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 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

U.O.P.

TO { **Avst Corps**

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * G 890 24

Heavy enemy barrage opened 3.45 a.m. AAA
 At 3.58 left Bde reported no barrage their
 front AAA Right Bde out of communication
 with front line AAA Enemy gassing FOUILLOY
 AAA All battery positions being shelled
 sneezing gas and H.E. AAA Div on right
 report S.O.S. on their left Bde front about
 4 a.m.

Ham

From **5th AUST DIV**
 Place
 Time

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TO { *Lieut TROTT
 Comd cyclist Platoon
 attached 5th Aust Div.*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * *G 891* *24*

*cyclist platoon will be
 ready to move on
 receipt of instructions and
 Detail one
 man report to Div Hd
 One G staff for instructions
 to wait for instructions*

4.30

From *5th Aust Div*
 Place
 Time *4.35 am*

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To.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Reed. at.....m.
Date.....
From.....
By.....

TO { *OC*
114 Troop C Coy 13 ALH

Sender's Number. *892* Day of Month. *24th* In reply to Number. **AAA**

114 Troop to stand
to ready to move at
once ass. This will
report to 15th by Bde Hd
One and wait there
for orders from D. H. Q.
ass addressed 114 Troop
ALH repld. 15 inf Bde

From
Place *5th Aust Div*
Time *4.30 am*

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4.30 am

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To.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { *Aust Corps.*
5th Div Signal Coy.

Sender's Number. *G 893* Day of Month. *24th* In reply to Number. **AAA**

Our dropping ground is at H34b
west of road ~~aaaAddsd~~ Aust Corps
repeated 5th Div Signal Coy.

From *5th Aust Div.* *4.50*
Place
Time *am*

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At.....m. Service. Date.....

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { O.C. No. 4 Troop "C" Sq 13th A.L.H.

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

* G894 24

Send a small patrol to O.15.d to watch for development of infantry attack if any
 AAA Report direct to Div H.Q. by quickest means

5.15 am

From 5th AUST DIV

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Lt-Col GS

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Instn. on a/c of Recd. at.....m.

TO Aust. Corps 8th Div.
 3rd Aust. Div. Div.Art.

Senders Number Day of Month In reply to number AAA

G 895 24

Morning report AAA At 3.45 a.m. enemy opened heavy barrage on right sector right Bn. support and reserve line with H.E. and gas AAA Battery positions shelled with H.E. and gas AAA At 4.20 a.m. FOUILLOY shelled with gas AAA Situation now quietened down with exception of slight minenwerfer activity on front line right sector AAA O5c57 Right Bde. H.Q. now being shelled with H.E. and gas AAA Addsd Aust. Corps reptd All concerned.

From 5th AUST. DIV.

Time 6.25 a.m.

(Sig) L. MERKEL Capt.

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**URGENT
OPERATION
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 Date.....
 To.....
 From.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")
 By.....

TO Aust Corps 15th Inf Bde 5th Pioneers
 8th Inf Bde Div. Art. A.P.M. "Q"
 Sender's Number: 15th Inf Bde 5th M.G. Bn. C.R.E. 3rd A.Div. AAA

* G901 24

Following from 8th Div. aaa O.C. VILLERS-BRETONNEUX reported 6.40 am enemy advancing along railway V1 and 2 aaa Enemy reported to be using tanks aaa Left Bn. right Bde. have given ground aaa Situation believed well in hard aaa Situation obscure owing to mist aaa At 6.45 enemy was gas shelling N30 and 36 025 and 26 with lachrymatory and phosgene aaa Addsd. all coned. reptd 3rd Aust. Div.

From
 Place 5th Aust. Div.
 Time 8.50 am

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 From.....
 To.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")
 By.....

TO Aust. Corps
 3rd Aust. Div. 5th Div. Art.
 8th Div.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 G* 904 24

14th (Right) Bde report 8.35 am enemy advancing along VILLERS FOUILLOY road AAA 56th Bde Bn are astride road along ridge in 017c and 016d AAA 15th Inf. Bde have been ordered to continue flank of 56th Bn until get touch with troops 8th Div at discretion of G.O.C. 15th Inf. Bde AAA Bty R.H.A. to report to 013d at disposal of G.O.C. 15th Inf. Bde AAA Troop Light Horse placed disposal of 15th Inf. Bde AAA Surmised enemy have VILLERS BRETONNEUX AAA Addsd Aust. Corps reptd flank divs. and 5th Div. Art.

From 5th AUST. DIV.
 Place
 Time 9.30 am

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 Sd. G.F. WOOTTEN Major

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At.....m.		Date.....		
To.....		From.....		
By.....		By.....		

TO { Aust. Corps 8th Div.
3rd Aust. Div.

Sender's Number. * G 912	Day of Month. 24	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Following from Left Bde timed 9.15 a.m. AAA Enemy about 300 strong advanced in two waves and attacked post in J.35.e.S.8 at 4.22 a.m. AAA Our Lewis guns opened fire and enemy fell back reorganised and attacked again and was driven off with heavy casualties

From 8th AUST DIV
Place
Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	This message is on a/c of		Recd. at.....m.
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At.....m.		From.....	
To.....		By.....	

