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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. No. 12. 1-5-1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery dispersed working party in LES CLOCHERS trench at N.17.a.2.3. also at 4 p.m. shelled communication trench at N.21.d.9.2 and stopped traffic. FME MOUQUET (snipers positions at N.11.a.1.1. and in vicinity) also shelled effectively.

Two officers and patrols went out from N.6.b.2.5. with object of preventing enemy patrols approaching our lines and discovering the relief taking place. No enemy were encountered.

Trucks on enemy tramway near CORNER FORT heard.

Patrol going out from N.8.d.1.8 towards SUGAR LOAF salient reports ground much drier. Patrol reports our own wire in good condition. Reached within 10 yards of enemy wire. Sound of pumping engine, apparently underground, heard in salient. Enemy's wire around salient particularly strong.

An officers patrol went out to examine crater N.9.d.8.3. It was found unoccupied and full of water. Enemy flares were frequent and as heavy brought to bear on crater patrol obliged to return.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Field grey uniform, peakless cap with red band, and "white" cockade reported. Men seen in blue uniform amongst ruins of MAISONIL CHURCH at O.13.a.7.4.

A man wearing dark blue peakless cap and field grey uniform reported in front line.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Work going on in SUGAR LOAF salient (N.8.d.4.1.) heavy timber seen and fresh earth thrown up

Water of dark colour being pumped through hole in enemy parapet at N.10.c.4.3.

Enemy continues to work on his front lines and on improvements of his wire.

SNIPER'S POSTS.

Loophole located at N.9.d.3.1.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

AUBERS brewery chimney smoking as usual.

Smoke seen from FLUX FERME factory chimney at T.17.d.7.7.
(Arty. information)

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy's attitude generally passive. At 11 p.m. last night enemy opened rifle and machine gun fire for 3 minutes from N.10.b./c, possibly to draw our fire. Not replied to.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 1 foot 4 inches
at Cellar Farm 1 " 4 1/2 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Enemy working party frequently seen at N.17.d.4.4. Work in hand may be gun pit. This point is being kept under observation (Arty. information)

The timber and evidence of work near trench at N.21.d.9.2.0 has been removed. A good deal of traffic seen here yesterday at 4 p.m. Work has been going on at LES CLOCHERS communication trench at N.17.a.2.3. (Arty. information)

15 men seen moving in small parties towards firing line along tramline at N.12.d.5.9.

Large fire observed at N.10.d early this morning, cause unknown.

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ENEMY'S SHELLING.

BARLETTE FME. was shelled with 5.9" shells from midday till 3 p.m. 17 out of the 50 rounds fired did not detonate. enemy shelling of working parties and roads fairly active throughout the day.

ENEMY BATTERIES.

Batteries (4.2") located by sound ranging at N.27.b.7.8. and W.29.a.6.3. Flashes seen at N.17.d.8.6., N.28.a.5.3. (probably 5.9") and O.13.a.5.5. (probably 5.9")

MISCELLANEOUS.

One of our men received direct hit on steel helmet from rifle bullet. Helmet dented by not pierced and man suffered no injury.

The "Phosphorous" shells reported on 29th. are now reported as scattering some glowing substance like phosphorous for several yards around the craters. The substance continued to glow for 15 minutes. No fragments of shell were found.

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Part 2. From other sources.

Note. Part 2 of this summary consists mainly of information on points of interest to us from the divisions on our flanks.

OPERATIONS.

The division on our right threw out a chain of standing patrols in front of their line about half way across "No Man's Land" immediately after "Stand To" last night. No enemy patrols encountered.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

The division on our left reports a German seen wearing khaki cap with shiny black peak. Also man seen near MAISON CHURCH in dark blue uniform. Black caps with shiny black peaks also reported.

SNIPER'S POSTION.

Located by the division on our left in tree at N.5.d.8.1

OBSERVATION POSTS

Located by division on our left at N.11.a.6.0., and N.11.a.6.6.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

Located by division on our left at N.6.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$, N.5.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. and N.11.d.5.7.

Wireless news from various sources attached.

This news sheet is not secret and can be copied or posted up in trenches for general information.

R. Casey

Captain. G.S.

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1st. Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

2nd May 1916

1st. Australian Division Intelligence Summary No. 13.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery shelled working party effectively at N.17.a.2.3.

Two stretcher parties afterwards seen to approach this spot.

One of our mobile guns obtained direct hits on the steel structure in DELAPORTE FARM that has been under observation for some time. It has been suggested that this structure is capable of being raised and lowered and that a machine gun fires from it at night.

Our snipers claim 3 victims.

Patrols went out from our left section to gather details of the topography of NO MANS LAND. The shell crater at N.5.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.3. is reported unoccupied. A trip wire found running from N.5.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. to tree at N.5.d.0.1. was destroyed.

Two of our heavy batteries shelled enemy battery at N.30.b.7.7. with aerial observation. Shooting was very accurate, nearly all the rounds fired being direct hits.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Two men seen near MARTINS CORNER (0.7.a.9.7.) in dark uniforms with blue shrapnel helmets similar to those used by the French. Two men seen on road at 0.1.a.4.0. carrying stretcher on which was a man with his head bandaged. Men wore grey uniform and shrapnel helmets. They entered STRAWBERRY HOUSE (0.1.b.6.3.)

At N.11.a.9.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ seven men seen looking towards our trenches with field glasses. Four of them (apparently officers) were wearing well fitting dark grey-blue uniforms with caps of same color. The caps were in shape something like a French "Kepi" and with black bands. One in particular had a white metal badge in front of the cap and a double white stripe round the band. the other three men wore dark grey-blue uniforms and were evidently privates.

Small party of enemy reported dark blue uniform, and peaked caps with red bands.

ENEMY FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Much smoke seen issuing each day about 6 p.m. from N.9.d.0.2. in enemy's lines.

Man seen working at N.6.d.7.2. in front of enemy parapet Spot being kept under observation.

Enemy generally active at work on his front line and on his minor communications from front to support lines about 100 yards in rear.

ENEMY'S OBSERVATION POSTS.

Located beside chimney of MAISON VERMES (N.22.b.8.4.) in FROMELLES. Artillery are operating today.

Also at N.11.a.4.6. a brick has been removed from the wall and a man was seen observing throughout the day.

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OCCUPIED BUILDINGS

Two houses at N.16.b.7.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ suspected as being used as billets. Men observed moving about frequently and appear to enter houses from trench which runs between them.

Building at N.22.d.5.8. near FROMELLES Station.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet	1 foot 4 inches
at CELLAR FARM	1 " 3 "
Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge	10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Movement can often be seen on road running into FROMELLES from direction of our lines.

A motor lorry seen on road near LES CLOCHERS at N.16.b.7.8. Small party seen on road near MARTINS CORNER walking towards our lines.

At 3.10 p.m. an aeroplane was seen to come down near road at O.13.b.4.8. and men appeared running along road from easterly direction towards it.

Working parties including women seen on O.12, probably civilians.

LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS.

Men, transport and horses, seen at a house at O.31.c.9.1. Mounted parties seen going to and from it at short intervals. There appear to be telephone wires running to it, and a flag is visible. It may be a headquarters. (Artillery information)

LIGHT SIGNALS.

A light was seen flashing on north west corner of gable on house at N.22.b.9.9. at 6.20 p.m.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

A hostile 5.9" from direction of PETIT BEIZ fired about 50 rounds on BAG ST. MAUR Station. starting about 7.30 a.m. No damage was done.

A large number of 5.9" shells were thrown at the Divisions on right and left of us during the day and a larger proportion of H.E. than usual thrown into our area.

BATON HALL and N.2.d.5.9. were shelled and some 4.2" thrown into FLEURBAIX.

ENEMY'S BATTERIES.

Flashes were seen from O.4.c.8.0. (probably 4.2") and O.11.c.4.8. (probably 5.9"). Our heavy batteries engaged the enemy's heavy guns at O.17.d.1.8., O.10.b.9.9., and O.4.c.8.6.

Flashes were several times seen from N.22.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.0

What may be anti-aircraft guns were apparently located at N.23.b.0.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.22.d.3.6. behind demolished buildings.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The enemy are using a Russian gun and ammunition from the vicinity of FROMELLES.

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PART II From other Sources.ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The Division on our right report that enemy's wire opposite them consists of "Knife Rests" aprons, wire on corkscrews and "Concertina" wire, all festooned and strong. Another Division (East of ARMENTIERES) report wire of a new pattern- like a double edged band saw- in front of enemy's parapet.

It is reported that enemy snipers move during the day from one post to another. Also that a portable loophole is used by the enemy. It is of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch steel. A sniper fires a few rounds with it from the top of his parapet and then moves off to another position. (see "Recent improvements added to the Equipment of German Infantry." p.6.)

WIRELESS NEWS " from various quarters attached.

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CONFIDENTIAL.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 14. 3rd. May 1916

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Part 1. Information from our own front.OPERATIONS.

Patrol went out to learn the country from N.10.b.7 1 1/2.3. and reports ground rapidly drying up. An officers patrol went out from N.10.b.6 1/2.8 1/2. and returned at N.5.c.9.4. This patrol located enemy M.Gs at N.11.a.9 1/2.9 1/2. and N.5.d.3.1. Those guns have been firing at night only. Our trench mortars operated on enemy trench at N.6.c.5 1/2.4 1/2. where much smoke of cooking had been seen. Shooting was accurate and smoke ceased. Our Field gun and Howitzers cooperated with our heavy artillery yesterday afternoon and shelled various suspected enemy gun positions with aeroplane observation. Good results were reported on all the targets engaged.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

A group of loopholes observed close to N.8.d.7.3.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

Located at N.8.d.7.3. (reported previously)

TRENCH MORTAR EMPLACEMENTS.

Located by sound at N.12.a.1.5. (artillery information)

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 4 inches
at CELLAR FARM 1 " 8 "
Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

From 8-10 a.m. great activity on road at O.1.c.5.4.
30 to 40 men apparently engaged in loading stores
The enemy is apparently working on his defences at RME
DU HOYON (N.22.d.1.8.)

At 9-30 a.m. party of 20 men moved along trench towards
STRAWBERRY HOUSE (O.1.b.3.6.) all wore dark uniforms with round
dark colored caps.

At 10-45 a.m. 3 men came out of trench and examined a
pole recently put up at N.10.d.3.5 1/2.

At 5-15 p.m. party of 20 men working in trench near
FROMELLES station (at N.22.d.5.6.)

LIGHT SIGNALS.

At 8.30 p.m. enemy sent up two green flares from their
lines in about N.13

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WIND TESTS.

Small red flag again seen on enemy's parapet at N.10.c.3.3.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Over 400 shells fired into our area and close vicinity during yesterday, the majority being 4.2" and 5.9", the damage done was very slight.

ENEMY'S BATTERIES.

A 5.9" from N.28.a.5.3. was active yesterday morning

Suspected position of 5.9" at O.10.b.6.5.

Our heavy guns engaged and silenced enemy guns at O.11.c.9.6. (new position)

Batteries at O.25.d.2.3. (4.2") and I.35.c.5.0. engaged.

ENEMY'S RUSES.

A dummy is fixed on enemy's parapet at N.6.c.5.4. the arms are presumably moved mechanically.

Part 2. From other sources.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is probable that the enemy has put some new batteries into action as he appears to be registering in many places.

The division on our right report that all the enemy's new wire is of barbed concertina pattern.

They also report German shrapnel helmets of French type although those previously seen by them resemble our own.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

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CONFIDENTIAL1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.15.4th. May 1916

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery set DATUM HOUSE on fire (O.1.b.0.4). Dense clouds of yellow smoke seen rising and it is thought that building was a magazine.

160 rounds were fired by our artillery in 4 series in conjunction with our heavy artillery. Shooting was done by the map and was unobserved.

Our of our mobile guns obtained good effect with 20 rounds on an enemy work at N.21.c.1.5, and an occupied house at N.20.d.9.8.

An officers patrol went out from N.5.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to examine a short length of trench situated midway between our lines and the enemy's at about N.5.c.5.0 (This small work is shown clearly on air photograph K 275 of 25th. April) it was found to be unoccupied but shown signs of recent use. Enemy listening posts were visited at N.5.c.9.1, and N.5.d.3.2, and found empty.

Our machine guns played on enemy working party at about N.6.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.7.

Party working in enemy fare trench at N.6.c.6.3, were dispersed with 3 well burst rounds.

Our artillery dispersed a working party at N.10.d(central)

IDENTIFICATIONS.

4 men seen walking to the trenches from FROMELLES dressed in "Khaki" greatcoats, long khaki trousers and soft caps of same color.

Men are again reported in dark blue uniforms. These probably belong to Labour Battalions.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

A cooking place located in enemy's trench at N.6.c.4.4. A small white flag is fixed in enemy parapet about this point.

Very heavy timber (up to 12" posts) visible and much work going on in enemy front line trench at the ANGLE (N.6.b.9.5.) and over 100 yards of front in the vicinity of the TADPOLE (N.10.b.9.4 $\frac{1}{2}$) The enemy is constantly working on his wire.

SCREENS.

A breastwork of wood planking, earth filled, runs along the north side of road from LES GIOCHERS to ROUGE BANC (N.16.b. to N.15.b). This effectively screens the road.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke seen from O.7.a. 6.9. Men seen entering house at N.20.d.9.8.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

The enemy has been observed working regularly for some days on his FME DU HOYON - FROMELLES station defences.

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Small works which may be machine gun emplacements are under construction at the western corner of the HOYON work and at N.15.d.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
A party has been working on what may be a trench at N.17.a.5.0.
There is a strongly built work at N.21.c.1.5.
Newly thrown up earth is in evidence at N.16.c.4.7.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy has been quiet for the past 24 hours with the exception of the late afternoon and during the early part of the night when his sniping was vigorous.

Our CELLAR FARM Avenue is still kept under close enemy observation.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot
at CELLAR FARM 1 " 1 inch.
Depth of River LY3 at SSILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

TRENCH TRAMWAYS.

At 6.15 p.m. a train made up of about 5 trucks and an engine of some sort was observed travelling in an easterly direction along trench tramlines at about N.11.a.9.8.

LICHT SIGNALS.

A helio was observed flashing from roof of house at N.18.b. (Central). It was answered by another from corner of house at O.7.e.6.5. The signals could not be read.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

About 180 rounds 5.9" , 270 rounds 4.2", and 100 rounds 77 mm were fired into our area yesterday.

The main areas shelled were BOUTILLERIE, V.C. AVENUE, and WEATHERCOCK FARM.

Some lachrymatory shells fell near FIEURBAIX this morning amongst which were some 'blinds.' They are being investigated.

ENEMY'S BATTERIES.

Gun previously reported at N.22.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.0. firing again yesterday.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A man wearing a steel helmet had it struck by shrapnel. The burst was high and helmet was not even dented although without the helmet a wound would undoubtedly have been inflicted.

Wireless News from various quarters is attached.

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1st Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 16. 5th. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

One of our mobile guns obtained direct hits on MAISON VERMES (N.22.b.8.2) A suspected enemy observation post.

Our field guns registered on various targets with aeroplane observation.

An officers patrol went out from N.5.c.9.5. and worked south east towards enemy salient in N.5.d. Enemy wire round this salient found to extend about 30 yards from the parapet and is stringly staked and in good order. The ground is reported much drier.

Enemy trench tramway was heard in the salient in N.5.d.

An officers patrol went out from salient in our line at N.6.b.1.0 and worked south east to about N.6.d.2.8. and then north east across front of CORNER FORT (N.6.d.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$) No signs of enemy were met with.

Our snipers were very active and claim to have hit four Germans. We appear to have subdued the enemy's snipers who operated on TIN BARN AVENUE and ABBOTS LANE. Our snipers dispersed a working parties at N.6.c.5.2. , O.1.b.4.6. , N.10.d.0.5. and N.10.c.9.6.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Germans were observed wearing what looked like white gas masks in satchel slung on left side.

