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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Formation Headquarters

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Sent				Date.....
At.....m.			Service.	From .....
To.....				By.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { Aust. Corps 1st Aust. Div.  
3rd Squad. A.F.C. 2nd Aust. Div.

Sender's Number. * 18 3030	Day of Month. 25	In reply to Number.	AAA
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~~Evening report AAA Artillery activity slight  
 except on right Bn. of left Bde and left  
 centre Bn of right Bde AAA M.WS active on  
 front of left Bde during morning AAA H.V.  
 shelling on DRANOIRE - DAYLIGHT CORNER road  
 during morning AAA Prisoners and material  
 captured last 24 hours nil AAA Addsd Aust  
 Corps reptd all concerned~~

From	<u>5th Aust. Div.</u>
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) J. R. Mason Capt.

Prefix.....Code.....m. Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of	Recd. at.....m.
Sent				Date.....
At.....m.			Service.	From .....
To.....				By.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { Aust Corps "I"

Sender's Number. * 1G 2990	Day of Month. 25	In reply to Number.	AAA
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~~Following train movement seen AAA 11.13  
 shunting in WERVICQ (light railway) AAA  
 11.15 from HALLUIN to RONCQ AAA 11.18 from  
 HALLUIN going east AAA 11.35 from ROULERS  
 to MENIN AAA 11.40 leaving MENIN for HALLUIN  
 AAA 11.55 two trains leaving MENIN for  
 GHELUWE AAA 12.37 trains shunting // in  
 MENIN.~~

From	<u>5th AUST DV.</u>
Place	
Time	

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 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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Prefix..... words..... charge.....  
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions.....  
 This message is a copy of.....  
 Recd. at.....m.  
 Sent.....  
 Date.....  
 At.....m..... Service.....  
 To.....  
 From.....  
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { Aust Corps "I"

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 \* Ig 304 25th

Following signals were picked up from enemy lines by right battalion of 6 right brigade

AAA	199	12 dots	4 dashes
O	O	ROE	EB7R
....	SAB	<del>RAE</del> RAT	VTI
BVU	VTE	UBR	VVU
UBR	VUA	AAA	....
SW	AAA	Ends	

From 5th AUST DIV.  
 Place  
 Time

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"C" Form.

Army Form C 2120  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s d			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.					

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m

TO 5 and 5m

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
9239	25		

following from	of our	troops	beginning
of PERONNE	their	have	reestablished
ed the west	Bank	along	of
the SOMME	southward	to	LICOURT
east of	are	reported	to
hold a	definite	line	with
southward	touch	on	the
the French	aaa	north	of
Right PERONNE	it	is	believed
operations are	developing	some	
what more	satisfactory		
enough the	situation	south	
of	LETTRANS	LOI	is still

FROM

"C" Form.

(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s d			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.					

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m

TO (2)

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA

uncertain	aaa	near	of
LETTRANS	LOI	our	troops
had	numerous	hostile	attacks
inflicting	heavy	losses	and
ends	aaa	added	all
concerned			

FROM 2nd army

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**"C" FORM.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From.....	At.....m.	[Stamp]
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		
Handed in at.....		Office.....	m.	Received.....	m.

TO

\*Sender's Number: 350 Day of Month: 25 In reply to Number: AAA

Morning report  
 quiet  
 gas  
 LE BIZET about 8  
 aaa enemy plants  
 aaa added  
 reptd all concerned

FROM  
 TIME & PLACE

2nd Aust Div  
 4.50 AM

**"C" FORM.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C, 2133.  
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From.....	At.....m.	[Stamp]
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		
Handed in at.....		Office.....	m.	Received.....	m.

TO

\*Sender's Number: 2028 Day of Month: 25 In reply to Number: AAA

Situation very quiet  
 -al mth  
 right wind west of  
 mpa fine of bar

FROM  
 PLACE & TIME

7006  
 8000

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
£ s d

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From..... At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 By.....