TO { 8th Inf. Bde. M.G. Bn.
14th Inf. Bde. Div. Arty
15th Inf. Bde. 5th Pioneer Bn.

Sender's Number. * G 913	Day of Month. 24	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Following from 8th Div timed 8.10 a.m. AAA Right Bde report right Coy of left Bn has been pushed back N of the railway to O.36.e. and d AAA Germans reported using 3 tanks in this area AAA Counter attack has been organised and 3 tanks at disposal of 8th Div are being pushed forward to deal with hostile tanks

From 8th AUST DIV
Place
Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *W. J. J.*
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 Recd. atm.
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TO 8th Inf. Bde. Div. Art. Div. Engrs.
 14th Inf. Bde. 5th Pioneer Battn.
 15th Inf. Bde.

Senders Number Day of Month In reply to number A A A
 G 926 24

8th Division report AAA Enemy has penetrated the western outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX AAA 23rd Inf. Bde. will counter attack at once with reserve Battn against western outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX objective road running N and S through the town from 035a82 to 029c59 AAA 2/Devon R. will gain touch with right of 25th Inf. Bde. which has been thrown back to about 022d80 AAA 2 tanks are moving to 027a and will attack from there in an easterly direction objective road junction 029a53 AAA Res Bn. of 24th Inf. Bde. (less 1/Sherwoods) is placed at Forthwith at disposal of 23rd Inf. Bde. for protection of right flank about CACHY and CACHY SWITH AAA 24th Inf. Bde. (less 1/Sherwoods) and 22nd DLI will hold reserve line under GOC 24th Inf. Bde.

From 5th AUST. DIV.
 Time 1 p.m.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *W. J. J.*
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 Recd. atm.
 Sent _____
 Atm. Service.
 To
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 24th Inf. Bde. Div. Art.
 14th Inf. Bde. 5th Pioneer Bn.
 Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number. AAA
 * 6937 24

Reference G926 and in confirmation of verbal instructions AAA Objective of counter attack will now be eastern outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX from 036central 030d22

From 5th AUST. DIV.
 Place _____
 Time _____
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Sent m.

At m. Service. Date

To

From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { 8th Inf. Bde Div. Art Div. Engrs
 14th Inf. Bde M.G. Bn "Q"
 15th Inf. Bde 5th Pioneer Bn

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

* 6928 24th

The 13th A.I. Bde group complete is placed under orders of 3rd Corps and will move forthwith to LA MOTTE-BREBIERE reporting to a representative of 3rd Corps on arrival.

From **5th AUST. DIV.**

Place

Time

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PRIORITY

Sent m.

At m. Service. Date

To

From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { Div. Art 5th Pioneer Bn
 14th Inf. Bde Div. Engrs 8th Inf. Bde
 15th Inf. Bde 5th M.G. Bn

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

* 6929 24

8th Divn report AAA CAGNY SWITCH is held AAA
 Some troops right bde still holding out in
 035b and e 035d 036e AAA Some Germans in
 VILLERS BRETONNEUX mixed up with out troops
 AAA Left bde on approx line 023d88 (unconfirm
 med) 023d28 024d55 PT 104 (P19e18)

From **5th AUST. DIV.**

Place

Time *Noon*

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

TO 15th Inf Bde

Sender's Number. * G 932	Day of Month. 24	In reply to Number. AAA
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Your BM 383 AAA G.O.C. directs that sentence in your message beginning all British troops and ending with the word shot is to be cancelled forthwith

From	5th AUST DIV
Place	
Time	

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				At		m.		
				To				
				By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	

TO	15th Inf. Bde	8th Inf. Bde	M.G. Bn
	14th Inf. Bde	5th Pioneer Bn	
	Div. Art	Div. Engrs	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 933	24		

Reference G928 AAA Order 13th A.I. Bde Group
to BLANGY TRONVILLE instead of LA MOTTE
AAA 8th Div will send representative to
meet them.

From **5th AUST. DIV.**
Place
Time

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				At		m.		
				To				
				By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	

TO	9th Inf. Bde.	5th Pioneer Bn.	
	14th Inf. Bde.	5th M.G. Bn.	
	Div. Art.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 935	24		

Right Liaison report AAA Wounded coming
back report enemy in VILLERS BRETONNEUX
and attempting to flank it AAA 24th Inf.
Bde in touch with their division AAA Enemy
reported attacking between CACHY and
DOMART AAA Counter attack has been ordered
on VILLERS BRETONNEUX to join up eastern
side of village with 25th Inf. Bde who are
holding line with north of main road

From **5th AUST DIV**
Place
Time

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Sent At m. Service. Date

To m. From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 8th Inf. Bde Div. Art
14th Inf. Bde M.G. Bn
15th Inf. Bde 5th Pioneer Bn

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

* 917 24 A A A

Following from division on our right lined
10.5 am AAA CACHY SWITCH is held AAA Some
troops right Bde still holding out in U5b
and C 035d 036e AAA Some Germans in
VILLERS BRETONNEUX mixed up with our troops
AAA Left Bde on approx line 028d88
(unconfirmed) 023d28 024d55 PT 104 (P19e18).