At 5.25 p.m. at O.7.b.7.0. (MARTINS CORNER) 4 men plainly seen wearing loose grey-green jackets

Shrapnel, helmets again reported.

A red peakless cap with white band is reported.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Evidence of work on enemy's parapet including new sand bags earth, timber and wire is reported from all along our front. This work is general and has been reported daily for the last week.

ENEMY'S SAP.

Enemy appear to be sapping towards us from CORNER FORT (N.6.d.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.) Loose earth can be seen outside parapet at this point and work has been heard going on at night.

A sally port is suspected at N.11.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.7. and is being kept under observation.

ENEMY'S LISTENING POSTS.

What may be an advanced enemy listening post is reported at N.9.d.6.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. It is sod covered and may be connected to enemy trench by covered sap.

ENEMY SNIPER'S POSTS.

Enemy sniper located at N.11.a.5.7. and silenced

Suspected position an N.6.b.5.1. just north of CORNER FORT

Sniper suspected in tree at N.10.c.4.5.

Sniper using telescopic rifle seen at north bottom corner ELAPORTE FARM (N.15.a.7.5 $\frac{1}{2}$)

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ENEMY OBSERVATION POSTS.

Flash of glass again seen from MAISON VERMES (N.22.b.8.4.) yesterday at 2.10.p.m.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Work is proceeding both on enemys front line and on his HOYON-FROMELLES line. Timber and corrugated iron are freely seen.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of river LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 2 inches
at CELLAR FARM 1 "
Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Much movement seen yesterday in the vicinity of FROMELLES station and DU HOYON. the enemy showing himself quite freely.

Some movement seen in the vicinity of RADINGHEM

At 3 p.m. an engine and three trucks is reported as moving north east parallel and close to the FOURNES-BEAUCHAMPS road, although as shown on map at this point.

~~no railway~~ Wagon transport is also reported moving north east along this road from FOURNES -EN-WEPPES.

The FOURNES area is being kept under close observation.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

A steady bright light seen in a house in the direction of MAISNEL during period when enemy shelled our trenches in I 31 yesterday

WIND TESTS.

Enemy has several wind vanes and small flags on his parapet near CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Enemys artillery fire was normal during yesterday. About 250 shells being thrown into our area.

ENEMY RUSE.

At dusk on 2nd inst. enemy traversed our parapet on left flank with machine gun. An observer kept periscope up during the firing and saw a German come over his parapet and crawl quickly into a fold in the ground behind some bushes, presumably a sniping position. The place was fired on with machine gun and rifle fire and no more movement was seen.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 1.20 p.m. yesterday smoke was seen coming from two holes in ground in NO MAN'S LAND at about N.8.d.6.4. Smoke came

from each hole alternately and was apparently controlled. Point is being watched.

Whenever Trench Mortar or Rifle Grenades are thrown into enemy trench, blasts on a siren or whistle are heard.

This may be signal for enemy to take cover.

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1st Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 17. 6th. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

At 7-45 p.m. last night enemy opened heavy bombardment on our front trenches on our extreme left flank with field guns and both field and heavy howitzers. Our artillery replied and fired about 450 rounds on their night lines. At 8.15 p.m. a gas alarm was passed to us from the left but was unconfirmed. The shelling and machine gun fire included the roads and communications in rear, but owing to the promptness in getting the reserves up and into their posts, this fire was ineffective.

Enemys shelling was directed mostly into the salient in our line at N.6. (central)

The damage done to our trenches was not great. At 9.25 p.m. the situation was again normal, no infantry attack having been launched on our front. It was noticed that the enemy at once imitated our light signals and sent up a succession of green rockets.

Our artillery during the day were engaged in registrations and retaliation.

During the shelling three listening ^{posts} were put out 80 yards in front of our parapet to give warning of an impending infantry attack. Patrols went out after midnight from our left to try and detect movement but no movement was seen. Patrols went out from N.9.d. to inspect suspected enemy listening posts at N.9.d.6.3. but ground was too wet in this area to approach close enough.

A patrol that went out on night 4/5th. inst reports ground practically dry on left flank and growth of grass much increased.

ENEMY FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Work and timbering of enemys front line continues.

ENEMY SALLY PORT.

Suspected at N.11.a.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.10.b.5.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ also located at N.11.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. firing from paradors

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

A great deal of movement of small parties was observed in the enemy rear yesterday. Apart from his bombardment last night the enemy has been quiet.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet	1 foot 2 inches
at CELLAR FARM	1 foot
Depth of River LYS at SALLY bridge	10 " 4 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

MARTIN'S CORNER (O.7.a.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.7.) was scene of certain activities yesterday, a number of parties being seen there throughout the day. The usual movements in the vicinity of FROMELLES.

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LIGHT SIGNALS.

Our left Briagde reports four white rockets followed by 2 green and then one white went up from enemy's lines just prior to his bombardment last night.

Helios are again reported from houses at N.17.b.3.3. and N.18.b.5.2½.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Very active. Some 500-600 shells fell in our area during the day besides the number that were fired in the bombardment of our trenches last night.

Several 77 mm shells fired on our left gave off a peculiar yellow green smoke on bursting.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A small red balloon floated to earth near the brewery in the lines on the Division on our left.

A distinct shock as of a mine explosion was felt at 4 p.m. apparently from the right.

A number of pigeons reported flying over our lines and the enemy's during the day.

Part 2. From other sources.MISCELLANEOUS.

The Division on our right report that where they thought enemy's wire was weak and low was found by the patrol to be on account of long grass masking his wire.

A suspected listening post about M.24.g.5.6 was investigated and a round cap of blue grey color with red band about 1" wide covered with detachable grey band and with red piping on top, was found. The cap bore the Imperial and Bavarian cockades and is marked in the crown "R.I.R. 17" which indicates the 17th. Bavarian Reserve Regiment.

The Division on our left report that patrol found length of fine enamelled signalling wire attached to a stake and running towards enemy lines. On the patrol attempting to remove wire rockets and flares went up at once from enemy trench opposite.

Wireless news from various quarters and R.F.C. communique attached.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. No. 18. 7th. May 1916

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Part 1. Information from our own front.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery shelled farmhouse at N.16.d.7.2. with aeroplane observation and obtained 6 direct hits. Enemy gun was suspected as firing from inside this house. Working party dispersed at EME. HOYON. FROMELLES STATION and EME DELAPORTE were shelled. Patrols went out from in right section to cover wiring parties and to select listening posts. was covered

Our front from N.10.b.7.9. to N.5.c.9.5. by an officers patrol and suspected listening posts examined and found unoccupied. No enemy movement was encountered by any of our patrols.

The enemy is showing himself less and his snipers are being kept well under by our snipers.

Our snipers claim several of the enemy.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

A party of 5 of the enemy in grey with peakless caps and white brassards with red crosses seen in communication trench at N.21.d.9.2.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy's parapet is being improved and thickened along our front and new loophole plates are being put in.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Observed at about N.6.c.7.5.
Suspected at N.10.b.7.4.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Seven men were seen to enter house at N.16.a.9.6.
Man seen to enter red house with tiled roof at O.14.a.1.5. carrying white object like tablecloth.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 1 inch.
at CELLAR FARM 11 "
Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

ENEMY'S REAR LINE OF DEFENCE

Party working on overhead cover at N.23.b.6.2. using timber and grass covered sods
Large dump of fresh earth in field about N.15.d.8.0.
About N.15.a.6.1. work of some kind going on.
Work on trenches around FROMELLES station continues.

~~Between 9.30 and 11 a.m. yesterday a good deal of movement~~
was seen in the ESCOREQUES area. Between times six wagons,
12 horses, men on foot and on bicycle passed the road corner at
O.11.b.3.7. going either in direction of ENNETIERES or HME DE LA MOTTE
Transport/horses move at 30 yards interval along these roads.

A good deal of movement on foot is seen daily along
these FOURNIES - BEAUCHAMPS road.

Between 3 and 4 p.m. two locomotives passed through
the railway station at FOURNIES - EN-WEPPES.

Considerable activity visible near RADINGHAM, the road
being freely used by personnel and transport.

Twenty of the enemy seen near N.12.b.6.5. early yesterday
morning. They moved on hands and knees and took some trouble in
attempt to remain unseen.

Small parties of enemy continually seen riding and marching
past ENGLOS Church.

Movement of small parties has been seen along the hedges
in single file between BATTERY HOUSE, GIRLS CONVENT, and the
POTTERIES.

A man was seen to climb up behind the structure in NORTH
corner of DELAPORTE HME at 9 a.m. yesterday.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

Helio observed from Church Tower in LE MAISNIL.

ENEMY SHELLING

Less vigorous during yesterday. A few shells were thrown
at our front trenches in N.8. and N.9. and on V.C.AVENUE

ENEMY BATTERIES.

77 mm battery observed firing from about O.1.c. (Central)

ENEMY SHELLS.

Portions of an exploded shell, the dimensions of which
would be about 5.9" in diameter and 2 ft. long have been found.

A minen werfer projectile about 10" diam. and 15" long
with small unmarked fuse and wood base fell into the salient (N.6.centr)

An H.Z. fuse has been picked up in our lines (central)
with the H.Z. obliterated and {42.P.M.15} marked below.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A piece of GAUMONT Cinematograph film about 3" long
and partially burnt fell in our lines apparently from a German flare.

Whilst one of our patrols was getting through our wire
at N.9.d. (central) a bell was heard to ring in the enemy trench and
shortly afterwards a machine gun opened on our wire at this point.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

W. Carey

Captain G.S.

for Lieut-Colonel General Staff
1st. Australian Division.

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LST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 18. 8th. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our Machine Guns have been employing indirect fire nightly on enemy trench tramway and main communication trenches and on areas in which tracks are distinctly seen on air photographs.

Our snipers claim 2 victims and a number of periscopes. An officers patrol went out from N.10.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. and inspected our own wire to N.5.c.9.5. Another patrol went out from latter point to attempt to intercept enemy patrols but reported no movement.

Our artillery was active yesterday in shelling enemy communications, gun positions and working parties and in registering on MARTINS CORNER cross roads at RADINGHEM etc. The Engineer dump at N.15.d.1.4. was shelled effectively by one of our field howitzer batteries with aeroplane observation.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Two men reported in enemy fire trench seen looking over parapet, wearing khaki colored caps similar to French "Kepi". One cap had white band with light colored badge in front.

Another man reported in light colored blueish uniform with cap badge like a hunting horn of light color.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy is installing heavy timber (8" square) generally along his front line, the tops protruding in some cases a foot above the parapet. In sections of enemy trench at N.5.d.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.10.b.5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. in particular this work is being carried on energetically, the parapet being raised and strengthened.

The sap reported on 5th.inst.from CORNER FORT is probably only a sally port or listening post under enemy wire as it is not developing and is hardly discernable in recent air photograph.

Sounds of gas engines are reported from in rear of MEE DELANGRE and from O.1.a.2.7.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke from chimneys of Red brick house at N.12.b.4.1
Chimney stack at N.24.a.4.6. smoking.

ENEMY'S PATROL.

Our Machine Guns operated on an enemy patrol of 9 men seen by light of flare just before midnight. Machine gunfire was also directed on to wiring party at THE LOZENGE. Three blasts on whistle were heard on machine gun opening.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy shelled our front and support trenches from N.10.b.4.6. to N.10.b.7.9. at 8 a.m. yesterday and breached front parapet and wire over about 30 yards. The damage was repaired last night.

Enemy snipers have been quiet. The usual machine gun fire along our parapets at "Stand to"

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 1 foot 1 inch
at CEMETARY FARM 11 "
Depth of River LYS at SALBY bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

A locomotive and several trucks passed along tramline from FOURNES-EN-WILBERS through BAS-FLANDERS towards LE MANSNIL at 6-20 p.m. yesterday. No tramway is shown on map in this direction.

Transport observed going from FOURNES to BEAUCHAMPS at 6-45 p.m.

There appears to be a timber dump in LE MANSNIL at O.13.d.1.4. This may be a "railhead" of the tramway reported above. The road from ENGLOS-EN-LEZ-TOURNAI is in use from about 6 p.m. onwards both by infantry and transport.

Men reported as pushing a truck along tramline at about O.1.e.5.4. No tramline is shown on map at this point.

Work is proceeding (probably a dug-out) rear main communication trench at about N.15.a.7.5.

Small party working at MARLAQUE FARM.

The communication trenches in vicinity of FROMELLES are being timbered and the FROMELLES-HOYON defences worked on generally.

New timber is reported as being dumped in various places along the line FROMELLES-R. DINGHILL.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

With the exception of the shelling on our trenches in N.10.b. enemy artillery was comparatively quiet yesterday.

Part 2. From other sources.

OPERATIONS

The division on our right raided the German trenches successfully during last night at N.14.a.7.4. On reaching enemy wire two blasts on hooter heard and enemy appeared to be "standing to" when parapet was reached. Party report having inflicted severe casualties on enemy crowded in front trench.

List of points requiring careful observation (No.3) is issued today to Infantry Brigades and Divn. Artillery.

R. Lacey.

Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Points requiring careful observation No. 3.

8th. May 1916

(This summary includes all suspected points to date)

BATTALION SECTION.

(Opposite Right Battalion "R". Opposite Left Battalion "L")

Machine Gun Emplacements.

N.8.d.5.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R)
 N.8.d.7.3. (R)
 N.9.c.5.1. (R)
 N.15.a.8.6.
 N.9.d.6.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. (L)
 N.10.c.3.8. (L)
 N.10.c.9.0. (L)
 N.10.b.5.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. (L)
 N.10.b.7.4. (L)

Trench Mortar Emplacements.

N.11.a.1.5 (L)
 N.9.d.3.1. (R)

Bally Ports and Listening Posts.

N.8.d.8.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R)
 N.9.c.2.1.
 N.9.c.7.3. (R)
 N.9.d.7.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R & L)
 N.10.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.5. (L) (Between the two craters
 wire weak here, possibly ally)
 N.10.b.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.4. (L) (Opposite end of YORK Ave)

Occupied Buildings.

N.15.a.9.6. O.7.a.6.0.
 N.200.9.8. O.14.a.1.5.
 N.15.b.7.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. O.31.a.9.1. (probably a H2Qrs)
 N.22.d.6.8. N.15.b.8.8.
 N.16.a.8.7.

Snipers Positions.

The following have been reported and are loopholes which may be used from time to time.

FME. DELANGRE

FME. DELAPORTE (N.15.a.7.5 $\frac{1}{2}$)

N.10.b.6.4. (L) in willow tree.

N.8.d.2.5. (R)

N.9.d.7.1. (R & L)

N.9.d.8.2. (R & L)

N.10.c.4.2. (intree) (R & L)

N.8.d.7.3. (R)

N.9.d.3.1. (R & L)

N.11.a.1.1. (L)

N.10.c.9.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R & L)Enemy's Observation Posts.

N.22.b.8.4. (MAISON VERMES, white house in FROMELLES)

N.11.a.4.6. (Brick removed from wall)

N.11.a.6.0.)

N.11.a.6.6.) (Opposite end of DEAD DOG AVENUE)

N.17.b.4.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. (House near MARLAQUE)

N.15.a.2.5. (Tree near DELAPORTE)

Movement in rear.

Movement has been seen almost universally in rear of enemy's lines, both on roads and along hedges. Report all movement and we can then note roads and tracks most used and deal with them.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Points requiring careful observation No.3. 8th. May 1916

(This summary includes all suspected points to date.)

FLEURBAIX SECTION.

(Opposite Right Battalion "R". Opposite Left Battalion "L")

Machine Gun Emplacements.

N.10.b.7.4. (R)
 N.10.b.5.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R)
 N.11.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R)
 N.11.d.5.7. (R)
 N.5.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 (R)
 N.6.c.7.5. (R & L)
 N.6.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. (L)

Sally Ports and Listening Posts.

