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**WAR DIARY**

OF

GENERAL STAFF.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

JUNE, 1918.

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## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	June 1st.		Fine and warm with ground haze. General Staff reconnoitred 'B' Div. Area. 13th A.I.Bde. relieved Bde. in Left Bde. Sector during night 1/2 June.	Appx. 1 Dist. of Units
BUSSY.	2nd.		Fine and warm. 12th A.I.Bde. relieved 8th Bde. in Div. Reserve. 4th Aust. Division took over command of 'B' Div. Sector at 10 a.m. 3rd Aust. Division on right and 2nd Aust. Div. on Left. A quiet day. The front line is composed of a line of posts with a little wire in front. Support and Reserve Lines are almost continuous. Policy will be to link up posts in front to make a continuous trench and construct C.T's. leading forward to them. C.R.A. 5th Aust. Div. commanding Artillery.	Appx. 2 Intell. Sumy.
	3rd.		Fine and hazy. Overcast portion of day. Very dusty need rain. Quiet day, situation unaltered. Unfavourable wind prevented the carrying out of Gas shoot vide D.O. 122.	Appx. 3 D.O. 122 Appx. 4 Int. Summy. Appx. 5 D.O. 123.
	4th		Fine and cool, overcast and dusty. G.O.C. visited 13th Bde. and discussed situation with Brigadier. Portion of left line down to J.30.C.9.9 taken over by 2nd Aust. Div. Situation fairly quiet and unchanged.	Appx. 6 Dist. of Units Appx. 7 Int. Summy.
	5th		Fine and warm. B.G., G.S. and G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Div. visited Div. and discussed the situation. M.G., G.S. called during the afternoon. Situation generally quiet and unchanged. CORBIE was shelled during early evening for two hours without inflicting casualties.	Appx. 8 Dist. of Units Appx. 9 Int. Summary,
	6th		Fine and warm. Conference of Bde. Commanders held at D.H.Q. to discuss change of policy in holding the line on account of tactics adopted by the enemy in the offensive. Decided to hold front line fairly thickly, the personnel to move forward (when hostile annihilating fire commences) with M.G.'s. a proportion of which will also be in immediate front. Practically nobody to be in area 2,000 yards in rear and the then reserve troops will escape effects of bombardment. Deep dugouts to be constructed in intervening territory to shelter troops during bombardment. Special dugouts being made for M.G.'s. Conference of Div. Commanders held in afternoon discussed same points. Situation generally quiet and unchanged.	Appx. 10 Dist. of Units Appx. 11 Int. Summary

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BUSSY	7th		Fine, overcast at night. Quiet day, situation unaltered. Gas shoots carried out in accordance with D.O.122. Have been obliged to wait four nights for a suitable wind. Gas also thrown from 234 projectors into VAIRE WOOD.	Appx. 12 Int.Sum'y Appx.13 Dist.of Unit
	8th		Fine and warm. General situation unchanged. Meeting held to discuss coming operation. G.S.O. and C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Division called at 4 p.m. At 11 p.m. enemy opened heavy bombardment of H.E. and gas, (blue, green and yellow cross,) against our support and forward areas which continued till 2 a.m. Our counter batteries replied with good effect.	Appx. 14 Int.Sum'y Appx. 15 D.O. 124
	9th		Fine and warm, hazy morning. G.O.C. visited 13th Bde. in connection with operation with 2nd Aust.Division and afterwards visited 4th D.A. Two artillery Bdes. moved out to 2nd Aust.Div. in connection with their operation tomorrow. Five prisoners captured by our patrols during night 9/10th. 13th Bde. shortened line by pushing six posts out from J.34.C and J.34.D.	Appx. 16 Int.Summary Appx. 17 Corps Comdrs Conference
	10th		Overcast with slight drizzle. A quiet day. One Bn. (51st) co-operated with advance by 2nd Aust.Division by forming flank from J.30.C.0.2, K.25.C.0.2. The operation took place at 9.45 p.m., a party from 51st Bn. moved with attacking waves of 7th A.I.Bde. in order to ensure liaison with our people on completion of attack. 51st Bn. who were responsible for refusing the flank captured one officer, 14 unwounded and 4 wounded Germans together with one M.G. Hostile retaliation to our artillery fire was fairly light.	Appx. 18 Int.Sum'y.
	11th		Fine and warm. Consolidation of gained ground being pushed on. No counter attacks launched by enemy to regain their position. The 2nd and 4th Divisions together advanced 750 yards on a 3,500 yards frontage. Memo received from Corps pointing out necessity for increased activity in way of raids and local operations. G.O.C. visited Brigadiers in the line and discussed propositions. G.O.C. 3rd Aust.Div. called and talked over prospects of an operation in conjunction with his Div. for the taking of the VILLERS BRETONNEUX plateau.	Appx. 19 Int.Sum'y.
	12th		Fine and warm. American Officers consisting of 1 Brigadier, 1 Colonel and 3 Majors have arrived and are posted for instruction to units of the Div. in the line. Situation generally quiet and unchanged. Information received that an attack on our front is likely to be made on June 15th.	Appx.20 Int.Sum'y Appx.21
	13th		Fine and cool. Situation quiet by day and unaltered. Our artillery very active sweeping forward and searching valleys and likely places where the enemy could assemble.	Dist.of Unit Appx. 22 Int.Sum'y