From 5th AUST. DIV.

Place

Time

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URGENT OPERATIONS PRIORITY

Sent At m. Service. Date

To m. From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 15th Inf Bde 1st Aust Div
8th Inf Bde 3rd Corps
14th Inf Bde 8th Div
CPT 1st Aust Corps
Cyclists

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

* 952 24 A A A

5th Aust Div. come under 3rd Corps for
purpose of counter attack operation AAA
Signals will lay line to 15th Inf. Bde. Adv.
H.Q. at 02888 The MAYHEM forthwith AAA
Added 15th Inf. Bde. repto Div sig Co. and all
other units 3rd Corps 6th Div. 3rd Aust.
Div. Aust. Corps

From 5th Aust Div

Place

Time

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		At..... m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
TO		8th Inf. Bde. 5th Pion. Bn. 3th Division		14th Inf. Bde. Div. Engineers 3rd Aust. Div.	
		19th Inf. Bde. 5th M.G. Bn.		Div. Art.	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA	
* 4958	24				

15th Aust. Bde. report ssa OC of reconnoitring patrol of 59th Bn. reports timed 1.10 pm as follows ssa His position now runs N and S through O.28b and d ssa He has collected about 200 men of East Lanes. and has them in line with him ssa Reports enemy to be about 100 yards directly in front of him holding railway embankment also the right flank is back half way through wood squares O.33b and D ssa enemy were in full marching order ssa enemy tanks located approx at O.34a7.8 ssa ends added 14th, 8th Bdes. Div. Art. 5th Pion. Bn. Div. Engineers. 5th M.G. Bn. 8th Division. 3rd Aust. Div.

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From	5th Aust. Div.
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		Sent Service.		Date.....
		At..... m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
TO		OC Cyclist Platoon (attached to 5th Aust Div)			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA	
* 964	24 th				

Please arrange for a cyclist orderly to report hourly to Capt White AC (Porter) who is Liaison Officer for 5th Aust Div attached to 8th Division Hd Qrs G415Y ssa message for Capt White hereunder

[Handwritten signature]

From	5th Aust Div
Place	
Time	
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Sent m. Date m.

At m. Service. From

To m. From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO: *Capt AC White*
(30th AT =)
Division

Sender's Number. * *965* Day of Month. *24* In reply to Number. *—* AAA

A cyclist orderley will call at hourly intervals at 8pm. Oros to bring back messages etc from you and the delivry messages to you from D.H.Q. as this is rendered necessary owing to the unsatisfactory state of telephone communication

From *5 Aust Div*
 Place

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Sent m. Date m.

At m. Service. From

To m. From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO: *14th Inf Bde Pioneer Bn*
15th Inf Bde M.G. Bn

Sender's Number. * *967* Day of Month. *24* In reply to Number. *—* AAA

Following wire received from C.O. 180 T.Coy who is responsible for demolition of road mines at 0.10.d.5.8, 0.10.d.6.8, 0.11.a.6.1 0.18.b.5.3 AAA officer responsible for road mines is located at 1.33.b.3.0 AAA It is however merely necessary that orders for demolition should go straight to the M.G.O. on guard at any particular crater AAA Duplicate orders should invariably be sent to me at the same time so that I may ensure compliance therewith AAA Ends

From *5th AUST DIV*
 Place

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TO 15th Inf. Bde. 13th A. I. Bde.
 8th Inf. Bde. 4th Aust. Div.
 14th Inf. Bde. 3rd Corps.
 M. G. Bn.
 Pioneer Bn.
 C.R.A. C.R.E. Aust Corps.
 Signal Coy A.D.M.S. "Q"
 8th Div. 3rd Aust. Div.

Senders Number. Day of Month In reply to Number A A A
 G 969 24th

VILLERS BRETTONEUX will be captured by a converging attack on the N. and S. sides and joining in the old British front line system at P 31.b.6.O. AAA The 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. less 1 company will attack from the north 13th Aust. Inf Bde will attack from the south AAA Jumping off line both Brigades will be the general line of the road from Cachy to FOUILLOY AAA The 15th Inf. Bde. will attack in a S.E. direction so that when the objective is reached their right flank will join up with the 13th A.I. Bde. at the point previously mentioned viz. P.31.b.6.O. AAA The limit of the advance will be old British Front line system AAA "A" Battery R.H.A. and 8 Vickers M.G's. are allotted to 15th A.I. Bde for the attack AAA ZERO Hour will be 10 p.m. AAA Signals will synchronise watches with 15th A.I. Bde. 3rd Corps 8th Div. 13th A.I. Bde. and artillery AAA There will be no artillery barrage AAA Added 15th A.I. Bde. reptd 3rd Corps Aust Corps 8th Div. 4th Aust. Div 3rd Aust. Div. D.A. 13th A.I. Bde. and all inter divisional units.

From 5th AUST. DIV.

(Sig) C.A. Goodland.

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<i>He</i>						At.....m.	
						To.....	
By.....							

