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II ANZAC INTL. LIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 17.

From 6 a.m. 30th Nov. to 6 a.m. 1st Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. ENEMY RAID.

At 6 a.m. on 30th Nov. 12-15 enemy attacked our isolated I.G. post to the south of the pill-box about J 16 c 6.0. The Lewis Gun jammed, so that the team, after throwing their bombs, had to withdraw. Another gun was obtained, the enemy sentry left in the post killed, and the post re-occupied.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

J 16 c 6.0 3rd Coy. 393 I.R. 18th Res. Div. Man killed. Normal.
J 5 b 35.35 10th Coy. 5th R.I.R., 36th Res. Div. 3 prisoners.
(Normal relief).

3. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery carried out concentration and barrage shoots at 7.15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Harassing fire as usual.

Heavy artillery concentrated on six hostile batteries and neutralised 25 others. One successful observed shoot was carried out and three others attempted.

(b). Hostile activity was normal. Shelling of battery positions and back areas with H.V. guns was continued yesterday. YPRES was intermittently shelled during the night.

The retaliation to our barrages was slight, consisting mainly of 10.5 c.m. and 7.7 c.m.

The front line and support trenches of our southern division were shelled fairly heavily during the day.

Areas shelled were:-

POLYGON WOOD (J 9 and 10).

STIRLING CASTLE (J 13 c).

RED LODGE - FREIZENBERG area (J 1).

HAMBEREEK VALLEY (J 2).

ANZAC - HELLES - ALBANIA WOOD area (J 3).

BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK RIDGE - NONNE BOSCHEN area (J 7 and 8).

BELLEWARDE - HOOGE area (I 12).

HALF WAY HOUSE - LEINSTER FARM area (I 17).

VERLORENHOEK - BRIDGE HOUSE area (C 24 and 30).

AISNE FARM - CROSS COTTAGE area (D 13).

JABBER HOUSE - MOLEMAARLSTHOEK area (J 4 a and b).

THAMES WOOD - ZONNEBEKE area (D 22 and 28).

4. PATROLS.

A patrol reconnoitred area J 16 c and d paying particular attention to those places where concertina wire had been visible from our lines. Only fragments of this among tree stumps could be found. Some considerable distance back, possibly about J 16 d 2.2 sounds as of the enemy stapling wire to tree stumps could be heard. No trace of wire could be found at J 16 c 98.15.

A patrol reconnoitring D 24 c and D 23 c reports No Man's Land was lightly shelled between 1 and 2 a.m.

A patrol operating in D 30 c was fired on by an M.G. from JUSTICE WOOD.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Wire. Patrol examined wire from J 6 c 75.35 to J 6 c 65.55 and found it badly damaged. It does not present any serious obstacle.

(b). Topographical.

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PART I.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES (continued).
(b). Topographical. The ground in J 16 c west of POLDERHOEK WOOD was found very broken and littered with logs but was comparatively dry.
(c). M.Gs. Were located at J-17 c 14.23, J 17 c 26.03 (double pill-box), J 17 c 29.70 and J 17 c 22.91 (east of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU).
6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.
Active. Low flights were made over our forward areas at 6 a.m. 18 E.A. patrolled up and down our positions.
Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon two planes flew low over our front line in D 23 (BROODSEINDE area).
At 10.45 a.m. a Stokes Mortar fired at a hostile plane which turned back.
7. MOVEMENT.
Much movement was observed in vicinity of dugouts in front of GHELUVELT CHURCH and WINDMILL (J 22 c and d).
At various times during the day wounded were seen being taken out of the Chateau (J 16 d).
At 1.15 p.m. and 1.25 p.m. 5 parties of 12-15 men were seen on the road from E 25 a 60.10 to K 1 b 05.55 (S.W. of KEIBERG).
8. LATER.
Prisoners of 5th R.I.R. state that they relieved the 68th I.R. (16th Division) on night 28/29th November. They are not clear as to adjoining units but one stated he thought the 61st R.I.R. was on his left.
An examination will appear with tomorrow's summary.

1st December 1917.

E.E. Callaway
Capt.
for Brig.-General G.S.
II ANZAC CORPS.

PART II follows -....

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

ACTIVITY OF ENEMY'S ARTILLERY DURING WEEK ENDED 28-11-1917.

There has been a decrease in activity during the week, especially opposite the XIX Corps. Chief attention has again been paid to the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, where our front line has on several occasions been very heavily shelled. The shelling of our battery areas has been less severe, and it is noticeable that our batteries S. and W. of FOKKER Farm, i.e. in Squares D 13, 19 and 20 are not now shelled by heavy howitzers but by H.V. guns, which indicates that the enemy has withdrawn to some extent his heavy artillery in this sector.

The reduced activity opposite the XIX Corps is thought to indicate a reduction in the strength of hostile artillery opposite this front. Photographs are required to confirm this view. Otherwise, there is no change in the disposition of the artillery.

The use of H.V. guns opposite the XIX Corps and between PASSCHENDAELE and the YPRES-MENIN Road has been more pronounced - the number and activity of H.V. guns opposite the 2nd Anzac Corps is noticeable.

South of the YPRES-MENIN Road there has been a considerable decrease in gas shelling during the latter part of the week. The principal targets shelled have been the PASSCHENDAELE Ridge, the Canal Bank, KANSAS Cross roads (D 14 a), the YPRES-ZONNEBEKE Road, the YPRES-ROULERS Railway, our O.Ps. established in the old "Fall boxes" on the BROODSEINDE Ridge, and our battery positions in the STEENBEEK Valley, and in the neighbourhood of GRAVENSTAFEL and FRIEZENBERG.

In the battery area extending roughly 2,000 yards N. and 1,000 yds. S. of the YPRES-ROULERS Railway, practically no locations of batteries have been reported by the R.F.C. or by the F.S.C. during the past 10 days, although there have been numerous locations immediately N. and S. of this area. This may be due to the fact that this area is to a great extent overlooked from the Ridge at PASSCHENDAELE: the R.F.C. and F.S.C. have been asked to pay special attention to this neighbourhood.

CAMBRAI FIGHTING AND THE SECOND ARMY FRONT.

The strong counter-attacks carried out by the Germans yesterday on a front stretching from MOEUVRES to VENDHUILE show that they have considerably strengthened their lines in that area.

Fresh troops were detraining during yesterday afternoon at CAUDRY and the vicinity showing that the attacks are likely to continue.

It is considered that the fighting round CAMBRAI may affect the Second Army Front, and that fairly fresh divisions may be sent there from this area. Up to date, only one Division, the 49th Res., despatched from this front has been located by the Third Army, but others may follow. The Order of Battle is therefore likely to become more confused, especially as it is evident that the enemy are beginning to break away from their system of maintaining divisions for 6 days in the line only.

Information received yesterday shows that the enemy are re-arranging their area in the HOUTHULST Forest and vicinity. Indications pointed to a possible withdrawal of their front line but prisoners captured during the afternoon and evening in that neighbourhood were ignorant of any such intention on the part of the enemy.

An operation.....

PART II.CAMBRAI FIGHTING AND THE SECOND ARMY FRONT (continued).

An operation to be carried out on the morning of the 30th ult. by the enemy N. of PASSCHENDAELE, was postponed for some unknown reason. The enemy have not apparently given up all thought of an offensive in this area.

CAMBRAI FRONT.

Early yesterday morning the enemy attacked from VENDHUILE to MASNIERES and also on the general line BOURLON WOOD - MCEUVRES.

South west of HAVRINCOURT WOOD his troops succeeded in occupying VILLERS - SUISLAIN, GOUZEAUCOURT, LA VACQUERIE and BOIS LATEAU.

Reports indicate that our counter-attacks have regained GOUZEAUCOURT, LA VACQUERIE and the ridge S.E. of GOUZEAUCOURT.

At MASNIERES we have re-established our line, but between that village and BOIS LATEAU the situation is obscure.

South west of BOURLON WOOD the enemy's attack penetrated as far as the SUGAR FACTORY in E 29 a (on the CAMBRAI-BAPAUME Road), where it was checked with heavy losses by our artillery fire.

Counter-attacks delivered by local reserves are reported to have re-established practically the whole of our line in this neighbourhood.

The enemy attacked our position in BOURLON WOOD repeatedly, but is reported to have been completely repulsed.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1917.

TIMES CALCULATED FOR SECOND ARMY FRONT.

AND GREENWICH MEAN TIME.

Date. Dec.	S u n.		Date. Dec.	Mcon.		Phase.
	Rises	Sets		Rises	Sets	
1	7.26	3.47	1	6.21 pm.	9.57 am.	
2	7.27	3.46	2	7.28	10.32	
3	7.29	3.46	3	8.35	10.56	
4	7.31	3.45	4	9.43	11.17	
5	7.32	3.45	5	10.51	11.36	
6	7.33	3.45	6	11.57	11.50	Last Qr.
7	7.35	3.45	7	-	0. 8 pm.	
8	7.37	3.45	8	1. 5 am.	0.25	
9	7.38	3.44	9	2.12	0.40	
10	7.39	3.44	10	3.21	1. 3	
11	7.40	3.44	11	4.33	1.28	
12	7.41	3.44	12	5.45	2. 1	
13	7.41	3.44	13	6.54	2.46	
14	7.42	3.44	14	7.54	3.44	New Moon.
15	7.42	3.44	15	8.44	4.54	
16	7.43	3.44	16	9.24	6.12	
17	7.43	3.44	17	9.56	7.35	
18	7.44	3.44	18	10.20	8.58	
19	7.44	3.45	19	10.41	10.19	
20	7.45	3.46	20	11. 2	11.42	
21	7.46	3.46	21	11.23	-	First Qr.
22	7.46	3.47	22	11.42	1. 1 am.	
23	7.47	3.47	23	0. 9 pm.	2.22	
24	7.47	3.47	24	0.38	3.41	
25	7.48	3.48	25	1.14	4.55	
26	7.48	3.48	26	2. 1	6. 4	
27	7.49	3.48	27	2.56	7. 3	
28	7.49	3.49	28	3.59	7.52	Full Moon.
29	7.49	3.49	29	5. 9	8.26	
30	7.49	3.50	30	6.20	8.57	
31	7.49	3.51	31	7.28	9.19	

NOTE:- Sometimes the Moon rises on one day and sets on the next: this is indicated by arrows connecting the rising time with the following setting time.

II ANZAC "I".

1-12-17.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 18.

From 6 a.m. 1st Dec. to 6 a.m. 2nd Dec. 1917.

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INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery carried out barrage and concentration shoots at 1.50 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. Three direct hits were obtained on POLDERHOEK CHATEAU (J 16 d). Harassing fire was maintained as usual.

Heavy artillery neutralized 11 batteries in the WATERDAMHOEK Group, 4 each in the DADIZELLE and TERHAND Groups, and 3 in the MOLENHOEK Group. In support of the operations by the Corps on our left, 11 batteries in the WATERDAMHOEK Group were kept under neutralizing fire for three hours.

No destructive shoots were possible but 12 concentration shoots were carried out.

(b). Hostile artillery activity was below normal. There was very little retaliation for our shoots, but our battery areas were shelled yesterday afternoon and during the night.

The following areas received attention:-
 FRENZBERG - RED LODGE area (D 25, J 1).
 HANNEBERG VALLEY (J 2).
 BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK RIDGE area (J 7).
 GLENCORSE WOOD - INVERNESS COPSE area (J 14).
 Area north of VERLORENHOEK (C 30).

2. PATROLS.

Active but no enemy were seen. The road eastwards from D 29 d 3.9 (S. of FLINTE COPSE) becomes obliterated from this point.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Are observed at J 16 d 10.46 and J 16 d 32.48 near POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Posts have already been reported close to these.

(b). Dugouts. J 16 d 5.3, J 16 d 25.25, J 16 d 2.1 and J 16 c 93.54. Movement seen at dugouts at all these points.

(c). M.Gs. Less active than usual by day but more active by night on front and support lines. Two of our planes flying low were fired on by M.G. at POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Two M.Gs. were observed firing from J 16 d 60.70 and J 16 d 25.35.

(d). Work. New trench from J 11 d 4.3 towards J 11 d 30.67 is observed. Men heard talking and working at night. Movement and work seen at J 11 d 6.5 (E. of REUTEL). Newly turned earth and freshly erected wire are visible at J 22 a 8.5 (N. of GHELUVELT.)

(e). Wire. Is reported to have been repaired at J 16 c 9.5 and J 16 d 20.35. Enemy wire, except some concertina barbed wire at J 16 c 85.20, has been almost completely destroyed and offers no obstacle to infantry.

(f). Signal. On enemy shells falling into his own line a yellow flare bursting into two red balls was sent up. Immediately the shelling ceased.

4. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Activity much below normal.5. MOVEMENT.

Movement was noticed on the KEIBERG RIDGE at E 25 b 30.35.

Stretcher-carrying parties under the Red Cross Flag were seen in the neighbourhood of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Much individual movement was seen round the Chateau. Several times parties crawled towards it. About midnight and again at 1 a.m. a party of enemy were seen moving from the dugout at J 16 c 93.54 to the Chateau and were engaged by L.G. fire. Movement was seen in trench at J 22 a 80.35 (N. of GHELUVELT).

N. C. Huddleston Lt.
 for Brig.-General G.S.
 II ANZAC CORPS.

2nd December 1917.

PART II follows...

NOTES ON INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS OF 10th Coy., 5th R.I.R., 36th Res. Div. captured at J 5 b 35.35 on the 1st December 1917.

1. Method of Capture.

Prisoners (1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 1 Private) left the line of shell-holes held by one platoon of 10th Coy., which apparently stretches from about D 30 d 8.2 to J 6 b 8.7 in order to ascertain the position of the British line and particularly to locate certain M.Gs. which had been firing on them.

They started off in a N.W. direction through JUSTICE WOOD and then struck due west, wandering through our lines without knowing it and ultimately striking one of our posts at J 5 b 35.35.

2. Order of Battle.

All prisoners agree that the 61st I.R. were on the rising ground on their left. They did not know what Regiment was on their right but believed that their sector did not extend further North than the HEIBERG - MOLENAARELSTHOEK Road.

It would therefore appear that the Order of Battle from North to South is :-

54th I.R.)	
5th R.I.R.)	36th Res. Division.
61st R.I.R.)	

3. Reliefs.

Prisoners' Coy. relieved a Coy. of 68th I.R. (16th Div.) on the night of the 28/29th Nov. They had come from rest billets and this was their fourth tour in the line since arriving in Flanders. Their Regiment had apparently always held the same sector, their Coy. having previously been in the same sector of the forward zone. On another occasion the Coy. had been in the Support area and in the Reserve area.

4. Dispositions.

(a). Front Line. The prisoners were not clear as to the disposition of the various Coys. of the Regiment when it was in line. They stated, however, that their platoon was occupying an outpost position in the line of shell-holes from D 30 d 8.2 to J 6 b 8.7. The most talkative of the three prisoners was quite certain that this line was East of JUSTICE WOOD and of the wood running N. and S. in D 30 d and J 6 b. He stated, however, that the troops of the 61st I.R. on the rising ground half left from his sector, occupied a position nearer to the British lines. The remainder of the 10th Coy. held a position very near to this line of outposts, but the prisoners could give no further particulars, and apparently the front line Battalion is echeloned over a considerable depth.