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m

TO

5 Aust Div

\*Sender's Number

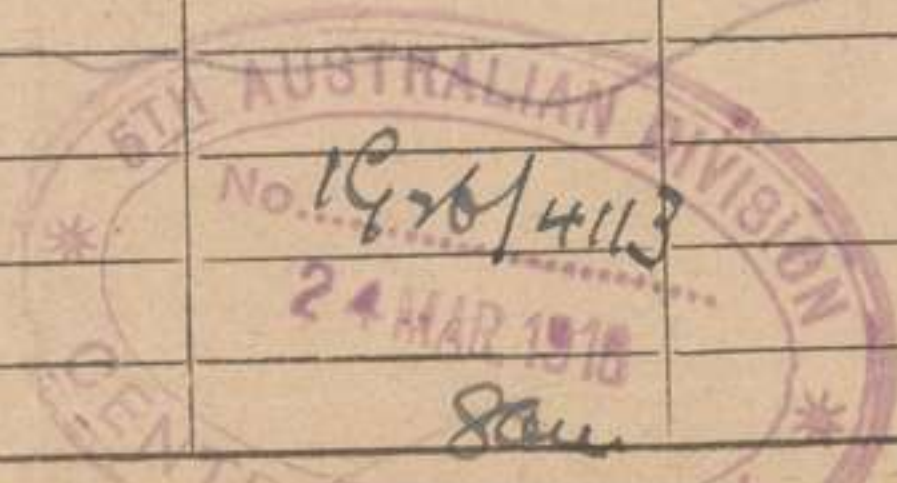
Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

2681 25/3

Morning report aaaa slight  
 Trm activity east of  
 WYTSCHHETE aaaa 28 - J.26/A  
 south of uppos shelled  
 by hostile army 10.15  
 to " punt aaaa  
 EA dropped 7 Bombs  
 28-124D east of  
 ZILLEBEKE 9.10 punt  
 otherwise Quiet night on  
 army front aaaa added  
 of sta rptsd aaaa concerns



FROM

TIME & PLACE

Becond 7.0 am

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
£ s d

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From..... At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 By.....

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m

TO

5 Aust Div

\*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

2681 23

Morning report aaaa  
 Quiet night throughout  
 sector aaaa a.a. activity  
 nil aaaa added Aust  
 corps rptsd aaaa  
 concerned

FROM

TIME & PLACE

7.0 am

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In books of 100.)  
No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp  
 From *awo* At.....m.  
 By *Hatch* To.....  
 Charges to Collect By.....  
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at *Bar* Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

\*Sender's Number *252* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

The situation this morning is as follows received unofficially from *Grd* *aaa* yesterday was a hard days fighting and by last night the situation has steadily improves and the enemy was showing signs of exhaustion *aaa* The *French* are heavily engaged between *HAM* and *NOYON* and expect to give the enemy a severe blow *aaa* Our Fifth Army less seventh Corps transferred to their *Arden* held River Line

FROM *Copy sent to "A" mess*  
 TIME & PLACE



MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In books of 100.)  
No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp  
 From..... At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 Charges to Collect By.....  
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

\*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number *AAA*

South of PERONNE under order of French Comdr General FAYOLLE *aaa* north of PERONNE this Army has heavy fighting about HIGH WOOD BAPAUME and SAPIGNIES *aaa* We hold GREVILLERS *aaa* two or three more Divisions have gone from reserves opposite our Second Army front and the enemy appears to be thinking out his front line opposite 2nd Corps so as to hold it with fewer Divs

FROM *2nd Army*  
 TIME & PLACE

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

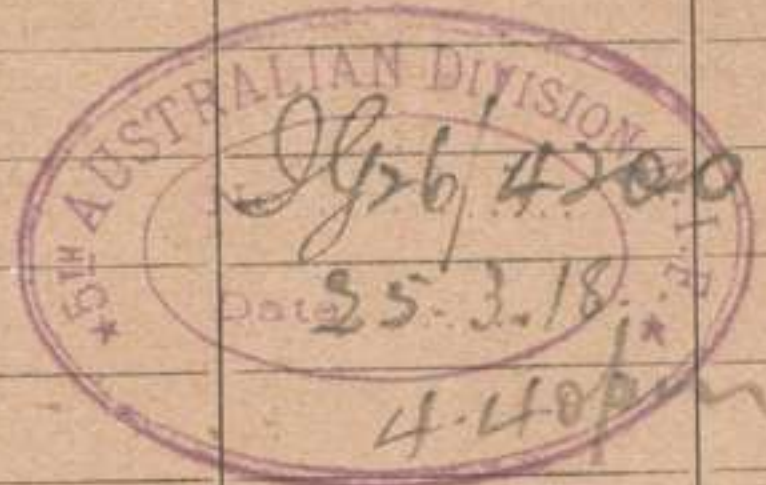
Prefix.....Code.....Words..... <i>46</i>	Received. <i>FN28</i>	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From..... <i>98</i>	At.....m.	To.....	
Charges to Collect	By.....	By.....	
Service Instructions <i>hty</i>			

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *F37 5 Aus Bde*

* Sender's Number. <i>046673</i>	Day of Month. <i>25</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*evening report aaa left for  
report light shelling in OIIA  
aaa right for report. MW  
active on front system during  
morning and active on  
right sector and low flying  
EA N14 aaa estimates  
casualties N14 wind N 10 mph*