N.11.a.5.7. (R) (Opposite end DEAD DOG AVE.
 leads out towards short length
 trench in middle NO MANS LAND)
 N.11.a.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R)
 N.5.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R)
 N.6.c.3.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. (R)
 N.6.d.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. (L) (Corner Fort)
 O.1.a.5.8. (L)
 O.1.a.7.9. (L)

Occupied Buildings.

N.16.a.9.6. O.14.a.1.5.
 N.20.d.9.8. O.7.a.6.0.
 N.16.b.7.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. O.31.c.9.1. (probably a Hd. (rs.)
 N.22.d.6.8.
 N.16.a.8.9.

Snipers Positions.

The following have been reported and are loopholes which
 may be used from time to time.

N.11.a.5.7. (R)
 N.6.b.5.1. (L)
 N.5.d.8.1. (R) (Tree)
 N.11.a.1.1. (R)

Enemy's Observation Posts.

N.11.a.4.6. (Brick removed from wall)
 N.11.a.6.0.
 N.11.a.6.6.

Movement in rear.

Movement has been seen almost universally in rear of
 enemy's lines, both along roads and along hedges. Report all
 movements and we can then note roads and tracks most used
 and deal with them.

Watch RADINGHAM and LE MALISNIL particularly.

R. G. Carr.

Captain . G.S.
 for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
 1st. Australian Division.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 20. 9th. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

A patrol went out from N.9.c.1.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. to try and obtain an identification or find any trace of enemy fired on in this area on previous night. Tracks of enemy were seen but nothing else. This patrol reports grass about 9" long on NO MAN'S LAND and ditches contain generally under a foot of water.

Patrols went out from N.10.b. and N.6.c. and five listening posts were established in front our wire on these fronts.

During last night our Machine Guns Companies applied indirect fire to tramway and road leading from LE MAISNIL to the enemy trenches, as well as on communications. Lewis Guns searched trees suspected as being used by enemy snipers at night.

Our artillery were active in registering on roads, communication trenches and occupied houses.

RADINGHAM, FROMELLES Station, DU HOYON and various farm houses on our front were shelled.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Numerous reports of "dark green" and "dark colored" uniforms in last two days and apparent absence of men wearing steel helmets appears to indicate some change in the enemy troops opposite us. Dark green tunics were seen yesterday at numerous points in rear of enemy's line.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINE.

New work, sandbags, timber, and wire reported practically all along our front. Work was particularly active during yesterday and last night at N.8.d.6.3., N.10.b.5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$, N.11.a.4.6., N.5.d.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$, and N.6.c.7.5. Some heavy timber work is in progress at latter point and large dugout frames are visible about 30 yards in rear of his parapet.

Several loophole plates and a possible machine gun emplacement are in vicinity of N.6.c.7.5.

A cookhouse is suspected at N.10.d.1.7.

A small door apparently wooden is visible in enemy parapet at N.8.d.8.3.

At N.5.d.3.1. enemy is working outside his parapet and throwing earth back on to his parapet.

A man was seen yesterday apparently in the sally port or listening post outside CORNER FORT.

SNIPER'S LOOPHOLES.

Observed at N.10.c.3.3 $\frac{1}{2}$, N.10.c.4.4., and N.10.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4.

ENEMY OBSERVATION POSTS.

The flash of a glass seen top of ruins of FROMELLES Church.

M.G. EMPLACEMENT

Two guns reported from vicinity of N.10.b.7.4.

DUG-OUTS.

Dugout frames are reported 30 yards in rear of enemy parapet at N.6.c.7.5.

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A man seen entering what may be a dug-out at N.22.c.6.1
Man seen entering rectangular opening in bank at N.27.b.2.8
and could be seen to go down steps as if into a dug-out. The
opening is partially screened by a false hedge. Point is
being watched.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

Some work is in progress at N.21.b.5.4.
At dawn this morning large parties were visible
working on the AUBERS-FROELLES defences.
Men seen working on trenches near PECK(S FOLLY
(0.7.b.3.9.) early this morning.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemys sniping and shelling have been less vigorous
in last 24 hours.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
at CELLAR FARM $9\frac{1}{2}$ "
Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 feet

MOVEMENT OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY(S LINES.

The FOURNES-BEAUCHAMPS road is used freely by men
on foot in twos and threes during the day.
Twelve men came from BERNIERRE Farm (N. 19.c.7.0)
and proceeded to the timber dump at about 0.13.d.1.4. in rear
of LE MAISNIL and returned each carrying a length of timber.
Transport again reported as using the road from 0.11
b.2.5. - 0.11.d.5.5.
Puffs of smoke as from a train seen behind FROELLES
Station at about N.22.d.9.1.
Personnel and transport seen near ENGLOS Church
Small parties seen throughout the day around MARTINS
CORNER.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

Helio working again at N.10.d.2.4.
Red and green rockets are reported as having
been sent up from the vicinity of BAG ST. MAUR last night and
answered from behind enemy lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A steel bullet has been found in our lines in N.10.
A man was hit on head by a shell splinter whilst
wearing a steel helmet yesterday and suffered a flesh wound only.

Part 2. From other sources.

OPERATIONS.

Further details of the raid on German trenches made
by the division on our right at N.14.a.7.3. on night 7/8th. are
as follows:-

The preliminary patrol discovered a German wiring
party near the proposed point of entry. On the raiding party
taking up their position, the hostile wiring was found to have been
withdrawn probably for relief. The hostile wire was cut by
hand with the exception of two abnormally thick strands which were
flattened by pushing over the supporting stakes. The raiding
party (50 strong) then entered the hostile trenches which they
found crowded with men, mostly unarmed, probably the old wiring
party and its relief.

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The German sentry was bludgeoned and our raiding party^{worked} from 30 to 40 yards down the enemy trench to each flank, bombing as they proceeded. The Officer in charge of the raid is of the opinion that about 22 of the enemy were killed and at least an equal number wounded. Our party remained in the hostile trenches for about 13 minutes and then withdrew, suffering some slight casualties during the withdrawal. The German trenches are reported to be deeper than ours and dry. The Germans opened fire from their support trench on their fronttrench. The expressions "KAMERAD" and "ACH MEIN GOTT" were frequently heard. No dug-outs were discovered in the portion of the enemy trench which our party visited. No prisoners or equipment were taken.

The Division on our right think that an enemy relief took place about dusk on the evening of the 7th. opposite their right section. A relief was also suspected by this same division on 30th. April, indicating that reliefs take place every seven days instead of six as was gathered from a prisoner of 17th. Bavarian Reserve Regiment some time ago. Thus we might look for their next relief on evening of 14th. inst.

The Division on our left report that enemy are blinding their loop hole plates with grass sods.

Wireless news from various quarters and R.F.C. Communique are attached.

R. H. Casey.

Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.21. 10th.May 1916

Part 1. Information from our own front.

Our snipers claim to have shot a man who was seen head and shoulders over enemy parapet.

Water was seen being pumped from forward enemy trench at N.11.a.3.9.

Chimney at N.11.E.6.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. seen smoking throughout the day and men seen in vicinity.

Enemy has been particularly quiet in the last 24 hours. and his sniping has fallen away to practically nothing.

Depth of River Laies at our parapet	1 foot	$1\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR FARM		$9\frac{1}{2}$ "
Depth of River LYS at SAILLY BRIDGE	10 "	3 "

The tramway at N.11.b.7.9. was seen working yesterday morning.

An engine of some description seen moving in rear of RADINGHAM Church. Fired on by our artillery.

2.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Transport wagons seen in FOURNES. They came from the south and drew up at house at 0.31.d.1.1. and returned after short wait. The house opposite this one has been reported before as a suspected Headquarters of some sort.

Movement of small parties seen on road between RADINGHEM to ESCOBECQUES and at about 0.10.c.5.4.

Considerable movement about ENGLOS and in vicinity of MARTINS CORNER

Work that may be a gun emplacement is in progress at N.22.d.3.7. near DU HOYON FME.

ENEMY SHELLING.

Houses in the RUE DE BOIS were shelled with H.F. without effect at midday, but otherwise enemy shelling was confined to field guns and did no damage.

Wireless news from ^{various} quarters is attached.

Ph. Casey
Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

CONFIDENTIAL.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 22. 11-5-1916

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Patrols went out from various points on our front to cover wiring parties and to get in touch with enemy patrols. Two small enemy patrols were seen but they moved off on seeing our men.

Our patrol Lewis Guns concentrated on enemy M.Gs. whenever they were seen to fire during the night.

Our snipers broke a number of periscopes. It is noticed that the enemy is now very careful in the use of his periscopes and has also fixed a number of dummy periscopes to his parapet.

Our artillery were active on enemy movement, occupied houses and suspected enemy observation posts. Our field howitzers engaged an enemy battery with aeroplane observation and had a number of direct hits signalled. Enemy front trenches and roads were registered on.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

A number of men were seen in course of the day passing MARTINS CORNER moving towards the trenches carrying timber. They were dark uniform (reported in one case as dark blue) with small dark flat caps with short shiny peaks and no cockades.

Two men were seen by our left section looking over parapet, one wearing dark blue uniform with light colored buttons and flat cap with red piping and two cockades; the other blue-grey uniform and flat cap.

Party seen near LES CLOCHERS in 'Slate-grey' uniform with dark blue collars and caps. One was wearing dark blue uniform.

Five Germans seen near DU HOYON in 'dark grey' with spiked helmets and overcoats carried on roll on pack, carrying rifles walking towards trenches.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Work is proceeding at all places previously reported. Heavy corrugated iron is seen in several places presumably used for roofing and bases for overhead cover. The corrugations are very deep.

Small party seen at work on trenches at N.6.d.7.7.

The communication trench at N.6.d.8.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ was being worked on throughout the day.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Machine Guns seen to fire from N.10.b.7.4. and N.10.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. by night. A machine gun was seen firing from N.6.c.6.5. last night and was silenced.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke seen from house at N.11.c.0.3. and from ruined buildings at N.11.a.6.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

A new work is in progress at N.26.b.9.4.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy is confining his activity to work at the present. His fire and his flares are slack owing to his own work on his parapet and wire.

Quite brisk rifle and machine gun fire was opened on our aeroplanes during the afternoon showing that trenches are well manned.

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CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAINE at our parapet 1 foot 1 inch
at CELMAR FARM 9½ "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

A locomotive and 4 trucks seen at the Pump at O.13.d.1.4.
in rear of LE MAISNIL at 6-35 p.m.

Working party seen loading timber on 2 to three wagons
behind the hedge at O.13.d.2.2. at 7 p.m.

Transport seen in FOURNES and on road at O.12.c.8.6.
moving east.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

At 10-25 a.m. light seen flashing from N.12.a.4.2.
towards our lines. The letters "SHUIDBXE" were picked up in
Morse. There was no sun at the time and flashes were probably
effected by a limelight.

At 9-10 a.m. flashes like a helio were seen from house at
O.13.a.5.5. The glass was visible for an hour after the flashing
ceased.

ENEMY SHELLING.

We received the average amount of field gun shelling.
No damage and no casualties from shell fire, although well over
300 rounds fired.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

A number of observation balloons were up during the day.

Wireless news from various quarters is attached.

P. H. Casey

Captain. G.S.
for Lieutenant Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 25. 12th. May 1956.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery were active in shelling any movement observed. One of our mobile guns shelled the HUYON defences and enemy front line. One of our howitzer batteries successfully shelled the engineer dump at N.15.b.1.4. Another howitzer battery engaged an enemy battery at O.13.b.5.4. with aeroplane observation and had a large number of direct hits signalled.

One of our patrols investigated the mine crater fired by the enemy yesterday morning and found it unoccupied. No attempt was made by the enemy to patrol in the vicinity of crater.

An officers patrol went out from N.10.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. and constructed a small work about 140 yards from our parapet which would be partially visible to the enemy in the daylight. Flares were fired from here and carefully concealed listening posts placed on flanks of the work from which it will be attempted to intercept any enemy patrols sent out to investigate on subsequent nights.

Listening posts were established along our front to cover our wiring parties. Indirect M.G. fire was applied to tracks visible in air photograph in vicinity of N.15.d.6.9.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Men in dark blue uniforms and cap like French 'Kepi' are reported. Blueish grey uniforms and flat caps with red bands also reported. Men wearing grey 'Kepi' with small white cross on front and no cockade were seen looking over enemy trench in N.9.c. The men were described as middle aged.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy has built a large steel plate with his parapet at N.5.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. He is still at work thickening his parapet and staking down apron wire along his front. New earth has been thrown over the sandbags and his loophole plates have been better concealed in a number of places.

SNIPERS POSITIONS.

Sniper observed firing from hole in a small red brick building near N.16.b.7.8. Man also observed firing from gable of house at N.16.a.5.0.

ENEMY OBSERVATION POSTS.

An observer was seen in tree at O.13 a.8.2. near LE MAISNIL. Observer seen to climb into tree at O.13.a.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. in same vicinity. He was fired on by our artillery and came down and entered house close to the tree.

ENEMY MINE.

The enemy exploded a mine at N.10.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 at 10-50 a.m. yesterday. A burst of M.G. and rifle fire on our trenches followed the explosion. No damage was done, the crater being well outside our wire. The patrol who investigated crater last night report it as 30 feet across and 10 ft. deep and up till midnight last night contained no water.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Men were seen to enter WHITE HOUSE (O.13.a.7.4 $\frac{1}{2}$)
Men also seen entering house at O.13.b.5.2. Our artillery at once engaged both houses and obtained direct hits.

ENEMY'S PATROL

An enemy patrol was seen to approach our lines from N.10.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.5. Our listening post warned the Lewis Patrol M.G. who opened fire. Cries of pain were heard and patrol made off.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy has been quiet in the last 24 hours.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR FARM 9 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Observers report that a 4 horse and a 2 horse wagon go along road N.0.12.3 towards ESCOBELQUES at 6-15 p.m. daily and that a train arrives daily at FOURNES station at 7-12 p.m. and departs for MARQUILLIES at 7-15 arriving there about 7-45 p.m. Train stops at LE FILLY when required.

A bicycle orderly goes from HAVEM along the road into FROMELLES indicating that a return has to be submitted at 9 a.m. (7 a.m. by German time) at some headquarters in the vicinity of FROMELLES. (almost every day at 8-15 a.m.)

A sentry seen in road at ENCLOS at 5 p.m. daily.

Men were seen yesterday pushing truck along tramway to MARTINS CORNER. It is probable that the Germans light railway system is worked by hand in daylight and that light locomotives are in use at night.

There is always a certain amount of movement to and from the trenches between FROMELLES DU HOYON and the front line. Men in dark blue are continually reported on these routes.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Enemy artillery was quiet yesterday

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.

One of our aeroplanes flew low and when fired on by enemy anti-aircraft gun replied by M.G. fire on enemy trenches.

Several observation balloons were up.

Part 2. from other sources.

Miscellaneous.

The Division on our right report locomotive seen at 7-4 p.m. and 7-55 p.m. at N.27.b.3.5. steaming towards LECLERQ FME

A dump is reported at N.23.a.5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. in rear of road S.W. of HOYON

A trolley was seen being pushed by hand on tramline at N.21.b.2.2.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.OPERATIONS.

An officers patrol went out from N.10.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. and occupied the listening posts established last night. Patrol waited for four hours to see if enemy would investigate the dummy post built last night but no enemy seen. Patrol heard sounds of hammering and picking in rear of enemy's lines.

A patrol which went out from our right brought in a German rifle in good condition from in front of SUGAR LOAF Salient. Rifle marked "AMBERG" 1915" surmounted by Imperial crown. It was probably dropped by enemy who were fired on by us in this vicinity on night 8/9th.inst.

Covering posts for our wiring parties were out all along our front. The new crater was patrolled and found untouched.

Our snipers claim two of enemy and a patrol Lewis gun claims three of an enemy working party who were seen to fall. Our snipers claim to have destroyed an enemy periscope rifle and several periscopes. One of our M.G. Companies used indirect fire on MARTINS CORNER and cross roads at O.2.d.