TO Aust. Corps 3rd Aust. Div.
 8th Div.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * G 24

Right side report enemy massing at
 1.30 p.m. BOIS LE VALRE AAA Heavies put
 on to assembly AAA Added Aust. Corps
 reptd flank divs

From 5th AUST DIV
 Place
 Time

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

TO { Aust Corps
 8th Div
 3rd Aust Div

Sender's Number. * 9085 Day of Month. 24 In reply to Number. A A A

Situation aaa Rt Bn
 in original position aaa
 Troops of Div on right
 together with our troops have
 formed a flank as follows
 aaa P1400 through point
 104 to a point 300
 yards S of cross roads
 in 024h aaa 56th
 Bn astride VILLERS BRETONNEUX
 FOUILLOY Road in 16h and
 17a aaa Added Aust
 Corps retd flank divisions

From 5th Aust Division
 Place
 Time

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

TO { Aust Corps
 3rd Aust Div
 8th Div

Sender's Number. * 94 Day of Month. 24 In reply to Number. A A A

Left Bde report timed
 2:30 pm aaa Situation
 quiet aaa added Aust Corps
 3rd Corps and flank Divs

From 5th Aust Division
 Place
 Time 4:15 pm

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							Date	
URGENT OPERATIONS					Sent		From	
15th Inf Bde					At 13th m.		By	
3rd Corps					To 8th Inf Bde			
Aust Corps					By 14th I			
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
TO			5th Div		M.G. Bn			
			3rd Aust Div		Pioneer Bn		A.D.M.S. "AQ"	
			4th Aust Div		Engrs			
			5th D.A.		Signal Co.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA		
* G 206		24						

22nd D.L.I. (Pioneers) is placed under command of G.O.C. 15th Inf Bde to be used in conjunction with counter attack to mop up VILLERS BRETONNEUX
 AAA Added 15th Inf Bde retd all recipients of order plus 22nd D.L.I.

file

From	5th AUST DIV	
Place		
Time		
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							Date	
U.Q.P.					Sent		From	
15th Inf. Bde					13th A.I. Bde		A.D.M.S.	
3rd Corps					8th Inf Bde		"AQ"	
Aust Corps					14th Bde			
8th Div					M.G. Bn		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
3rd Aust Div			Pioneers					
4th Aust Div			Engrs					
5th D.A.			Signal Co					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA		
* G 207		24						

From dusk onwards until midnight artillery will fire bursts of fire 600 yards east of old British front line AAA Added 15th Inf Bde retd 3rd Corps Aust Corps 8th Div 3rd Aust Div 4th Aust Div 5th DA. 13th A.I. Bde and all inter-divisional units

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From	5th AUST DIV	
Place		
Time		
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Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a c of:		Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					Sent		Date	
URGENT OPERATION PRIORITY					At		Service	
					To		From	
					By		By	
TO		15a Bde	5 Pm	Adm S	3 Corps			
		14 "	CRA	13a Bde	Asst Corps			
		8 "	Sig Co	4a Div.	"Q"			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA		
* 9223		24th						
<p>Advanced report centre 15th A.I. Bde only will be at O.S.C.S.S. AAA Bde HQrs will remain at TRONVILLE Chateau AAA Addsd & 3rd Corps reptd repeated recipients of attack order</p> <p style="text-align: center;">File</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">223</p>								
From		5th AUST. DIV.						
Place								
Time								
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.							
Sent		At		m.	Service.	Date	
To		From					
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By			

TO { *GOC*
15th Aust Inf Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>227</i>	<i>24th</i>		

*From receipt of this message
15th A. I. Bde and attached
units come under the command
of GOC 8th division
whose Hd Qrs are at GLISY
(N 20 C) and addressed 15th
A.I. Bde repts 8th Division
Aust Corps 3rd Corps and
etc and all inter divisional
units*

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From	<i>5th Aust Division</i>
Place	
Time	

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

TO { *3rd Corps 8th Div.*
Aust. Corps 3rd Aust. Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>227</i>	<i>24</i>		

*Prisoner captured by right Brigade vicinity
P.I.C. and Identification 479 I.S. and
Added. 3rd Corps Aust. Corps and flank Divs.*

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

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

TO Aust Corps 8 & Bde Dinges 4th Aust Div
 3rd Aust Div 14 " Sigs " 14th Aust Div
 3rd Aust Div 15 " abms " 15th Aust Div
 8th Aust Div D.A. abms " 8th Aust Div
 P. 10.00 P.M. P. 10.00 P.M.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * 370 25th

Morning Report AAA Situation is now as follows
 AAA Two Bdes are in old line unchanged from
 P19b to N of the SOMME AAA Line established
 by counter attack bde runs approximately along
 road running NE through P25 with right flank
 resting on main VILLERS BRETONNEUX WARFUSEE
 ABANCOURT Road AAA Troops have been heavily
 engaged but report killing large numbers of
 enemy AAA Prisoners and material captured up
 to time of wire estimated 80 and 4 M.Gs AAA
 Addsd 3 Rd Corps, Aust. Corps, flank divs, 8th
 14th and 15th Bdes, 4th Aust. Div. and all
 interdivisional units.