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BUSSY	14.		Overcast and cool. Situation quiet. B.G., G.S. called D.H.Q. and discussed situation. Instrs issued for raids on right Bdes front with a view to securing identifications which at present stage are most important. Information received of possibility of attack on our front tomorrow and necessary precautions are being taken.	Appx. 23 D.O.125 Appx.24 D.O.126 Appx.25 Int.Sum'y
	15.		Overcast and cool. No attack eventuated this morning. Day passed fairly quietly. Three raids were carried out simultaneously by 4th A.I.Bde., 2 against VAIRE WOOD and one near HAMEL. All successful 16 Germans being captured with 3 M.G's. Artillery support was splendid and hostile retaliation light due probably to the Counter Batteries opening up at Zero minus 2. Raids were made at 11.30 p.m. Army Commander has congratulated all concerned. Identifications proved to be normal.	Appx.26 Int.Sum'y
	16.		Cool with showers and bright intervals. First lot of American officers completed their four days attachment with line units and are replaced by a second batch. This is a sound scheme, the Americans having profited to a large extent by this short tour. 12th A.I.Bde. relieved 13th A.I.Bde. in Left Bde. Sector without incidents. Both our and enemy planes busy bombing after dark. 2 Germans captured.	Appx.27 Int.Sum'y Appx.28 Dist.of Units
	17.		Overcast with clear intervals. Light showers of rain. BUSSY shelled with 5.9 H.V. gun, using H.E. and yellow cross gas. Many fell in close proximity to D.H.Q. caused no casualties. Situation unchanged and fairly quiet.	Appx. 29 Int.Sum'y
	18.		Overcast and cool. Situation quiet. Usual harassing fire by our artillery. Army Commander called and gave hint as to probably operation in near future on this front.	Appx. 30 Int.Sum'y
	19.		Overcast with bright intervals. Several showers during day. Situation remains unaltered. Much work is still being done by our troops improving the forward, support and reserve positions.	Appx. 31 Dist.of Units Int.Sum'y Appx.32 Appx.33 Narrative of operations from March 25th to April 30th.

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BUSSY	20		Overcast with showers and bright intervals. Further batch of American Officers and other ranks arrived and were attached to Units in the line. Situation still fairly quiet and unchanged.	App.34 Intell. Summy.
	21		Generally fine with few light showers. G.O.C. had Conference with Brigadiers regarding coming operations. BUSSY shelled with 5.9. H.E. during night. Situation quiet and unaltered.	App.35 Int.Summy.
	22		Fine with good visibility. Conference held at Corps attended by G.O.C., G.S.O.1 to discuss coming operation. Situation still quiet and unchanged. 4th Aust.Div.Artillery relieved 5th Aust.Div.Artillery, C.R.A. taking over at 10.a.m.	App.36 Int.Summy.
	23		Fine with good visibility. Situation quiet. Hostile artillery fairly active on Right Bde. forward area. G.O.C. visited 12th Bde. H.Q. G.O.C., R.A. 4th Army visited D.H.Q. and conferred with G.O.C. Staff Officer from 58th Div. attached to D.H.Q. for instruction in intelligence duties.	App.37 Location List. App. 38 Int.Summy.
	24		Fine but cloudy. D.H.Q. shelled with H.V. 5.9. gun firing from W.S.B. One casualty - A.D.M.S. severely wounded. G.O.C. visited 12th A.I.Bde. and conferred with Brigadier. Situation unchanged. E.A. bombed forward area. Hostile artillery fairly active on both Bde. fronts.	App.39. Int.Summy.
	25		Fine but dull. Misty morning. Conference held at D.H.Q. to discuss details of operation to be carried out on HAMEL. Identification obtained by left Bde. - 43rd Res.Div. has relieved 24th Res.Div. opposite Left Bde. Sector. E.A. again very active over forward area. Hostile artillery inactive.. Situation remains unchanged. D.O.127 issued (Relief of 4th Bde. by 12th Bde.)	App.40 Int.Summy. App.41 Location of Units.App.42 D.O.127
	26		Fine with bright intervals. G.O.C. visited 13th A.I.Bde.H.Q. Army Commander visited D.H.Q. and discussed pending operation with G.O.C. and G.S.O.1. Situation quiet - Hostile artillery inactive. Gas shelling nil.	App.43 Int.Summy. App.44 Location of Units.