Our artillery shelled working parties and occupied houses and the engineer dump at N.16.e.1.a.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Two of enemy again seen looking over parapet in N.9.d. wearing dark blue tunics and round flat caps with white metal cross on front. This may be the Prussian Landwehr cockade.

Party in dark colored uniform seen working on wire entanglements in vicinity of DU HOYON.

Parties in "dark grey" and "blue grey" reported from FROMELLE and MARTINS CORNER.

Six men reported near DU HOYON in khaki uniforms.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Enemy reported working on his wire all along our front. A lot of work is being done behind enemy's parapet at N.11.a.2.5. Apparently dug-outs are in course of construction.

The parapet near N.11.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 has been raised and two steel plates inserted. Work is in progress at N.10.b.8.4. and N.10.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$

The enemy is using large steel lophole plates about 4 feet by 3 feet. These are set in place in his parapet and covered round by sandbags. Another is reported in place at N.9.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. but not yet blinded.

RAPS.

A sally port is suspected at N.10.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. near the TADPOLE. Large steel plate in parapet near this point blinded with hessian.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.10.c.1.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.10.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.3.

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ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

The enemy is laying a considerable amount of barbed wire between his front line and his AUBERS-RADINGHEM line.

The following trenches are being worked on:-
N.22.c.8.8., N.16.c.8., O.7.a.4.4., & O.7.d.3.3. N.30.b.8.3.
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ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy's snipers are quiet but his M.Gs active during the night. Enemy artillery was quiet yesterday.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

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Depth of River at our parapet. 1 foot 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

At CELLAR PALM

Depth of River Lys at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

TRENCH TRAMWAYS.

Tramway heard working opposite our right Brigade during the night. Party seen pushing trucks on line in N.14.c.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Large party seen working on tramline near MARTINS CORNER
Considerable movement is always seen between Martins
CORNER and front line.

A large green tarpaulin has been erected against side of house at crossroads at N.22.b.9.5. in FROMELLES.

The buildings in N.22.d.8.6. are scene of a good deal of minor activity. They are close to reported dump and are at junction of light railways. May be used as billets or workshops of some kind as a good deal of smoke is reported from the vicinity.

Smoke as from an engine was seen to come from direction of AUBERS, past rear FROMELLES and cease in neighbourhood of HAYEM.

The 7-12 train into FOURNES was 3 minutes late yesterday.

WINDTESTS.

At O.1.a.1.6. five small flags have been stuck in enemy parapet.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 25. 14th. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Two officers patrols went out from our left Brigade front and listening posts were posted along our front to cover the relief.

Three patrols went out from our right Brigade with object intercepting any enemy patrols that might be out. No movement was seen although work was heard going on in enemy trench. All patrols report NO MANS LAND very wet and shell holes and ditches filling up again.

Our M.Gs carried out indirect fire on enemy's rear.

Our artillery were fairly active on enemy movement and on various targets on our front.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Seven men in dark blue observed working on the wire in front of DU HOYON yesterday evening.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy is working on his parapet and in rear. No wiring parties were out last night. It is noticeable that whereas enemy has been wiring energetically of late he has left the gaps in his wire very much as before.

The communication trench near DELAFORTE is still having work done on it and near it.

Work is continuing at N.6.c.7.5. & N.6.c.9.6.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

The enemy has 2 emplacements in MURK POINT at N.5.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.5.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. the former fires to its front and to its left, the latter to its front and to its right.

A well built emplacement with long low placed loopholes exists at N.10.b.8.4. near the TADPOLE. There is a suspected emplacement at N.11.a.1.5. These two latter positions are on either side of a very weak place in enemy wire.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

The enemy has been generally quiet. His M.Gs continue to be active at night, particularly opposite our right flank.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 3 inches
9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Depth of River LEB at BAILY Bridge 10 " 2 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Large volume smoke seen rising from house in rear of FROMELLES station yesterday at 5 p.m.

ENEMY'S SUPPLYING.

Enemy artillery was again inactive.

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Miscellaneous.

The enemy rifle recovered from NO MANS LAND on night of 12/13th, marked "AMBERG" indicates the presence of Bavarian troops still on our front. The AMBERG rifle factory is in BAVARIA.

Part 2. From other sources.

OPERATIONS. The Division on our right report having captured a German last night. No particulars at present available. The enemy blew a mine at M.36.a.34.8. opposite the Division on our right on night 12/13th. No damage was done. A patrol which was close to enemy's wire just before mine was blown reported having heard a low whistle passed along every trench, doubtless as a warning.

The Division on our right report a small dump for trench stores at N.8.d.8.2. They have also seen new earth in front of parapet at N.8.d.4.2.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

The Division on our left suspect O.Ps at O.2.d.1½.5. and O.15.a.8.6.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Billets are suspected at O.8.c.8.7. and in O.8.a.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.OPERATION.

Our artillery fired on the centre of movement at N.22.d.8.5. with searching fire. Direct hits and considerable damage to houses at MARTINS CAMP, N.21.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$, BERNIERE FME and at other places on our front. House at O.13.a.7.4. into which men were seen to go was shelled effectively.

The new crater at N.10.c.2.5. was patrolled and found unoccupied. Our patrols were active and patrolled up to the enemy's wire in various places along our front but no movement was seen with exception of small enemy wiring parties.

Our snipers dispersed working party at N.6.d.0.6.

Listening posts were manned all along our front to cover our wiring parties.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

At 3 p.m. four men seen in dark blue and wearing some distinctive mark on their sleeves at LA HAUTE LOGE (O.13.b.6.1.)

Men in dark greenish uniform with peaked caps of same colour seen working on trench at O.1.c.1.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Man in dark blue with cap of same colour seen at N.8.d.8.2.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Enemy continues to work with timber on his front line and to thicken his parapet with earth over his sand bags.

Parties are observed to approach enemy front line from rear at N.8.d.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.2, stop there a few minutes and disperse right and left along the fire trench.

A listening post is suspected at N.6.b.8.3.

Cook houses suspected at N.9.c.7.1., N.9.d.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. and at CLAPHAM JUNCTION (N.6.c.3.3.) smoke is regularly seen from these places

From an aeroplane reports of blue clay and evidence of work enemy mining activity may be assumed at N.10.c.6.5. and N.10.d.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.0. Water has been reported also as being pumped over parapet close to these two points.

SNIPERS POST.

Located at N.10.c.3.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy's rifle and M.G. fire has been particularly active and accurate opposite our right Battalion during early part of the night during last few days. This has been a marked feature on our front. The enemy did not display his usual activity in wiring last night.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at car parapet	1 foot 2 inches
at CRILAR FARM	10 "
Depth of River LES at SAILLY Bridge	10 " 0 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

35 men seen moving N.E. in file at 20 yards interval along main road at O.12.d.

At 7 p.m. 2 wagons left LE MAISNIL towards FOURNES.

At 7-4 p.m. train seen at Dump at O.13.d.1.4. near LE MAISNIL.

At 7-14 p.m. 2 other wagons left LE MAISNIL towards FOURNES.

At 7-30 p.m. 2 wagons went S.W. along road in O.16.d.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

A few shells thrown at DEVON AVENUE. Generally inactive.

ENEMY'S SHELLS.

Portion of a heavy 3" H.E. shell was found at N.9.a.4.2. Shell was only partially exploded as yellow wax like explosive remains with chocolate coloured core in centre. Walls of shell were $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. Single copper driving band with 32 grooves.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The prisoner of the 16th. Bavarian Regt. taken by the Division on our right states that their next relief takes place on night 17/18th. inst and that reliefs occur every 6 days.

Part. c. From other sources.MISCELLANEOUS.

The Division on our left report a new screen at O.7.a.7.4. The Division on our right report enemy working on communication trench near DU HOYON N.22.c.8.8. What appears to be a covered way is being constructed from N.21.a.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.t. in a S.E. direction. A probable Headquarters is located in house about N.25.b.6.4.

The path across field from N.21.b.6.3. to N.21.b.1.4. is very much used especially at dusk.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 27 16th. May 1916

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Part 1 . Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

One of our Howitzer Batteries shelled FROMELLES station, good sheds, water tower, and RUE DU HOYON getting direct hits on all targets. One of our mobile guns was laid on road at O.16.b.2.8. and dispersed four parties seen passing the point going towards BRQUINGHEM station during the day.

Our patrols were active. One party went out from our right and established listening posts across NO MANS LAND to SUGAR LOAF Salient just outside enemy's wire. Other patrols visited the various craters on front. Listening posts were established all along our front to cover wiring parties. The enemy were seen working on their wire at various points but with exception of 2 men seen, no enemy patrols were seen. NO MANS LAND is reported as still wet and now crater now contains over two feet of water.

We fired a number of rifle grenades from our right Brigade/which the enemy replied with rifle grenades and T.M. bombs all of which fell well in rear of our front line.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Men in dark blue and round flat cap of same color seen at EMB DELAPORTE. Men in dark blue uniforms and steel helmets seen at 0.7, 8.5, and at LA HAUTELOGE.

ENEMY FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy continues to revett his parapet on inside by driving in large posts, the ends of which can be seen in many cases protruding above parapet.

At N.9.c.5.l. black sand bags spotted with white can be seen possibly an attempt to disguise bags containing "blue" mining soil. Water has several times been reported being pumped over parapet at this point. Enemy seen using telescopic rifle at N.9.c.7.l.

Smoke has been reported several times as rising in puffs from about N. 6. e. 2. 4.

ENEMY'S OBSERVATION POSTS.

An O.P. is suspected at the window in roof of 1A HAUTE
LOGE (0.13.b.6.1.)

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Usual sniping and M.G. fire during night The day was normal. The enemy is working on his rear trenches generally.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River Laies at our parapet 1 foot 2 inches
at CELLAR FARM 10 "

Depth of River LYS at Saily Bridge 10 " 3' "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINE.

Four new piles of timber containing both heavy stakes and planking were observed in vicinity of DU HOYON and FROMELLES station. This points to a distributing point being in the neighbourhood as similar small dumps have been seen in the area before.

The bicycle orderly seen at 9-15 a.m. yesterday wearing rain proof cape on road into FROELLES at N.22.b.9.6.

Party seen at 3-50 p.m. moving from MARTINS CORNER (0 7. a. 9. 5.) to STRAWBERRY HOUSE (0 1. 3. 5. 6.)

Large working party seen at about P.1.d.0.6. near FORT
ENGLOS at 3 p.m.

The last few days have been dull and observation difficult

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LIGHT SIGNALS.

The enemy used various combination of colored flares at about 9-15 last night, red, white, red, blue, followed by red and green. No action followed.

ENEMY SHELLING. The enemy shelled CONVENT WALL and vicinity at midday yesterday with both field gun and 5.9" No material damage reported. Otherwise his artillery was quiet.

ENEMY SHELLS

The shell described in yesterdays summary is said to be a French H.E. Shell.

Part 2. From other sources.

Examination of prisoner captured by the Division on our right on night of 13/14th.

Prisoner belonged to 16th. Bavarian Reserve Regt. and states that the 20th. Bavarian Res? Regt. are on the right i.e. opposite our right Brigade.

Each platoon has a M.G. in a concrete emplacement During a bombardment the men clear to the flank to avoid shelled area and do not retire to dug outs.

By day one sentry is posted every traverse and two by night.

Reliefs take place every 6 days and next relief is on night 17/18th. The relieving Battalion arrives at FROMELLES at 11 p.m. and reaches the trenches at about 11-30 p.m. A Engineer

The distribution of troops in his Battalion in front line one in reserve at FROMELLES and one Battalion resting at SANTES (said to be Headquarters of the Division about 5-6 miles in rear)

Prisoner states that our indirect M.G. fire causes many casualties. He says that a prisoner is badly needed by the enemy for identification purposes.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 28. 17th. May 1916.

(From 6 a.m. 16th. to 6 a.m. 17th. May)

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery was active. They fired effectively during the day on enemy gun position at N.20.d.8.6. with aeroplane observation. One of our mobile guns burst shrapnel on DELAPORTE and LES CLOCHERS communication trenches and other batteries got direct hits on buildings at N.22.d.8.6., DU HOYON, buildings on road from THIROUANE to RADINGHEM, & GIRLS CONVENT.

Our M.G. Companies employed indirect fire on the MAZE (N.11.a.7.3.) and on the enemy front line from SUGAR LOAF Salient.

Advanced listening posts were established along our front to cover wiring parties and to gain touch with hostile patrols. Two small patrols were seen and fired on. Enemy wiring party heard and fired on.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Men in dark blue uniform and shrapnel helmets seen at N.11.a.4.5. and O.7.a.8.5.

At 4-15 p.m. three men seen looking over parapet at N.10.b.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. apparently wearing naval caps with white band and gilt or silver badge on front. The party was dispersed by our fire.

Two men seen in N.9.c. wearing dark green Kepi with brass badge.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Noise as of a small high speed motor pump heard at N.10.c.1.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

A new dug-out has been completed at N.8.d.5.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Loose chocolate colored earth has been thrown on parapet about O.1.a.5.9.

MACHINE GUN POSITION.

The HOLE IN THE WALL (house on S.W. of road in N.16.d) is suspected as being used for night firing.

SNIPER'S POSTS.

Enemy use the left of the NINE TREES (n.15.a.2.5.) at night for sniping into our lines.

ENEMY OBSERVATION POST.

Flash of glass seen in trees in right rear of LE MAISNIL Church. The house at N.10.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.0. is suspected.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke seen from houses at N.18.b. (central) and N.12.a.6.6. Men were seen to enter GIRLS CONVENT and LE MAISNIL Church and RADINGHEM Church.

Smoke seen rising from rear of buildings at N.16.d.4.8.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy appear to be ranging with their Trench Mortars on various points on our line.

The enemy's policy with his artillery seems to be that of inactivity for several days and then a concentration on several points which he shells heavily.

His rifle and machine gun fire have been normal.

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CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR FARM 9 "
Depth of River IYS at SAILLY Bridgelo " 3 "

ROUTES AND TRACKS USED BY THE ENEMY.

The tram line from O.7.a.8.5. (near MARTINS CORNER) to the trenches seems to be much used by enemy as a track.

The prisoner captured lately states that tramway lines are usual means of approach from the rear to the points where communication trenches start.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

The timber stacks reported yesterday as in the vicinity of FROMELLES have now disappeared.

Numerous small working parties reported in vicinity of FROMELLES.

Trenches at N.11.a.7.3. and O.1.c.0.4. are being worked on.

At 3-30 p.m. two motor lorries and a 4 horse wagon seen moving east along road at O.1.d.7.1.

Considerable work going on at about N.16.b.1.7.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

Between 7 and 8 p.m. last night enemy fired numerous flares from O.1.b. towards their rear. Two white rockets followed by a red one at 5 seconds interval, 30 seconds later an orange rocket bursting into green lights, followed at once by two similar rockets. Two minutes later a red rocket was fired. No action followed.

At 9 p.m. a green and a red rocket were fired from about N.6.b.9.0. followed by a white flare.

At 10 p.m. enemy fired a green and a red rocket from N.10.d.2.7. followed by a red and a white rocket.

A helio was seen from roof of house at N.18.b.(central) and from house at O.7.a.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.3. Various helios working further in rear. No signals would be read.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

The enemy shelled H.33.b.1.8. fairly heavily with field guns and 5.9" between 9 a.m. and noon. No damage resulted with exception of road being torn up in one place.

At 3-50 p.m. the enemy started to shell the Division on our right and the mutual bombardment lasted until 5-15 p.m.

Apart from above little activity.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.

Enemy aeroplane crossed our lines last night at about 10-20 p.m. stopping its engines at intervals as if to listen. Reported to have dropped two bombs at ESTAIRES.

Several observation balloons up during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The enemy put up a notice board in the parapet, in N.9.b. on night 15/16th. on which the words "KNORR-ORDEN" were printed.

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Part 2. From other sources.MISCELLANEOUS.