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From 5th AUST. DIV.
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *K. Goodlam*
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Prefix Code m. Words Charge
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a c of: Recd. at m.
 Sent Date
 At m. Service.
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 3rd Corps 8th Div.
 Aust. Corps
 3rd Aust. Divs.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * 324 25th

From identifications to date order of battle
 appears to be as follows AAA From N to S
 starting in P14 AAA 479 I.R. 478 I.R., 35 Fus.
 Regt., 48 I.R., 207 R.I.R. then 4th Guards
 Div AAA 35 Fus. Regt was put in last night AAA
 48 I.R. astride main VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road AAA
 Added 3rd Corps Aust. Corps and flank divs.

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From 5th AUST. DIV.
 Place
 Time

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

TO 3rd Corps 8th Div.
Aust. Corps
3rd Aust. Div.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 325	25th		

Reference our G 249 AAA Prisoner captured belongs to 5th Coy 479 IR AAA Prisoner died of wounds before examination could take place AAA Papers do not contain any information on the situation AAA Addsd 3rd Corps Aust. Corps reptd flank divs.

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From 5th AUST. DIV.
Place
Time

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

TO 3rd Corps 14th Inf. Bde DIV. SIRS.
8th Div. M.G. Bn. ADMS
3rd Aust. Div. Pioneer Bn.
4th Aust. Div. C.R.A., C.R.E.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 327	25th		

situation is reported by 15th Inf. Bde to be as follows AAA It is thought that there is a large number of enemy still in VILLERS BRETONNEUX AAA Centre Bn are in touch with Right Bn which is S of the main VILLERS BRETONNEUX road AAA latter has patrols out trying to get touch with left Bn of Aust. Bde which attacked from the South AAA Reserve Bn has been moved up inx and is occupying reserve system of front zone in 024 AAA 15th Inf. Bde have been instructed to clear VILLERS BRETONNEUX N of main ABANGCOURT road and one Bn has been placed under G.C.S. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde for this purpose AAA one company of 58th Bn and L.T.M.B. has been detailed by 15th Bde to assist in mopping up. *add addsd 3 Corps reptd and 1 Coy. 2 flank divs and divl units*

From 5th AUST. DIV.
Place
Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words	Charge	Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge		
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At m.		Service.		From		From		From	
To		By		By		By		By	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO: Anet. Corps 3rd Div. 3rd Corp 8th Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 338	25		

From prisoners statements AAA Order of Battle N to S 479 I.R. (in front of BOIS DE VAINE) 478 I.R. 35 Fus. 48 I.R. 207 R.I.R. and 4 Guard Div. AAA Object of attack yesterday village of VILLERS BRAPONNEUX and the high ground 104 AAA Apparently no further action intended as one prisoner of 35 Fus 228 Div stated the above was the first task of the Div before going into rest AAA A signaller of 48 I.R. stated however that he gathered from telephone conversations that the 228 Div were on the right flank of a larger offensive action which includes the 11th and 14th Army Corps 3 of them (no means available to check this). AAA Considered that the Divs engaged yesterday could not carry on with further attacks AAA In the 48 I.R. astride the main AINSB road the 1st Bn attacked followed by 3rd in the second line AA Last night 2nd Bn came in to relieve 1st which had suffered heavily in attack AA Generally the capture of the village

From	Place	Time

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

TO: (Z)

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

is said to have proceeded with little opposition from the front line but more vigorous resistance from the village itself AAA Our artillery preparation last night on Villars MORTONNEUX described as AI AA Three German tanks of a new pattern to the English were seen by prisoners but not in action AAA No troops generally in LA MOTTE but the LA MOTTE ORNEY VALLEY is evidently full of troops AAA Orderly room for Coys of 207 R.I.R. in MORTONNEUX also artillery horse lines AAA officers between saw lots of prisoners pass in there yesterday amounting to 537 and two lieutenants (130, 207, 200) AAA Our prisoners reported to date 1 Sgt. Major, 3 Sgts 1 Cpl. and 38 C.R. AA Units identified 478 I.R. 6 and 8 Coys 35 Fus 48 I.R. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 Coys 3rd Bn Co. of 48 I.R. signal Co. of 48 I.R. 395 Pioneer Co. of 228 Div. (Sgt. prisoner) 207 R.I.R. Sig. Coy of 35 Fus AAA 228 Div came back into line evening 18/19th

From	Place	Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *File*

This message is on a/c of: Recd. at 70.

Sent Date

At m. Service. From

To

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 5th Div. Art. 14th Inf. Bde
Aust. Corps 15th Inf. Bde

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

* G343 25th

Following from ^{3rd} Corps R.A. AAA 8th Divn will be responsible for the artillery protection of line as far north as original divisional boundary P.20. central AAA ends AAA Addsd 5th Div. Art repta Aust. Corps 14th, 15th Inf. Bdes.

From 5th Aust. Div.

Place

Time

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Prefix Code m. Words Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *File*

This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

Sent Date

At m. Service. From

To

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 5th Aust. Inf Bde.

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

* G347 25

15th Aust. Inf Bde reverts to command of 5th Aust. Division on receipt of these instructions aaa Addsd. 15th Aust. Inf Bde. repta. 8th Division 5th Div. Art 14th A.I. Bde.