(b). Support Line. When the 10th Coy. was in the Support Line area it occupied a line of shell-holes in K 2 a and b with its right flank resting on the HEULEBEEK at Bridge K 2 a 99.99.

(c). Reserve Position. When the 10th Coy. was last in Regtl. Reserve, it was billeted in a hut west of the road in L 1 a. Prisoner stated, however, that this hut would not again be occupied by reserve troops as the troops from whom the 10th Coy. had taken it over, had had casualties from artillery fire. On a previous occasion, when in Regtl. Reserve, the 10th Coy. had been billeted at MUSCLE HOUSES (E 30 b 8.9) which was also Regtl. H.Q.

Hitherto, when the Regiment was in line, Companies seem to have been about two days in front area, two days in support and two in reserve.

5. Rest Billets.

ROLLECHEMCAFFELLE.

6. Troops seen.....

NOTES ON INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS (continued).6. Troops Seen.

When recently in ROLLEGHEMCAPPELLE, a few days ago, one prisoner saw men of 68th I.R. (16th Div. Normal) and also gunners with 27 on their shoulder straps.

7. Company Strength and Losses.

The 10th Coy. consists of four platoons, of which one platoon, about 25 strong, is detached for ration carrying. Another platoon is the STOSS (Assault) platoon and is about 20 strong. A third platoon is under 20 strong and a fourth platoon (to which two of the prisoners belong) was only 11 strong.

The trench strength of this Coy., therefore, appears to be, at any rate, less than 60. There had been considerable losses in the Coy. (and the Regiment generally) owing to diarrhoea.

8. Orders.

Prisoners stated that in the event of an attack (as distinct from a raid) the outpost line was to fall back. They thought this order would be impossible to carry out owing to the swampy nature of the ground.

9. Machine Guns.

The 10th Coy. has three L.M.Gs., each platoon in the line being allotted one.

10. Condition of Shell-Holes.

These are full of water and the only cover is a ground sheet. No work is being done in the forward area and no attempt is being made to link up the shell holes by trenches.

11. Routes.

Each platoon came into the line from ROLLEGHEMCAPPELLE separately. Prisoners' platoon marched through LLEDEGHEM, STELLITE JUNCTION, STROOIBOOMHOEK and then by tracks across country to the KEIBERG - MOLENAARELSHOEK Road which they followed in a westerly direction to the battered footbridge over the HEULEBEEK at E 25 d C.2. About 50 yards after crossing the bridge they bore to the left across country to their line of shell holes. On previous occasions they went by road through STROOIBOOMHOEK, WATERDAMHOEK and KEIBERG, but this road is apparently avoided owing to artillery fire.

12. German Attack.

No knowledge of any impending attack.

13. H.Q.

Regimental at MUSCLE HOUSES, E 30 b 8.9

II ANZAC Intelligence.

2nd December, 1917.

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

12 Res. Div. in MOORSLEDE sector - document - normal.

SECOND ARMY FRONT.

Our troops attacked north of PASSCHENDAELE early this morning. From reports received the attack appears to be progressing favourably. A few prisoners belonging to the 38th Div. have been captured up to the present.

OTHER FRONTS.

All indications and captured documents point to the fact that the enemy's attack on the 30th November was made in great strength on the front from VENDHUILLE to MCEUVRES, and except for the success gained by him on the south, all attacks from MASNIERES northward were completely repulsed.

The enemy renewed his attacks yesterday on the whole front, from MASNIERES to W. of BOURLON WOOD, and except for a slight advance in the neighbourhood of MASNIERES all attacks were again repulsed.

South of MASNIERES, our counter-attacks yesterday succeeded in recapturing the village of CONNELIEU together with 300 prisoners and 40 machine guns.

Small parties of the enemy are still holding out in the village but these are surrounded. The enemy still holds VILLERS - GUISLAIN.

CAPTURED GERMAN ARMY ORDER.

The following order was issued by General von der MARWITZ to the Second German Army on the 29th November:-

"Soldiers of the Second Army!

The British, by throwing countless Tanks into the fight in a surprise attack, gained a victory near CAMBRAI on the 20th Nov. Their intention was to break through, but they did not succeed in doing so, thanks to the brilliant resistance of the troops which were put into line to check their advance. We are now going to turn their initial success into a defeat by an encircling counter-attack.

The Fatherland is watching you, and expects every man to do his duty. Forward, then, with God's help, to victory!"

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II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 19.

From 6 a.m. 2nd Dec. to 6 a.m. 3rd Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT1. IDENTIFICATIONS.

J 16 c 8.0 (S.W. of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU) - 4th Coy., 163rd I.R., 17th Res. Div. Prisoners. (Normal relief).

They state that the Order of Battle, North to South is -

76 R.I.R.

163 I.R.

162 I.R.

The I Battn. has 3 Coys. in front line with one in close support. Coy. H.Q. J 16 d 2.1.

The road at J 16 c 8.0 running south of the CHATEAU WOOD is the boundary between the 163 I.R. and 162 I.R.

2. OPERATIONS. - Infantry.

Our troops attacked POLDERHOEK CHATEAU (J 16 d) at noon today. The situation is obscure. The number of prisoners notified by the division up to 6 p.m. is 5 O.Rs. In addition 6 O.Rs. have been admitted to C.C.S.

3. OPERATIONS. - Artillery.

(a). Our artillery carried out concentration shoots at 7.15 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Harassing fire on known enemy centres of activity was continued as usual.

Heavy artillery carried out four concentration shoots and neutralized 15 batteries. In conjunction with the operations of the Corps on our left 11 batteries were kept under neutralizing fire in response to S.O.S. signals yesterday evening.

(b). Hostile activity was below normal, and there was less shelling of battery positions. The following areas were shelled. -

JABBER HOUSE - MCLINARRELSHOLK area (J 4).

ZONNEVELD area (D 28).

FREZENBERG - RAILWAY DUMP area (D 25 d).

TOKIO RIDGE (D 27 d).

BELLEWARD RIDGE - WESTHOLK - KIT KAT area (J 7 and 1 d).

4. PATROLS.

(a). Our patrols on the southern front did not encounter any of the enemy. On our northern front a patrol reached D 24 c 36.75. Here the patrol endeavoured, unsuccessfully, to attract the enemy's attention. No Man's Land was lightly shelled while the patrol was out.

Another patrol proceeded to the S.W. corner of CHINA WOOD (D 24 c), thence to S.W. corner of BUSY WOOD (D 24 b), thence back to our lines. Several small dugouts were found at D 23 d 3.5. Between this point and the road there are some dugouts still existing in an old system of trenches. Two German wagons were found at D 23 a 4.1 (N. of DAISY WOOD). No enemy were seen.

(b). An enemy patrol of five men was seen at J 11 d 75.70 (S.W. of JUDGE COPSE). They were bombed and fired at from our front line. Cries were heard.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Fresh earth is showing at an enemy post alongside road in JOURNAL WOOD at J 12 b 15.90.

(b). O.P. Suspected in tops of trees at K 25 a 8.7 (N. of VIEUX CHIEN).

(c). M.Gs. Were active from POLDERHOEK CHATEAU (J 16 d), J 22 b 5.5, JUDGE CROSS ROADS (J 12 a 4.5), Cemetery (J 11 d), JUNIPER COTTAGE (J 17 a).

(d) Work.....

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PART I.5. ENEMY DEFENCES (continued)

- (d). Work. New trench work appears at about J 16 c 8.0.
 (e). Wire. New wire erected at J 12 c 4.9 (N.W. of ZWAANHOEK).

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Less active than usual. Enemy planes patrolled our lines at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 noon, 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

7. MOVEMENT.

At 9.30 a.m., 1.20 p.m. and 1.25 p.m., small parties were seen on the road at E 25 d 85.60. They disappeared at K 1 b 10.50.
 Constant train traffic was observed on the light railway running through K 25 and K 19. Trains were seen leaving WATERDAMHOEK travelling N.E. at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. At 7.45 a.m. a train was seen travelling from TERHAND (K 15) to DADIZEMIE (K 12). A return train was seen at 8.30 a.m. (Ground observers).

Movement was seen as usual on the REIBERG SPUR in E 19 c.
 A working party of 12 men were seen at 9 a.m. at J 18 a 8.3 (S.W. of BECKIAERE). Shortly afterwards a transport came and unloaded at the same point.

Considerable movement was seen at intervals during the day between J 11 d 80.00 and J 11 d 80.60 (East of REIJEL).

Individual movement seen round POIBERHOEK CHATEAU.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

It is published for information that in future the time at which air photos are taken will be inserted on each air photo thus:-
 17-10-17. 2 = 17th Oct. 1917 at 2 p.m.

9. LATER.

Information from prisoners.-
Reliefs. The 163rd I.R. relieved the 165th I.R. on the night 30th Nov./1st Dec. The 162nd I.R. relieved the 393rd I.R. on night 1/2nd Dec. The 1st M.G.K., 162nd I.R. relieved an M.G.K. of the 393rd I.R. on night 30th Nov./1st Dec.
 Our attack was quite unexpected and prisoners have no knowledge of any impending German attack.

3rd December 1917.

M. C. Huddleston Lt.
 For Brigadier-General G.S.
 II ANZAC CORPS.

PART II follows:-.....

PART II
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

SECOND ARMY FRONT.

As a result of the fighting yesterday a small advance was made N. of GOUDBERG Copse and E. of the VINDICTIVE cross roads. At one time our troops were reported to have advanced up to the Southern end of VEAL Cottages - MALLET Copse - VOID Farm, and to have held Hill 52, TEAL Cottages and the Southern Redoubt in W 25 c. Counter-attacks, however, forced our troops back at certain points, with the result that the line runs approximately as follows:- TOURNANT Farm - V 28 b 6.7 - V 29 a 0.7 - V 29 a 6.5 - N. of VOX Farm - S. of Hill 52 - S. of TEAL Cottages - V 30 b 6.2 - V 30 b 9.0 - W 25 c 1.5 - W 25 c 3.2 to original front line.

Our attack commenced at 1.55 a.m.

During the operations three officers, 126 O.Rs. and 3 machine guns were captured.

OTHER FRONTS.

After repulsing all hostile attacks at MASNIERES on the 1st Dec., it was decided to straighten out our salient at this point, and our troops were withdrawn during the night on to a line LA VACQUERIE inclusive to R 5 central, L 35 central to the Canal at L 24 c.

Otherwise our line remains unchanged, but heavy fighting continued all yesterday at GONNILLIEU and the situation is not clear.

During the day hostile counter-attacks against LA VACQUERIE and our new line W. of MASNIERES were repulsed.

II ANZAC. AERIAL ANNEXE.

No. 4.

5/12/17.

PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORT.

(a). POSITION OF OUR TROOPS.

Two contact patrol machines were sent up in connection with to-day's operations against POLDERMOEK CHATEAU, and report as follows:-

1.35 p.m. Flare lit at J.13.d.03.40. Our troops seen on line J.13.a.30.95.- J.13.c.0.0 and an advance line J.13.d.0.0.5. J.13.d.0.0.5.

4.15 p.m. Flares appear to be lit about J.13.b.50.75., 52.70., 72.63., 73.00., and J.13.d.58.90. also two just South West of last, which could not be accurately located. Our Artillery shelling cross roads J.17.c.25.70. and East of Chateau grounds.

(b). ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy reported at 1.35 p.m. holding what appeared to be a breastwork trench from J.13.d.5.6. to J.13.d.4.0., line semicircular in shape and running just on the East of the Chateau, and a supporting post was located among the ruins at J.13.d.7.4. about the same time machine gun at building J.17.c.10.25. fired on two machines, wounding the observer in each case.

Aeroplane photographs show a new trench from road junction J.12.c.35.30. to the South Western corner of JOURNAL WOOD, J.12.b.12.52.

(c). ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Retaliation for our barrage does not appear to have been so heavy as the barrage itself, but activity between 12 noon and dusk was abnormal, over 60 flashes been reported by our flash reconnaissance machines chiefly from the group of batteries behind TERHARD and in the neighbourhood of DADISSELE.

(d). ENEMY AIRIAL ACTIVITY.

Activity was above normal during the afternoon in the area from SANUVELT to ROORBLADE, patrols of 3 to 5 machines being seen at a time, but no attempt was made to hinder our contact patrol machines.

(e). ENEMY MOVEMENTS.

Counter attack machines saw no signs of men massing either South or East of POLDERMOEK and no movement on roads in rear.

Train movement was as follows:-

12.40.	one train	LEDEGHEM	to	ROULERS.
1.45.	"	LICHTERVELDE	to	ROULERS.
2.10.	"	LEDEGHEM	to	ROULERS.
2.35.	"	ROULERS	to	LICHTERVELDE.
3.05.	"	LEDEGHEM	to	ROULERS.

PART II. AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

A few photographs were taken in the area of POLDERMOEK - BECELAERE at 1.15 p.m.

10.B36.J.17.b.18a. South West of BECELAERE. Photograph not very distinct and part obscured by smoke from barrage. Pill-box J.13.c.79. 71. near JUDAS PARK, farm itself hardly exists, but tracks show clearly among shell holes. Probable posts in old trench about J13.c.37.38 with large Pill-box J13.a.38.12. and post at J.13.a.50.22.

- 10.B.67.J.12a. North West of BECELAERE. A splendid photograph. Enemy has dug a new irregular trench from the road junction J.12.a.85.00. along the western side of the road to South West corner of JOURNAL WOOD J.12.b.12.52. where it runs into the strong point. (There is no trace of this in 10.B.26. of 28/11/17). Tracks show clearly in the HOLLE BOSCH going East from the trench J.12.b.36.44.
- 10.B.68.J.16.b.d. North of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. There appears to be a shallow trench or a breastwork where reported by contact patrol to-day, running just east of the Chateau, to about J.16.d.35.44. There is a very large hole in the edge of CAMERON COVERT at J.16.b.53.50.
- 10.B.69.J.18a. South of BECELAERE. Indistinct photograph but shows traces of fresh work on the trenches at J.18.c.7.5.
- 10.B.70.J.12a. BECELAERE. Photograph obscured by smoke, shows some signs of fresh work on 10.B.69., also signs of occupation of ruins J.18.a.90.05.
- 10.B.71.J.6a. North West of BECELAERE. Photograph very indistinct.
- 10.B.72.J.17.b.18a. West of BECELAERE. Pill-boxes at J.18.a.32.10., and J.18.a.49.20.
- 10.B.73.D.30d. DAME WOOD. Signs of fresh work D.30.c.92.88. and many tracks near cross roads D.30.d.15.56.
- 10.B.74.D.30d. East of CELTIC WOOD. DAMP FARM still shows very clearly, clear track from DAME HOUSE, where there appears to be a post to ruins K.1.a.22.90.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 20.

From 6 a.m. 3rd Dec. to 6 a.m. 4th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. OPERATIONS. - Infantry.

As a result of our attack on POLDERHOLK CHATEAU yesterday noon our line now runs from J 22 a 6.8 - J 22 a 9.9 - J 16 d 05.00 - J 16 d 10.15 - J 16 d 00.30 thence in a straight line to J 16 c 90.65. This is being consolidated.

In addition to the prisoners mentioned in last night's summary 12 unwounded and 5 wounded O.Rs. have been taken, making a total for the operation of 17 unwounded and 11 wounded O.Rs. All are of the 162nd and 163rd I.Rs.

2. OPERATIONS. - Artillery.

(a). Our artillery continued harassing fire and put down barrages in support of the infantry attack on POLDERHOLK CHATEAU.