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BUSSY.	27		Fine, clear day, visibility good. G.S.O.1 and C.R.A. attended a Conference at Corps H.Q. Corps Commander and M.G.G.S., 4th Army visited D.H.Q. and conferred with G.O.C. on pending operations. G.O.C.'s 4th and 6th A.I.Bdes. visited D.H.Q. and conferred with G.O.C. and G.S.O.1 on same subject. Situation quiet. Light shelling of forward area. Increased activity of hostile E.A. over forward and rear areas. Instructions received for Gen. GLASGOW to report immediately to assume command of 1st Australian Division.	Corps App.45. Intelligence Summary.
	28		Fine bright day. Instructions received for Gen. GLASGOW to report to 1st Aust.Div. Lieut-Colonel S. HERRING assumes command of 13th A.I.Bde. G.O.C. visited VAUX EN AMIENS and witnessed Tank demonstration. G.O.C. 4th A.I.Bde. visited D.H.Q. and discussed pending operations with G.O.C., C.R.A. and G.S.O.1. Increased hostile E.A. activity. Situation remains unchanged. Slight increase in artillery activity on forward areas. Aust. Corps Order received for the attack on HAMEL. FRENCH P.O.W. escaped into our lines on Left Bde. Sector.	App.46 Intelligence Summary.
	29		Fine bright day, visibility good. G.O.C. again visited Tank demonstration at VAUX en AMIENS. Army and Corps Commanders visited D.H.Q. and discussed pending operation on HAMEL with G.O.C. & G.S.O.1. Div. Order 128 issued to all concerned. Increased artillery activity on whole Divisional front. Battery positions lightly shelled with gas during night 28/29. 2 Companies Americans attached to 4th A.I.Bde.	App.47 D.O.128 App.48 Int. Summy.
	30		Fine clear day, visibility again good. G.O.C., G.S.O.1, C.R.A., A.A. & Q.M.G. and G.O.C. 4th A.I.Bde. attended a Conference at Corps H.Q. to discuss matters on operation on HAMEL. Bn. H.Q. and 3 Coys. of Americans arrived and attached to 4th A.I.Bde. Instructions No.7 issued. Hostile artillery again fairly active. Increased gas shelling on Battery positions.	App. 49 Int. Summy. App. 50 Instructions No.7.

Headquarters,  
8th July, 1918.

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OF

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

FOR

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Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Ref. Map Sheet 1/40,000	Location	Remarks.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	62D.	G. 12. C. 2. 5.	ALLONVILLE.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		GLISY	Attached 3rd Aust.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		O. 25. B. 00. 85.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		W. 24. B. 2. 6.	Division.
4th D. A. C.		M. 14. C. 4. 5.	
D. T. M. C.		N. 24. B. 2. 7.	
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		O. 5. C. 6. 8.	
13th Battalion.		O. 12. D. 1. 1.	
14th Battalion.		O. 24. A. 4. 6.	
15th Battalion.		O. 6. B. 62. 10.	
16th Battalion.		O. 12. B. 9. 3.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.		O. 11. A. 05. 95.	
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		Hospice, RIVERY.	
45th Battalion.		" "	
46th "		GLISY Line.	
48th "		Ecole Communale, RIVERY.	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		M. 2. C. 2. 4.	RIVERY.
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		H. 17. B. 1. 5.	QUERRIEU CHATEAU.
49th Battalion.		H. 16. A. 70. 95.	
50th "		H. 10. A. 1. 8.	QUERRIEU.
51st "			PONT NOYELLES.
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.			QUERRIEU.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</u>			ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. Field Coy.			RIVERY.
12th " " "		B. 23. Central.	FRECHENCOURT.
13th " " "		H. 11. Central.	PONT NOYELLES.
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.			ALLONVILLE.
<u>4th Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.</u>		G. 11. D. 70. 65.	ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. T.G. Coy.		G. 18. A. 5. 4.	ALLONVILLE.
12th " " "		M. 16. Central.	CAMON.
13th " " "		H. 17. C. 60. 03.	QUERRIEU.
24th " " "		G. 10. C. 5. 4.	ALLONVILLE.
S. S. C.			ALLONVILLE.
RAILHEAD			POULAINVILLE.
4th Aust. Div. M.T. Coy.			ALLONVILLE.
<u>A.A.S.</u>			ALLONVILLE.
5th Aust. Field Amb.			ALLONVILLE.
12th " " "		M. 1. B. 1. 5.	RIVERY.
13th " " "		Billet No. 7	QUERRIEU.
4th Aust. Pioneer Batt'n.			BUSSY.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.</u>			ALLONVILLE.
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			ALLONVILLE.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		M. 10. B. 5. 4.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.			RIVERY.
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.			PONT NOYELLES.