The Division on our right are of the opinion that the enemy "stand to" at 2 a.m.

Further information is gathered from the prisoner taken by the Division on our right is as follows:-

"The Brewery and houses in vicinity of N.23.c.1.4. are used as billets.

The route usually taken by relief of his Battalion is from WAVRIN-FOURNES-FRONTIERS and thence along trolley line at N.22.c.9.0. to communication trenches at N.21.a.6.5. and N.20.a.8.8.

It should be noted that the time stated for the relief to reach the trenches, 11-30 p.m. corresponds to about 9-30 p.m. in our time.

Movement seen near dump at N.21.b.2.2.

Men seen pushing trolley on line near this point.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

The Division on our left report on O.P. on house top at O.3.b.7.3½. and in tree at O.13.a.8.2.

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CONFIDENTIAL 291st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 28. 18th. May 1926.

From 6 a.m. 17th. to 6 a.m. 18th. May.

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Partl Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

An officers patrol went out from our right towards SUGAR LOAF Salient with object of intercepting any enemy patrol. Party split into 3 groups of four and lay in wait within 100 yards of enemy trench. Small enemy wiring party seen at work with two men in advance as covering party. Enemy at once made off on first movement of our patrol.

Normal listening posts and new crater post established but beyond enemy heard working on his parapet and wire no movement to report. being

Our M.Gs carried out indirect fire on enemy's front line and communications in rear from 9-30 - 11-30 p.m. in view of supposed enemy relief.

The moon was very bright in early part of night but a thick mist rose about 11 p.m.

Our artillery shelled movement whenever seen and employed searching fire on various new targets.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Grey green uniforms and peaked caps reported.

Working party seen wearing steel helmets covered with sacking.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Owing to fresh "wet blue" sand bags being seen in rear of enemy's parapet at N.6.c.5.4., mining is suspected at this point. Work is proceeding at N.6.d.5.8. and N.10.c.8½.5½.

Smoke is seen daily rising from CLAPHAM JUNCTION at N.6.c.4.4. close to abovementioned suspected mining.

Timber is seen daily being carried along the front line.

SNIPER'S POSTS.

Located at N.10.c.2½.3.

Enemy sniper seen in tree behind front line at about N.8.d.5.3. in SUGAR LOAF Salient.

ENEMY OBSERVATION POSTS.

GIRIS CONVENT AND LE MAISNIL Church are suspected.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.6.d.2.6., O.1.a.5.7½. and N.8.d.3½.1½.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY

Enemy machine guns were more active than usual during night. There was no evidence of enemy relief opposite our front.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 1 inch
at CELLAR FARM 8½ "

Depth of River LY at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

At 9-30 a.m. party of 19 came over ridge in N.22.d. and entered sap at N.22.d.2.6. going towards the front.

At 6-15 a.m. and at 10-30 a.m. the tops of horse drawn wagons seen close left rear of EME DELAPORTE

There is a belt of country just in rear of enemy's lines from EME DELAVAL to about EME MARLAQUE that cannot be observed on account of slight dip in the ground. No doubt the fact is made use of by the enemy.

The trench at N.6.b.9.3. was being worked on yesterday

A small party seen cutting brush wood amongst the timber just in rear of DELAPORTE.

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A locomotive was heard to whistle shrilly in rear of ~~FRONTIER~~ and a four horse wagon seen passing behind the station.

A good deal of movement has been seen around LE MAISNIL Church and GIRLS CONVENT during the past week.

Sound as of rapidly moving transport was heard during our shelling of enemy's rear last night.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Was fairly active and more general. A number of shells were thrown at N.4.a.7.1. and vicinity N.4.c.8.7., and V.C. Corner. Various parts of our front line were shelled.

SUSPECTED ENEMY BATTERY.

An enemy battery is reported as firing from LES CLOCHERS FME. just in rear of

MISCELLANEOUS.

An unconfirmed report of a Zeppelin moving in a southerly direction having been seen by one of our units at 10 p.m. last night.

A gas alarm was passed to us from the left at 7-45 p.m. but was unfounded.

Wireless News from various quarters. attached.

R.G. CASEY. Captain. G.S.
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1st. Australian Division.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 30. 19th. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

A patrol of 12 men again approached to within 100 yards of SUGAR LOAF SALIENT. Enemy were at work on their wire 50 yards in front with two men posted a few yards in advance as covering party. As it was not possible to approach closer owing to ditches our patrol fired on party and dispersed them. Our fire was not returned. It was noticed that whenever enemy moved between their parapet and wiring party a small bell rang in enemy trench. This has been noticed by previous patrols.

An officers patrol went out from N.4.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{2}$ to examine suspected enemy snipers positions in NO MANS LAND but none were found. Another officers patrol was out from N.10.c. but no movement seen or heard this side of enemy's wire.

Normal listening posts were established along our front.

Our artillery were active. Various suspected buildings in FROMELLES were shelled. LE MAISNIL Church, LA HAUTE LOGE, GIRIS CONVENT, and various roads and communications on which movement was seen, were shelled during the day. Enemy trench in N.8.d. and N.9.c. were shelled in conjunction with one of our T.M. Batteries.

Our snipers claim 2 of enemy and several periscopes.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Two men seen wearing ordinary field grey uniform and metal helmets. The helmets may have been the new helmet without the spike or else shrapnel helmets. They were close fitting round back of the neck, coming well down over the face and cut away over the ears. The men's leather equipment was normal. No buttons could be seen on tunics, probably the new universal tunic.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The parapet at CORNER FORT was being worked on during yesterday morning. During last night the parapet between TURKS POINT and WATER FORT was improved.

A motor engine was heard from direction of CORNER FORT.

The parapet at N.10.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. is being improved.

The enemy is still at work on his wire all along our front and is still installing timber in his front line trenches.

Blue coloured sandbags seen on enemy's parapet at O.1.a.2.7.

A small black and white flag has been placed on parapet at S.1.a.1.6.

ENEMY'S OBSERVATION POSTS.

Suspected in large bushy tree just N. of RUE DE LOMMERIE at N.23.a.9.5.

Man seen to enter LA HAUTE LOGE, a suspected O.P.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

The HOLE IN THE WALL is still being used at night.

Suspected position at N.6.b.9.5.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's rifle fire has been very active during the early part of the night. The enemy now shows himself very seldom from his front trench.

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CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River SALES at our parapet 1 foot $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR FARM 8 "
Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

DUMP

There is a small engineer dump near LE PIETRE at about N.20.b.5.3.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

There was considerable movement of troops on the roads in the vicinity of LE MAISNIL during yesterday. Movement also observed between MARTINS CORNER and BATTERY HOUSE and along tram-line at 0.7.a.8.5. many

Much smoke as from ~~many~~ small fires is seen early each morning from behind FROMELLES.

A train was again heard to whistle behind FROMELLES just before midday yesterday.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

A lamp or helio was seen flashing from about N.12.a.0.7 behind the NEEDLE. On the light ceasing an enemy 77 mm gun fired on one of our working parties from direction 0.13.d.

The helio in MAISNIL Church was seen working and was shelled.

ENEMY SHELLING.

The enemy shelled BOUTILLERIE with 77 mm guns ~~and~~ and some 4.2" were thrown into V.C.AVENUE. otherwise hostile artillery was quiet.

ENEMY BATTERIES.

Located by flash at about 0.14.a.6.4.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

A hostile aeroplane flying back over his own lines dropped two silver balls on his own trenches.

CORRECTION.

Yesterday's summary was numbered 28 in error. For 28 insert 29.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

R. Carey

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for Lieut-Colonel, General
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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 31. 20th. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery shelled enemy front line opposite CORDONNERIE in conjunction with one of our 60 lb. Trench Mortar batteries. The enemy replied vigorously but without effect. Our artillery shelled roads, suspected billets and all movements observed during the day.

An officers patrol went out from N.6.b.4.5. and investigated the ground to the front and up to CORNER FORT. It was found that the enemy fires flares from about N.6.b.3.2. in NO MANS LAND. The ground is reported fairly dry and the grass long.

Our listening posts report the enemy heard working on his wire all along our front.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Both field grey and dark blue uniforms are reported.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES

Sounds of parties working with timber heard from CLAPHAM JUNCTION. CORNER FORT is being worked on. The parapet is being thickened at N.10.b.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. and N.11.a.6.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Enemy seen making brushwood fascines behind parapet at N.10.b.7.2.

Work is evident on whole of enemy's front line.

LISTENING POSTS.

Patrol reports enemy came out to about N.6.b.3.2. in order to fire flares.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

A tree O.P. at O.13.a.9.2. was shelled by our artillery and the observer was obliged to descend.

M.G. ENPLACEMENTS

Suspected at N.6.d.3.7., N.10.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.3., and N.10.c.9.0. (near green mound)

T.M. ENPLACEMENTS

Suspected at I.31.d.3.2.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS

Men seen to take shelter in house at O.7.a.9.4. near MARTINS CORNER when shelled.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy has resumed his activity in working on his parapet and wire. His work in rear both on defences and wire proceeds as usual. His sniping and M.Gs not as active as usual.

CONDITION OF GROUND.LAIERS

Depth of River at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches.

at CELLAR FARM

Depth of River at SAILLY Bridge 8 "

LYS

at SAILLY Bridge 3 "

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NO MANS LAND is reported as much drier and the grass long and affording good cover for view. A patrol reported that enemy probably blocking the LAIFS in order to flood the ditches in front of SUGAR LOAF Salient but this is not borne out by any great decrease in depth of stream.

TRENCH TRAMWAYS
Tramways heard working behind CORNER FORT by a patrol. The noise indicated the transport of steel rails.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.
Some movement seen on road S.W. out of LE MAISNIL, N.E. from road junction in O.25.c. and near MARTINS CORNER. Working parties seen on DU HOYON and LECLERC FARMS and on trench at N.10.b.8.1. Two large mounds of earth have lately been built up in field at N.18.a.8.3. They are being kept under observation.

VISUAL SIGNALS.
A white flag has been seen several times in one of the top windows of RADINGHEM Church.

LIGHT SIGNALS.
The helio from LE MAISNIL Church again seen working and was shelled. Helio observed in house at N.16.d.4½.8.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.
The enemy retaliated on CELLAR FARM AVENUE and our support line on our shelling his trenches with artillery and T.Ms. DEAD DOG AVENUE and the CONVENT WALL were shelled and his artillery showed greater activity generally. It appears that the enemy shell V.C.AVENUE and CELLAR FARM AVENUE alternately.

MISCELLANEOUS.
A number of pigeons are continually reported crossing our lines.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 32. 21st. May 1916.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

One of our howitzer batteries shelled gun positions at N.22.d.9.2. (behind FROMELLES STATION) and N.27.d.9.5. (near FME. SALOME) at N.28.c.3.1. and at N.28.d.7.2., all with aeroplane observation, direct hits being signalled on all targets. Our fire caused an explosion at N.27.d.9.5.

Various buildings which form the nucleus of the FROMELLES and DU HOYON defences were effectively shelled.

Movement in various quarters was shelled.

Our snipers claim a victim.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Men in dark blue wearing shrapnel helmets seen.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Work is proceeding at N.6.b.6. $\frac{1}{2}$. and in vicinity of M. N.6.c.5.4.

Fresh wet earth has been thrown over parapet at the TADPOLE timber has been seen and sounds of pumping heard from there at night.

The black and white flag seen on enemy parapet at O.1.a.1.6. has been replaced by a triangular flag, blue over white.

The enemy is installing steel rails in his front line.

Enemy working parties have been active on their parapet and wire.

ENEMY OBSERVATION POSTS.

Suspected at N.11.d.2.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. in house top.

An observer was seen on roof of RADINGHEM Church. Flash of glass again seen from LE MAISNIL Church.

The white house at O.13.a.1.4. is suspected.

Two new openings have appeared in the chimney of DU HOYON.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Emplacement suspected at N.6.d.4.7. is confirmed.

Suspected position at N.6.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.2.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy M.G. fire and sniping more persistent in early part of night. A T.M. has been more active against our left Brigade.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
at CELLAR FARM 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 4 "

DUMPS

The dump behind the small work at N.15.b.1.4. is reported by air reconnaissance to be much used.

A dump is reported at O.8.c.9.4.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

The sound of a train was heard at FROMELLE between 9 & 10 p.m.

The usual small movement near DU HOYON.

Working parties of from 6 - 10 men frequently seen.

A large volume of smoke seen to rise from O.15.a.6.7½, close to the CHATEAU DE FLANDRE between 7 and 9 a.m.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

Helios working from O.13.a.3.7. and O.13.a.6.7.

Helio also seen working from EME DELANGRE towards our lines.

Red and green flares sent up by enemy at 10 p.m. but no action followed.

Searchlights were working well in rear of enemy lines during the night, probably as guide to enemy aircraft.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Enemy artillery fairly quiet. Some shells were thrown into N.5.b. and into FIEURBALX but no serious shelling was attempted.

Some heavy howitzer shells gave off a thick yellow smoke on bursting.

ENEMY BATTERY.

77 mm Battery reported at N.18.d.7.8.. Recent air photographs show what appears to be a buried cable running from about this point back towards a house on the main road.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.

Four observation balloons were up yesterday. Hostile aeroplanes were heard passing over our lines at 8-30 p.m.

ENEMY'S RUSES.

At 9-30 p.m. enemy was heard to shout "HALT" from in rear of his lines and at the same time traversed our parapet with M.G. fire.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

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1st. Australian Division.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 33. 22nd. May 1916.

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 Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery shelled R. DINGHAM and LE MAISONIL and cooperated with our 60 lb. T.Ms. in shelling enemy trench in N.6.c. & d. as well as WATER PORT and TURKS POINT. Movement on roads in vicinity of MARTINS CORNER and LE MAISONIL was shelled.

Our patrols were active. An officers patrol went out on each of our Battalion fronts and NO MANS LAND was effectively patrolled. The crater at N.9.c.0.3. and N.10.c.2.5. were examined and found unoccupied. The enemy was found to be wiring energetically all along his line.

Small patrols going out from our lines find that they are able to approach undetected to within 10 or 20 yards of enemy wiring parties, indicating that enemy do not generally establish covering patrols or advanced listening posts.

The ditches in NO MANS LAND still contain a fair amount of water although the ground is dry and grass long.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Two men possibly officers wearing well fitting grey tunics and dark blue breeches, one with peakless and other with peaked caps seen to enter house at N.16.d.5.3. The latter wore a small satchel across his chest similar to the latest type of gas mask container.

Our left Brigade also report having seen an officer similarly dressed and wearing grey or khaki cap with shiny peak and red band.

Small parties in dark blue, wearing peaked caps reported.

Men in fatigue dress of light colored overalls, shirt sleeves and sweaters are seen at intervals.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUP. ORT. LINE.

Water is again reported as being pumped over parapet at N.6.d.8.2½.

The enemy is working hard on his parapet between N.6.c.5.4. N.6.d.0.6. and fresh earth or evidence of work to be seen along almost his whole line opposite our right brigade.

SNIPERS POSTS.

Suspected at N.10.c.3½.3½., N.10.c.2½.3., and N.10.b.2.2. in NO MANS LAND.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Suspected at N.9.d.7.2. and N.10.c.2.3. in front line.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.10.c.3.3. (previously reported), N.10.c.6½.4½. and N.11.a.0.4½.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

On our artillery shelling LE MAISONIL about 30 men rushed out of the houses near the Church and took refuge in the trenches at about 0.13.a.8.6...

Two men seen to enter the HOLE IN THE WALL at 0.16.d.2½.6½.

A fire was seen burning through the open door of the building at N.23.a.1½.6½. in PROUILLES.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Apart from indirect M.G. fire on the junction of CILLAR FME AVENUE and RUE PETILLON, hostile M.G. and rifle fire has been comparatively slack. This may be explained by the activity of enemy's work on his parapet or may indicate a change in the troops opposite us.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
at CILLAR FME 7 "
Depth of River LYS at SAINTE Bridge 10 " 3 "

ROUTES AND TRACKS USED BY ENEMY.