The heavy artillery attempted one destructive shoot and subjected 8 hostile batteries to bursts of fire during the morning. Seven batteries were neutralized in the WATERDAMHOLK Group, 12 in the TERHAND Group, 26 in the DADIZEBIE Group and 4 in the MOLENHOLK Group. Twenty-two batteries were neutralized from zero hour onwards.

(b). Hostile activity was below normal until noon. During the afternoon forward areas and battery positions were shelled, shelling being continued intermittently during the night. The main barrage lines appeared to fall along the HANNEBEEK VALLEY. Our 6" T.M. positions were engaged by guns of all calibres. Some gas shells were used against northern group battery positions during the night.

The principal areas shelled were -
 RED LODGE - FRAZENBERG area (J 1 - D 25).
 HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).
 JABBER HOUSE - MOLENARELSTHOLK area (J 4).
 CHATEAU WOOD - STIRLING CASTLE area (J 7 c - J 13).
 POTSDAM - ZONNEBEKE area (D 26 - 27 - 28).
 BELLEWARDE area (I 12).

3. PATROLS.

A patrol left our lines about J 11 c 53.39 (REUTEL) and worked down the ridge to J 17 a 50.95, thence bearing westwards until the REUTELBEEK LAGOON could be clearly seen. A party of the enemy about 50 or 60 men strong was seen lined out and working. Patrol returned to cross roads at J 11 c 52.30 and proceeded eastwards along road for about 50 yds. where an enemy patrol was seen. Ground was fairly dry, though much cut up by shell fire.

A patrol operating in CELTIC WOOD (D 30 c) was fired on by an M.G. from about D 30 c 9.3. They report the wood was lightly shelled by 10-cm. shells.

The whole of the Corps front was actively patrolled but nothing further was seen of the enemy.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). M.Gs. Located at D 30 c 9.3 (S.E. of CELTIC WOOD). An M.G. fired from JOURNAL WOOD (J 12 b).

(b). Work. Patrol reports a large working party in J 16 b near REUTELBEEK LAGOON.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Hostile planes were active throughout the day constantly flying over our lines.

6. MOVEMENT.

PART I.6. MOVEMENT.

A party of about 100 were seen in the vicinity of JUDAS FARM (J 18 c).

A train was seen moving south through E 21 b.

7. IDENTIFICATIONS. - By Corps on our left.

E 1 a and c. 2nd Coy., 29th I.R., 16th Div. 4 prisoners.

They do not know the order of battle, nor which regiment they relieved, nor what the enemy's intentions are.

The 16th Division has presumably relieved the 25th Division in the PASSCHENDAELE sector. It was in the sector north of BICHLAERE until Nov. 26/29th, when it was relieved by the 36th Res. Div.

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4th December 1917.

EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS OF 162ND and 163RD I.R., 17TH R.D.
captured in J 16 d on 3-12-17.Dispositions.

The boundary between 163 and 162 I.Rs. is the road running along the grid line between J 16 and 22.

The 163rd I.R. has 3 Coys. in the front line (from N. to S. the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Coys.) with the 1st Coy. in close support about 150 yds. back.

The front line battalion H.Q. are believed to be in the cellars of the Chateau which some prisoners believe are capable of accommodating about 60 men.

The whole of the 1st M.G.K. is in the front line area, two guns being stationed in the large pill box at J 16 d 2.1.

The width of the front of the 163 I.R. is about 300 yds.

The dispositions of the front line battn. of the 162 I.R. are similar. It also has all four coys. far forward and the battn. H.Q. appears to be at J 23 a 05.50.

Rest Billets.

Prior to coming into the line the 162 I.R. had been resting for six days at HALLUIN and the 163 I.R. at LEDEGHEM.

Coy. Strength etc.

The trench strength of all coys. of both regiments appears to be not more than 60. Each Coy. has three light M.Gs.

PART II follows -

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

SECOND ARMY FRONT.

From the identifications recently obtained, it appears extremely probable that the enemy is reducing the number of supporting divisions in each Group between the MENIN Road and HOUTHULST Forest. Until quite recently, in this area, each division in line was supported by a division in close reserve. From the fact that the 16th Div., which was acting as support div. in the N.E. of POLYGON WOOD Sector, on relief on 28/29th Nov. should have relieved the 25th Div. in the PASSCHENDAELE sector on 3/4th Dec., it appears that in the YPRES Group the 16th Div. is the only supporting division to the 3 divisional sectors which comprise it.

The same re-arrangement has probably taken place in the STADEN Group. There, also, the 38th Div. (supporting division in the HOUTHULST Forest E. Sector) relieved the 199th Div. in the WESTROOSEBEEK Sector on 1/2nd December.

This probably leaves the 58th Div., and possibly one other as the supporting divisions to the STADEN Group.

It is possible, also, that there is only one division in close support in the DIXMUDE and WYTSCHALTE Groups.

It is natural to suppose that the Germans will attempt to return to a normal method of holding the line as soon as possible, and as our attacks show signs of coming to an end, so will the Germans probably reduce their divisions in close support. It is considered probable that the supporting divisions along the entire front have already been reduced from 10 to 5.

Prisoners must be closely questioned on this matter and divisional reliefs carefully watched.

The best method of obtaining confirmation of this will be by the capture of prisoners at frequent intervals along the whole front.

From the diminution of artillery fire against PASSCHENDAELE during our attack on 1/2nd December it appears that the enemy has also withdrawn batteries in the neighbourhood of WESTROOSEBEEK.

OTHER FRONTS.

On the night of the 2/3rd our troops made some progress west of BOURLON WOOD, capturing 52 prisoners and 16 machine guns. During the fighting of the 30th Nov. and 1st December one of our divisions captured 70 machine guns and 3 field guns with limbers and teams.

Early yesterday morning the enemy attacked in great strength from GONNELIEU to MASNIERES, and fighting continued on this front the whole day. Reports indicate that all hostile attacks have been repulsed except at LA VACQUERIE where the enemy has gained a footing in the southern portion of the village, and at MARCOING where our troops have been forced to withdraw to the west bank of the Canal. South of MARCOING the enemy broke through our front line, but the situation was restored by an immediate counter-attack.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 21.

From 6 a.m. 4th Dec. to 6 a.m. 5th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. ENEMY RAID.

About 6.30 a.m. on the 5th a strong enemy party collected behind POLDERHOEK CHAU. and attacked our flank post at about J 16 d 15.70. It was repulsed by Lewis Gun and rifle fire when within 30 yds. of our line.

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery engaged enemy troops reported to be making at about J 17 d 3.4 (E. of POEZZELHOEK). Concentration shoots were carried out at 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Retaliatory fire from 4.12 to 4.45 p.m. on JOYRNAL WOOD and JOINERS WOOD J 12 b and J 6 d. Harassing fire as usual.

Heavy artillery attempted two destructive shoots and neutralized 23 batteries. 12 batteries were subjected to bursts of fire at various times during the period. In addition 30 batteries were neutralized in retaliatory barrage in J 5, 11, 16, and 21, at 1.50 p.m.

(b). Enemy artillery activity was below normal before noon. Afterwards normal activity prevailed. Areas shelled include the following -

RED LODGE - FREZENBERG area (J 1).
 HANNEBERK VALLEY (J 2).
 ANZAC - HELLES - ALBANIA WOOD area (J 3).
 BELLEWARDE RIDGE (J 7 c).
 CHATEAU WOOD - STIRLING CASTLE area (J 13).
 GIENGOORSE WOOD area (J 14 a).
 ZONNEBEKE area (D 27 and 28).
 BELLEWARDE area (I 12).

3. PATROLS.

We have established a post at J 17 a 55.97 (N. of JUNIPER WOOD). A patrol of 9 men reconnoitred the area J 16 d 1.3 to within 50 yds. of the Chateau. Close to the Chateau is a fortified tree apparently occupied by two men. There appeared to be an enemy relief in progress and much movement was noticed E. of the Chateau. At 2.30 a.m. 6 patrols of 1 officer and 10 O.Rs. each left our lines at pre-arranged points with orders to form a line of standing patrols along the whole of our northern divisional front. The line was established as follows:-

A patrol	-	J 6 a 13.60.
B "	-	CELTIC WOOD.
C "	-	About D 30 a 05.40.
D "	-	D 23 d 43.15.
E "	-	D 23 d 82.64.
F "	-	D 23 b 65.60.

Patrols B, E and F did not encounter the enemy.

B patrol cut a telephone wire found leading from the direction of the German lines to the old gun pit at D 29 d 50.60.

A patrol on reaching the outskirts of JUSTICE WOOD about 400 yds. from our line came upon a German M.G. post well concealed. Our patrol got to within 15 yards of the German post and was about to rush it when a large party of the enemy estimated at about 150 strong emerged from behind the M.G. and lined a hedge about J 6 a 4.9, opening fire on our patrol who although somewhat disorganized by the first burst of fire retaliated and accounted for three of the enemy.

C patrol saw a party of six of the enemy at 3.30 a.m. at E 30 a 08.40 but were unable to get into touch with them as the enemy made off immediately on being sighted.

D patrol.....

PART I.

3. PATROLS (continued).

D patrol with a Lewis Gun occupied a shell hole about D 23 d 44.10. Shortly afterwards a party of enemy was seen along the hedge E 23 d 68.00 to 70.50. The enemy apparently saw our men and about 12-14 of them advanced. They were allowed to get within 10 yards of our patrol before being challenged. After an exchange of fire the enemy retired.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Pill Boxes. A pill box at J 17 a 20.80 is believed to be occupied.
 (b). M.G.s. Very active from behind POLDERHOCK CHAU, and GHELUVELT SPUR. Also from pill boxes J 11 d 6.3 and 35.10 (REUTEL), JUNIPER COTTAGE (J 17 a). Further guns were located at J 6 a 37.91 and 65.98 (JUSTICE WOOD).
 (c). Work. J 16 d 6.6 - new earth seen. J 16 d 15.32 - new earth thrown up here on morning of the 5th suggests commencement of enemy sap.
 (d). Topographical. The ground in the neighbourhood of J 17 a 55.97 (N.E. of JUNIPER WOOD) is fairly dry and drainable but much cut up by shell fire.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Hostile planes were active between 3 a.m. and 4 p.m. flying over our forward and battery positions. Seven enemy aircraft were up during an enemy barrage about 2 p.m.

6. MOVEMENT.

Continuous movement in the REUTELBEEK VALLEY (J 17) seen between 7.30 and 8 a.m. J 29 a and b - 30 men going S.E. along MANNIN Road. J 23 b 55.80 - 80 men equipped moving N.E. K 14 a 10 men seen at 9 a.m. on the road and single men all day. E 21 b and d party seen on the road at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. E 16 d 15.15 small party seen walking at 8.10 and 8.30 a.m. L 25 d 05.00 six men seen walking on the road at noon. They disappeared at K 1 b 10.50. Smoke from engine on light railway reported near REUTELBEEK.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

J 16 d 10.37, about 50 yards W. of POLDERHOCK CHAU: Amongst some large trees is a series of enemy shelters covered by brushwood and waterproof sheets among the branches.

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5th December 1917.

TRANSLATION OF EXTRACTS FROM A DIARY TAKEN OFF AN M.O.C. PRISONER OF 163RD I.R. CAPTURED ON 3RD INST. IN J 16 d.

Oct. 14. The 9th Coy. had 20 casualties through gas, of whom 12 were killed. (Note. This was when they were in the sector S. of the SCARPE before being relieved by the 11th Div.).
 Nov. 14. Relieved by 164 I.R. (11th Div. - S. of the SCARPE).
 Nov. 15. Every coy. has now received three L.M.Gs. Billeted in cellars in DADIZELLE.
 Nov. 23. The 8th Coy. 76th R.I.R. had a direct hit this evening in our village. About 20 killed.
 Nov. 24. Relieved by the 165 I.R. Went to rest billets in LEDEGHEM.

PART II follows.....

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCE

ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS ON THE CAMBRAI BATTLE FRONT.

An order, issued on the 19th Nov. 1917, by the Divl. Artillery Commander of the 54th Div., then in line on the CAMBRAI Front, shows that the following measures were being adopted to strengthen the enemy's artillery in this sector, in view of the possibility of the British attempting to capture HAVRINCOURT Village:-

(a). The 54th Div. was allotted two field batteries from Army Reserve, to go into action at once.

The Army Reserve Batteries selected were a resting 7.7-cm. battery of this division, and a resting 10.5-cm. How. battery of the 20th Ldw. Div., (then in line N. of the 54th Div.).

(b). All preparations were to be made for the arrival of the following further artillery reinforcements for the division:-

3	...	7.7-cm. gun batteries (1 Abteilung).
3	...	10.5-cm. How. batteries (1 Abteilung).
1	...	10.-cm. gun battery.
2	...	15.-cm. How. batteries.
1	...	21.-cm. How. battery

A total of 10 batteries - 39 guns. (24 light and 15 heavy).

(c). One Abteilung (3 field batteries) of the reinforcements mentioned in para. (b), was to be employed for the support of Counter-Attacks (Stossabteilung).

The following conclusions can be drawn from the above:-

(1). In quiet sectors, resting batteries of divl. artilleries actually in line are placed in Army Reserve. They are not under the tactical control of their own division.

(2). The British estimates of guns in this area, based on activity reports, showed an average of 56 guns per division in line, i.e. about 13-15 batteries per division.

This is about the average strength on quiet fronts allowing for one or two resting field batteries.

The reinforcements destined for this front would thus have brought up the artillery strength of the 54th Div. to between 24 and 26 batteries.

This should be compared with the average of 31 batteries per div. on the YPRES battle front.

PART III.
CONTRE-ESPIONNAGE.

The following papers have been either lost or stolen, and are therefore cancelled:-

- (1). Carnet d'Etranger, No. 31135, in favour of CARRÉIN, Germaine, Mlle., resident at LEDRINGHEM.
- (2). Permis de Séjour, 1526, VANDEPUTTE, Madeline, born RENINGHEIST, 2-11-1901, valid for RENINGHEIST.
 (This P. de S. has been burnt).
- (3). Permis de Séjour, 3220, DELUSAERT, Rach-el, born VERVICQ 27-5-1901, valid for VATOUC. (Lost)

APPENDIX

3
25FURTHER EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS OF 162 I.R. and 163 I.R.
captured in J 16 d on 3rd Inst.

1. Personal. Of the 17 unwounded prisoners taken during the operations there were 7 of the 1918 Class (i.e. 19 years old).
2. Morale. One prisoner who had been with the same coy. since 1912 stated that the losses sustained by it in the sector S. of the SCARPE had caused very large gaps in the coy. which had been filled up by young recruits and their morale was very bad.
3. Coy. Strength. The same prisoner stated that the ration strength of the 4th Coy., 163 I.R. is only 101 and that the trench strength is only 45. To make up for this weakness, reliance is placed on the 3 L.M.Gs.
4. Dispositions.
 - (a). Front Line. As stated in yesterday's summary the coys. in the front line are far forward.
 - (b). Support Line. The support battalions of both regiments appear to occupy a line of shell holes which roughly follow the former trench line running from J 18 c through J 24 to J 29 b.
 - (c). Reserve Line. The reserve line billets of the 163 I.R. were until recently in DADIZELLE in cellars of houses at about K 12 d 75.35. Owing to recent casualties it appears that this village is likely to be avoided as a reserve position in future, but farms in its immediate neighbourhood will be substituted.
The areas occupied by the reserve battn. of the 162 I.R. are farms further south but about the same distance from the front line. One prisoner of the 1st coy. 162 I.R. stated that his platoon was billeted at ARTOISHCEK (K 30 c).
5. Headquarters.