FROM  
PLACE & TIME

*(FN28) 205 Bde  
430pm*

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... <i>46</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From.....	At.....m.	To.....	
Charges to Collect	By.....	By.....	
Service Instructions <i>all</i>			

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month. <i>25</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*505 170 Bde*

*Rep. Capt. Chapman*

*47/4200*

*15.3.18*

*4.45pm*

FROM  
PLACE & TIME

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
e s d  
 Received. From *ano*  
 Sent, or sent out. At.....m.  
 Office Stamp  
 Charges to Collect By.....  
 Service Instructions. To.....  
 By.....  
 Handed in at..... Office *5/45/46* m. Received *5/5/46* m.

TO

*5th Aust Div*

\*Sender's Number *2449* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Hostall Btys engaged yesterday aaaa result 4 pits destroyed 5 fires + it explosions caused aaaa morning report aaaa still minutes activity against centre Div during the night otherwise situation quiet on whole Corps front aaaa 2nd Army report all concerned*

FROM

*Aust Corps*

TIME & PLACE

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words *30*  
e s d  
 Received. From *FQ46*  
 Sent, or sent out. At.....m.  
 Office Stamp  
 Charges to Collect By.....  
 Service Instructions. To.....  
 By.....  
 Handed in at..... Office *7:15 p* m. Received *4:20 p* m.

TO

*(F37) 2nd Aust Division*

\*Sender's Number *10102* Day of Month *25* In reply to Number *AAA*

*situation quiet aaaa slight arty activity on left Centre in front aaaa wind NNW 15 mph aaaa visibility good aaaa added F37 retd fuses and gh 97*

*25/4/46  
25.3.18  
4.40 pm*

FROM

*(7Q46) 1st Aust Div*

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"C" Form.

Army Form C.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix <i>AB</i>	Code <i>50</i>	Words <i>43</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
From <i>Mad</i>			At <i>6.30</i>		
Charges to Collect			By <i>Mad</i>		
Service Instructions.					
Handed in at <i>5th Aust Div</i>			Office <i>5.00</i>	Received <i>6.30</i>	

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>45</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>Forecast</i>	<i>wind</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>on</i>
<i>Nb</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>mph</i>	<i>rather</i>	<i>squally</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>Cold</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>cloudy</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>perhaps</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>showers of</i>	
<i>rain</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>sleet</i>	<i>good</i>
<i>visit</i>	<i>wind</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>pm</i>
<i>Nb</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>mph</i>	<i>midnight</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>mph</i>		

FROM *W. Keon*  
TIME & PLACE *5.00 pm*

"C" Form.

(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix <i>B</i>	Code <i>50</i>	Words <i>50</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
From <i>Gregor</i>			At <i>5.00</i>		
Charges to Collect			By <i>Gregor</i>		
Service Instructions.					
Handed in at <i>5th Aust Div</i>			Office <i>5.00</i>	Received <i>5.00</i>	

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>4344</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>Enemy</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>situation</i>
<i>very</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>div</i>
<i>front</i>	<i>hostile</i>	<i>arty</i>	<i>in W</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>maps</i>	<i>inactive</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>4 hrs</i>	<i>pin</i>	<i>large</i>
<i>Enemy</i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>estimated</i>	<i>strength</i>
<i>about</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>BU</i>	<i>observed</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>N 234</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>engaged</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>heavies</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>added</i>	<i>aust</i>	<i>corps</i>	<i>repta</i>
<i>All</i>	<i>concerned</i>		

FROM *2nd Aust Div*  
TIME & PLACE *5.20 pm*



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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... g   s   d.	Received. <i>awo</i>	Sent, or sent out. <i>12.15</i>	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions.	By..... <i>Mat</i>	To.....	
		By.....	

Handed in at.....*awo* Office.....*6.30* m. Received.....*6.12* m.

TO

\*Sender's Number    Day of Month    In reply to Number    **AAA**

*2525    25    -    AAA*

*Evening report aaw scattered enemy arty activity on centre div front aaw mis active on left bde centre div and extreme left of left div aaw 1st gun shelling vicinity DRANDOUTRE during morning aaw large enemy body estimated strength about one battn observed in V. 23-A.B engaged by heavies. aaw prisoners and war material nil aaw added 2nd army repts all concerned*

**15th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION**  
*976/4706*  
*7/13/18*  
*AWO*

FROM

TIME & PLACE

*Cust Corps*  
*AWO*

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... g   s   d.	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions.	By..... <i>Mat</i>	To.....	
		By.....	