From 5th Aust. Div.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) (Sgd) G.F. WOOTTEN

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

TO 8th Inf. Bde. Div. Engrs.
 14th Inf. Bde. Pion. Bn.
 D.A. M.G. Bn.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G.352	25		

15th Bde. now hold line O.36. central
 O.30.d.9.2. P.25. b.8.8 thence join up
 with ~~the~~ old front line aaa 13th Aust. Inf.
 Bde. holding line U.5.d.4.4. U.5.b.4.8
 saa 54th Bde. hold from U.16.d.5.5
 U.11.c.5.0 to U.5.d.4.4 aaa enemy
 still in VILLERS BRETONNEUX and being
 mopped up at present.aaa reported captures
 several hundred prisoners four menenwerfer
 two guns and numerous machine guns.

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From	5th Aust. Div.
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]* Major.
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To						From		
By						(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO 3rd Corps 8th Div. 8th M.G. Bn
 Aust. Corps 14th Inf. Bde. 5th Pioneers
 3rd Aust. Div. 15th Inf. Bde. Div. Arty

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 379	25		

Following from left Brigade begins AAA
 Enemy plane brought down in J.35.a. AAA
 Burst into flames on landing AAA Time
 11.25 a.m. AAA ends AAA Added 3rd Corps
 reptd Aust. Corps and all concerned

Sent as War News to all
 units

From	5th AUST DIV
Place	
Time	

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

TO 8th Inf Bde. 5th M.G.Bn.
 14th Inf Bde 5th Pioneer Bn.
 15th Inf Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*G 380	25		

Following from G.H.Q. 11.15 p.m. 24th aaa
 Heavy fighting has taken place in and around
 METEREN which enemy still holds aaa Attack
 last night on detachments DES ARMIES DU NORD
 believed to have been a raid aaa French line
 intact and a few prisoners taken aaa Fighting
 has taken place on French front about HANGARD
 and south of HAILIES aaa French believed to
 hold western houses of HANGARD aaa Enemy
 has made some progress towards HAILLES.

From 5th Aust. Div.
 Place
 Time

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

TO 15th Inf Bde
 5th Div Artillery

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*G 384	25		

Following from 3rd Corps
 RA. and artillery support
 of 15th Aust Inf Bde. by 92nd
 RFA Bde Lt Col BOSTON and
 13th Aust Inf Bde by 291st RFA
 Bde 179 Army RFA Bde 14th
 Army RFA Bde Lt Col ST JOHN
 and 91st RFA Bde now being
 relieved by 14th Army RFA Bde
 and Liaison Officer from
 each group at ab. each
 Inf Bde Hd Qrs and sent
 aba Acknowledge and
 Addressed 15th Aust Inf
 Bde and 5th Div Artillery

From 5th Aust Division
 Place
 Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *V of [Signature]*

This message is on a/c of: Recd. at . . . m.

Sent

At . . . m. Service. Date

To From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO Aust Corps 3rd Corps 5th Div
 Corps 15th Bde MG Bde
 8th Inf Bde 8th Div 3rd Aust Div

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

* 391 25

Right 18m Centre Bde
 report 2pm enemy advancing
 in large numbers at
 P 26 a and c and P 25 d
 Ass addressed 3rd Corps
 reftd Aust Corps 3 Bdes
 Swarty, MG Bde, flank
 Dues J.

From 5th Aust Div
 Place 2pm
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Aust Corps
 3rd Corps
 5th D.A.
 15th Inf Bde

This message is on a/c of: Recd. at . . . m.

Sent

At . . . m. Service. Date

To From

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO 8th Inf Bde 3rd Aust Div
 14th Inf Bde 5th M.G. Bn. 8th Div

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

* G 406 25

Reference my G391 AAA Attack broke down
 under our artillery and machine gun fire AAA
 Front line reports 2.40 p.m. enemy seen to
 scatter and take cover AAA Guns making
 excellent shooting and inflicting casualties
 in P.25 AAA Added 3rd Corps reftd all
 recipients G391

From 5th AUST DIV
 Place
 Time

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 U.O.P. Sent Date
 Aust Corps At m. Service.
 3rd Corps To
 14th Inf Bde By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

15th Inf Bde
 TO 8th Div
 3rd Aust Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * G 412 25

8th Aust Bde report AAA Right Bn advise enemy
 concentrating P.9 and P.14 AAA Artillery
 informed AAA Addsd Aust Corps reptd 3rd Corps
 14th and 15th Bdes 8th Div 3rd Aust Div

From 5th AUST DIV
 Place
 Time
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *B/Hout*
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 Sent Date
 8th Inf Bde At m. Service.
 14th Inf Bde To
 15th Inf Bde By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

M.G. Bn
 TO Pioneers "Q"
 Div. Engrs

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * G 416 25

Line now runs AAA Junction with French
 U.29.a.5.8 U.22.d.7.0 U.22.b.5.8
 U.22.a.2.9 Cross roads U.15.b U.4.d.5.3
 AAA posts to U.5.d.5.0 AAA Thence line
 to U.5.b.8.6 where gap to U.36.b.1.2
 is being filled AAA Thence to P.20.a.0.0
 thence original front line AAA VILLERS
 BRETONNEUX believed entirely in our possession
 AAA Air reports indicate our advanced posts
 U.6.c.2.0 to south of MONUMENT U.6.a.