162 I.R.	Front line battn. - J 23 a 05.50 (dugout).
	Support battn. - dugout at cross roads J 30 c 00.85.
163 I.R.	Front line battn. - cellars of POLDERHCEK CHAU.
	Support battn. - very probably in pill box J 18 c 79.71. (If not here another pill box in the near vicinity).
6. Routes. The 162 I.R. coming into the line from HALLUIN followed the main YPRES-MENIN road as far as the support battn. H.Q. (J 30 c 00.85). They then marched up the BECELLAERE road as far as J 23 b 55.80 where they turned to the left along the GHELUVELT road, then passed the front line battn. H.Q. at J 23 a 05.50 thence by track into the front line position.
The 163 I.R. left LEDEGHEM by the DADIZELLE road. The centre of DADIZELLE was avoided owing to previous casualties and the road running east and south of the chateau was taken. The main DADIZELLE-TERHAND road was rejoined at K 17 b 6.8 and followed as far as the point K 15 d 5.5 where the field tramway breaks off in a N.W. direction. A tramline was followed as far as the road in K 13 a when a track was taken across country to the BECELLAERE - GHELUVELT road about J 18 c 6.8 which they followed for a short distance. In order to pass the REUTEL-BEEK the road was left and a track taken S.E. of the road, which was again rejoined at about J 17 d 8.1 from which point a track was taken into the chateau grounds.

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FURTHER EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS OF 162 I.R. and 163 I.R.
captured in J 16 d on 3rd inst. (continued).

7. Rest Billets.
When the 163 I.R. were resting at LEDEGHIA they were billeted in huts N. of the road in L 8 b.
8. Orders.
In case of attack the troops in the front line had orders to hold the line at all costs.
9. Wire:
One prisoner, taken 60 yards west of pill box at J 16 d 2.1, stated that there was no wire between him and this pill box.
10. Pill Boxes.
J 16 d 2.1. There were four M.Gs. kept in this dugout which fired from near or over it. It is stated to be capable of accommodating 70 men. It has an entrance at N.E. corner.
J 16 d 8.9. Said to be abandoned and under water.
11. Gas.
On the 14th October last the 4th Coy. of the 163 I.R. lost more than half its strength as the result of one of our gas attacks. The prisoner, an active soldier of five years standing, wept bitterly when he referred to this attack as he stated he lost all his former comrades by it.
12. Units seen.
When at LEDEGHE a reliable prisoner saw runners with 45 or 54 on their shoulder straps. He was not sure which.

II ANZAC "I".
5th Dec. 1917.

APPENDIX

AT ANZAC.

AERIAL ANNEXE.

No. 5.

5/12/17.

PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORT.

ENEMY DEFENCES. No fresh work reported and no cases of machine gun fire against our machines.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

TRAINS. Railway activity was below normal during the morning, three trains being seen in the ROULERS area between 7-40 and 9 a.m. but shunting operations were in progress in ROULERS station between 7-30 and 8-30 a.m. At 9-50 a.m. one train MENIN towards ROULERS. At 11 a.m. (probably result of a shoot on L.13.c.) three trains moved out of LEDEHEM, two going South and one North. Between 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 15 trains were seen as follows:-

- ROULERS - MENIN line 6 northbound and 3 south.
- ROULERS - VIERKAVENHOLK 1 going South.
- North of ROULERS 2 trains.
- EAST of ROULERS 1 train.
- East and South of MENIN 2 trains.

In addition there was considerable activity on light rail-ways in the area DADIZEELE TERHAND - MOORSLEDE between 7-15 and 8-30 a.m., and during the afternoon a train was seen between MENIN and GHELUWE at 2-20 p.m. and another North West of GHELUWE at 2-40 p.m. No road movement was observed.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy machines were continually patrolling the area between DADIZEELE and MOORSLEDE throughout the day. At 9-10 a.m. a large two seater machine crossed line South of GHELUVELT apparently on photography, it was chased back by our machine. At 11 a.m. 3.E.A. were seen between ZONNEBEKE and GHELUVELT. At 2-30 p.m. 5.E.A. were seen over ZONNEBEKE. Between 3 and 3-30 p.m. several machines were on the line and were engaged by ours.

BALLOONS. These were up along the line of the ROULERS - MENIN road, seven been seen at one time and were probably 1 over ROULERS, 1 near DE RUTTER, 1 in 28.E.13., 25.L.7. and two near MENIN.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quieter than on previous days, very few flashes being located.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 10-25 red flashes were seen in K.9.b. north east of TERHAND. At 11-15 a fire was seen in WESTROOSEBEKE. Bombs were dropped on the enemy support positions near BECLARE and on the KEIBERG spur.

PART II.

NOTES ON AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

- 10.B.75. J.21. North West of GHELUVELT shows our front and support lines on either side of the MENIN road.
- 10.B.76. J.21. North West of GHELUVELT shows our front and support lines north of the MENIN ROAD.
- 10.B.77. J.16.c.d.22.a.b. POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Our front trench appears to run from about J.22.a.45.66. to about J.22.a.75.76. where there is a small salient, from there to the road at J.16.c.88.00. including the post at J.22.a.87.88. From J.22.a.85.92. a second trench bends back to the road at J.16.c.7.0. North of the road the front trench is not very clear, but

10.B.77. (continued)

appears to run as follows:- J.16.c.88.00., J.16.d.05.10., 02.25., 00.36., from here a trench bonds eastwards to about J.16.d.1.4. and is continued to a post about 30 yards further North. (This trench seems to have been knocked about considerably). A second trench leaves the road at J.16.c.70. and runs parallel to this one, and about 50 yards in rear, joining our original front line at about J.16.c.7.8. The trench east of the Chateau reported on photograph of 3/12/17 shows clearly, and there appears to be a short trench running east and west about 25 yards north of the Chateau, ending in a post at J.16.d.25.40. There also seems to be a trench running away from the Chateau eastwards.

10.B.78. J.16.cd.22.ab. South of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Too indistinct to show posts clearly, but there may be a post near the STABLES at about J.16.d.4.3.

10.B.79. J.10.b.11a. East of POLYGON WOOD.

10.B.80. D.22.c.23d.28b.29a. BROODSEINDE. Shows new work of ours on either side of the road from D.29.a.25.90 to D.29.a.43.20.

10.B.81. J.5. NOORDEHOEK. Our own lines.

10.B.82. D.16d.29c.J.4b.5a. MOLENAARELSTHOEK.

10.B.83. J.16b.17a. North of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Apparently a new trench is under construction along line of road from about J.11.c.52.05. northwards towards cross roads J.11.c.54.28.

10.B.84) J.21. North West of GHELUVELT. Our lines on either side of
10.B.85) the MENIN road.

10.B.86. J.10.d. West of REUTEL. Our own lines.

10.B.87. J.10.ab. North West of REUTEL our own lines.

10.B.88. J.10.ed. West of REUTEL. Shows our posts at J.16.a.92.36., J.16.b.02.56., J.16.b.08.72: (an irregular trench about 50 yards long) J.16.b.1.8. Supporting posts at J.10.c.88.00. large pill-box J.13.a.94.78. with two smaller just in rear,

10.B.89. J.15.d.16c. South West of POLDERHOEK.

10.B.90. J.17.d.18c. South West of BECELAERE. Old trenches just north of east of JENKINS FARM J.18.c.40.86. probably contains posts in shell holes, as tracks lead to the road also probable post at farm ruins J.18.a.36.04.

10.B.91. J.4.d.5c. South of MOLENAARLSTHOEK.

10.B.92. J.15.d.18. South West of POLDERHOEK. Our own trenches.

10.B.93. D.17a. NIEUWEMOLEN cross roads.

10.B.94. D.26. West of ZONNEBEKE.

10.B.95. D.23c.d. East of BROODSEINDE. Shows tracks probably those of our patrols out to a post at D.23.d.63.50. No sign of life in TABLE WOOD.

10.B.96. J.16.b.d. East of POLDERHOEK. Area very cut up by shell fire and photo not distinct enough to show posts

NOTES on photographs will be published in tomorrow's

Summary.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 22.

From 6 a.m. 5th Dec. to 6 a.m. 6th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT1. IDENTIFICATIONS.

J 22 a 3.4, 5th Coy, 162 I.R. Prisoner. (Normal).

He states that the II Battn. came into line on the 4th inst. and expects to be relieved on the 10th inst. (From the Corps on our right).
E 1. III Battn., 28th I.R., 16th Div. Prisoners. (Normal).

Order of Battle N. to S. is 68th, 28th, 29th I.Rs. It appears probable from prisoners' statements that only elements of the 16th Div. were in the line recently in the N.E. of POLYGON WOOD sector. (From the Corps on our left).

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Corps concentrations were carried out at 6.15 a.m. and 4 p.m.

At 6.35 a.m. 3 batteries fired on the 150 enemy reported by one of our patrols to be in JUSTICE WOOD.

About 3 p.m. fire was directed on a reported massing of hostile troops near POLDERHOEK CHAU.

Harassing fire was carried on as usual.

Heavy artillery carried out 4 successful observed shoots causing two explosions and attempted six others. 16 batteries were subjected to bursts of fire and 39 were neutralized. 30 batteries were engaged yesterday evening for heavy hostile shelling in J 11 and 16.

(b). Hostile activity was below normal before noon, but above normal afterwards especially on front trenches. At 6 p.m. our roads and tracks were harassed by guns firing from the direction of MOORSLEDE and TERHAND.

The areas shelled were:-

FRIEZENBERG - RED LODGE area (D 25 - J 1).

HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).

ANZAC - HEILES - ALBANIA WOOD area (J 3).

BELLEWARDE area (I 12 & J 7 c).

SANCTUARY WOOD - GIENCORSE WOOD - INVERNESS COPSE area (J 13 - 14).

WESTHOLEK - KONNEBOSCHEN area (J 6).

POTSDAM area (D 26).

3. PATROLS

A patrol attempted to locate enemy post just south of JUDGE CROSS ROAD (J 12 d). They were fired on by M.Gs. and rifles. Two men are missing and the third returned wounded.

A patrol reconnoitred JUDGE COTT. (J 11 b). No sign of enemy but tracks leading to enemy lines seen.

The wire on the west side of GEMETARY (J 11 d) was reconnoitred by a patrol. No enemy were seen.

BUSY WOOD (D 24 a), FLINTH COPSE (D 29 b) and CELTIC WOOD (D 30 d) were also patrolled without any of the enemy being encountered.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.(a). M.Gs. Two organized M.G. shoots appeared to have been carried out during the day. Five or six guns were firing from the GEMETARY in J 12 c An A.A. M.G. fired from J 18 a 43.55 (S.W. of PECHIAERS). Another gun was located firing from approx. D 30 c 5.5. Guns were active from the direction of CELTIC WOOD (D 30 d).(b). Signals. During a five minutes barrage on our front line at 2.30 p.m., a flare bursting into two red stars was put up. Immediately the shelling slackened off.5. Hostile Aircraft.

PART I.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Was normal during the period. Flights of 10 crossed our lines and on several occasions reached our battery areas. About 4.30 p.m. a large plane with British markings and the figure "3" on the fuselage flew low over our battery areas dropping pamphlets of German propaganda printed in English.

6. MOVEMENT.

A great deal of movement of parties and individuals was seen at and near POLDERHOEK CHAU.

J 23 a 7.6. - Nine men going west on road at 9.45 a.m.

J 23 b 05.75. - Ten men moved from this point and disappeared at dugouts J 23 b 15.99

Small parties were seen between 10 and 11.30 a.m. at E 16 d 15.15, D 24 c 18.80 and E 28 c 60.95.

A train was seen moving south at 11.25 a.m. in K 25 (N.E. of OUDE-KRUISELECKE).

E.E. Calhoun

Capt.

for Brig.-General G.S.
II ANZAC CORPS.

6th December 1917.

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

CAMBRAI FRONT.

Our troops were withdrawn successfully on the night of the 4/5th inst. without molestation by the enemy from the MARCOING - NOVELLES - CAMPAING - BOURLON - MOEUVRES salient to a selected position on the FIESQUIERES ridge.

SIGNALS.

A captured notebook of man of 141st I.R., 35th Div., killed S. of HOUTHULST Forest on 2nd Dec. contains the following notes on the change of barrage fire signals, viz:-

1. BARRAGE FIRE - YELLOW.	4. BARRAGE FIRE - GREEN.
ANNIHILATING FIRE - GREEN.	ANNIHILATING FIRE - YELLOW.

2. BARRAGE FIRE - RED.	5. BARRAGE FIRE - YELLOW.
ANNIHILATING FIRE - GREEN.	ANNIHILATING FIRE - GREEN.
	INCREASE RANGE - RED.

3. BARRAGE FIRE - GREEN. (Double star).
ANNIHILATING FIRE - YELLOW. (Floating balls).
CONCENTRATION FIRE - RED.
on VILLERET)

No dates are given, but from observer's reports and prisoners' statements the last appears to be in use in the STADEN, YPRES and WYTSCHAETE Groups.

Coloured flares have also been fired S. of HOUTHULST Forest without any artillery action following. They may be connected with hostile patrol activity.

FURTHER....

PART I

11. ANZAC. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS. No. 6. 6/12/17.

OBSERVER'S REPORT'S
ENEMY DEFENCES.

No ~~new~~ work noticed.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS.

TRAINS.

Between 7-55 and 10 a.m. 5 trains were seen on ROULERS - MENIN line, all South-bound. At 2-10 p.m. one train was seen in ROULERS station. Between 11-30 a.m. and 12-15 p.m. two trains were seen on light railway between GELUWE and MENIN, and two South of this line.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery not being active, few flashes being observed.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

L.A. activity normal, during morning. At 1 p.m. 7 seen over WATERDAMMOEK. Activity increased during the afternoon, and our machines were attacked on several occasions by formations of 4 or 5.

5 Balloons were up along the line of the ROULERS - MENIN road.

MISCELLANEOUS.

9-10 a.m. Fire in DADIZEBE, and 1 p.m. explosion at E.18.b.4.5. South East of MOORSLEDE.

Bombs were dropped on EICELEBE and enemy support position behind village, and on KLIBBERG spur, also on WATERDAMMOEK and vicinity of MOORSLEDE.

PART II.

NOTES ON AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

- 10.B.97. J.17.a. North East of POLDERMOEK. Shows our trenches North of the road in REDEEL village and the new trenches to our post at J.17.a.5b.97.
- 10.B.98. D.29.c. North of MOORDEMOEK. Our own lines.
- 10.B.99. D.22.c. ZONNEBEKE.
- 10.B.100. D.16d.22b. East of ZONNEBEKE.
- 10.B.101. J.7bd.8ac. WESTHOEK.
- 10.B.102. J.2c. North West of POLYGON WOOD.
- 10.B.103. J.2d.8b. West of POLYGON WOOD.
- 10.B.104. D.27. ZONNEBEKE.
- 10.B.105. E.19a. West of DROOGLNERODROEK. There appear to be tracks among the shell holes near ZWERG COTTAGE, which seems to be occupied.

THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN 12. FEBRUARY,

- 10.B.106. E.13c.19a. North West of DROOGLNERODROEK. The trenches across the bend in the road from E.19.a.87.70 to 75.86. are evidently occupied. Some work has been done to Northern part. Also signs of fresh work just in front of semi-circular trench E.19.b.10.06.

PART II. (continued).

- 10.B.107. J.12a. JUDGE CROSS ROADS. No addition to new trench from cross road to JOURNAL WOOD, but tracks clear along western edge of wood and across road to JOINERS WOOD at J. 8.c.94.30.
- 10.B.108. D.24. DE HISPELAERE CABARET. Many more tracks visible near cross roads D.24.d.20.75., than recently; these very pronounced from D.24.d.82.88. to D.24.d.7.2. The enemy appear to leave the road at the former place and go westw rds across the country. There is a post at D.24.d. 39.35. Just East of the cross roads, where machine guns have been reported active here.
- 10.B.109. E.20.ab. East of DROOGENBROODHOEK. Fresh work in shell holes at corner of leugo E.19.d.92.58. Pill-box in wood E.20.b. Track from road at L.20.b.18.30. to buildings E.20.a.85.50 05.18 still intact.
- 10.B.110. D.30.bd. DAME WOOD. Shows tracks from road junction E.25.c. E.25.ac. 92.80. to North Eastern corner of DAME WOOD. The shell holes in area E.25.a.4.2. are probably occupied also those at D.30.b.95.75.
- 10.B.111. J.4cd.10.ab. POLYGON WOOD.
- 10.B.112. K.1.e.7.a. North East of BECLAERE. The road from MOLENHOEK to cross roads K.1.e.97.05. has been completely obliterated in places. This photograph shows many support posts in shell holes in following places:-
K.7.B.05.95. (Group of large holes) K.1.e.05.15.
(isolated shell holes) K.7.a.82.70., K.7.a.60.33. and CLMERY and on the West side of road about K.7.a.40.55. (this is by far the largest group and adjoining thence towards ZWAANHOEK). This photograph deserves very careful study and the area is certainly occupied by a large number of men.
- 10.B.113. J.6.b.K. 1a. Area North of last photograph. Very clear tracks from K.1.b.00.45. to ruins K.1.a.10.18. also from K.1a.99.96. to same place. These tracks continue across country in a South Westerly direction. The tracks from KEIBERG towards the JOINERS WOOD area are still used extensively. There appears to be an occupied shell hole area from corner of field J.6.d.74.84. passing J.6.b.72.22. to the South Eastern corner of JAUNT COPSE J.6.b.72.90. There is also a post at D.30.d.96.08. & another at South Western edge of field J. 6.b.48.10.
- 10.B.114. J.12.ac. JUDGE CROSS ROADS. Probably posts on west of road at J.12.c.94.85. and J.12.d.0.7.
- 10.B.115. D.30b. West of KEIBERG. There are a great many occupied shell holes in area D.30b.9.6. and also D.30.b.0.9.

NOTES on the remainder of the photographs will appear in tomorrow's Summary. In general the photographs show that the position of shell holes occupied have become easier to locate owing probably to fresh work and also that the enemy is using cross country tracks instead of the roads as a result of our shelling.

FURTHER STATEMENT BY PRISONER OF 162 I.R. CAPTURED 3-12-17.

From a perusal of a rough sketch and notes taken off a dead sergeant of the 162 I.R. and from a further interrogation of an intelligent prisoner, the following facts have been established--

1. Headquarters.

The dugout at cross roads J 30 c 00.85 is the regimental field dressing station and not the support battalion H.Q. as stated in yesterday's Summary.

The support battalion H.Q. is at J 23 b 92.81.

Front line battn. H.Q. is at J 22 b 65.09 and not J 23 a 05.50 as stated yesterday.

2. Field Kitchens.

These are at ARTOISHOLK (J 30 c) and ration parties were to be there by 5 p.m. (English time) on the 17th Nov. according to captured note.

II ANZAC "I".
6th Dec. 1917.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 23.

From 6 a.m. 6th Dec. to 6 a.m. 7th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. IDENTIFICATION.

J 17 a 55.97 - 3rd Coy. - 76th R.I.R. - 17th Res. Div. - Man killed.
(N. of JUNIPER WOOD) Normal.

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). The field artillery carried out harassing fire and dispersed working parties.

Heavy artillery successfully carried out 3 aeroplane observed shoots and one with visual observation. Three other observed shoots were attempted. In addition 12 enemy batteries were subjected to bursts of fire and 22 were neutralized.

(b). Hostile artillery activity was quieter by day, but during night the front and support lines were shelled intermittently. The areas J 1, D 26 and 28 were heavily shelled before noon. Gas shells were used at intervals on the forward areas.

The following areas were shelled:-

RED LODGE - FREZENBERG area (J 1). Heavily.

HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).

WESTHOEK - NONNEBOSCHEN area (J 5).

Area S. of VERLORENHOEK (I 6).

" S. of HELL FIRE CORNER (I 16).

POTSDAM area (D 26).

ZONNEBEKE area (D 28).

Most of the activity came from the MOORSLEDE and WATERDAMHOEK Groups.

3. PATROLS

Of the two men reported missing yesterday one man has returned uninjured and one man was killed and his body has been brought in. The enemy obtained no identification.

FLINTE COPSE (D 29 b), CHINA WOOD (D 24 c) and CELTIC WOOD (D 30 c) were reconnoitred but no enemy were seen.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Have been located at J 11 d 7.5 and J 11 d 5.3 (east of REUTEL).

(b). M.Gs. Located at approx. J 6 c 8.2 (east of IN DE STER CABT.) and D 29 b 6.6 (east of FLINTE COPSE). About 6 guns fired from direction of CEMETERY J 11 d 5.4.

(c). Work. New piece of trench has been dug from pill box J 11 d 35.10 (S.E. of REUTEL) to road near CEMETERY at J 11 d 35.27.

A party of 10 men worked in a trench at J 6 d 45.90 (N. of JOINERS WOOD).

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Active. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. enemy planes patrolled our front line at intervals.

At 5.40 p.m. a plane dropped 4 bombs near ANZAC (J 3).

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Smoke seen at ruins J 12 c 75.55 at 10.35 a.m. (ZWAANHOEK). This area is evidently occupied.

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7th December 1917.

PART II follows:-

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The following information has been received concerning villages in rear of enemy's lines -

DADIZELLE. Hutments east of the road leading into DADIZELLE, about N 18 b 1.9 (17-11-17).

Ammunition Depots along the eastern side of the MENIN-ROULERS Road, and the northern side of KANTERHOEK-LEDEGHEM Road (N.E. of cross roads at L 1 c) in 7 large wooden sheds. (20-10-17). (Confirmed by air photo). Also about 250 metres west of MENIN-ROULERS Road, along the KANTERHOEK-LEDEGHEM Road, 15 dumps, 40 metres apart, protected by concrete. (20-10-17). (Confirmed by air photo).

Chateau of DADIZELLE. Several Generals and their Staffs are quartered here. (Rapatrié, 20-10-17. Confirmed by air photos).

DADIZELLEHOEK. A strong point has been constructed in the S.E. angle formed by the COMMERESTRAAT-KLEPHOEK Road and the MENIN-ROULERS railway line. (28 L 14 a). It is surrounded by water. (20-10-17).

South of DADIZELLEHOEK along the MENIN road on the eastern side as far as the Halte (28 L 14 and 20), there are a number of workshops. (15-10-17).

Supply Depots are in several huts north of DADIZELLEHOEK along the MENIN-ROULERS Road up to LEDEGHEM Station. (15-10-17).

KANTERHOEK. Billets in houses about 28 L 1 c 2.1. (21-11-17).

The farm in 28 L 7 a has been blown up and the ruins fortified. There are concrete caves underneath. (20-10-17).

LEDEGHEM. Brigade and Divisional Headquarters here. (23-11-17).

North of LEDEGHEM 28 L 2, there is a large Pioneer Depot. (Prisoner's statement and rapatrié's report. Confirmed by air photos).

KLEPHOEK. Headquarters of an Infantry General are in a large farm south of KLEPHOEK on the DADIZELLEHOEK Road in 28 L 14 a. (Rapatrié 20-10-17. Confirmed by air photos).

Headquarters are also reported south of KLEPHOEK Church (28 L 7 c) on the MENIN-ROULERS Road in a large two-storied house with a red-tiled roof. (Rapatrié 20-10-17. Unconfirmed).

MOORSIEDE. There are artillery headquarters at E 9 b 2.2. (19-11-17).

ROULERS. Is partially evacuated. (8-11-17).

SLYPSKAPPELLI. (28 E 29 d). Wholly evacuated. (20-10-17).

IF ANZAC AERIAL ANNEXE. No. 7. 7/12/17.PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORTS.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Bad visibility rendered observation difficult, but following trains were seen:-
 10.15. One train from LEDEGHEM to MENIN.
 12.25. One East of ROULERS towards THIELT.
 12.34. One from ROULERS to LEDEGHEM.
 During the afternoon greater activity was observed.
 4 trains South-bound for ROULERS towards MENIN between 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m., one stationary at LEDEGHEM, one South of HALLUIN and 2 on light railway East of LEDEGHEM.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.
 No flashes seen, owing to bad visibility.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.
 Very few E.A. seen in contrast to marked activity yesterday.

MISCELLANEOUS.
 12.20. Explosion at STROOIBOOMHOEK.
 3.0. Large fire South of DADDIZEELE.
 Bombs were dropped on enemy lines East of CELTIC WOOD on support positions East of BECELAERE and on GHELUVELT.

PART II. NOTES ON AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

10.B.116. J.6d. JOINERS WOOD. Tracks still very clear along the northern side of the wood, especially from about J.6.c.55.25. to J.6.c.85.50. The trench from J.6.b.25.00 to J.6.d.45.80. has been cleaned out in places and is probably occupied. The post at J.6.b.45.10. shows very clearly, also one at J.6.d.47.85. There also appears to be a post in large shell holes about J.6.b.3.3.

10.B.117. D.30b.d. DAME WOOD. Fresh work is visible in the shell holes West of the road from D.30.d.12.50 to D.30.d.05.90: DAME HOUSE and the North Western corner of DAME WOOD. Tracks across country do not show clear with the exception of one from the direction of EIGHT HOUSE (E.25.d.) towards the North of DAME WOOD.

10.B.118. J.18c. South West of BECELAERE. Work still seems to be in progress on the trenches on either side of the road in J.18.c. but photo is too indistinct to show posts.

10.B.119. J.18.b.K.13.a.c. BECELAERE. Ruins of Church still show clearly, possible post South East of Church. Many tracks from about K.13. central towards cross roads K.13.c.10.03. There would appear to be some fresh work on trenches about K.13. central.

10.B.120. D.29d.30c. CELTIC WOOD. Our own front line.

10.B.121. J.5. NOORDEMHOEK. Our own lines.

10.B.122. E.25c. West of KEIBERG. The KEIBERG - MOLENAARELSTHOEK road has been much damaged and cross country tracks lead North West and South East from the bridge over the HEULEBEEK. E.25.c.95.80. occupied shell holes at E.25.c.4.3. and E.25.c.5.6. also at EIGHT HOUSE.

PART II. (continued)

- 10.B.123. J.12. North of BECELAERE. There is probably a post in the shell holes at J.12.b.62.05. in the HOLLE BOSCH.
- 10.B.124. E.25.c.^K.1.a. South West of KEIBERG. Indistinct photograph and most of area covered by other photos. There appears to be a post at D.30.d.82.10. East of JAUNT COPSE.
- 10.B.125. E.26. East of KEIBERG. No fresh work on the TERHAND line, but wire is still good. The farm at E.26.d.35.60 still appears occupied and tracks lead Westwards. Shell holes in area about E.26.c.55.60. are probably occupied, also several further North.
- 10.B.126. E.20. East of DROOGENBROODHOEK. Roads very damaged, especially the KEIBERG - MOORSLEDE road.
- 10.B.127. K.7b.8a. MOLENHOEK. Many tracks from OOSTHOEK to MOLENHOEK along track marked on map, running from K.8.b. D.5. to the latter village. Occupied shell holes just North West of KENNEL WOOD at K.1.d.35.10. and also about K.7.b.45.40.
- 10.B.128. K.1.b.2ac. North of OOSTHOEK. No fresh work on TERHAND line.
- 10.B.129. I.12.d.18b. In our own lines.
- 10.B.130. J.2. "
- 10.B.131. J.2bd.3ac. "
- 10.B.132. I.12ab. "
- 10.B.133. J.1.cd.7a. "
- 10.B.134. J.1d.7b. "
- 10.B.135. J.7.cd. "
- 10.B.136. I.12b. "
- 10.B.137. J.7c. "
- 10.B.138. I.12bd.J.7ac. "
- 10.B.139. I.11cd. "
- 10.B.140. I.17ab. "
- 10.B.141. I.12d. "
- 10.B.142. J.2b.3a. "
- 10.B.143. I.10d.11c. "
- 10.B.144. I.10ac. "
- 10.B.145. I.12b. "
- 10.B.146. J.8a. "
- 10.B.147. J.2a. "

The above photographs were taken yesterday, but were too late to be included in the Summary.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6 a.m. 7th Dec. to 6 a.m. 8th Dec. 1917.

No. 24.

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PART I.
INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.

1. IDENTIFICATIONS.

The Corps on our left captured a prisoner on the night 7/8th belonging to the 5th Coy., 51st R.I.R., 12th Res. Div. at E 12 central (Normal).

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Field artillery carried out harassing fire on targets in E 19 a and b, E 20 a and b, E 25 c and d and E 26 c and d. Large enemy working party reported in K 25 c was engaged.

Heavy artillery fired bursts on 12 batteries and neutralised 21. In addition 29 batteries were engaged in response to an S.O.S. signal early in the morning of 7th December.

Our T.Ms. were active on enemy's lines in J 17 a, Cemetery J 11 a, JUDGE CROSS ROADS and JOURNAL WOOD (J 12 a).

Our M.Gs. co-operated in harassing fire. They engaged a small party near POLDERHOCK CHAU. Rifle grenades fired on to Cemetery (J 11 c); 3 men seen running away and cries heard.

(b). Hostile artillery was more active in the northern sector than usual on the battery areas during the night and at 1.25 a.m. the enemy put down a 15 minutes barrage on the extreme north of our front. In the southern sector hostile artillery was below normal. A few gas shells on extreme south part of our front line.

The following areas were shelled:-

Front and support line of northern sector, D 26 and especially c 10.30, RETALIATION FARM (D 28 d), JABBER TRACK, D 27 c, ZONNEBEKE, D 29 b 10.70, J 2 d, J 2 c (heavy bombardment), D 27, J 3, HELLES TRACK and D 28 c.

Hostile light T.Ms.: 60 granatenwerfer were fired on to our line from J 6 c 2.4 to J 12 a 25.80.

Hostile M.Gs. were abnormally active throughout the night, the southern sector continually sweeping our forward areas. There was continuous fire from 12.40 a.m. to 1.15 a.m. This is a marked contrast to enemy's previous attitude and possibly indicates that a relief has taken place. There were hostile M.G. bursts on D 23 c 15.25 during the night and D 29 b 1.9 was traversed by a M.G. firing from the direction of FLINTE COPSE.

3. PATROLS.

Our patrols were active along the front.