The road in FROMELLES at N.22.b.9.7. is being used in daylight by the enemy. It is known to be much used for transport at night. The enemy make large use of screens to cover movement on the AUBERS-R-DINGHEM road and will doubtless erect more on the roads in the vicinity of MARTINS CORNER. to cover the considerable movement which has been seen and shelled there of late.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Motor cyclist seen to leave Battalion Headquarters at O.7.a.4.4. and again seen on road at N.12.a.5.4.
Other movement seen in vicinity of O.7.a.4.4. and men seen working on telephone line at O.7.a.7.9.
Earth work at O.1.b.1.4.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

LE MAISON & R-DINGHEM Churches are still used as helio stations. In the north corner of the latter there is a gap in the wall which is screened with painted hessian.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Apart from a few heavy shells thrown at FLEURBAIX and at some of our positions in rear hostile artillery was fairly quiet during yesterday.

The enemy are noticed to be re-registering on the emergency road from RUE QUESNOY to RUE DU BOIS.

ENEMY'S RUSES.

The enemy has placed on or just behind his parapet a number of small square boxes inside which periscopes are at times used. A dummy head and shoulders is in use at N.6.b.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.2.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 34. 23rd. May 1916.

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 Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

At 7-30 a.m. yesterday we fired two camoufflets at about N.10.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. owing to the close proximity of enemy galleries. Movement was heard in both faces just prior to our firing and it is thought very probable that some of enemy were caught.

At 10-30 a.m. the enemy fired a mine in same area but no damage to our trenches or galleries was caused.

A patrol visited the crater and broken ground last night and found it unoccupied.

Our usual listening posts were established to cover our wiring parties.

One of our ~~artillery~~ howitzer batteries fired several series in conjunction with our heavy artillery, searching and sweeping the country between N.23.a.8.7. and southerly and towards BATTLE RUE.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS (O.7.a.4.3.) where movement has been seen of late, was effectively shelled. Also suspected billets at N.19.d.4.4. and various working parties, on which casualties were seen to have been inflicted.

Our snipers claim two reliable casualties and several periscopes.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Several men in dark blue seen.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

A canvas screen about 10 feet long and showing 4 feet above the parapet has been erected behind enemy's line at CORNER FORT. This is probably to screen movement along the tramline leading back towards the rear at this point.

Both heavy timber and planking is being used freely and without any attempt of concealment at many points along our front.

Wet blue clay seen on parapet at N.9.d.6.2. The enemy probably uses his tram communications to distribute his mining spoil along his front.

Work is proceeding around MME. DELAPORTE.

SNIPERS POSTS.

Located at N.9.c.4.1. and N.10.b.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.3.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

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 Suspected in front line at N.6.c.4.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. and at N.9.c.4.1. Latter was previously reported as M.G. emplacement.

Suspected position at N.15.b.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Men seen observing from gable of house at N.27.b.5.2.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Well built position at N.8.d.7.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. in SUGAR LOAF Salient.
 Suspected position at N.9.c.5.1.

MINES.

Enemy fired mine at N.10.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. just outside our wire at 10-30 a.m. yesterday. No damage done.

CUPOLAS.

Suspected at N.6.a.5.1. and N.6.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.4.

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OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

5 men seen washing outside HAYSTACK HOUSE.
 Movement seen near B.M.T. LID. HEADY BATHS.
 House at N.16.d.4.4. is suspected.
 Smoke seen from house at N.15.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.7.
 Portion of the roof of the HOLL IN THE HALL (N.16.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.)
 has been re-tiled.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
 at CILL R FILL 7 "
 Depth of River LYS at SALLEY Bridge 10 " 3 "

ROUTES AND TRACKS USED BY ENEMY.

Enemy seen to use track from N.17.c.4.1. to main road at
 N.22.b.8.9.

DUMPS.

A small timber dump is at N.9.c.6.1.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

The road into PROLIES from HOYON is being used much more
 recently.

A party seen moving along road at N.12.a.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 Small party seen on road at O.1.a.5.1., entering trench
 at O.1.a.4.0.

RELIEFS.

A change in habit is noticeable in the enemy opposite our
 left Brigade. The positions of our line and rear attended to by
 his snipers and M.Gs. have changed since 21st. inst., and he now
 takes no trouble to conceal work of his front line. His cook's
 fires now give off much more smoke and indications generally point
 to a relief having taken place about that date.

ENEMY'S BEHAVIOUR.

Hostile artillery inactive yesterday.

MISC. REMARKS.

4 rods carrying white sighting prints placed on enemy's
 parapet at about N.10.c.3.5., last night and removed before dawn today.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

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for Lieut-Colonel, General Staff.
 1st. Australian Division.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 35. 24th. May 1916.

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 Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

An officers patrol reports the enemy working hard on his wire from the ANGLE (N.6.b.9.5.) to the LOZENGE (O.1.a.2.7.) Another officers patrol went out from our extreme right flank and worked towards SUGAR LOAF Salient. An enemy listening post from which flares are fired was located at N.8.d.6.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. No Mans Land is now hard and dry and the grass in some places over two feet high. A patrol went out from N.10.c.4.6.2 and reports enemy's wire 2 feet high and thickly matted together opposite this point.

The new crater at N.10.c.3.5. (not N.10.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. as reported) was occupied by us last night and was wired.

Our Machine Gun Companies carried out indirect fire on certain avenues of approach to the enemy's lines.

Our Artillery shelled the HOLE IN THE WALL and houses in the vicinity of the HAYM - FRODILLIS road. The Church and houses in LE MAISNIL were shelled by our field guns and howitzers. The enemy's front line was shelled at points where Machine Gun emep emplacements are suspected. Movements and various buildings were shelled.

ENEMY'S FRONT & SUPPORT LINES.

The screen behind CORNER FORT is still in position.

A screen was erected for a short time early yesterday morning on enemy parapet at N.9.d.7.2. This is opposite the point where the enemy fired his mine at midday and may have been to hide certain movement connected with the arrangements for firing.

Heavy timber is again in evidence at various points along enemy's front line.

A quantity of new earth and some large props seen at N.6.c.4.5. This is the point at which blue clay recently seen.

Heavy timbers and mud thrown over parapet are visible at N.9.d.7.2. opposite the new mine crater and at point where ~~xxx~~ screen was seen yesterday morning.

LISTENING POSTS.

Suspected at N.8.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SNIPERS POSTS.

Located at N.10.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 and N.11.a.4.6. The latter silenced by our snipers.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Suspected in front line at N.6.c.0.1.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

A steel shield in parapet at N.6.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. with partially blinded loophole below it. Probable emplacement. Was shelled effectively.

MINES.

At midday yesterday the enemy fired a mine at about N.9.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. which formed a crater close to his wire. No damage was done to our galleries.

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DUG-OUTS.

On our shelling LE MAISONIL a number of men were again seen to rush out of buildings and enter the trenches at O.13.a.8.6. Late air photographs clearly show two large dug-outs at the angle of the trenches at this point.

There are several shelters partly made of brick and blinded by trees at about N.16.c.9.9.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS?

Smoke seen from chimney at N.15.b.8.6½.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy is very active with flares. Otherwise normal.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet	1 foot	0 inches
at CELLAR FARM		7 "
Depth of River LYS at SALLY Bridge	10 "	3 "

TRENCH TRAMWAYS.

A train of trucks drawn by small locomotive, probably oil driven, seen on the tranline at N.11.b.7.8.
A truck was seen moving on line at N.27.a.7.4.

DUMPS.

Air reconnaissance reports that the small work at N.15.b.1.4½ behind which a dump was located is now disused. Our artillery operated on this dump for some days.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Sounds of transport heard at 11 p.m. from RUE DELAVAL.
Traffic of men and transport again seen approaching and leaving house in FOURNES at about O.21.c.9½.0. This house has been reported before as a centre of movement and a possible headquarters.
Locomotive seen shunting in FOURNES Station at 7-15 p.m.
Small working parties seen in vicinity of N.22.b.8.7. These small parties are constantly seen in this neighbourhood.
At 11-30 yesterday morning a number of motor lorries and horse drawn wagons seen passing through RADINGHEM.

WIRELESS STATION.

Suspected on gabled roof of two storied house at about N.23.a.5.4. Two poles about 12 feet high are erected on roof. House is practically undamaged and is fairly well screened by foliage.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

At 9-30 p.m. a white and a green rocket were fired from enemy's lines in O.1.a. No action followed.

SEARCHLIGHTS.

Beam visible in rear of FROMELLES.

ENEMY'S SHELLING

Enemy shelled the BAKERY (H.36.b.7.0.) a few shells thrown at PINNEY'S AVENUE and BEAUTILLERIE. Otherwise quiet.

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ENEMY'S RUSES.

Dummy periscopes are being used fixed on enemy's parapets inside which real periscopes are raised and used from time to time.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

WEST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 36. 25th. May 1916.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery shelled the LES CLOCHERS communication trench in retaliation and did considerable damage.

HOYON, THE HOLE IN THE WALL, and adjacent buildings were shelled. Effective retaliations carried out on enemy's trenches at N.11.a.4.5. and N.5.d.3.2. (TURK POINT). MARTINS CORNER and adjacent roads were shelled and LE MAISNIL Church and road operated on at intervals during the day.

Our M.G. Companies applied indirect fire to the tranline running from CORNER FORT towards the rear. Long range fire was also directed against SUGAR LOAF Salient in reply to enemy indirect M.G. fire from this point along RUE PETILLON.

Our T.Ms. fired 60 rounds on CORNER FORT and vicinity.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Men seen in both sectors wearing both peaked and peakless caps with light colored cockade, doubtless the White-Blue-White Bavarian.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Last night the enemy removed 100 yards of his wire between the LOZENGE and the ANGLE, as well as about 10 yards wire at N.6.c.9.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Wet blue clay is still being thrown over enemy parapet at N.9.d.6.2.

Timber constantly seen being carried along enemy front line. New sandbags in place at many points.

LISTENING POSTS.

Suspected at N.10.c.0.3.

Snipers Posts.

Located at N.9.d.6.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.9.c.1.1.

OBSERVATION POSTS

Confirmed at N.9.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. in front line

The WHITE HOUSE at 0.13.a.8.2. was shelled yesterday

Observers in tree at 0.13.a.9.1. were shelled and forced to descend.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Recent air photograph show very probable emplacements at the following points, N.9.d.4.2., N.9.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$., N.9.c.6.1., N.9.d.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.0

These positions would all give good flanking fire and should be carefully watched.

Emplacements suspected at N.10.b.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.9.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. (both reported previously)

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.6.d.1.6. and N.6.d.4.8. These positions not borne out by air photographs although several possible positions exist in vicinity of N.6.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.6.d.2853.

Late Airphotographs show very probable emplacement at N.9.d.9.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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DUGOUTS.

Well made dugouts are evident from air photograph at the following points N.9.d.5.1½. N.9.d.7.1½. N.15.b.7½.9½.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

A building at N.21.a.7.5. is apparently being re-thatched. It was close to this building that the R.F.C. reconnaissance reported a "long black object" on 11th. inst.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Normal.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
at CELLAR FARM 7½ "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

RELIEFS.

on Following the suspected relief opposite our left Brigade on night of 20/21st. it is possible that another relief will take place on this fronton night 26/27th.

SEARCHLIGHTS.

A powerful light is frequently seen from in rear of FROMELLES

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

CELLAR FARM Avenue and ~~vicinity~~ vicinity was shelled fairly heavily yesterday morning, some shells being also thrown on V.C. Avenue and on some farm houses in the FLEURBAIX area.

ENEMY'S RUSES.

Dummy Heads and periscopes still being used by the enemy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A man was struck on his steel helmet by three shrapnel balls, the helmet being dented but no injury resulting.

Wireless News from various quarters and R.F.C. Communique attached.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 37. 26th. May 1916.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

 Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our 60 lb T.Ms co-operated with our artillery in shelling enemy fire trenches in N.8.d. and N.10.c. in retaliation for enemy shelling our trenches yesterday morning. The shelling was effective and enemy parapet was breached in several places and his wire damaged.

Our artillery was generally active throughout the day.

An officers patrol went out from our right flank and investigated a number of suspected enemy sniping positions in NO MANS LAND. The area was systematically searched but no signs of recent occupation found.

Patrols went out from N.10.b.6.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.9.d.7.5. to try and gain touch with the hostile patrols but no movement was encountered.

Our machine guns were active with both direct and indirect fire.

Our snipers claim 4 victims in last two days.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

An officer in dark blue uniform with blue peaked cap with a gold badge was seen looking over parapet on both Brigade fronts yesterday.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Fresh earth and bags seen on parapet in a number of places along our front.

Movement of timber along front trench still noticeable. The presence of the heads of props protruding above parapet taken advantage of by enemy similarly disguise periscopes.

SNIPERS POSTS.

Located at N.9.c.2.1., N.9.d.3.1. and N.9.d.6.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Suspected in roof of large barn at O.13.c.0.3. Tiles have been removed from roof of house at N.22.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The chimney of brick house at N.14.b.9.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. is out of plump and is suspected.

A portable loophole, possibly for observation, apparently consisting of sandbags was seen to alter its position at about N.9.d.9.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Suspected O.Ps. at N.16.d.2.7. and O.13.a.8.4. were shell ed.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

The apex of the ruins of FROMELLES Church is suspected. It is built up with timber and sandbags and has long loophole.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

N.16.b.6.5. (near LES CLOCHERS) and the building with tall chimney at HAYEM suspected.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

M.G. and rifle fire less active in last 24 hours.

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CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES to our parapet 1 foot 1 inch.

at CELLAR FARM

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Brid 30 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Father more movement than usual both men and transport seen on FOURNES - BEAUCAMPS road during yesterday afternoon.

Locomotive seen in FOURNES station at 6-20 p.m.

Telephone linesman seen working between BACQUART and front line and between road at N.24.b.3.9. and BERNIERE Fme.

Between 8-15 and 8-30 p.m. last night wheeled traffic showing lights seen on road between FROMELLES and LECLERCQ Fme.

The FROMELLES-DU HOYON defences are again being worked on. More wire is now apparent in front of this line.

Movement seen around CHATEAU DE FLANDRE at 2-35 p.m.

RELIEFS. The increase traffic on roads in rear and inactivity of the enemy in front of our Left Brigade may indicate a relief having taken place last night on this front. It was thought probable that relief would have taken place this evening.

WIRELESS STATION.

It was noticed that a bag screen in one of the windows of suspected house at about N.23.a.5.4. was removed after sunset yesterday.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Enemy shelled our trenches and wire in vicinity of CELLAR FARM in morning and V.C. AVENUE and vicinity in the afternoon. Normal activity was shown on our front line and various buildings in rear.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 38. 27th. May 1916.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Very

Our artillery were/active during yesterday, effective retaliation in conjunction with T.Ms. carried out on enemy front line trench at N.9.c & d. and on MERLAQUE and LES CLOCHERS communication trenches. Cross roads, suspected billets, and the dug-outs in LE MAISNIL (O.13.a.8.6) were shelled. Direct hits were obtained on the suspected WIRELESS STATION in FROMELLES. A hostile battery at N.18.b.5.6. was effectively engaged with aeroplane observation by both field guns and howitzers.

Our patrols were active in searching NO MANS LAND opposite our right Brigade for suspected listening posts and sniping positions but no traces of occupation were found.

Our M.G. Companies carried out indirect fire on enemy tramline and communication running to the rear from CORNER FORT, also on the HAYEM-FROMELLES road. The breaches in enemy parapet caused by our retaliation were fired on at intervals throughout the night and work on them effectively stopped. It is thought that some casualties were caused.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

A number of men in greyish uniforms and peaked caps with red bands seen on our left sector front.

Working parties in front line seen in dark blue uniform.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The breaches in enemy parapet at SUGAR LOAF Slaint and in N.9. c & d. have not yet been repaired.