Handed in at.....*awo* Office.....*6.30* m. Received.....*6.23* m.

TO

\*Sender's Number    Day of Month    In reply to Number    **AAA**

*2524    25    -    AAA*

*Continuation evening report aaw train movement above normal noted from MENIN and HALLUIN to RONCO throughout the day and particularly during afternoon aaw added 2nd army repts all concerned*

**AUSTRALIAN DIVISION**  
*976/4706*  
*7/13/18*  
*AWO*

FROM

TIME & PLACE

*Cust Corps*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 274

Prefix Code Words Received Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From AZE At ..... m.  
 By ..... To .....  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions  
 Handed in at 12 Ho Office 8:45 m. Received 9:12 m.

TO (237) 5th Aust Div

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 201 25

The following message from FT6 begins aaa  
 Following signals read from enemy lines aaa  
 12 dots 4 dashes  
 0 0 ROE EBTR  
 --- SAB RAT VTI  
 BVU VTE UBR VVU  
 UBR VUA AAA  
 SW aaa Message ends  
 aaa address 237 Reptd  
 28

FROM (12 Ho) 5th A) Bdo  
 PLACE & TIME

"C" Form.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 262

Prefix Code Words Received Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From Azo At ..... m.  
 By Max To .....  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions  
 Handed in at 10 Ho Office 7:10 m. Received 7:45 m.

TO 5th Aust Div

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 270 25

evening report aaa enemy  
 arty activity subnormal  
 aaa some shelling in  
 WYTSCHAETE sector and about  
 GOUDBERG aaa CREST FARM  
 and MARSH BOTTOM west  
 of PASSCHENDAELE heavily  
 bombarded aaa DRANOUTRE and  
 ABEELE shelled aaa no  
 aeroplanes combat aaaprecoers  
 last 24 hours 1 OK  
 wounded aaa added 5th  
 repts all concerned

FROM Second Army  
 PLACE & TIME CENTRAL REC



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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 269

From *Am 25/3* Code *25* Words *82* Received. *Am* Sent, or sent out. *Am* Office Stamp

From *Am* At *7.20* m. *Am*

Charges to Collect *Am* By *Max* To

Service Instructions

Handed in at *BAH* Office *Am* Received. *Am* m.

TO

\*Sender's Number *2274* Day of Month *25/3* In reply to Number *AAA*

Continuation evening report  
 aaa train movement above  
 normal noted from MENIN  
 and HALLUIN to RONCE  
 throughout the day and  
 particularly during afternoon  
 aaa added 540 septo  
 all concerned

*25-318*  
*8.10 pm*

FROM  
 PLACE & TIME

*Second Army*  
*7.20 pm*

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 278

From *Am 25/3* Code *25* Words *79* Received. *Am* Sent, or sent out. *Am* Office Stamp

From *Am* At *7.30* m. *Am*

Charges to Collect *Am* By *Max* To

Service Instructions

Handed in at *BAH* Office *Am* Received. *Am* m.

TO

\*Sender's Number *2266* Day of Month *25/3* In reply to Number *AAA*

Following from *540* times  
 3.50pm aaa begins aaa  
 south of PERONNE enemy  
 is attacking strongly in  
 the direction of NOYON  
 and NESLE and is reported  
 to have made progress  
 aaa strong attacks are  
 also being made north  
 of PERONNE in the  
 neighborhood of BADAUME and  
 ERVILLERS aaa heavy firing  
 is taking place in  
 both areas of Battle  
 but the exact situation  
 is not yet clear aaa  
 ends aaa added. all concd

FROM  
 PLACE & TIME

*Second Army*

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"C" Form.

Army Form C, 2123.  
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message *738*

Prefix <i>SP</i>	Code <i>JK</i>	Words <i>39</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
E s. d.			From <i>also</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>John Kalch</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions			By <i>Priority</i>	Office <i>9:55</i> m.	Received <i>11:14</i> pm
Handed in at _____					

TO

*5th Aus Div*

\*Sender's Number

Day of Month *25th*

In reply to Number

*AAA*

<i>Forecast</i>	<i>wind</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>or</i>
<i>NE</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>mph</i>	<i>less</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>times</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>Cold</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>cloudy</i>
<i>perhaps</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>more</i>	<i>showers</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>rain</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>sleet</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>wind</i>	<i>midnight</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>North</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>mph</i>		

FROM

PLACE & TIME

*Meteor*

*9.46pm*

\*This line should be erased if not required.