(a). We examined enemy's wire on W side of JOURNAL WOOD. It appears to be about 80 yds. from edge of wood. No enemy met with. Enemy wiring party seen at J 6 c 45.70 was fired on by our Lewis Guns.

(b). A patrol of 2 officers and 21 O.Rs. left our lines at 11.4 p.m. to reconnoitre JUSTICE WOOD. The patrol went along the KEIBERG ROAD as far as D 30 c 20.30. On reaching this point the patrol was fired on by a M.G. about J 6 b 5.7. The party then entered JUSTICE WOOD and reached J 6 a 8.8. No enemy were seen. Two flares were fired from about D 30 d 30.00.

(c).....

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45PART I.3. PATROLS (continued).

(c). Patrols reconnoitred FLINTE COPSE, BUSY WOOD and CHINA WOOD.
No enemy were seen.

(d). A patrol of 1 officer and 12 O.Rs. reconnoitred CELTIC WOOD.
The patrol was fired on by a M.G. from the N. of the wood and occasional Very lights were fired from the eastern edge of the wood.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Enemy post at J 12 a 40.50. Much movement seen here at 6.45 a.m. Sniper's Post at J 17 a 75.80.

(b). Light T.M. Five granatenwerfer fired from J 12 a 45.30 on to our front line.

(c). M.Gs. From J 18 a 90.99 two men fired a M.G. from near pill box. A hostile M.G. fired from about J 6 b 5.7 and another from direction of FLINTE COPSE.

(d). Wire. One row of French wire runs from N.W. corner of JOURNAL WOOD to J 12 a 55.70. Two rows of wire on W. side of post J 12 a 40.50 and one row from J 12 a 40.25 to J 12 c 60.90.

(e). Dugouts. There appears to be a dugout at E 19 d 72.20.

(f). Work. Trench runs along crest of hill from ZWAANHOLK to J 12 a 4.2 round W. side of post at J 12 a 40.50 and then along road to N.W. corner of JOURNAL WOOD.

Between 8 and 9.30 a.m. 20 men were seen digging in small parties on KEIBERG SPUR between E 25 b 85.70 and E 19 d 72.20.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

5 hostile planes which flew over our lines were engaged by Hotchkiss guns. At 11.15 a.m. a plane thought to be hostile fell in the enemy's lines. One of our machines was seen to fall N. of ZONNEBEKE at 10.30 a.m.

6. MOVEMENT.

Unusual amount of individual movement seen around pill box J 18 a 90.99. Three men seen at entrance with a map and pointing in different directions.

At 3.45 p.m. seven Germans were seen walking in a southerly direction at E 25 b 45.25; they disappeared in the ruins at E 25 b 25.25.

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Capt.

for Brig.-General G.S.
II ANZAC CORPS.

8th December 1917.

PART II follows:-....

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 25.

From 6 a.m. 8th Dec. to 6 a.m. 9th Dec. 1917.

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INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. OUR LINE.

We advanced our front line and dug a new trench near JUNIPER COTTAGE J 17 a 21.80 - J 17 a 39.92 - J 17 a 63.96, and from latter point a communication trench to J 11 c 70.38.

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery was normally active, harassing fire on the enemy's forward areas being continued.

Heavy artillery carried out two observed shoots, good results being obtained. Nine concentration shoots and 19 neutralizing shoots were also carried out.

L.T.Ms. fired on CEMETERY (J 11 d), JUDGE CROSS ROADS and JOURNAL WOOD (J 12 a).

(b). Hostile activity was below normal during the morning, and about normal during the afternoon and night. Most of the activity was apparently from the WATERDAMHOEK Group. Some gas shells fell in the support line of our southern division from 10.30 a.m. to noon.

Areas shelled included the following:-

RED LODGE - FREZENBERG area (J 1).

SANS SOUCI area (J 2 a).

ANZAC - FELLIES - ALBANIA WOOD area (J 3).

POLYGON WOOD (J 9).

BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK (J 7).

POTSDAM - ZONNEBEK area (D 26, 27, 28).

A few granatenwerfer fell on our C.Ts. at 8.30 a.m. in the southern division area.

3. PATROLS.

Our patrols were active along the whole front without seeing anything of the enemy.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Post. An enemy post is suspected at J 6 a 30.00 (S. of JUSTICE WOOD).

(b). M.Gs. Fairly quiet. Guns appeared to be firing from pill box J 18 a 90.99 (W. of BECELAERE) and between 9 and 11 p.m. from CELTIC WOOD (D 30 c). Between 2 and 3 a.m. an M.G. was active from the direction of JUSTICE WOOD (J 6 a).

(c). Work. Fresh earth is observed on northern edge of CEMETERY (J 11 d).

(d). Signals. At 8 a.m., when several enemy shells fell short, double red flares were fired from western edge of JOURNAL WOOD (J 12 a).

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 12 noon one of our planes brought down a hostile plane which fell behind the German lines.

Hostile aircraft were active, mostly flying high. Between 2 and 3 p.m. 3 planes flew low over our front and support positions. Many planes were turned by M.G. and L.G. fire.

6. MOVEMENT.

Smoke from trains was seen at 12.30 p.m. and 1.35 p.m. at approx. K 12 a 70.75 (near DADIZELLE).

Twenty five men seen working during the morning on the KEIBERG RIDGE between E 19 d 6.2 and E 25 b 6.3.

Five G.S.....

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PART I.

6. MOVEMENT (continued).

Five G.S. wagons seen at E 28 a 28.68 at 11 a.m. 25 men seen at the same place between 11 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. (South of WATERDAMHOEK).

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

Several cooks' fires seen near road running through J 18 c and J 17 d.

9th December 1917.

E. J. Callaghan
Capt.
for Brig.-General G.S.
II ANZAC CORPS.

PART II. INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

MOVEMENTS OF GERMAN DIVISIONS.

The 39th Division, from rest in FLANDERS, has relieved the 234th Div. in the LA BASSEE sector.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM PRISONERS.

Prisoner of 162nd I.R., 17th Res. Div. captured in J 22 a states:-

Reliefs. His company commander told the prisoner that owing to the heavy losses suffered in the recent fighting, the 17th Res. Div. would probably be taken out of the line for a long rest on about 9th December.

Company Strength and Losses. The trench strength of the 5th Coy. is 75-80 men. The ration strength is twice this.

Casualties during our attack on POLDERHOEK CHATEAU.

On 3rd December the III Battn. of the 162nd I.R. moved to the right and made a counter-attack. They had very heavy losses, one Coy. to prisoner's knowledge had only 20 men left.

The 163rd I.R. suffered very heavy losses and also the 76th R.I.R.

Billets of Reserve Battalions.

All the reserve battalions of 17th and 18th Res. Divisions (BECELAERE and MENIN Road sectors) are now billeted in and about HALLUIN.

Reserves.

A prisoner, captured on 7th December, of 51st R.I.R., 12th Res. Div. W. of MOORSLEDE states that the 11th Res. Div. is still in this area and expected to relieve the 12th Res. Div. about 8/9th Dec.

Note. The 11th Res. Div., which was reported transferred to the CAMBRAI front, has not been identified there.

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9th Dec. 1917.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 26.

From 6 a.m. 9th Dec. to 6 a.m. 10th Dec. 1917.

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INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery continued harassing fire on the KEIBERG SPUR and other known centres of activity. A test of S.O.S. lines and counter-battery shoots were carried out.

The heavy artillery were unable to attempt any destructive shoots but 12 concentration shoots were carried out. At 9.22 p.m. a 7.7-cm. battery at K 25 c 60.70 - K 25 c 55.60 was subjected to a concentration, 30-pounders firing gas shell.

12 active hostile batteries were neutralized, 10 being in the WATERDAMHOEK Group, 3 in the DADIZEELE Group, 2 in the TERHAND Group and 4 in the MOLENHOEK Group.

(b). Enemy artillery activity was normal. Battery positions and communications were shelled, mainly during area shoots. Gas is reported in one instance.

The following areas were shelled:-

ZONNEBEKE (D 27, 28).

HOOGE-BELLEWARDE area (I 12, 18).

BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK - NONNE BOSCHEN area (J 7, 8).

RED LODGE-FREZENBERG area (J 1).

HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).

NOORDEMDHOEK (J 5 central). H.E. and gas.

Ypres was shelled by a 21-cm. gun located by sound rangers in L 13 c.

2. PATROLS.

A patrol reports that No Man's Land between CHINA WOOD and the DE MISPELAERE CABT. Road (D 24 c) was shelled by the enemy between 2.30 and 3.30 a.m.

Standing patrols and listening posts were pushed out into No Man's Land to a depth of 250 yds. opposite our northern sector.

No enemy were encountered.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). M.Gs. A gun was located firing from Pill Box about J 18 b 0.8.

(b). T.Ms. 50 Light Granatenwerfer bombs were fired from about JUDGE CROSS ROADS (J 12 a).

(c). Signals. When enemy shells fell short on his own lines at 7.30 a.m. green flares were fired from J 12 a and d. A hostile signalling lamp was observed at 7.30 p.m. on a G.B. of 101° from D 23 c 15.10, thought to be signalling from a platform in a tree to a station near MOORSLEDE.

(d). Topographical. The ground between JOINERS AVENUE to J 6 c 30.95 was found dry and easy to pass over except at the last-named point which was swampy.

(e). Work. Aeroplane photographs show new work on sections of trench N. of MENIN Road from J 22 a 7.1 to about J 22 b 9.4. (From Second Army Summary).

4. MISCELLANEOUS

It has been ascertained from captured documents that the Germans make constant use in their P. of W. cages of men dressed in khaki speaking perfect English to endeavour to extract information from British prisoners. All ranks should be warned that they cannot be compelled to give more than their rank and name should they have the misfortune to be taken prisoner by the enemy.

10th December 1917.

E. Callaghan
Capt.
for Brig.-General C.S.
II ANZAC CORPS.

PART II follows:-

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

SECOND ARMY SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE FOR WEEK ENDING 8-12-1917.

PRISONERS. The number of prisoners taken by the Army during the period 1st to 7th December, 1917, is 3 Officers and 142 O.Rs.

ACTIVITY OF THE ENEMY. On the Northern and Southern flanks of the Army front, the enemy's attitude is entirely passive, and our patrols have failed to encounter any hostile patrols.

The enemy's infantry is, however, alert and inclined to be nervous, and a considerable amount of machine gun fire is reported at night.

On the more active parts of the front, N. and N.W. of PASSCHENDAELE, and about the MENIN Road, the enemy's attitude has been more aggressive and his patrol activity more marked.

Our operations N. of PASSCHENDAELE and near POLDERHOEK CHAU. were immediately countered by determined attacks, delivered by local reserves, and it is evident that, although his policy is defensive, the enemy will make every endeavour to regain loss of ground.

Four raids were attempted by the enemy, two against TRACAS FARM and MEUNIER HOUSE in the POELCAPPELLE area, and two against our posts N. of the MENIN Road. None of these raids met with any success, and their object appears to have been limited to securing identifications and learning our intentions.

MORALE. All evidence shows the enemy's morale to be good. Recent events in other parts of the front are sufficient to account for this. Complaints of bad or underfeeding are now becoming rare.

ENEMY'S WORK. Little work of a definite nature has been reported. From the MENIN Road northwards, such work as is being undertaken is directed solely towards the improvement of the forward positions, and is confined chiefly to shell holes, although here and there short lengths of trench have been constructed. On the ridge running N.W. from Hill 52, work on mined dugouts is proceeding. On the ZANDVOORDE Ridge, a considerable amount of defensive work is in progress. From the LYS to HOLLEBLIKE, the enemy's front line trenches are stated by prisoners to be very well wired.

LOSSES. In general, cannot be considered high; the results of our harassing fire vary considerably according to prisoners' statements. Our operations on 2nd and 3rd December undoubtedly caused considerable casualties, particularly to the 94th I.R., 38th Div., N.W. of PASSCHENDAELE, and to the 162nd I.R., 17th Res. Div. about POLDERHOEK CHATEAU.

INTENTIONS. The enemy's intentions at present appear to be purely defensive, although any attacks on our part are likely to meet with prompt and vigorous measures to regain lost ground.

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 10th Dec. 1917.

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II ANZAC AERIAL ANNEXE No 8. 10/12/17.

PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORTS.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

The following train movement was observed to-day:-

8.15. One train stationary at ROULERS.
 8.15. One from COURTRAI to ROULERS.
 8.30. Two from MENIN to ROULERS.
 10. 0. One from ROULERS to MENIN.
 11.20. " " " "
 2.55. One from LEDEGHEM to ROULERS.
 3. 0. One train MENIN to LEDEGHEM.

No road movement was noticed.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

E.A. Two large formations of machines apparently GOTHA'S crossed the line during the day, one of 9 machines about noon which appeared to come as far as HOOGE and then turned back, and one of 5 at 2.40 p.m. Otherwise activity was normal

BALLOONS. 6 were seen at the usual places along the line ROULERS - MENIN road.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. The batteries behind TERHAND were fairly active during the day, otherwise activity was slight.

MISCELLANEOUS. 10.30. Smoke was seen in E.1. and E.7.
 12.25.p.m. Red flares were seen in K.15.b.
 1.50.p.m. Fire at POTTERIJEBRUG K.4.c.
 2.15.p.m. Columns of smoke seen in WATERDAMHOEK. Bombs were dropped in the vicinity of GHELUVELT and on the Enemy's support positions.

PART II.

AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

The following four photographs were taken by an Army Squadron in our Area on the 8th inst.

10.B. 151. J.5.6.11.12. North of BEGELAERE. Photograph not very distinct. Shows our advanced line in J.3.c. about 50 yards in front of original salient. Tracks along Northern edge of JOINER'S WOOD still show clear as far West as J.6.c.55.30. and track from Cemetery in J.3.a. still shows as far West as corner of hedge J.3.c.20.95. There is evidently a lot of movement in the enemy lines in J.6.c.

10.B. 152. J.6. - JUSTICE WOOD. Track to J.6.c.20.95. shows very clearly. Area North West and East of JUSTICE WOOD with the exception of the part in the vicinity of J.6.b.55.50. and East of JOINER'S WOOD is very much wetter than on last photograph, the wettest places being about J.6.a.9.9. and K.1.a.10.05.

10.B. 153. E.25.26. - KEIBERG. The road from KEIBERG to OOSTHOEK seems much used. There appears to be a trench under construction in E.26.d. just West of the farm buildings and about 150 yards in rear of the original TERHAND line, but photo is not distinct enough to be able to see the exact

10.B. 154. E.27. East of KEIBERG. Tracks in E.27.a & c. are very clear and the buildings in this area would seem to be occupied, but clouds prevent any defences being seen.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 27.

From 6 a.m. 10th Dec. to 6 a.m. 11th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. OPERATIONS.

(a). Field artillery carried out three gas concentration shoots on targets at E 26 d 37.84, E 21 c 83.40 and E 20 b 18.55. Hostile retaliation was slight. Harassing fire was continued and a retaliatory shoot on S.O.S. lines developing into a counter-offensive bombardment proved successful.

Heavy artillery carried out two successful shoots with aeroplane observation. Four others were attempted but had to be abandoned owing to the prevailing thick mists and clouds. Twelve concentration shoots and 37 neutralizing shoots were also carried out.