416A

From 5th AUST DIV
 Place
 Time
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TO 8th Inf. Bde. Div. Art.
14th Inf. Bde. H.Q. Bn.
15th Inf. Bde. Pioneer Bn.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 473	25		

Following from C.S.d. 10.40 am see enemy
attacked detachment DES ARMERS du BOND
late yesterday evening north east of
BAILLEUL and was repulsed further hostile
attacks on this front developed early this
morning see no details yet reported see no
further change on British front see in the
AVRE valley the French are reported to
hold SANGAT WOOD HILL 82 BAILLES HILL
30 HILL 63 and HILL at C.S.d. 3.0 am

~~473B~~

From	5th AUST DIV.
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Time	

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Aust Corps
3rd Corps
14th Inf Bde
15th Inf Bde
8th Div
TO 3rd Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 478	25		

Ref G412 AAA No further development
AAA Boche appears to have taken cover
BOIS DE VAIRE and HAMEL

From	5th AUST DIV
Place	
Time	

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Sent Date

At m. Service. From

To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 15th Inf Bde Aust. Corps 5 M.G. Bn.
8th Inf Bde 5th Div. Art Div. Engrs.
14th Inf Bde 5th Pioneers

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

* 431 25

5th Aust. Div. are responsible for front system from E and W grid line through P.19 central to road 0.36. central aaa This front held by 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. 8th Div. responsible for front from 0.36 central to their present right boundary in U.4.d. aaa 8th Div. responsible for the reserve lines in their former Divl. area and also for garrisoning of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX defences. aaa Addsd. 15th Inf Bde reptd. Aust Corps 14th and 8th Inf Bdes. Divl. Art. Pioneers M.G. Bn. Div. Engrs.

From 5th Aust. Div.

Place

Time

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Sent Date

At m. Service. From

To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO 3rd Corps 5th Div. Art 14th Inf Bde.
8th Div. 5th M.G. Bn.
Aust. Corps 8th Inf Bde

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

* 436 25

Following received from 15th Inf Bde. aaa
Approx. frontages held by units of this Bde.
aaa Right to left 57th Bn. from 036d12 036b59
030d93 aaa 59th Bn. 030d93 to P25b26 aaa 60th
Bn. P25b26 to P20a45 aaa 58th Bn in reserve
line of front system 024 central aaa Right
Bde flank not yet connected with 13th Inf Bde.
aaa Difficult to do this in daylight owing to
enemy M.G. activity aaa 13th Inf Bde flank
will come up tonight and connection established
aaa ends aaa Addsd. 3rd Corps reptd 8th Div.
Aust. Corps 5th Div. Art. 5th M.G. Bn. 8th and
14th Inf Bdes.

From 5th Aust. Div.

Place

Time

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TO 8th, 14th & 15th Inf Bdes.
5th Div. Art 5th Pioneers
5th M.G. Bn.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 9437	25		

3rd Corps air report aas No shelling or movement in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX our men strongly entrenched in O.21, 27, 33 . U.10 and 11 aas Several tanks between BOIS L'ABBE and CACHY aas Many enemy troops in WIENCOURT and small groups in MARCELCAVE aas Considerable shelling of GENTELLES CACHY and BERTAUCOURT.

From	5th Aust. Div.
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Camperdown*
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TO 8th Inf Bde 5th M.G. Bn .P.M.
14th Inf Bde 5th Pioneers

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 9438	25		

Following from Army begins aas Understood from prisoners that special ointment called GELBOLIN is issued to troops as preventative against injury/against yellow cross gas aas Most important to obtain samples aas ends

From	5th Aust. Div.
Place	
Time	

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TO Aust. Corps. 8th Div.
111 Corps Div. Art.
3rd Aust. Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 6 448	25		

Evening report and enemy concentration in P.20. 25. 26 at 2 pm dealt with by artillery effectively and further concentration in P.20.14 and 9 about 3 pm also dispersed and enemy party reported P.20.3 at 4 pm guns fired on them effectively with shrapnel and enemy retaliation feeble and one S.A. low over left brigade at 12 noon and Left brigade report situation quiet and movement reported on GERISY HANEL road towards HANEL and horse transport and infantry moving into SAILLY LAURETTE wind S.E. visibility fair and prisoners captured 10 officers 53 NCO's 382 O.R. of which 1 officer and 12 O.R. killed and 30 O.R. wounded after capture and material reports not to hand but believed 4 minenwerfer and several MG's captured and added 3rd Corps Aust Corps flank divisions.

From 5th Aust. Div.
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *W. M. K. Kelly*
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TO 8th Div. 14th Inf Bde 5th M.G.Bn.
3rd Aust. Div. 15th Inf Bde
8th Inf Bde Div. Art

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 5449	25		

Artillery shoot will be carried out against enemy defences opposite divisional sector night 25/26th April at following times and
Two minute bursts at 8.53 pm 10.55 pm 12.33 am
and five minute bursts at 9.57 p.m. 3.20 am and 4.40 am.