(17802) Ws. W14832/M1523. [E 930]. 100,000 Pads-3/17. M.R.Co., Ltd. Forms C/2123.



No. of Messages *216*

**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Prefix *JB* Code *24* Words *24* Received. *ans* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp

From *Hq* At *8* m. To *5 Aus Div*

Charges to Collect By *Priority*

Service Instructions

Handed in at *BAR* Office *M 150* m. Received. *1:35* m.

TO *5 Aus Div*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>284</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>Latest</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>GHQ</i>	<i>unofficial</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>pm</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>5th</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Corps</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>hard</i>	<i>days</i>	<i>fighting</i>	<i>especially</i>
<i>about</i>	<i>MIRAMONT</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>troops</i>
<i>have</i>	<i>fought</i>	<i>splendidly</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>Report</i>	<i>just</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>that</i>
<i>4th</i>	<i>Corps</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>recaptured</i>
<i>BERNAFAY WOOD</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>hold</i>	
<i>MONTAUBAN</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>far</i>
<i>as</i>	<i>known</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>was</i>
<i>CURLU</i>	<i>MARICOURT</i>	<i>MONTAUBAN</i>	
<i>MIRAMONT</i>	<i>ACHIET LE PETIT</i>		
<i>West</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>ERVILLERS</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>South</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>Somme</i>	<i>Line</i>
<i>uncertain</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>Enemy</i>	<i>have</i>

FROM *5 Aus Div*

PLACE & TIME

No. of Messages *216*

**"C" Form.**

(In books of 100.)

**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Prefix *JB* Code *24* Words *24* Received. *ans* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp

From *Hq* At *8* m. To *5 Aus Div*

Charges to Collect By *Priority*

Service Instructions

Handed in at *BAR* Office *M 150* m. Received. *1:35* m.

TO *5 Aus Div*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>284</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>AAA</i>
<i>got</i>	<i>NESLE</i>	<i>QUISSGARD</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>CHAUNY</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>have</i>
<i>plenty</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>troops</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>route</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>sixty</i>	<i>seven</i>
<i>enemy</i>	<i>Divs</i>	<i>identified</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>seventy</i>	<i>five</i>	<i>used</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>probably</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>units</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>have</i>
<i>Div</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>Flanders</i>	<i>identified</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>reinforcing</i>	<i>troop</i>
<i>arriving</i>	<i>well</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>199</i>
<i>Div</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>Flanders</i>	<i>also</i>
<i>identified</i>			

FROM *5 Aus Div*

PLACE & TIME

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A Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
		At..... m.		Service.	From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {  
 2nd Canadian Div: ~~C.E.~~  
 5th Aust. Divn. ~~Q.~~  
 G.O.C.H.A. ~~A.D. Signals.~~

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G.F.723	26/3		

Third Army wires as follows aaa Right of 7th Corps lies close to CHIPILLY aaa From here the line runs through MORLANCOURT to VILLE-SUR-ANCRE -; DERNANCOURT past the W. of ALBERT with posts in ALBERT aaa Line then runs up W. side of the ANCRE to BEAUMONT HAMEL aaa From here the line believed to run through BEAUMONT HAMEL SERRE PUISIEUX to E. of BUCQUOY aaa From here there is no change aaa N.Z. Div are reported to have taken up the line at BEAUMONT HAMEL through SERRE to PUISIEUX without much opposition aaa It is not certain whether we actually hold PUISIEUX or whether the line runs to the W. of the village aaa R.F.C. report 3 E.A. crashed one down out of control aaa 49 bombs dropped and 3,700 rounds fired at ground targets aaa Corps wing reports not yet been received aaa Added GHQ Aero GHQ reptd all concerned.

From 10th Corps  
 Place  
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. *R. M. M. Major, GS*

"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(in pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date.....
		At..... m.		Service.	From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {  
 Aust Corps  
 3rd Signd A.F.C.  
 1st Aust Div  
 2nd Aust Div  
 C.R.A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*			

Morning quiet	report	aaa.	Situation
on	aaa.	J. In.	active
occasional	0.29.a	and	C.
right	In G.	fire	along
J. In.	Bgd	front	aaa.
active	at	Lock	4
left	on	left	Bttn
from	Bgd	In Gs	active
and	POLL	Ho	SPUD
relief	PUMP	Farms	aaa
	Complete	aaa	

From  
 Place  
 Time

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date.....
			At.....			From.....	
			To.....			By.....	
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO {

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Third Army states 5th Corps report we hold ALBERT and are on East of town AAA

From 10th Corps.  
 Place  
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In pads of 100.)  
 No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date.....
			At.....			From.....	
			To.....			By.....	
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO {

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Third Army wires as follows aaa Situation on 7 Corps front is obscure aaa The right of 7th Corps have fallen back from BRAY exact position not known but flank rests on the SOMME aaa 8th Divn has had heavy fighting at MEAULTE and has held its ground aaa Enemy in BECORDEL and ALBERT aaa No change on 5th Corps front aaa 4th Corps line from HAMEL runs Q.10.d.-Q.4.d.-K.33.a. -K.27.central-BEBUTERNE aaa It is uncertain who holds PUISIEUX aaa Line from L.39.c. runs east of BUCQUOY - ABLAINZEVILLE NOYENNEVILLE aaa North of this line is unchanged aaa About 2.30 p.m. 2nd Div drove off an attack at AUCHONVILLERS aaa About same hour patrol of the enemy was captured in COLINGRUPS aaa Added G.H.Q. Aero GHQ and reptd all concerned aaa ends AAA 1st report from

From 10th Corps  
 Place  
 Time

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(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....7

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received..... Sent, or sent out..... Office Stamp.....  
 From.....  
 Ab.....m.....  
 Charges to Collect.....  
 By.....  
 Service Instructions.....  
 To.....  
 By.....  
 Handed in at..... Office..... Received.....m.....

TO

5th Aust. Div

\*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number  
 0297 26 AAA

Morning report aaa Situation  
 quiet aaa artillery quiet  
 along brigade sector aaa  
 Tm at LOCK 4  
 active on left 3m  
 front from 11 pm  
 to 2 am mls  
 active from POLL Ho  
 SPUD and pump found  
 throughout the night aaa  
 wind on 5 mph.  
 aaa Estimated casualties nil

FROM

In 28. 2nd Inf Bde

TIME & PLACE

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received..... Sent, or sent out..... Office Stamp.....  
 From.....  
 Ab.....m.....  
 Charges to Collect.....  
 By.....  
 Service Instructions.....  
 Handed in at..... Office..... Received.....m.....

TO

In 28

\*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number  
 502 26 AAA

Morning situation quiet  
 aaa artillery quiet  
 aaa Tm active on  
 029A and c aaa  
 occasion all bursts  
 of mg fire along  
 the front aaa wind  
 very slight NE aaa address  
 928 report 9497 and In 28

FROM

In 28. 5th Bgd night 139A

TIME & PLACE

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 21

From <i>Am 52a</i>	Code	Words <i>34</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
	£ s. d.		From <i>Am 52a</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>APH</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions				By _____	

Handed in at *Am 52a* Office *6:20a* m. Received. *6:26a* m.

TO

*5th Aust Div*

\*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

*9547 26*

*yesterday our C.B.S engaged  
6 hostile batteries resulting  
2 pits destroyed and  
5 fires and 4  
explosions being caused  
morning report *aaa* quiet  
night *aaa* with exception  
of some local army  
band TM and MG  
activity *aaa* Between 4:25  
am and 5 am  
HV gun fired 6  
rounds into Bailloul *aaa*  
address 2nd Army reptd  
all concerned*

FROM  
PLACE & TIME

*Aust Corps*

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

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From <i>Am 52a</i>	Code	Words <i>34</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
	£ s. d.		From <i>Am 52a</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>APH</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions				By _____	

Handed in at *Am 52a* Office *5:20a* m. Received. *5:20a* m.

TO

*5th Aust Div*

\*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

*9352 26*

*Morning report *aaa* very  
quiet night on whole  
front *aaa* few gas  
shells fell in U10A  
at 11 pm *aaa*  
address *aaa* Aust Corps  
reptd all concerned*

FROM  
PLACE & TIME

*2nd Aust Div  
5am*

APPENDIX

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From	At	m.
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions.			By	To	

Handed in at *Cygal* Office *1030* m. Received *1020* m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>1903</i>	<i>26</i>		

*In patrol encounter in P1D4.8 this morning one wounded officer taken prisoner identifications 153 IR 8th Div. Report follows 2nd Aust Corps 5th Div 37th*



FROM *1st Aust Div*  
 TIME & PLACE

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

From	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From	At	m.
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	

Handed in at *Bar* Office *7:10 a* m. Received *7:09 a* m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<i>1294</i>	<i>26</i>		

*Morning report aaa situation unchanged aaa Quiet night with the exception of some slight local artillery activity south of HOUTHULST forest and east of ZONNEBEKE aaa a HV gun fired 6 rounds on BAILLEUL about 5 am this morning aaa successful raid was carried out near JUDGE cross roads 28/T12A resulting in capture of 3 O/Rs of 70th IR 30th Div and 2 machine guns aaa address GHA repled all concerned*

FROM *Second Army*  
 PLACE & TIME *7:10 am*

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 71

Prefix *Sm* Code *00* Words *00*

Received. *aus* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp

From *AN* At *11.15* m.