(b). Enemy artillery was considerably more active throughout the period, communications and many battery positions, especially those in J 1 c and d, being shelled with varying intensity. The left of the right divisional front was heavily shelled between 4 and 5 p.m. The shelling was mainly from the MOORSLEDE and WATERDAMHOEK Groups and appeared to be controlled by balloon and aeroplane observation. It is reported by the northern division that about a third of the shells which fell in their area were blimps. The following areas were shelled:-

RIFLE FARM - RAILWAY WOOD area (I 11).

HOOGE area (I 18).

The western portion of ZONNEBEKE (D 27).

RED LODGE - FREZENBERG area (D 25 and J 1).

HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).

ANZAC Area (J 3).

BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK - NONNE BOSCHEN area (J 7 and 8).

2. PATROLS

The whole front was patrolled and found quiet. No Man's Land was shelled by the enemy opposite our northern division during the night.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Pill Boxes. Located by ground observers at approximately J 12 c 8.5 (N. of Cemetery), J 17 a 70.65 (JUNIPER WOOD), J 17 c 65.50 (near POEZELHOEK), J 18 a 9.9 (W. of BECELAERE), J 11 d 50.45 (in Cemetery), J 6 c 5.8 (near JOINERS AVENUE), J 18 b 0.8 (W. of BECELAERE).

(b). M.Gs. at J 18 a 9.9 and J 17 c 65.50. A M.G. at about D 29 d 7.9 (N. of CELTIC WOOD) fired on one of our patrols.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

A large sheet of water at the junction of CAMERON COVERT CREEK and the REUTELBEEK J 16 b 5.0. The REUTELBEEK could be crossed by means of logs at J 16 b 4.0 (Patrols). The ground between JUDGE COTTAGE (J 12 a) and JOINERS REST (J 6 c) was found firm and mostly easy to cross except for stumps of trees and shell holes which made going difficult in places.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Active throughout the period, flights of 14 machines crossing our lines on several occasions. Six machines patrolled our lines from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There was considerable bombing of our battery areas. A German machine fell in flames near MOORSLEDE at 8.45 a.m. and another was brought down S. of PASSCHENDAELE at 11.15 a.m.

6. MOVEMENT.

A light engine drawing 8 trucks was seen at E 15 b 45.50 (S. of MOORSLEDE) disappearing from view at E 21 a 5.5. At 12 noon a train was observed going S. from SLYPSKAPELLE and another at the same time near WATERDAMHOEK.

N. C. Huddleston
for Brig.-General G.S.
II ANZAC CORPS.

11th December 1917.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No.28.

From 6 a.m. 11th Dec. to 6 a.m. 12th Dec. 1917.

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INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. IDENTIFICATIONS.

J 16 c Minenwerfer (T.M.) Coy. attached 163 I.R., 76th Res. Div., one prisoner captured night 11/12th by Corps on our right (normal).

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Field artillery carried out harassing fire on enemy's tracks and roads. Some registration, counter-battery work and retaliation on our S.O.S. lines was carried out.

Heavy artillery carried out concentration shoots but destructive shoots were impossible owing to low visibility. 33 batteries were neutralized in the WATERDAMHOEK-DADIZELLE-TERHAND and MOLENHOEK Groups.

(b). Hostile artillery was normal. The enemy appears to range on the front and support lines of the southern division. Our forward trenches and communications were shelled, those on the extreme south mostly with shrapnel. Battery areas, particularly those in J 14, received considerable attention. One case of gas shelling is reported. The groups chiefly active were the MOORSLEDE and WATERDAMHOEK Groups. The following areas were shelled:-

RED LODGE - FREZENBERG area (D 25, J 1).

HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).

GLENCORSE WOOD - INVERNESS COPSE area (J 14).

BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK area (J 7).

POTSDAM area (D 26). Heavily.

D 17 b - a few gas shells.

3. PATROLS.

Patrols were active but no contact with the enemy was made. A patrol which moved out 150 yds. from J 11 b 9.2 N. of REUTEL found several small isolated dumps of wire. A patrol reports the DETECT crossing - EDDY farm road was shelled by the enemy while they were moving along it.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Hostile M.Gs. were active and are reported firing from JOINERS WOOD and JOINERS AVENUE (J 6 d).

(b). Post located about J 12 a 40.60 about 80 yds. E. of our front line.

(c). Work on small C.T. leading to a dugout seen at J 11 d 50.35 E. of REUTEL.

(d). H.Q. suspected at a dugout at J 18 b 0.8 as a man is constantly on duty here and a dog has been seen leaving the dugout and going N. Much movement has been observed round this point.

(e). O.P. at J 12 b 05.70. Two men removed a ladder from a tree at this point and later a light was observed apparently at the top of the tree.

At J 11 d 35.10 several men were seen working all day and appeared to be building an O.P. or M.G. position. An O.P. is more likely as a man was seen apparently observing all day.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

The ground in the neighbourhood of J 11 b 9.2 (N. of REUTEL) was found to be very broken and difficult to cross.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT...

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PART I.6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Active. Many machines crossed our lines flying low and in some instances firing their guns on tracks. A machine patrolled our front from the REUTELBEEK to JUDGE COTT. (J 12 a) from dawn till 9.30 a.m.

7. MOVEMENT.

Several small parties entered dugout at D 24 b 30.20 during the day. Two lorries seen on road at E 20 a 3.7 at 9 a.m. Four pack animals seen at E 15 d 55.20 at 11.25 a.m. and 7 men at the same place at 2.30 p.m. The light railways in E 21 c, E 22 c and K 4 a were constantly used throughout the day.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

At several times during the day when enemy shells fell short, flares bursting into two green lights were fired from enemy posts at approximately J 12 a 25.15 and J 12 a 55.60.

N.C. Huddleston Lt.

for Brig.-General G.S.
II ANZAC CORPS.

12th December 1917.

PART II.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.MOVEMENT OF GERMAN DIVISIONS.

The 10th Bav. Div. from FLANDERS has relieved the 48th Res. Div. in LORRAINE.

PART III.CONTRE-ESPIONNAGE.

The following papers have been lost or stolen and are therefore cancelled:-

Permis de Sejour No. 3730. POPELIER, Gerard, Born on 22-2-1900 valid for POFERINGHE.

Permis de Sejour No. 1053, for WATOU and Sauf-Conduit No. 9918, valid for WESTOUTRE, in favour of DEHEM, Marie, born at YPRES on 21-1-1899. Living at WATOU.

II ANZAC "I".
12th Dec. 1917.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 29.

From 6 a.m. 12th Dec. to 6 a.m. 13th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. IDENTIFICATION.

D 29 b 25.00-6, 7 and 8th Coys., 10th R.I.R., 11th Res. Div.
Prisoners, (New).

A preliminary examination is attached.

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Field artillery carried out their programme of harassing fire on enemy's tracks, roads, etc. A 7 minute concentration was fired at noon on the trench and occupied road side J 12 a 8.0 to J 12 b 15.50 (S.W. of JOURNAL WOOD) and at 9.30 p.m. on M.G. positions about J 18 a 9.9 (W. of BECELAERE).

Heavy artillery carried out their usual number of concentration shoots and also 30 neutralizing shoots.

(b). Hostile artillery activity was normal, attention being mainly devoted to battery areas and communications. Several cases of activity of 7.7 c.m. batteries in positions 6/7,000 yards in rear of enemy front line were reported during the day. The WATERDAMHOEK Group was most active. A few gas shells were again reported in D 27.

The following areas were shelled:-

RED LODGE - FREZENBERG area (J 1 - D 25).

TOKIO RIDGE (D 27 d).

BELLEWARDE - HOOGE area (I 12 to 18).

BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK - NONNE BOSCHEN area (J 7 - 8).

HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).

3. PATROLS.

Standing patrols were pushed forward in D 23 and D 29. TIBER, TIBER COPSE (D 12) and No Man's Land were patrolled, but no hostile parties other than the one which wandered into our lines were seen.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Wire. Appears to be very strong about J 17 a 35.60 to 75.70 (JUNIPER WOOD). (Ground observers).

(b). Dugouts. Pill Boxes are reported near JOINERS AVENUE at J 6 c 5.8.

A partially constructed Pill Box was located by a patrol at D 12 d 0.4 (TIBER COPSE).

(c). H.Q. A battalion H.Q. is suspected in Pill Box at J 18 a 9.9 (W. of BECELAERE).

(d). O.P. Two men were seen apparently observing at a mound near J 6 central (S. of Cemetery).

(e). M.Gs. Guns from POLDERHOEK CHATEAU enfiladed our front line in J 11 c. Our aeroplanes were heavily engaged whenever they appeared.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

The REUTELBEEK was reconnoitred from J 16 c 70.90 to J 16 c 20.88 and found impassable.

The ground in J 16 a and b was reconnoitred from road J 16 b 40.95 through CAMERON COVERT (which place was found to be very wet) to gully at J 16 b 20.45 and to higher ground at J 16 a 50.10. There is excellent fall for drainage here and digging should be good.

Houses at J 16 b 00.25 were examined and found to command the forward slope of the ridge.

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

PART I.6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Were active, particularly so in the afternoon. Twenty planes were over our lines at one time, bombs being dropped in the vicinity of the BUTTE (J 10 a) and in No Man's Land in D 29 d.

7. MOVEMENT.

A party of 10 men with rifles entered the Pill Box at J 18a 9.9 at 7.45 a.m. and a further 10 men at 9.20 a.m. Two men, apparently officers, were seen here, and also other movement.

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13th December 1917.

PART II.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.OTHER FRONTS.

Early yesterday morning, after a heavy barrage and trench mortar bombardment, the enemy attacked our line on a front of about 2,000 yards immediately E. of BULLECOURT. At one place he succeeded in occupying an advanced salient in our line which had already been completely destroyed by his trench mortar bombardment.

On the remainder of the front the attack was repulsed and many dead are lying on our wire.

Otherwise, nothing of importance to report.

NEW GERMAN RIFLE GRENADE.

The new German Rifle Grenade is fired out of a cylindrical cup attached to the service rifle, using ordinary ball ammunition.

Cup.- The cup is $9\frac{3}{8}$ " in length, the cylindrical portion being $5\frac{1}{8}$ " long, with an interior diameter of $2\frac{3}{8}$ ". Near the bottom is a ledge to carry the grenade. The stem of the cup, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " long, slips over the muzzle of the rifle and is secured by a collar with a spring catch.

Rifle Grenade.- The grenade consists of a body, bursting charge and time fuze ignited by a percussion cap, (see below).

The body is cylindrical in shape with hemispherical ends, and is bored centrally to permit the passage of the bullet; it is serrated on the inside to facilitate fragmentation.

The bursting charge consists of an ammonium nitrate explosive resembling astralite.

Action.- The bullet passes through the grenade, and, by striking a projection near the top, fires the cap and ignites the time fuze.

The grenade is propelled by the gas from the cartridge.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS (continued).

and each man had his name and German address written in ink inside his coat and trousers.

L.M.Gs.

Each Coy. has now 6 L.M.Gs., the additional three having arrived within the last three or four days.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS.

One prisoner has been told that the Regimental H.Q. were somewhere in the neighbourhood of F 9 b and F 10 a, W. of the road in F 10 a (possibly P. DEBASSE FARM). It had recently moved from a position further forward owing to its having received much attention from our artillery.

T.Ms.

One prisoner stated he had heard that the divisional T.Ms. were being emplaced in this sector.

UNITS SEEN.

One prisoner said he had seen men belonging to the 20th Pioneer Battalion in VOSSEMOLEN.

CASUALTIES

During the last period spent by the 11th Res. Div. in this sector they suffered severe casualties owing to our gas shelling and many reported sick for the same reason. The 6th Coy. has had 15 casualties since its arrival in FLANDERS in November.

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13th Dec. 1917.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS OF 6th, 7th and 8th Coys.,
10th R.I.R., 11th Res. Div. captured at D 29 b 25.00 on night
12th/13th Dec.

PERSONAL.

All four prisoners are Poles and are of a very low standard of intelligence.

RELIEFS.

The 10th R.I.R. relieved the 23rd R.I.R., 12th Res. Div. on night 9th/10th inst. Prior to coming into line the Regiment had been resting for 12 days at OOSTROOSEBEKE. They had previously been in line in this sector for 6 days.

ORDER OF BATTLE.

The 5th R.I.R., 36th Res. Div. is on the left of the 10th R.I.R. because prisoners had wandered into their sector prior to their capture.

DISPOSITIONS.

During the last three days the III Battn. had been in the front line and the I Battn. had been in reserve in the neighbourhood of VOSSEMOLEN (F 3 d).

Two Coys. of the II Battn. (7th and 8th) were in huts S.E. of the cross roads at F 13 b 9.9 and prisoners described this as the support position. The 5th and 6th Coys. were billeted in huts at F 4 c 60.35 in what they describe as the "Reserve Area". Prisoners stated that the dispositions of the Coys. had been altered since they were last in line, that the regiment was now being worked in two groups of 6 Coys. each, and that the support position had been moved further back.

The I Battn. from reserve was to have relieved the III Battn. in the front line last night.

METHOD OF CAPTURE.

Yesterday afternoon (12th Dec.) a party consisting of 2 men of the 8th Coy., 1 man of the 7th Coy., 1 man of the 6th Coy. and 1 man of the 5th Coy. were assembled outside a dugout at DEWAR'S FARM (F 7 c 10.18) and placed in charge of a Sgt. of the 7th Coy. They were marched up into the line but lost their way and apparently wandered via the sector of the 5th R.I.R. into No Man's Land. There they were fired on by our Lewis Guns and rifles, the Sgt. and the man of the 5th Coy. being killed, the remainder jumping into a trench where they were surrounded by our men to whom they surrendered. None of the prisoners, though perfectly willing to talk, could give any explanation as to the duties which they were to carry out on proceeding to the front line. One man thought that they were going to relieve an advanced post of the 11th Coy. but the Sgt. had told them nothing.

It is a curious feature that all four prisoners are Poles and appear to have been in bad odour with their respective company commanders. One man had got into trouble on parade, another had just returned, as he said, "a few hours late" from a special 19 days leave in Germany and all prisoners said that there was a prejudice against Poles in the regiment. The regiment is recruited from SILESIA but according to the prisoners the percentage of Poles does not exceed 20.

Another curious feature is that the prisoners had neither papers, pay books nor identification discs on them. They stated that there had been a recent order in the regiment to this effect,

and each...

II ANZAC WEEKLY SUMMARY OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

No. 4.

For week ending 14th December 1917.

CONFIDENTIAL - THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.PART I.
INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. ORDER OF BATTLE.(a). Northern Sector.-

11th Res. Div. (22nd or 156th I.R.
(156th or 22nd I.R.
(10th R.I.R.

Prisoners of the 10th R.I.R. captured on the night 12/13th state that the 11th Res. Div. relieved the 12th Res. Div. about the night 9/10th. They were however ignorant of the Order of Battle.

(b). Centre Sector.-

The 36th Res. Div. appears to be still in the line with the 5th R.I.R., 61st R.I.R. and 54th I.R. from North to South. The prisoners of the 10th R.I.R. state the 5th R.I.R. were in the line.

(c). Southern Sector.- The 17th Res. Div. are still in the line with the 76th R.I.R., 163rd I.R. and 162nd I.R. from North to South.

2. PRISONERS.(a). Unwounded.

Date.	Number.	Company.	Regiment.	Division.
12-12-17	1	6th	10th R.I.R.	11th Res. Div.
12-12-17	1	7th	do.	do.
12-12-17	2	8th	do.	do.