An unusual amount of work going on behind CORNER FORT. Work on improvement of enemy's parapet general along front.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Flash of glass seen from hole in wall of house at N.16.d.1.9.

Flash of glass seen from LE MAISNIL Church.

A suspected O.P. in front line at N.9.c.1.1. was destroyed by our artillery fire.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

House at N.16.c.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. is being newly thatched. It was previously red tiled.

Man seen entering LA HAUTE LOGE. Smoke seen from and men seen leaving PACK'S FOLLY.

Houses at O.7.a.9.2. and N.17.d.0.8, N.11.a.9.9. show signs of occupation.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

Several large parties seen working on the FROMELLES DU HOYON defences.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

LAIES

Depth of River ~~SEA~~ at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches.

at CELLAR FARM 8 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENT OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Train seen travelling into FOURNES at 9 a.m. and 9.5. am

From 4 p.m. onwards unusual traffic on roads from FOURNES BEAUCAMPS and FOURNES - LE MAISNIL.

Locomotive seen in FOURNES station at 6-40 p.m.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

At 9 a.m. our front line was shelled fairly heavily and parapet breached at N.10.c.8.7. and N.10.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.6. At 12-30 V.C.AVENUE and our right battalion parapet and wire was shelled and some damage done. At 5 p.m. N.10.a.5.8. was shelled and a dugout damaged. At 6 p.m. parapet and wire in our left Battalion were shelled and breached. at N.6.b.9.9.

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1st. Australian Division.

W I R E L E S S N E W S

of
26th. MAY 1916.

WESTERN FRONT. BRITISH OFFICIAL.

"Situation on VIMY RIDGE unchanged. Small parties troops pushed forward and engaged in hand to hand fighting. Today heavy bombardment both sides astride SOUCHEZ River. Considerable artillery activity near ROCLINCOURT, HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT, WYTSCHATE, and St. ELOI.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

"On left bank of MEUSE was rather intense artillery duel in sector of Hill 304 and on DEAD MAN - CUMIERES front. In course of night we made progress by grenade fighting in thickets immediately to east of CUMIERES Village. Enemy made no assault.

On right bank strong German attack succeeded in obtaining footing on one of our trenches to north of HAUDROMONT QUARRY.

Continuous bombardment has been very violent both sides in region of DOUAUMONT, without infantry attack. Night relatively calm rest of front.

ITALIAN FRONT.

In region LARGARINA Valley yesterday afternoon whole our front on both banks of Adige subjected to furious bombardment. Enemy column attempting advance in small bodies from LIZZANA towards MAROO, stopped by our artillery fire. Evening attack along VALLARSA in direction MONTE DINEZZO, held by our troops. Between TERRAGNOLO Valley and ASTICO customary bombardment.

Evacuation of Upper Basin POSINA and ASTICO now been effected in perfect order. Troops strengthened positions on protective line of Arseivo Basin. We destroyed artillery, which was impossible for us withdraw. Between ASTICO and BRENTA enemy yesterday began exercise strong pressure against our positions east VALDASSA. In SUGANA Valley retirement of our troops on principal lines resistance began 22nd., still continuing yesterday slowly and methodically.

In CARNIA fierce artillery duels in Upper BUT. Along rest of front nothing of importance. Enemy aeroplane dropped bombs on STAZIONE della CARNAI few victims, slight damage done.

RUSSIAN NORTHERN OFFICIAL.

Region south-west DAHLEN in DVINA, south east of RIGA, Germans attempted attack our advanced trenches, but repulsed with considerable losses. In Bachliki district, north station of OLYKA in VOLHYNIA our patrols attacked by Austrian post, put enemy to flight by smart counter-attack with bombs. On rest of front from Gulf RIGA to Roumanian frontier situation unchanged.

CAUCASUS FRONT.

Nothing of importance to report.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Asquith made his anxiously expected announcement on Irish Question in Commons this afternoon. Speech was full of hope and manner of his revelation of fact that Mr. Lloyd George, at unanimous request of his colleagues in Cabinet, is to act as mediator between parties, illustrated his belief that something like an agreement may be reached.

Chancellor of Exchequer announced today that on Monday he would move, there should be charged for year beginning April 6th. 1916. on income derived from any stocks, shares, or other securities which Treasury was willing purchase in connection with any arrangement for maintenance Foreign Exchange. Additional duty on Income Tax at rate of two shillings in the pound, and no exemption or abatement or relief would be allowed. Exception would be made in favour of securities for time being deposited with Treasury and on securities on institutions trading in foreign countries, which for time being were required to be held in those countries under requirements of local law.

Lord Chief Justice stated trial Sir Roger Casement and Daniel Bailey for high treason, would take place 26th.

Military Service Bill received Royal Assent by commission at House of Lords 6 o'clock this evening. Appointed day will be thirty days after, namely 24th June, when all men within specified age limits, will be deemed to have enlisted.

EIFFEL TOWER COMMUNIQUE.

On the left bank of the Meuse German artillery activity increased during the day against the French position on Hill 304.

On right bank ~~XXXX~~ after violent bombardment the Germans about 5 p.m. started a series of offensive actions between the HAUDROMONT WOOD and THIAUMONT FARM. All these attacks were repulsed with heavy loss, except at one point where Germans gained a footing in a portion of a trench trench.

In the DOUAUMONT region artillery activity continues to be very violent at various points.

Long range fire from French guns started a fire in a German provisioning depot at HAUDICOURT (N.E. of ST. MIHIEL)

Intermittent ~~xxxxxx~~ cannonade on the rest of the front. In the course of an air fight a French pilot brought down a Fokker which fell in the German lines at VAUX

In the ETAIN region one of the French in squadrons engaged a number of German aeroplanes with the result that two German machines were badly damaged and forced to the ground.

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Wireless News of 27th. May 1916.

Western Front. British Official.

Last night and today considerable mining activity in Loos salient, in which we had the advantage. Artillery both sides active at many points principally near Gommecourt, at Arras, on Vimy Ridge, opposite Hulluch, and Wythchaete.

At Fricourt and Beaurains our fire particularly effective.

French Official.

In Argonne we exploded mine with success at the Fille Morte. On left bank Meuse was very violent artillery duel in sectors of Avoucourt Wood and Mort Homme. In latter region German attack, which was preparing débouché, collapsed under our curtain fire, which was immediately let loose.

On right bank counter-attack restored us part of trench, which was occupied by enemy yesterday between Hamromont Wood and Thiaumont Farm. North this farm we made progress with hand grenades during the night and made some prisoners.

Night comparatively calm on rest of the front.

Italian Front.

Artillery and rifle duel Stelvio to Gardia, reaching greatest intensity in Cividale, and to Mule zone. In Gargarina Valley after intense bombardment our positions at Conizugna, enemy last night made two attacks in direction Serra Vally and Col de Boule, they were vigorously repelled. Yesterday morning enemy with fresh troops delivered violent obstinate attack against Col de Boule. Lively artillery yesterday. Our batteries obtained a direct hit on medium calibre gun, which enemy was transporting towards Pezzocchie and it was seen to overturn.

Between Vallarosa and Povina enemy, having kept our positions at Passalia under violent bombardment, whole 23rd. attacked during night with strong columns infantry, which were mown down by our fire, repulsed in disorder. Between Postina and Astico enemy yesterday made his fire batteries along line Monte Maggio to Torrado. They were effectively replied to by our guns.

Along rest front as far as sea intermittent artillery activity. Our guns caused explosion in munitions depot behind Monte San Michele.

Russian Northern Official.

In region west island Dolen, in Dvina south-west Riga, Germans after violent bombardment took offensive and driving back our advanced guard, captured one of our advanced trenches. We delivered counter-attack, dislodged enemy who withdrew to his trenches, our losses being insignificant. We repulsed by our fire enemy's attempt to advance towards Kargilowka, six miles north Olyka railway station in Volhynia, to cut our barbed wire entanglements.

Rest of the front remains unchanged.

Caucasus Front.

In direction Mosul we repulsed enemy offensive against Revanduz. Nothing to report of importance in other directions.

Our troops operating in region Kermanshah and Kaurichitin joined up with British troops on Tigris below Kut-el-Amara. Our Cossacks reached Headquarters of General Commanding British Army in Mesopotamia 22nd.

P.T.O.

Miscellaneous News.

Mr. George has issued following message to nation:-
 "To enable our country to organise more effectively its military resources in present great struggle for cause of civilisation, I have acted on advice of my ministers deemed necessary enrol every able bodied man, between 18 and 41."

I desire to take this opportunity expressing to my people my recognition of approval of splendid patriotism and self-sacrifice, which they have displayed in raising by Voluntary Enlistment, since commencement of the war, no less than 8,000,000 men - an effort far surpassing that of any other nation in similar circumstances recorded in history and one which will be lasting source of pride to future generations.

I am confident in magnificent spirit, which has hitherto sustained my people through trials of this terrible war, will inspire them to endure additional sacrifices now imposed upon them and that it will with God's help lead us and our allies to victory, which shall achieve liberation of Europe.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 39. 28-5-16.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front. trenches.

From 6 a.m. 26th. to 6 a.m. 28-5-16.

Part. 1 Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery have been particularly active in the last two days, effective retaliation on enemy front line trenches in co-operation with T.Ms. resulting in his parapet being breached in several places.

The past week has been marked by a great increase in both our own and hostile artillery fire, operating chiefly on front line and support trenches, our artillery taking the opportunity during retaliation to shell points both in and behind the enemy's lines that appear to warrant attention.

FROMELLES and the roads and buildings in vicinity were systematically shelled at 3 p.m. yesterday and direct hits obtained on a number of buildings.

Retaliation on enemy front line betw en the ANGLE and the LOZENGE effectively stopped artillery fire.

Suspected billets in LE MAISNIL and FROMELLES were shelled at various times during the day.

Our howitzer batteries retaliated on various communication trenches and did considerable damage.

Our T.Ms have been in action in co-operation with our field guns and have done some damage to enemy's parapet and wire.

Our patrols have been active but no signs of enemy encountered.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Dark blue peakless caps and spiked helmets seen.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Much work is going on in vicinity of CORNER FORT. The screen just in rear is still in position.

The enemy has not yet effectively repaired the breaches caused by our artillery and T.M. fire.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Chimney of FME DU HOYON still being used.

FME. LECLERQ is probably used as an O.P. for CELLAR FARM Avenue.

House at N.23.a.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. in FROMELLES is suspected. Flash of glass frequently seen but disappears on our shelling the village

Position suspected in roof of red tiled house at N.12.a.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected in FROMELLES at apex of ruins of Church and at house at N.23a.1.6. A sandbagged loophole has recently appeared in the latter.

Suspected position at N.6.b.4.6. (CORNER FORT) now confirmed.

An emplacement is suspected at N.6.c.3.2.

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

Recent air photographs show very probable emplacement at O.1.a.3.6. (in the LOZENGE) O.1.a.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$., O.1.a.2.6., O.1.a.0.5. It is known that trench mortars are operating on our area.

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SCREENS.

There are a number of hessian screens along road from THIROUANNE to LE MAISNIL. The screen at CORNER FORT is still in position.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

House at N.16.c.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. was formerly tiled and has recently been thatched. Considerable movement is frequently seen in vicinity. Large working party seen yesterday carrying timber apparently from a dump at or close to this house.

Men frequently seen loitering near LA HAUTE LOUE (O.13. b.5.1.) also at building at O.7.b.3.7. near MARTINS CORNER and O.7.d.2.7. Men seen moving about at house at N.11.c.3.3. This house has been ~~never~~ used before as a helio station.

Smoke seen coming from house at O.13.c.9.1. This house has been suspected as a headquarters.

Four men were seen to come out of the HOLE IN THE WALL and ~~house at N.11.c.3.3.~~ has a ladder leading to roof.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's sniping has considerably slackened of late. His artillery fire has considerably increased in answer to our own. His work on his parapet continues but his wiring parties have not been so active.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
at CELLAR FARM 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Depth of River Lys at SAILLY BRIDGE 10 " 3 "

DUMPS.

The house at N.16.c.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. is a probable timber dump.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINE.

The enemy has been using the road through HALLENES (P.13) considerably of late.

A number of enemy seen in vicinity of ROSE M BOIS Farm O.25.d.7.8.

A large party seen passing LE CLERQ FME going towards FROMELLES at 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

Aeroplane reconnaissance reports five columns each of about 100 men entering AUBERS from the N.E. at 5-15 p.m.

About twenty men seen loitering near the crucifix (N.22. B.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$) in FROMELLES. This is unusual and may indicate new troops.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

At 7-30 p.m. hostile aeroplanes dropped white lights over our trenches. No action followed.

The searchlight beam in rear of FROMELLES was visible last night.

ENEMY SHELLING.

The enemy shelling our trenches fairly heavily about I.31.c.2.2 early yesterday morning.

CELLAR FARM AVE. PINNEY'S AVE. and various other communications and portions of our front line were shelled during the day but no appreciable damage done.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 40. 29th. May 1916.

6 a.m. 26th. to 6 a.m. 29th. May.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part. 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

The past three days have been marked by increased mutual artillery activity. Our artillery have been active both in initiating bombardments of enemy's front line and billets and movement in rear, as well as in retaliation in conjunction with our 60 lb T.Ms. The enemy's parapet has been breached and we have attempted to hinder his repairs by M.G. fire by night.

FROMELLES & LE MAISNIL have been shelled effectively. MARLAQUE DELAPORTE & LES CLOCHERS communication trenches and the front line in N.10.b were retaliated on yesterday in reply to hostile shelling of CELLAR FARM. LE MAISNIL & RADINGHEM were shelled by field and heavy guns in retaliation for the shelling of one of our batteries and the outskirts of FLEURBAIX. Two batteries co-operated with our T.Ms. in shelling enemy trenches in N.6.b. in retaliation for hostile shelling of our front line. Retaliation was effective in all cases in stopping hostile fire and considerable damage was done.

A number of suspected billets and observation posts which have lately been observed, were effectively shelled.

Our snipers have been active and claim two reliable victims yesterday.

Our M.G. Companies have been active on enemy's parapet and wire and in long range dropping fire on various known avenues of approach by night.

Our patrols have searched NO MANS LAND for movement and suspected sniper's positions but except in one case have not gained touch with enemy. An officers patrol from our right flank got right up to the enemy's wire at SUGAR LOAF Salient. The party consisted of an officer and 2 O.R. They were seen and surrounded by enemy and were obliged to fight their way back with bombs and revolver fire and succeeded in returning without a casualty. It is thought that their bombs caused some casualties amongst the enemy as screams were heard.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

A German captured last night by one of our listening posts at about N.6. (central). He belongs to the 1st. Battalion 20th. Bavarian Reserve Regiment of the 6th. Bavarian Reserve Division. Prisoner seems an unintelligent person and could give us no very definite information. He states that the 21st. Regiment is on his left and a Prussian Regiment on his right. This would place the boundary of the Bavarians approximately at CORNER FORT and would mean the 20th & 21st Regiments have changed places. He states that his Battalion spends 3 days in the trenches and 6 out, and that a relief was to take place tonight, but as reliefs were at different times, he could not say exactly when. Prisoner states that officers do not go on patrol. He was one of a patrol of 8 men under a "Feldwebel" (Sergeant)

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Work is proceeding vigorously at CORNER FORT and in N.10.

SNIPERS POSITIONS.

Located at N.8.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Suspected at N.8.d.4.3.

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OBSERVATION POSTS.

DU HOYON Chimney.

LECLERQ FARM.

House at N.23.a.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. in FROMELLES.Roof of red tiled house at N.12.a.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Flash of glass seen in wall of house at N.16.d.1.9.

Suspected at N.16.a.5.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.House at N.14.b.5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. has ladder leading to roof.

House at N.12.b.6.4. suspected.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected in FROMELLES at apex of the ruins of Church and at house at N.23.a.1.6. A sandbagged loophole has recently appeared in latter. Suspected position at N.6.b.4.0 in CORNER FORT is confirmed.