By *AN* To

By

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Office *10.55* m. Received. *11.18* m.



TO *File only*

\*Sender's Number *300* Day of Month *20* In reply to Number *AAA*

Following from *9th* times  
*11.15* *1pm* *25th* *aaa*  
 Begins *aaa* Hostile attacks  
 north of PERONNE. have  
 progressed west of BAPAUME  
 in spite of very  
 gallant resistance by our  
 troops who have been  
 pressed back approximately to  
 the old British line  
 on the ANCRE *aaa*  
 south of PERONNE the  
 enemy has also attacked  
 in force and has  
 taken NESLE *aaa* Our  
 line north of NESLE  
 is being brought back

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 71

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ Words \_\_\_\_\_

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp

From \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_ m.

By \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received. *10.18a* m.

TO *(2)*

\*Sender's Number \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Month \_\_\_\_\_ In reply to Number *AAA*

to conform to the  
 situation on either flank  
*aaa* ends *aaa* address  
 all cones

FROM *2nd Army*

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix Code Words Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions



Office m. Received. 3/33 m.

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Official from G.P.G. times  
12-10 pm 26th 2aaa begin  
aaa and troops were  
reported this morning  
to be on their  
new positions in front  
of ROYE and ALBERT  
aaa Fresh hostile  
attacks are developing  
in the neighbourhood  
of ROYE and CHAULNES  
aaa and aaa Addas  
all concerned

FROM

PLACE & TIME

Second Army

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.  
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix Code Words Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at Office m. Received. 1/17 m.

TO

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

Forecast winds North or  
NE 15 to 25  
mph probably backing  
later to NW and  
decreasing aaaa mainly  
fair but some showers  
of sleet or snow  
likely good visit cold  
gale brook at night  
temp day 42 night  
25 to 30 Note slight  
indications of development  
of unsettled weather  
tomorrow

FROM

PLACE & TIME

Meteor 11/30 am

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 17

Prefix *M 24* Code *1* Words *1*  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From *509* At *11* m. *VNO*  
 By *4* To *5 bus*  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions  
 Handed in at *Kee* Office *11* m. Received *11:30* m.

TO *5 bus*  
 \*Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*92801* *26* *4* *AAA*

<i>morning</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>curbs</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>line</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>evening</i>	<i>post</i>	<i>captured</i>
<i>my</i>	<i>9 12</i>	<i>central</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>corp</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>location</i>
<i>quiet</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>advanced</i>
<i>one</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>posts</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>short</i>	<i>distance</i>	<i>up</i>
<i>road</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>W 15 a east</i>	
<i>of</i>	<i>BOUZINCOURT</i>	<i>during</i>	
<i>night</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>it</i>	
<i>9</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>corp</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>quiet</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>aaa</i>	

FROM *10*  
 TIME & PLACE *10*

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *L 24* Code *1* Words *1*  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From *509* At *11* m.  
 By *4* To *5 bus*  
 Charges to Collect *59*  
 Service Instructions *and*  
 Handed in at *5 bus* Office *11* m. Received *6:18* m.

TO *5 bus*  
 \*Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*92801* *26* *4* *AAA*

<i>evening</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>TM's</i>
<i>active</i>	<i>against</i>	<i>night</i>	
<i>had</i>	<i>right</i>	<i>div</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>right</i>	<i>had</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>div</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>hostile</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>mlps</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>Im's</i>	<i>active</i>	<i>left</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>Bde</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>During</i>
<i>early</i>	<i>morning</i>	<i>aaa</i>	
<i>enemy</i>	<i>planes</i>	<i>active</i>	
<i>flying</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>forward</i>
<i>apex</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>div</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>Prisoners</i>	<i>last</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>hours</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>wounded</i>	<i>officer</i>	
<i>was</i>	<i>material</i>	<i>nil</i>	

FROM *10*  
 PLACE & TIME *10*

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"B" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
XM JK		11 30 P		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		At	At	
KCO 180		11 30 P		
10/2 add		From	To	
		KCO		
		By	By	
		PS		

TO 5th Australian Div

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
GF741	27		

It is reported that enemy has repaired the bridge between CERISY and CHIPILLY and crossed to the S. bank of the river AAA. He is holding both these places and shelling SAILLY LAURETTE heavily AAA. The enemy has been driven

"B" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
		11 30 P		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		At	At	
		11 30 P		
		From	To	
		KCO		
		By	By	
		PS		

TO 2

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA

out of MORLANCOURT by our artillery AAA. We are reported to have posts to the S. of MORLANCOURT AAA. Our line runs along the W. of ALBERT through the brickworks in W22 from there up to the N. of BUCCUOY there is no change AAA. Heavy attack on BEAUMONT HAMEL was driven off by the NZ Div AAA. 31st Div were heavily attacked from the direction S. of MOYENNEVILLE.