(b). Wounded.

12-12-17	1	5th	do.	do.
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This prisoner has since died.

3. NEW ORGANIZATION OF REGIMENTS WHEN IN THE LINE.

From the statements of prisoners recently captured a new method has been adopted of holding the line allotted to a regiment. The 12 companies are split up into two groups of six. Six coys. hold the forward position under the command of one battalion staff. Six companies are in rest, a considerable distance to the rear, together with the remaining two battalion staffs.

This method has already been adopted in the following regiments:- 162nd and 163rd I.Rs. (17th Res. Div.), 84th I.R. (18th Res. Div.), 93rd I.R. (8th Div.).

The prisoners of the 10th R.I.R. state that this method also holds good in their regiment.

It would appear then that this method is becoming universal in this area.

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14th December 1917.

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PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS ON THE CAMBRAI FRONT.

At the beginning of the CAMBRAI offensive, three German divisions were in line on the front attacked, viz:-

20th Landwehr Div.
54th Div.
9th Res. Div.

Two divisions were resting within easy distance of the battle front, and were sent up to reinforce, viz:-

107th Div., (recently arrived from Russia).
214th Div., (in the DOUAI area).

Since the 20th November, the sector of attack has been reinforced by 13 other divisions, drawn from the following sources:-

From the Crown Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies:-

6 from FLANDERS.
1 from the QUEANT Sector.

From the Crown Prince's Group and from Duke ALBRECHT of WURTEMBERG'S Group:-

2 from LACON.
3 from CHAMPAGNE.
1 from the MOEVRE.

ARTILLERY ALLOTTED TO A DIVISION ON THE CAMBRAI FRONT. (Prior to the British Offensive).

A captured document, dated the 6th November 1917, shows the artillery allotted to the 54th Division, then holding the sector from HAVRINCOURT to LA VACQUERIE, as follows:-

Command.- Artillery Commander No. 55.

Field Artillery.- Six 7.7-cm. gun batteries.)
Three 10.5-cm. How. batteries) 108th F.A.R.

Total = Nine Field batteries - 36 field guns and howitzers.

Heavy Artillery.- Six heavy batteries = 21 heavy guns and howitzers.

Total = 15 batteries - probably 57 guns.

The following points should be noted:-

(a). The British estimate of guns in this area, based on activity reports, showed an average of 56 guns per division in line, as compared with 57 guns shown by the document.

(b). Prior to the 19th November, one field gun battery of the 108th F.A.R. had been withdrawn to rest and was allotted as Army Reserve, thus bringing the total down to 53 guns in line.

The reinforcements ordered up, in view of the local attack anticipated by the Germans, increased the divisional allotment by twelve batteries, bringing the total of guns up to 100 approx.

GERMAN ARMoured CARS.

(a). The first armoured car detachment was identified by document at WUNSDORF, 25 miles south of BERLIN on the 1st September.

(b). The following are extracts from letters written by an N.C.O. belonging to the 3rd Armoured Car Detachment:-

Trebbin, 13th Nov. 1917.

Dear Adolf,

I have just heard that I am to be transferred to the armoured car detachment. What a queer job for an old soldier to take.....

PART II.GERMAN ARMOURED CARS (continued).

take to! I shall give you more details about it when I get there. It is all right when one can drive up to the trenches behind armour plate; otherwise, it is certain death. We have seen what the English have done with their Tanks, and we shall no doubt do the same. Do not write again till you get my new address.

BERLIN, 18th Nov 1917.

Dear Adolph,

I write to tell you that I shall not return to the 1st Res. Ers. Regt. At my medical examination yesterday they passed me as fit for tropical service (TROPENFÄHIG), and I shall no doubt go to Turkey almost immediately. I am still, for the moment, at SCHÖNEBERG, but on Monday or Tuesday I shall join the 3rd Armoured Car Detachment. (STURMPANZER - KRAFTWAGEN - ABTEILUNG 3) at BERLIN - LANEWITZ.

(c). According to an Alsatian deserter, a man in his company who came from the firm of Henschell & Co., at CASSEL, stated that an order had been given for 300 Tanks about April last. A certain number had now been completed. They are said to be armed with 4 machine guns and 2 light guns each; two different patterns are believed to exist.

COMBING FROM THE ARMY.

A captured order, issued by German General Headquarters, dated 26th Sept., 1917 states:-

- (a). The situation regarding reserves for the Army is such that fit (K.V.) officers, N.C.Os. and men over 41 years of age, who are claimed by industries in Germany, will not be released from military service in the same numbers as hitherto. Only in exceptional cases, where the services of experts are essential to the continuance of war industries, will anyone be released from service.
- (b). The above does not apply to men fit for garrison duty (G.V.) employed on the L. of C.
- (c). An exception to (a) is made in favour of coal-mining experts. All such men claimed from Germany will be released immediately.

GERMAN UNITS FOR SERVICE IN ASIATIC TURKEY.

A document indicates that the 703rd Cavalry Troop (Zug) had left Germany for service in the East before the 10th October 1917. MINENWERFER TRUPPS, Pioneer ABTEILUNG & Cavalry ZUGE have now all been identified, numbered in the 700 series and destined for service in ASIATIC TURKEY, in addition to the Infantry Battalions of this series.

DEFENCES AGAINST AERIAL BOMBARDMENT.

A prisoner of 15th R.I.R., 2nd Guard Res. Div., states that his regiment was billeted in specially dug concrete bomb-proof dugouts in GITSBERG. These were built under the ground and were 7' high, and had at least 3 feet of overhead cover. The dugouts were large enough to accommodate 30-40 men, if necessary, but the billeting was so arranged that only a few men were put into each dugout to enable them to sleep on beds in comfort. Prisoner thinks it is quite common in the villages behind the line for troops to be billeted in similar shelters.

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GERMAN MACHINE GUN ESTABLISHMENTS.

There are two types of machine guns:-

(a). Heavy ('08 Pattern), corresponding to our Vickers' Gun.

(b). Light ('08/15 Pattern), corresponding to our Lewis Gun.

Other types of light machine guns or automatic rifles, e.g. Bergmann, Madsen and Parabellum, appear to have been discarded.

The normal establishment is now:-

Light Machine Guns:- 2-3 per infantry coy. (72-108 per Div.).

Heavy Machine Guns:- 8-12 per battn. M.G. Coy., (72-108 per Div.).

The minimum figure is probably normal for divisions in quiet sectors of the front, the maximum being reached in active sectors.

The average number per division, therefore:-

90 Light Machine Guns: 90 Heavy Machine Guns. Total = 180.

At present (Dec. 1917) there are also about 90 independent "Machine Gun Marksman Detachments", (each of three companies) which are G.E.C. troops, and are allotted as required to particular sectors of the front. These companies are similar in establishment to the battalion machine gun companies.

The total number of machine guns in the German Army may, therefore be calculated as follows:-

240 X 90 = 21,600 Light Machine Guns with companies.

240 X 90 = 21,600 Heavy Machine Guns with battalions.

270 X 10 = 2,700 Heavy Machine Guns in Marksman Detachments.

115 X 10 = 1,150 Heavy Machine Guns in Mountain and Cavalry Units

47,050 Machine Guns of both types.

RELIEFS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

Prisoners of the 16th Res. Div. state that, when in line in GALICIA last month, they had the 83rd Div. on their left and an Austrian Cavalry Division on their right. A company sector averaged about 1,000 yards.

The 16th Res. Div. was relieved by a brigade of Polish volunteers from the VARSAW area. These troops wore a uniform similar to the Austrian one, with a cap of Russian pattern, bearing an eagle as a badge. Prisoners state that the 83rd Div., which had been withdrawn from the front, is also coming to France. Tired Austro-Hungarian Divs. from Italy are being put into line on the Russian front in relief of fresh divisions which are being sent to Italy.

DRAFTS FROM RUSSIA TO BEVERLOO CAMP.

(a). A prisoner of the 68th R.I.R. (16th Res. Div.) captured S.W. of CAMBRAI, had joined his regiment in the CAMBRAI area on the 1st Dec. from the training centre at BEVERLOO. He had arrived at BEVERLOO in October, with a draft of about 1,000 men mostly between the ages of 20 and 25, all withdrawn from regiments on the Russian front. At BEVERLOO, the men underwent a month's training in order to fit them for trench warfare on the Western Front.

(b). A prisoner, captured in the LENS area, confirms the arrival at BEVERLOO of large drafts, aged 20 to 25, from Russia. These men replaced younger recruits, probably the 1919 Class, who were transferred to Russia. The moral of the training camp appears to have improved in consequence. The prisoner states that there are at present about 25,000 men at BEVERLOO, but that the camp can accommodate twice as many.

THE GENERAL.....

PART II.THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD POSITIONS.

1. The principle change in the 3rd Edition, (August 1917) of the "General Principles of the Construction of Field Positions" is that it lays down that the defence must be conducted "not in lines but in defensive zones.....distributed in depth" (which may amount to several kilometres) instead of (as in the previous edition) "a strongly constructed first position with plenty of depth..... of several continuous but not parallel lines," with other similar positions behind it.

2. The defences will include:-

The outpost zone, to deny the enemy observation into the battle zone.

The battle zone, in which the really ^{heavy} hostile attack will be combatted.

The rearward zone, to hold up an enemy who has broken through. The battle zone and the rearward zone must be so placed that they are not liable to simultaneous artillery bombardment.

"The enemy who has broken through should eventually find himself surrounded in front and flank by fire trenches and obstacles, and it should then be possible to annihilate him by means of well-hidden machine guns and trench mortars, and also by the guns told off to deal with ground inside our front line."

3. Outpost and battle zones are organized alike, except that in the latter the works should be more carefully constructed and more numerous. Each should consist of a "system of defensive works, (not crowded together - with gaps for counter-attack), obstacles and dugouts.....and, as regards the infantry position, a network of trenches (with short field of fire) composed of many continuous lines, irregularly traced 150-400 yards apart, with numerous communication trenches,.....supporting points, holding-on points, and groups of dugouts."

In the rearward zones, simple works must suffice.

Machine guns and dugouts form the framework of all defensive arrangements in depth, the former being placed for flanking fire so that every trench and every interval is under flanking and cross fire.

4. The sequence of work in preparing a defensive position is laid down as:-

- (i). Arrangements for bringing up material, (roads, railways, dumps).
- (ii). Dugouts, flanking arrangements, observation and command posts.
- (iii). Obstacles and construction of signal communications.
- (iv). Earthworks.

5. Greater stress is laid on alternative positions for guns and their use in the open, with dugouts for personnel and ammunition at suitable points; the shell-proof storage of ammunition; the organization of secure command and intelligence communications and of arrangements for alarm.

6. The responsibility of the several staffs for the construction of the various portions of the defence is more clearly defined, viz., Army and Corps for rearward positions, and divisional for the outpost and battle zones.

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PART II.THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD POSITIONS (continued)

7. The importance of the improvement and maintenance of the road, tramway and railway systems, and of arrangements for traffic control during periods of pressure is more strongly emphasised; the necessity for correcting mistakes in siting and construction in the front zone, and the method of organizing shell hole positions are pointed out.

8. The preparations for the offensive include:-

- (a). Pushing forward of the front trenches.
- (b). Digouts and shelter trenches for the assault troops.
- (c). Improvement of communications.
- (d). Artillery and trench mortar positions.
- (e). Dumps.
- (f). Housing arrangements.

But, to secure surprise, "which is the most decisive factor in success," the extent of the work must be strictly limited, and it must be concealed.

ARTILLERY ALLOTTED TO A DIVISION ON THE CAMBRAI FRONT (Prior to the British Offensive).

Captured documents show the artillery allotted to the 9th Res. Div., then holding the sector from LA VACQUERIE to south of HONNECOURT, on the 12th October 1917, as follows:-

Command.- Artillery Commander No. 97.

Field Artillery.- Nine field batteries = 36 field guns and hows.

Heavy Artillery.- 5 heavy batteries = 20 heavy guns and howitzers.

Other Artillery.- 2 - 9-cm. batteries with 16 guns.

Total = 16 batteries = 72 guns.

This is a normal allotment for a quiet sector, considering that 16 of the guns were old pattern 9-cm. guns.

The 9-cm. batteries were each sub-divided tactically into four-gun units.

On the 23rd October, orders were issued for one of the 9-cm. batteries to be re-armed with 12-cm. guns.

POSSIBLE RE-ARMAMENT OF 9-CM BATTERIES.

(a). A captured ^{order} dated the 23rd October 1917, shows that the 5th Battery, 40th Ldw. Foot Art. Bn., (armed with 9-cm. guns) was to be re-armed with 12-cm. guns subsequent to that date.

(b). Prisoners of the 1st Battery, 61st Ldw. Foot Art. Bn. captured during our offensive, state that the 9-cm. guns belonging to this battery were withdrawn on the 19th November. The battery had not received new guns prior to their capture.

From the above, it appears possible that all 9-cm. guns of which the most recent pattern was introduced in 1888, are being gradually withdrawn from batteries on the western front, as it is hardly to be expected that batteries on such a quiet front as that of the CAUDRY Group, would be affected by any partial re-armament. (Confirmation is required).

FIELD.....

PART II.FIELD RECRUIT DEPOTS.

According to a prisoner's statement, the 17th Divisional Recruit Depot at IWUY, on the 4th December, contained only about 100 men, all of them returned wounded. The depot is stated to contain no recruits of the 1918 or 1919 Class.

This confirms previous evidence that the 1919 Class is being kept out of the Recruit Depots and training centres on the Western Front, units being brought up to strength by drafts, or more mature men from Russia.

TRANSFER OF DIVISIONS FROM RUSSIA TO THE WEST.

A letter, written from DOBLRITZ on the 1st Dec., states that a number of troop trains had recently been passing westwards from the Russian front. The writer stated that these troops had been moved West in anticipation of an armistice with Russia the terms of which might preclude the withdrawal of troops from that front.

FRONTAGE HELD BY GERMAN DIVISIONS IN A DEFENSIVE BATTLE.

In 'The Principles of Command in the Defensive Battle in Position Warfare' (S.S. 561), the German General Staff lays down that the width of Divisional Sectors on battle fronts will generally be between 2,750 and 3,300 yards.

The following table shows the frontages actually held by German divisions during, or in anticipation of, defensive battles on a large scale:-

<u>Battle.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Sector.</u>	<u>No. of divisions in line.</u>	<u>Average frontage in yards.</u>
SOMME	26-9-16	THIEPVAL to PERONNE.	10	3,040.
VIMY	9-6-17	SOUCHEZ to R.COJEUL.	7	3,350.
MISSINES	7-6-17	ZILLBEKE to R.DOUBE.	4	3,625.
FLANDERS	28-9-17	MERCHEM to HOLLEBEKE.	9	3,000.

The average frontage was thus 3,180 yards for a divisional sector.

FORMATION OF A 48TH LANDWEHR DIVISION.

A document shows the presence of the Field Recruit Depot of the 48th Landwehr Div. near LABERN (VOSGES) on the 11th Nov. with Field Post Office No. 893. This Field Post Office has already been identified in the area south of METZ in September and October.

The 255th Division (METZ garrison) was formerly composed of five Landwehr Regiments. Two of these may have been withdrawn to form the 48th Landwehr Division.

II ANZAC I.

14th December 1917.