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4th Aust.Div.Salvage Coy.	62D.	M.9.A.8.8.	RIVERY.
4th Aust.Div.Sanitary Sec.			CAGNY.
4th Aust.Mob.Vet.Section.		G.53.B.9.1.	
4th Aust.Div.Reinforcement Staging DEPOT.			VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.
13th A.L.B. Regt. (1troop).		G.18.C.7.5.	ALLOUVILLE.
Aust.Cyclist Bn. (1 platoon)			"
D.A.D.O.S.			ALLOUVILLE.
A.P.M.			"
D.A.D.V.S.			"
Div. Paymaster.			"
Div. Claims Officer.			"
Div. Baths Officer.			"
O.C., S.A.A. Sec.			"

*D. Stewart*

for Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 8. a.m. 1/6/18.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 271.

From 6.a.m. 1st to 6.a.m. 2nd June, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. During the morning a small party on road in P.5.C. was dispersed. A party in P.15.C. and movement in trench at P.14.B.3.1. successfully engaged. Registration carried out on new work in BOIS de VAIRE. Five direct hits were obtained on dugout on P.14.B.3.1. during the afternoon. Movement in P.5.C. and P.17.A. engaged and dispersed. Working party at P.9.D.6.2. engaged - three casualties observed. MALARD and BOIS de HAMEL. At 10.25.p.m. a concentration burst was fired on area in P.4.C. where an enemy tank was reported. At 10.15.p.m. a two minute burst was fired on work to West of BOIS de VAIRE, on Valley in P.9.C. and trench mortar emplacement at J.36.D.00.45. At 11.35.p.m. a two minute bombardment was directed on trench system in P.4.D., P.10.B. & D. New work at P.14.D.60.35., quarry at K.31.C., P.9.B., and trench in P.14.D. were subjected to a two minute shoot at 1.a.m. At 2.25.a.m. a two minute burst swept track in P.11.B., P.5.D., P.5.C. and roads in P.5.C. and P.11.B. At 2.40.a.m. approaches on the divisional front were swept for three minutes and at 3.10.a.m. a rolling barrage swept in from S.O.S. plus 600 yards to S.O.S. plus 200 yards and out from S.O.S. plus 100 to S.O.S. plus 400 yds. in seven minutes.

(b) Machine Guns. Indirect fire was used on the following targets at dusk and dawn :- Edge of wood from P.20.B.6.5. to P.20.B.90.55. Road from P.14.D.8.1. to P.20.B.9.5. Road from P.14.B.75.15. to P.15.A.30.35. Cross roads at P.15.A.00.25. and strong points at P.15.C.8.6. to P.15.C.95.60. During the night occasional bursts were fired on tracks in J.29.B. No targets offered for direct fire.

(c) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 66 rounds on following targets :- Central Copse in P.14.Central, enemy post P.14.C.9.6., enemy trenches P.8.D.3.8., P.8.D.4.5. and P.8.D.7.9. Good results were reported. 6" Newtons fired on various targets during the night.

(d) Patrols. Reconnaissance liaison and protective patrols operated throughout the night. No enemy were encountered and no movement observed or heard.

(e) Aircraft. Our planes were very active both by day and night. Large formations patrolled the enemy's front and support systems for period of 20 to 30 minutes and dropped bombs in vicinity of roads in P.22.A. During the night bombing planes were active. At 5.p.m. about 40 of our planes carried out a bombing raid on SAILLY-LAURETTE.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Mil.