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

Air photographs show very probable emplacement at 0.1.a.3.6. (in the LOZENGE) 0.1.a.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$., 0.1.a.2.6., and 0.1.a.0.5. It is known that T.Ms are operating from this area.

SCREENS.

There are a number of hessian screens on THROUANNE-LE MAISNIL road.

A screen has been erected at N.16.a.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ where much movement has been seen and fired on lately.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Formerly tiled roofed building at N.16.a.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. is now thatched. This is a probable dump. Large working parties seen carrying timber in vicinity.

The following buildings are suspected as billets from movements seen:- 0.7.b.3.7., 0.7.d.2.7., N.11.c.3.3., 0.13.c.9.1., N.16.d.1.5

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Hostile M.G and sniping much quieter. Artillery more active in answer to our own. Enemy's work on wire and parapet continues.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
at CELLAR FARM 7 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 4 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Transport seen moving through HALLENES.

Working party of 100 seen at N.22.b.6.9.

Movement has lately been seen round ROSELBOIS FARM.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

CELLAR FARM and vicinity was shelled intermittently yesterday morning.

H.27.d. and H.33.b. were shelled with 4.2" and 5.9". The outskirts of FLEURBAIX were shelled yesterday evening. Hostile artillery fire generally more active.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 41. 30-5-1916.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery operated on a number of suspected billets, cross roads, and gun positions, some with aerial observation

Our patrols were active, three officers patrols going out. All craters found unvisited by enemy and no signs of enemy seen in NO MANS LAND.

On night 28/29th. inst an officers patrol of 2 officers and 11 other ranks went out from N.8.b.5.0. and proceeded towards SUGAR LOAF Salient. When about 150 yards from their objective, a line of Germans was met consisting of about 40 men at 2 yards interval apparently sweeping NO MANS LAND. Our patrol waited for and bombed the hostile patrol who scattered and replied with bombs and rifle fire. After further bombing enemy party dispersed and our patrol returned with one officer slightly wounded.

A patrol from our left reports seeing enemy sniper lying out in NO MANS LAND. Another man was seen in rear of the first firing flares, the sniper firing on any target shown by the flare.

Our snipers claim 2 victims.

Our machine guns used indirect fire on enemy communications during the night.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Enemy still working on his front line in N.10. and N.6.b. Timber still much in evidence in front line.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Tree seen being used at N.18.b.7.4.

Our fire caused observer in tree at O.13.a.8.5. in LE MAISNIL to descend rapidly.

A dummy observer is fixed in a tree near LE MAISNIL Church.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy's sniping and machine gun fire below normal. The growth of foliage is hampering observation of his movements in rear.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 1 inch.
at CELLAR FARM 7 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

TRENCH TRAMWAYS.

Reported at N.15.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. in or alongside communication trench.

Small train with covered in engine and 7 trucks seen leaving FOURNES in direction of trenches at 1-25 p.m.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Locomotive seen in FOURNES at 6-40 p.m.

Between 10 and 11 a.m. continued traffic and movement on road by HALLENES Church.

WIND TESTS

A red paper balloon about 3 feet in diameter with small electric battery and globe suspended from it was picked up in FLEURBAIX early this morning.

ENEMY'S SHELLING

Comparatively inactive yesterday.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Active during yesterday.
A number of observation balloons were up.

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1st. Australian Division.

30th. May 1916

Western Front. British Official.

Last night hostile patrol was surprised south-east of Laventie and dispersed and high explosive charge for wire cutting was captured. During the night we bombarded enemy's trenches south-east of Neuve Chapelle and our artillery fire caused destruction of some enemy stores at Guillemont. Enemy directed heavy bombardment lasting 80 minutes against our trenches west of Fricourt and also shelled our trenches about Serre.

We sprang five mines, three about Hulluch, two south-east of Guinchy. Enemy sprang one mine about Hohenzellern Redoubt and another west La Folle Wood, crater of which our troops occupied.

Today enemy artillery active against our positions about Suzanne, Oullers, Hohuterne, Loos, Bois Grenier, St Floi and Ypres. We

bombarded enemy's trenches west of Lens and south-east Laventie. Hostile parties working east Maricourt, were dispersed by our artillery fire. Germans have shown more activity than usual during last few days and their expenditure of ammunition been lavish.

French Official.

In Argonne at Hill 306 Hate de Auchee, we occupied southern lips of three craters, caused by explosion of German mines.

On left bank Meuse and in Woivre was intermittent artillery fighting. In Alsace two attempts at attack north-east of Wattwiller north-east of Altirch, were stopped by our fire, which prevented enemy from debouching.

Usual cannonade on rest of the front.

Italian Official.

Course yesterday situation generally was unchanged. We repulsed small enemy attacks in Moulini Valley, in Ledro Valley, against Serravalle, on the Brole Pass and in Lagarira Valley and also in Posnia sector, where two companies of enemy with machine guns were annihilated by our fire. On Asigo Plateau was intense activity on part of enemy's artillery from Monte Verona. Fighting on our lines east of Valdassa continued yesterday.

In Sugana Valley our troops Thursday afternoon fell back in good order from advanced positions on Monte Civaron. Yesterday morning enemy columns attacked our lines east the Calemanto Valley. Our brave Alpini stopped assault and afterwards made dashing counter attack, inflicting very heavy losses on enemy, taking 100 prisoners and capturing 2 machine guns.

In Monte Nero also enemy on Thursday night attacked our trenches on the Ursic and for moment succeeded in forcing their way into them. Reinforcements came and after desperate counter-attack enemy were driven back, leaving 40 prisoners and 2 machine guns in our hands.

In Upper But and in Plavre sector were artillery actions.

Russian Official.

In region south of Island of Delan, enemy fired on us with bombs and mine-throwers. Simultaneously in same region German artillery bombarded sector of our trenches. Thunder of fog enemy took offensive, which repulsed by our fire.

Remainder front artillery and rifle fire and unimportant encounters between detachments.

Caucasus Front.

In direction Mosul, Turks, supported by Kurds, took offensive in direction near Serdosht. By means series bayonet attacks and cavalry charges, we compelled enemy to retreat with considerable losses.

Miscellaneous News.

President Wilson made speech very great importance in addressing 'League to Enforce Peace'. League has no relation present conflict and proclaims itself concerned with events, which will follow war. President said he believed America would be glad to enter league of nations, whose objects would be preserving peace of world. Solemnly asserted United States advance small nations enjoy same security as their more powerful neighbours.

Stock Markets : Quiet but mostly firm. Consols 57 9/16, War Loan 95 1/2 .

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

Communique No. 37.

May 20th. 1916. - Much special artillery co-operation was accomplished. 80 targets were engaged by aeroplane observation, and 8 ~~Cynkats~~ balloons. by kite balloons.

Combats. An Aviatik was engaged by 3 of our machines over ADINFER Wood, viz., 2 F.E.'S of No.23 Squadron, pilots Capt. Adams, and 1/A.M. Chapman, observers 2/Lt. Cloete and Cpl. Havens; and a B.E.2c. of No.12 Squadron, pilot, Lt. Farrow, observer 2/Lt. Carden. The B.E. attacked first, firing a quarter of a drum. A.M. Chapman then dived from 9000 feet and attacked the Aviatik at 5000 feet firing 2½ drums. Capt. Adams then closed to within 20 yards and fired 2 drums at the Aviatik, which went down in a nose dive and crashed into the trees just east of the north end of ADINFER Wood.

An Albatross was attacked by 3 of our machines over POZIERE, a Martinsyde of No.24 Squadron, pilot, Capt. Summers and 2 deHavillands of No.24 Squadron, pilots, Lt. Wilson and 2/Lt. Tidmarsh. Lt. Wilson attacked, firing half a drum at 30 yards range, apparently without effect. 2/Lt. Tidmarsh then dived on to the hostile machine, from above and fired a drum at 40 yards from behind it. The hostile machine burst into flames and fell between POZIERE and CONTAMAILSON. Shortly afterwards Lt. Wilson sighted another hostile machine, an L.V.G. being fired on at about 12000 feet, north of ALBERT. He overhauled it and got within 200 yards. The hostile machine flattened out at 9000 feet, and then went down in a spinning nose dive, falling in our lines south of Maricourt and burst into flames.

Casualty. 2/Lt. M.D. Basden, No. 27 Squadron, in a Martinsyde Scout was brought down in the German lines as the result of a combat in the air.

May 21st. - Artillery co-operation. - 64 targets were successfully ranged on by aeroplane observation and 12 by kite balloons observers. 60th. Siege Battery, co-operating with aeroplanes of No.10. Squadron obtained direct hits on an occupied gun pit.

Combats. 18 encounters took place, all of which were inconclusive. 2/Lt. A.H. F. Tollemache on a Martinsyde of No.27 Squadron, flying at 12500 feet, saw an Albatross over FROMELLES at about 9000 feet. He dived at it reserving his fire till within close range. Both machines were diving at high speed with engines on. 2/Lt. Tollemache having expended one drum, changed and continued the attack. The enemy endeavoured to manouvre out of fire, turning in all directions, but 2/Lt. Tollemache manœuvred his Martinsyde and managed to keep the enemy under fire at intervals. At about 4000 feet over the south west corner of LILLE the machines were so close that they nearly collided. To avoid this the hostile machine turned on one wing and went down in a side slip and vertical dive. He flattened out near the ground close to the Citadel.

Miscellaneous. At about 2-45 a.m. on the 21st, the pilot on duty at No.27 Squadron's aerodrome at TREZIENNES was informed that a machine had been heard flying over the aerodrome. The weather was very misty, and he prepared Very's lights in order to signal to the aeroplane. About 3 a.m. the machine was again heard and was
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seen over ISEBERGUES. Lt. J.C. Turner, the orderly pilot, fired one Very's light. This was answered from the machine by one white star-light. Lt. Turner again fired a red light and the machine again replied with a white star-light. The aeroplane then endeavoured to land but misjudged the landing and went round the aerodrome again. By this time Lt. Turner had been able to see that the machine had German markings, but the pilot was evidently under the impression that he was landing at a friendly aerodrome. Lt. Turner restrained the guard from firing, and ordered his machine to be got ready. The hostile machine now landed successfully and taxied up to the sheds where pilot and observer at once surrendered.

Bomb Dropping. On night 20th./21st. Lt. Lattu dropped two 112 lb. bombs from a height of 1000 feet on the new station at LINGELMORCK. One of these bombs is believed to have hit the mark.

Casualties. Capt. C.E.H. James and 2/Lt. H.L.C. Aked, No. 20 Squadron on escort duty to the 2nd. Army reconnaissance, were forced to land in the enemy's lines near ZANDVOORDE.

Lt. Francis, No. 20 Squadron were seriously wounded during an attack on two hostile machines. He managed to land safely in our lines.

May 22nd. Artillery Co-operation. 63 targets were successfully ranged on by aeroplane observers and 24 kite balloon observers. In connection with the hostile attack in the SOUCHEZ area, No. 18 Squadron located the flashes of between 80 and 90 hostile guns. A machine of No. 12 Squadron registered two of our batteries and one French battery, obtaining 20 O.K.'s during one flight. The French battery was then turned on to another hostile battery, and 11 more O.K.'s were reported.

Hostile Aircraft. Hostile aircraft were particularly active on the front of the 1st. Army, as many as 11 being seen simultaneously in the SOUCHEZ area. 14 inconclusive combats took place. An L.V.G. was brought down in our lines near CASSEL by a French aeroplane.

May 23rd. Low clouds and mist made observation difficult. Practically no hostile aircraft were seen, and there were no combats.

Artillery Co-operation. Hostile guns were active throughout the day on the 1st. Army front. Some successful aeroplane co-operation was carried out at low altitudes.

Photography. Several attempts to photograph the area in which fighting was taking place were made by Nos. 18 and 25 Squadrons.

May 24th. Nos. 7 and 16 Squadrons carried out successful night reconnaissance over LILLE and COUTRAI. No. 18 Squadron carried out two reconnaissances on the front of the IV Corps during the day in connection with the operations at SOUCHEZ. The weather was unfavourable throughout the day.

May 25th. Rain and low clouds prevented successful flying.

H.Q., R.F.C.
27th. May 1916.

(Sgd) EVELYN B. GORDON.

Major. G.S.

CONFIDENTIAL.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 42. 31st. May 1916.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

 Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

During yesterday afternoon our artillery co-operated with T.Ms. in shelling enemy trenches in N.9.c. and N.8.d. in retaliation. Breaches made in enemy parapet in several places and his wire damaged. At 8-10 p.m. enemy started heavy bombardment of our front system, fire being mainly concentrated on front trench between N.10.c. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 and N.10.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. Our artillery in conjunction with our heavy artillery and T.Ms. replied on their night lines. Some of enemy are reported to have left their trench but owing to machine gun and rifle fire and the effective support of our artillery, no definite infantry attack eventuated. Our parapet was breached over about 60 yards and some damage done to our support lines, temporary repair to which was effected during the night. A gas alarm was passed to us from the left at 9-20 p.m. but was unfounded and probably due to heavy mist which rose about that time. By 9-40 p.m. hostile artillery fire had practically ceased and by 10-40 p.m. situation was again normal. Our M.Gs. were active both in front line and with indirect fire.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy is working actively at N.11.a.1.5. Trench Mortar emplacement and M.G. position have been reported as suspected at this point at various times.

Timber has been seen and iron rails heard being handled at N.6.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Water is frequently reported as being pumped through parapet at this point.

Work is going on at N.6.d.5.9. (CORNER FORT) and N.6.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. (THE ANGLE) There are probable M.G. emplacements at each of these points.

SNIPER'S POSITIONS.

Located at N.9.d.7.2.

Known positions at N.9.d.4.1. and N.9.d.5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. have been destroyed by our fire.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Man seen in the tree post at N.18.b.8.4.

T.M. EMPLACEMENT.

Located at N.9.c.1.1.

MINES.

We fired camouflet at about N.10.c.8.6. yesterday morning. Enemy were heard working in face just previous to explosion. No crater was formed.

DUGOUTS.

A dugout or earthwork has been observed at N.23.a.1.8. amongst trees.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Chimney of house at N.15.b.5.1. again seen smoking. Men seen moving about house at N.17.d.4.3.

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ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

More wire has been laid in front of the FROMELLES-DU HOYON defences. There is now a strong field of wire on the forward slopes of the ridge in front of this line.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Normal except for bombardment on right Brigade front last night

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot $0\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR FARM

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

TRENCH TRAMWAYS.

Reported in or close to communication trench at N.15.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.1.

LIGHT RAILWAYS.

Small train of covered locomotive and 7 trucks seen leaving FOURNES for direction of trenches (apparently via LE MAISONIL) at 1-25 p.m. on 29th.

Small train of 4 trucks with engine in centre seen leaving FOURNES in same direction at 11-57 a.m. yesterday and returned at 12-5 p.m. No smoke seen from engine, which is probably oil driven.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Normal traffic seen in HALLUENES.

Men are seen daily in vicinity of the CRUCIFIX (N.22.b.9.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.) in FROMELLES. Very little traffic was seen before 25th. inst. near this point

At about 8 a.m. and 6-45 p.m. each day, a cyclist carrying despatch bag from direction of enemy's line, on road into FROMELLES turning off left (East) at CRUCIFIX.

HEADQUARTERS.

House at N.23.a.1.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. to left of Church in FROMELLES is suspected. Men seen approaching and leaving house from right rear, some carrying papers.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

Between 9 p.m. and 9-10 p.m. last night enemy fired several green rockets.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Enemy shelled vicinity of CELLAR FARM yesterday morning. Other wise comparatively quiet until bombardment of evening.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The explosion of one of our 60 lb. T.M. bombs in enemy trench threw an enemy rifle barrel back into our lines, a distance of about 250 yards. The barrel is shattered and twisted and bears the marks "ALBERG.1916" on breech.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

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