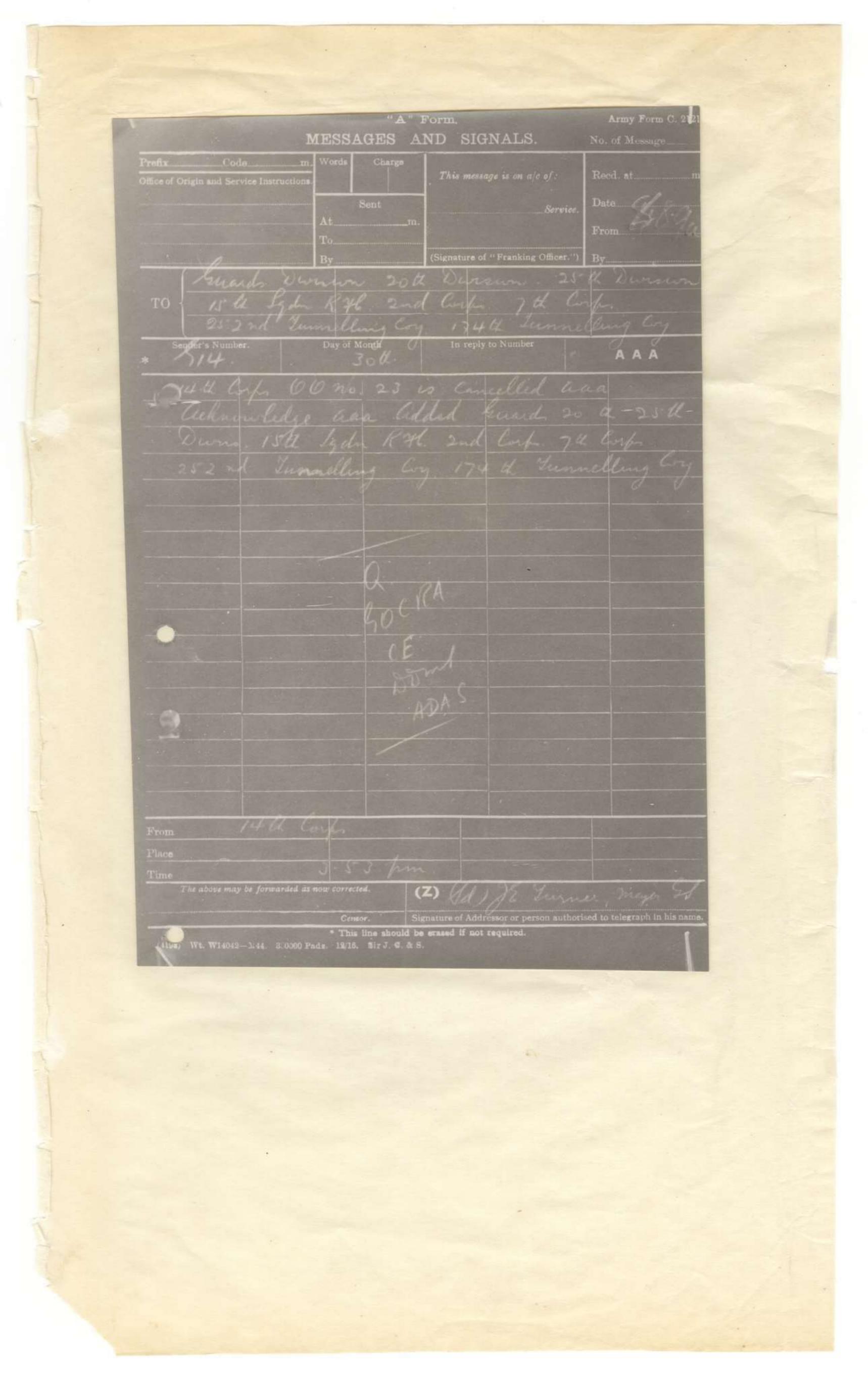
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Reserve Army, 29th July, 1916. for instance oneres,

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27th July, 1918.

The MTV Corps (Guards, 8th and 20th Divisions) will be transferred to the Reserve Army, and the VIII Corps\_(4th, 29th and 58th Divisions) will be transferred to the Second Army.

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will commence to take ever from Ecadquarters XIV Corps on 28th
July, and commend of present XIV Corps area will pass to VIII Corps
at 6 p.m. 29th July.

Headquarters MTV 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 MIV Corps at 4 p.m. on 30th July.

Orders for move of Corps Troops are being issued by MIV

A List of Units which will be transferred from XIV Corps to

29th July, and will re-open at HARIEUK at 4 p.m. 30th July.

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h, 20th Divisions), to

XIV Corps.
VIII Corps (for information)

- 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.
- 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.

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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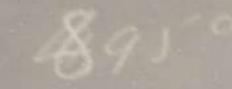
to be made by Third Army.

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

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. VII Corps will be notified of arrival. This Division will concentrate in VIII Corps Reserve Area.

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.

Corps Signal Troops, excluding Cable Section mentioned 7. 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. The remainder of the Corps Troops, VIII and XIV Corps, will move by road under orders to be issued later.