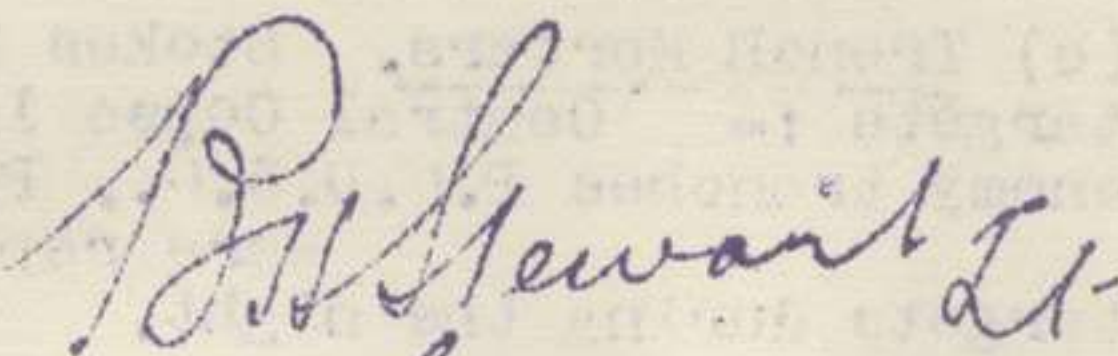
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Scattered shelling of our front, support and reserve areas was maintained. The valley in O.10., 15, 16, and 17. continues to receive most attention, including gas shelling during the early morning. The following were the principal areas shelled:- O.16., O.17., A, B & C., O.10., J.19., J.20., J.14., VAIRE, J.20., WELCOME WOOD, J.21.C. Light shelling was also reported in CORBIE, FOUILLOY, HAMELET, O.4.Central, P.7.B. & D, J.26.A., I.21.D., I.35.. The Mill in J.27.A. was registered on with 77's.

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5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Continues quiet generally. Work on defences is still going on. Machine guns were fairly active - by day against our low flying aircraft and by night harassing fire on our roads and tracks in forward area.
6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.  
(a) Work. A party of 4 were observed working around a mound at P.16.A.5.2.  
(b) Machine Guns. A gun is suspected at K.31.C.4.9.  
(c) Trench mortars. Enemy mortar, which was firing from vicinity of Cemetery in J.36.C., was silenced by our Artillery.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes crossed our lines at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. At 9.35 a.m. an E.A. flew low over the centre Bn. Sector of Left Sde. Four other E.A., which attempted to cross our lines, were driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire. At 3.30 a.m. E.A. dropped bombs in vicinity of SAILLY-LE-SEC.
8. MOVEMENT. Enemy working party of about 20 observed in P.20.Central at 5.15 a.m. Considerable individual movement in HAMEL WOOD throughout the day; also at intervals in P.14.D.8.2. and P.15.C.6.6. Men were observed carrying rations and water from SAILLY-LAURETTE to posts West of the village. Shortly after SAILLY-LAURETTE had been bombed motor ambulances were noticed moving along road towards PROYART. Much individual movement in vicinity of dug-out at K.31.C.7.4. and trenches in K.20.D. and K.27.A., also in P.5.C., P.9.D., P.14.E., P.17., and P.11.A. Tanks were reported, one in CERISY and one in P.4.C. at dusk.
9. MISCELLANEOUS. A propaganda balloon fell in P.2.C. at 10.45 a.m.

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G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Appendix 3

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 122.

Headquarters,  
3rd June, 1918.

Ref. Map: 1/20,000.

1. Subject to weather conditions a gas bombardment of the enemy's position in the valley East of HAMEL extending South to ARQUAIRE and ACCROCHE Woods will take place on night 3/4 June.
2. The Corps Heavy Artillery and the Field Artillery of A, B, & C Divisions are to participate in accordance with attached sketch, under separate instructions issued by the G.O.C., R.A. of the Corps. Zero hours have been arranged as follows :-

Heavy Artillery 9.30.p.m.  
Field Artillery 3.30.a.m.

About 7,500 rounds of gas shell in all are to be fired and arrangements are being made to harass the exits from the gassed area during and after the gas bombardment.

3. The operation will take place only if the wind is in the angle N. by E. through W. to S.W. A priority wire will be sent by D.H.Q. to all concerned, to notify favourable or unfavourable conditions, in the following form :-

Ref. D.O. No.122

"COMMAND WILL PASS AS ARRANGED" if favourable

Ref. D.O. No.122

"COMMAND WILL NOT PASS AS ARRANGED", if unfavourable

4. All concerned will be informed, but no mention of this operation is to be made on the telephone from Infantry Brigade H.Q. forward.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Shavarack*

Lieut.-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at *[Signature]*

DISTRIBUTION:

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. (With Map)
- 12th " " " { " " }
- 13th " " " { " " }
- C.R.A., 4th Aust. Divn.
- C. R. E.
- 4th Div. Signals
- 4th Pioneer Bn. (with Map)
- 4th M.G. Bn. (with Map)
- A.D.M.S.
- 8th Tank Bn. (with Map)
- 13th A.L.H. Detachment.
- Aust. Cyclist Bn. detachment.

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Identification Trace for

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 272.