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(5396) Wt.W 2186/300 7/16 100,000 Pads. D.D.&L. E 111.

Army Form C 2122 (In pads of 150).

"B" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
Other of Origin and Service Instructions. Words.			At 11:30 P	At.....	CAP-21
			From 1800	To.....	
			By PS	By.....	

TO

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Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
GF741			

and have been driven back  
 to the W. of AYETTE  
 AAA The line N. of  
 BUCQUOY is believed to run  
 as follows AAA W. of  
 ABLAINZEVILLE F17C W. of  
 AYETTE to X30D then in  
 a NE direction to the  
 old line Near HAMELINCOURT  
 There is no change in  
 the line N. of HAMELINCOURT  
 AAA Situation reported quiet on  
 10<sup>th</sup> Corps front AAA Ends

From	10 <sup>th</sup> Corps
Place	9.35 PM
Time	

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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(5396) Wt. W 2186,500 7/16 100,000 Pads. D. D. & L. E 111.

"B" Form.

Army Form. C 2122 (In pads of 150).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

From <i>XM</i>	Code <i>LLS</i> m.	Received	Sent
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. <i>KCC</i>	Words. <i>36</i>	At <i>12 16 A</i> m.	At
<i>ref 2 add</i>		From <i>KCC</i>	To
		By <i>PS</i>	By



TO *5 Aust Div*

Sender's Number *GF 744* Day of Month *27* In reply to Number *—* **AAA**

*Third Army wires as follows  
 AAA Following from Fifth Army  
 begins AAA A case has  
 been reported from 19 Corps  
 front of enemy wearing our  
 uniform AAA End*

*Reheat.  
 Above to mess  
 v a.p. M  
 M*



*then lost  
 you lost  
 M 28/3/18*

From *10 Corps*  
 Place  
 Time

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"A" Form. Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message.....19

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on alc of:	Recd. at ..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			37		Service.	Date.....
Kco			Sent			From.....
			At ..... m.			By.....
			To ..... m.			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
By.....						

TO { 5th Aust Div; ~~Q.55~~ *Household family*  
 2nd Gen. Div; ~~Q.~~ *Head of family*  
 G.O.G.M.A. ~~Q.~~ *All Signals*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A
* G.F. 729	27/3		

Third Army wires as follows aaa Line at present runs as follows aaa SAILLY LE SEC thence to MERICOURT then along the ANCRE passing to the west of ALBERT following the west of the ANCRE up to HAMEL aaa From BEAUMONT HAMEL to BUCQUOY the line is obscure but is believed to run as follows aaa BEAUMONT HAMEL - Q.6.central - K.35.central - K.21.cent - K.16.b. - L.7.c. and d into the BROWN line about L.14.b. aaa From here Northward the line is unchanged aaa During the night the enemy captured MESNIL in Q.28 but was driven out by a counter attack and the line was re-established on the ANCRE aaa Efforts are being made to re-establish the line between BEAUMONT HAMEL and PUISIEUX aaa Added GHQ Aero GHQ reptd all concerned. a a ends

From	16th Corps	
Place		
Time		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name. *P. Y. T. Major, GS.*

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *Am* Code *BKP* Words *51*

Received From *608* Sent, or sent out At ..... m. Office Stamp *B13K*

Charges to collect By *Ms* To ..... m.

Service Instructions By .....

Handed in at *Am* Office *5:50 p.m.* Received *7:22 p.m.*

TO *5 Aust Div*

\*Sender's Number *9608* Day of Month *27* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>Evening report</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Hostile</i>	<i>arty</i>
<i>active</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>Swi</i>	<i>near</i>
<i>CANAL</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Slight</i>	<i>mov</i>
<i>Rt</i>	<i>Bde</i>	<i>Rt</i>	<i>Swi</i>
<i>Engines</i>	<i>last</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>hours</i>
<i>unwounded</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>wounded</i>	<i>(Once died)</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>was</i>	<i>material</i>	<i>nil</i>
<i>added</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>reptd</i>
<i>concord</i>			<i>all</i>

*Go on*



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