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 38 th to 38th 6th

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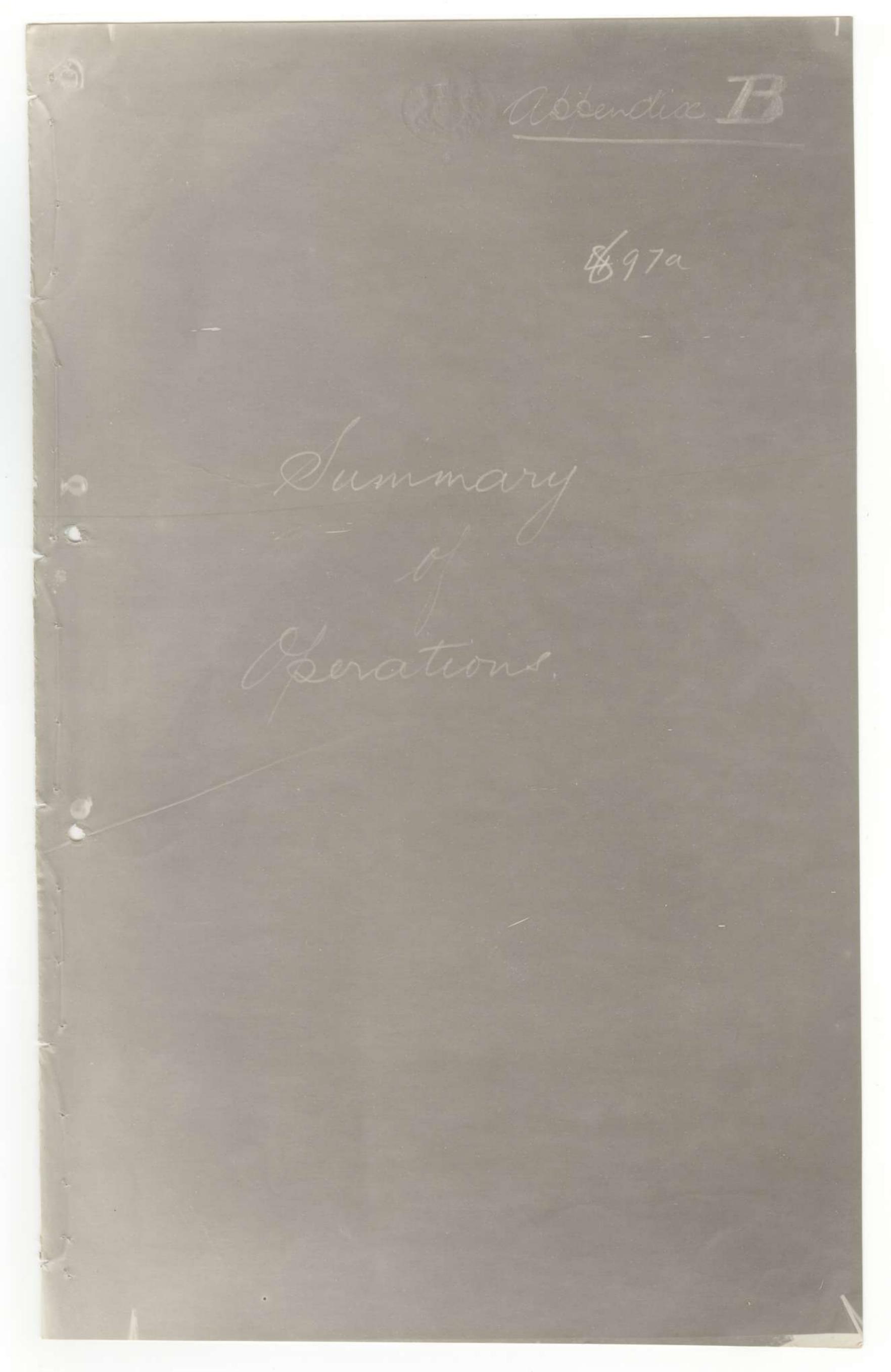
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completed by the evening of July 28th. Details of relief will be settled between Guards and 4th Divisions.

The Guards Division, on relief, will move two infantry brigades

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KIV 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 AIV Corps being transferred from Second Army to the Reserve Army, hade 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 Guarda 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 Hesaquarters 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 MIV Corps Reserve Area with Headquarters at ESQUELBECQ.

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 concentrate ed in XIV Corps Reserve area.

When in the Corps Reserve gree 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 5th Division will commonce 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 HIV Corps Reserve in the Reserve Army area with Headquarters established at BUS 1cs ARTOIS.

Artillery Transfers. The 20th Divisional Artillery now covering the 6th Division in the 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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### 7. ENEMY'S WIRE.

The enemy has been particularly active on repairing wire throughout the week, and in spite of our machine and Lowis 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.

No and No. B., Gas Alert being consequently ordered throughout.

### 10. CASUALTIES.

	Killed.	Wounded.	
Officers.	2		
Other Ranks	31	160	
Total	33	172	

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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.