From 6 a.m. 2nd to 6 a.m. 3rd June 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. During the morning an O.P. at P.20.B.11.05 was bombarded - two direct hits being recorded. Movement in P.17.D. was successfully engaged, and a burst fired on valley in P.17.D. and P.11.C. During the afternoon a working party at P.10.D.8.6, a small party at P.11.E.9.9 and a group in P.14.B. were shelled and dispersed; two casualties are known to have been inflicted on the latter party. A party working in trench in P.14.D. was scattered and driven to cover. A small burst was fired on copse at P.4.C.2.2. During the night three minute bursts swept the trench system and parallel tracks in P.10.B. & D, P.4.B. and tracks used by ration parties. At 1.50 a.m. the BOIS d'ACROCHE, GALLY and area P.5.C. were searched for five minutes. At 3.20 p.m. possible assembly places were bombarded for five minutes.

(b) Trench mortars. Stokes fired 30 rounds on trench at J.32.D.90.35 - results could not be observed. 100 rounds were fired on trenches in P.8.D.3.8, P.8.D.4.5, P.8.D.7.1, and traversed along a line between P.20.A.6.7 to P.14.C.6.6 to silence machine guns - one gun was put out of action.

(c) Machine Guns. No opportunities for direct fire were presented. Indirect fire was used at irregular intervals during the night on following targets :- Edge Wood from P.20.B.6.5 to P.20.B.90.55, Road P.14.D.8.1 to P.20.B.9.5; road from P.14.B.75.15 to P.15.A.30.55. Cross roads at P.15.A.00.25., Strong Point P.15.C.6.6 to P.15.C.95.80 and road junctions in J.36.D. and K.25.C.

(d) Patrols. The divisional front was vigorously patrolled throughout the night. Liaison was maintained with units on flanks and between units within the division. With the exception of a working party at P.14.C.9.0 there was scarcely any enemy movement. Voices were heard at P.14.D.2.3. Old enemy trench at P.4.B.5.6 was examined and shows no trace of recent occupation.

(e) Aircraft. Considerable activity was displayed by our planes during the day. Frequent reconnaissance flights were observed and bombs were dropped on enemy support and reserve lines. At 11.35 p.m. a plane flying low over our support lines dropped two golden cluster lights - immediately afterwards bombs were dropped between our support and reserve lines. At 11 p.m. bombing planes which appeared to be ours dropped two large golden cluster flares over our reserve line, these were followed by 6 bombs which fell in P.1.C. and D. The same flight passed over and a few minutes later repeated the performance well behind the enemy lines.

(f) Prisoners. One prisoner was captured in J.30.B.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

7th Coy., 265th R.I.R. in J.30.B. (prisoner).

3. ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

The 2nd Bn. 265th R.I.R. relieved a battalion of the 107th R.I.R. north of the SOMME on night 1/2nd June. The remaining two battalions of

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the 26th R.I.R. are still in their old sector east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, (P.S.) The 2nd Bn. 26th R.I.R. has two Coys. in front line and two companies in support about 1,000 yards in rear. The 7th Coy. has 6 light M.G.'s., four of which are in front line and two in support position. (P.S.).

#### 4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Slightly increased activity on right sector; the usual activity maintained on left sector. Gas shelling has decreased, only 25 rounds being reported in O.4.C & D. and 50 rounds in J.13 and 14. CORBIE was shelled with gas for an hour from 4 a.m. this morning. The road from CORBIE square to FOUILLOY was shelled from 11 to 11.30 a.m., and the outskirts of CORBIE on the HAMELET side were subjected to intermittent shelling all day. VAIRE and HAMELET were shelled intermittently from 10 a.m. to noon with 77's and 105's. Other areas shelled were :- P.13 with 77's and 105's gun and 105's and 210's How. O.10: 105's and 150's How. O.16 and O.17 77's, 105's and 150's. I.35 & 36: 105's How. I.19, 24, 28, 105's How., J.32 & J.27: 77's. J.22 105's How. and heavy H.V. J.13, 14, & 15: 77's, 105's and gas O.4.C & D: 105 H.E. & Gas. A gun on T.B. 110° from P.13.A.1.1 registered on P.13.A.

#### 5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.

Quiet but alert. Machine guns fairly active. Work is still progressing on forward defences. Trench Mortars were very quiet.

#### 6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

(a) Work. Party digging at P.14.C.9.0. Another party seen in P.30. B. at 4.30 a.m. some digging and others carrying. Party of 16 working on road side Q.7.C.7.3.

(b) Wire. Enemy's wire at J.35.D.4.7 consists of a low trap wire with dense wire 25 yards further to the rear. A wiring party was at work at J.30.D.2.2.

(c) Machine Guns. Active guns located at P.4.C.00.45, P.8.D.8.1,

P.20.A.6.5, P.4.C.7.5, P.9.B.2.8, J.35.D.35.25.  
(d) Post. L.P. located at P.20.A.4.5 (2 men). (e) Sniper. Active from P.20. A.45.45.