From 5th Aust. Div.
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Camdenham*
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By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By			

TO 3rd Corps 5th Div Art 14th Inf Bde
 8th Div. 5th M.G. Bn.
 Aust. Corps 8th Inf Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 452	25		

Reference G436 aaa For P20a45 read P20a00.

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From	5th Aust. Div.
Place	
Time	7.20 p

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TO 8th Inf. Bde. Div. Arty Div. Engrs.
 14th Inf. Bde. 5th M.G. Bn. "Q"
 15th Inf. Bde. Pioneer Bn.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 460	25		

Following from 3rd Corps begins AAA Contact patrol report from 2 to 5.15 p.m. AAA No sign of any concentration or trenches as heavily held as ours in the area P.20., 25., and 26 AAA We hold a small trench in advance of our strongly held trench P25c03 to P19c62 to P19b55 with a strong point at point P19c00 along a line of small rifle pits and shell holes 036b75 to 036c43 through U5b and a and thence across U5c00 to cross roads U15b AAA The enemy occupy the line the MONUMENT MONUMENT to cross roads U5c in which area his trenches are strongly held AAA Several lines of good trenches in U5c and d and U11 to north corner of HANGARD WOOD East AAA he also occupies trench U10d95 to HANGARD WOOD West U16a AAA 4.35 p.m. An enemy battery seen coming to open complete with limbers at V2c32 AAA ends AAA Addsd 3 Inf. Bdes M.G. Bn. Pioneers ., Arty., Engrs., and "Q"

From	5th AUST DIV
Place	
Time	

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TO 8th Inf. Bde. Div. Arty.
 14th Inf. Bde. M.G. Bn.
 15th Inf. Bde. 5th Pioneer Bn.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * G 46 25

Following from G.H.Q. 3.45 p.m. AAA Enemy attacked on LYS front extending from N of BAILLEUL to WYTSCHAETE and has made progress about DRANOUTRE where situation is obscure and S of KEMMEL AAA French believed to hold MONT KEMMEL AAA

From 5th AUST DIV
 Place
 Time

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By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By			

TO 8th Inf. Bde. 5th M.G. Bn.
 14th Inf. Bde. 5th Pioneer Bn.
 15th Inf. Bde. Div. Arty

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * G 46 25

Air reconnaissance AAA Following from Army begins AAA 5.30 to 6 p.m. no concentration in valley S.W. of HAMEL in P9 and 14 AAA Enemy in strength in trenches along the east side of BOIS DE VIRE and the BOIS DE HANGARD also in trenches in P32 and V2 AAA Situation unchanged AAA ends AAA Addsd 3 Inf. Bdes M.G. Bn Pioneers and Arty

From 5th AUST DIV
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *K. Goodlands*
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				By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO 3rd Corps

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 4/3	25		

Wire from centre brigade begins AAA Our right battalion reported that at 3.50 p.m. today plane bearing our marks and numbered No. 1 dropped four bombs behind our post at P.13.d.8.1

From 5th AUST DIV

Place

Time

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U.O.P. to 15th A.I. Bde.

TO 15th Aust. Inf Bde. 8th A.I. Bde.
5th Div. Arty, 14th A.I. Bde.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 481	25		

Instruct O.C. "A" Battery R.H.A. attached to you that he is to deal with enemy tanks in addition to present tasks AAA Actual method and positions for dealing with tanks to be left to discretion of Battery commander AAA It has been definitely established that success of enemy attacks in VILLERS BRETONNEUX attack was largely due to tanks AAA Added 15th Inf. Bde. reptd 5th Div. Arty 14th Inf. Bde. 8th Inf. Bde.

From 5th AUST DIV

Place

Time

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By						(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	
TO			8th Inf. Bde. Div. Arty. 14th Inf. Bde. 5th Pioneer Bn. 15th Inf. Bde. 3rd Aust. Div.			8th Div. Aust. Corps 4th Aust. Div.		
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA		
* G 488		25						

An attack is being carried out tomorrow 26th inst on front the MONUMENT (U.6.a.5.5) to U.10.c.2.0 to reestablish the line from the southern edge of BOIS DE HANGARD (U.22.b.1.8) to the MONUMENT inclusive AAA Moroccan Div will have for their objective line from U17.a.1.5 to MONUMENT inclusive AAA 8th Div will conform and bring up their right flank so as to establish the line from the MONUMENT (exclusive) to the road about about 0.36. central AAA Attack will be carried out under a creeping barrage advancing at rate of 100 yards in four minutes AAA There will be no preliminary bombardment AAA There will be no infantry advance by 5th Aust Div AAA 5th Aust Div. Arty. will make a demonstration in form of a creeping barrage AAA

From	
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TO			(2)					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA		
*								

Zero hour 5.15 a.m. AAA ACKNOWLEDGE AAA
Addsd 8th 14 15th Inf. Bdes Div. Arty. M.G.
Bn. Pioneer Bn. reptd 3rd Aust. Div 8th Div
Aust Corps 4th Aust Div.

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