#### 7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Not as active as usual. At 2.30 p.m. 4 E.A. flying high crossed our lines. Between 4.30 and 5 a.m. 2 E.A. flew fairly low over the rear area of our left Bde. They were heavily engaged by Lewis and A.A. guns and one plane fell in flames in approx. P.2.D. A plane which attempted to cross our lines at 6 a.m. was driven off by A.A. guns. At 4.40 a.m. one E.A. was brought down in vicinity of HAMEL by one of our scouts.

#### 8. MOVEMENT.

At 6 a.m. much movement in groups of two and three at approx. P.4.C.8.2. Party of 20 moved from HAMEL WOOD near P.15. Central disappearing at P.15.A.5.5. At 9 p.m. 6 limbers moved along road at P.4.C.3.4. Small parties on road at P.16.C.1.5, P.16.B.05.20; P.23.B. 95.50, Q.25.C.35.35 and vicinity of trenches P.16.B.5.5, P.4.D.50.07, and P.4.D.15.50. Transport on road SAILLY LAURETTE to MORLANCOURT. Individual movement in VAIRE WOOD during day. Mounted men road to P.11. A.1.4 and returned immediately towards P.11.A.35.45 at 1.30 a.m. either tanks or tractors were heard moving through HAMEL. Enemy



transport on road west of ACCROCHE WOOD at 8.45 p.m. Individual movement in P.16.C. at 5.45 p.m. Considerable transport on road R.25.C & D. and on road to PROYART R.26.B. and R.20.D. moving in both directions. Considerable train movement in R.32. during day.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

O.P. at K.31.C.7.4.

Signals. At midnight 3 red flares were fired at intervals from W. of HAMEL. These were fired towards enemy's rear - no apparent result.

Balloons. were up on T.B!'s. 127° 99°5' 144° and 154° from P.13.A.1.1.

Dump. A small ammunition dump in P.11.A. was set on fire at 2.15 p.m.

Strength of 7th Coy. 265 R.I.R. is about 160 rifles. Casualties have been very light. Many casualties have recently been caused to horses in vicinity of MERICOURT by our H.A. There are many horse lines in this area. (P.S.).

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ANNEXE TO 4th AUSTRALIAN DIV. SUMMARY NO. 272.Notes on aeroplane photos taken 1st June, 1918.

A.3. AEA. 520 C.T. has been dug through ARQUAIRE WOOD from old work at P.16.B.67.10 to P.16.D.4.9 ; also large traverse in old trench at P.16.B.7.1 has been linked across or short circuited by short length of trench.

A.3. AE. 515. This photo clearly shows the old activity in P.22.C. Likely H.Q. or signal dugouts at P.22.C.3.3 - tracks lead to these. What appear to be logs of wood lie along road at P.21.D.95.30.

Notes on photos taken 2nd June, 1918.

A.3. AEA. 525. Bridge under construction over SOMME at K.31.D.45.30.

A.3. AEA. 524. New C.T. through HAMEL WOOD from P.15.D.05.70 to P.15.C.3.7 where it runs off photo. C.T. at P.16.C.35.50 has been lengthened towards road to P.16.C.2.5.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 123.

Headquarters,  
3rd June, 1918.

Ref. map: 1/20,000

1. The Northern Boundary of "B" Divisional Sector will be adjusted to run as follows, on the night 4/5 June :-

From front line at J.30.C.9.9. - J.23.C.0.0. - thence westward along old inter-divisional boundary.

2. Details will be arranged mutually between G.Os.C., 13th A.I.Bde. and 5th A.I.Bde. A liaison post will be established in the front line at junction of "B" and "C" Divisions.

3. O.C. 4th M.G. Bn. will arrange with O.C. 2nd M.G. Bn. for the relief of Vickers Guns in the Area effected on the night 5th/6th June.

4. C.R.A., 5th Aust. Division will arrange alteration of "S.O.S" lines accordingly.

5. Completion of adjustment will be reported to this Office.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Ref. Sheet 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS	62D.	A.34.B.9.1	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q. ABBEV. 10th A.F.A. Bde. 11th A.F.A. Bde. D.T.M.O.		EPACNE	CHATEAU. R.A. REST AREA.
5th Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q. 13th A.F.A. Bde. 14th A.F.A. Bde.	62D.	BUSSY-Les-DAOURS. Hospice FOUILLOY. I.25.D.6.2.	
150th Army Bde. H.Q. 298th " " R.F.A. H.Q. 16th " " R.H.A. " 77th " " R.H.A. " D.T.M.O. 5th D.A.C. 5th A.R.P.		I.30.A.8.3. I.21.B.5.8. H.34.C.0.0. BUSSY-Les-DAOURS. I.34.C.40.85. H.22.B.2.7. H.26.A.5.9.	LA NEUVILLE.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	Adv. Rear.	0.5.C.66.80. N.11.A.4.0. 0.12.D.10.05. 0.24.A.3.8. 0.6.B.7.1. 0.12.B.9.4.	FOUILLOY.      (Billet No.35.)
13th Battalion. 14th " " 15th " " 16th " " 4th A.L.T.M. Bty.		FOUILLOY	
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. 45th Battalion. 46th " " 48th " " 12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		N.21.A.95.40. 0.7.C.5.1. 0.7.C.50.25. 0.1.A. Central. N.17.C.6.3.	TRONVILLE CHEAU.
13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. 49th Battalion. 50th " " 51st " " 13th A.L.T.M. Bty.	Adv. Rear.	M.19.C.25.55. I.32.B.2.8. J.28.C.9.9. J.25.D.20.55. J.28.C.7.9. J.26.D.1.3.	
4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q. 4th Aust. Field Coy. 12th " " " 13th " " "		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS. 0.3.A. Central. 0.3.A. Central. 0.1.A. Central.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	
4th Aust. M.G. Batt'n. 4th Aust. M.G. Coy. 12th " " " 13th " " " 24th " " "		H.35.C.3.3. 0.18.A.3.2. 0.8.B.7.5. J.22.C.9.3. 0.6.B.6.5.	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
4th Aust. Pioneer Batt'n.		I.30.C.0.0.	
A. D. H. S. 4th Aust. Field Ambulance. 12th " " " 13th " " "		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS. M.4.C.9.2. LES ALENCONS. WOOLLEN MILLS DAOURS.	

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4th Aust.Div.Train H.Q. 62D.  
 7th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
 14th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
 26th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
 27th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
 S. S. O.  
 RAILHEAD  
 4th Aust.Div.M.T. Coy.  
 4th Aust.Div. Salvage Coy.  
 4th Aust.Div.Sanitary Sec.  
 4th Aust.Div.Mob.Vet.Sec.  
 4th Aust.Div.Reinforcement )  
 Staging Depot.  
 13th A.L.H. Regt. ( 1 Troop )  
 Aust. Cyclist Bn. ( 1 Platoon)  
 D.A.D.O.S.  
 A.P.M.  
 D.A.D.V.S.  
 Div.Paymaster.  
 Div.Claims Off.  
 Div.Baths Off.  
 O.C., S.A.A. Section.

BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
 H. 14. D. 6. 2.  
 Att'd. 4th Div. Army.  
 RIVERY.  
 PONT NOYELLES.  
 BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
 AILLY-sur-SOMME.  
 SAINT SOU VEUR.  
 N. 6. C. 1. 1. DAOURS.  
 CAGNY.  
 G. 33. B. 9. 1.  
 H. 27. C. Central.  
 H. 34. B. 7. 4. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
 H. 34. B. 7. 5. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 273.

From 6 a.m. 3rd June to 6 a.m. 4th June 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. All opportunities of engaging moving targets were taken advantage of. During the morning an enemy party in P.17.D. was dispersed and a burst fired on vicinity of Cemetery in J.36.C. In the afternoon movement in P.21.D.5.9. was engaged, a party in P.16.A. dispersed and a working party in P.11.D.7.5. successfully engaged. Casualties were inflicted on a group of six moving between the BOIS d'ACROCHE and BOIS de VAIRE. An N.F. call on P.11.B.5.3. at 8.35 p.m. was answered. Three minute bursts were fired at 9.30 p.m., 11.40 p.m., 1.30 a.m. and 2.10 a.m. on enemy centres of activity and approaches. At 3.10 a.m. a rolling barrage swept out from S.O.S. plus 100 yds. for eight minutes.

(b) Trench Mortars. A 6" Newton fired 70 rds. on enemy posts and Minenwerfer in J.35.C. & D, P.8.D. and P.9.A. during night 2/3 June, putting an enemy Minenwerfer out of action. Stokes Mortars fired 110 rds. on enemy posts at J.36.C.1.3., J.30.D.85.40. and other targets.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers guns fired 500 rounds on an enemy working party in P.14.D. and it is believed casualties were caused. Indirect harassing fire was employed on communications and centres of activity, the following targets receiving special attention :- Road from P.20.B.3.1 to P.20.B.9.0., Road P.14.D.8.1. to P.20.B.9.5.; Strong post at P.15.C.6.6.; Trench P.15.B.0.0. to P.15.B.3.1.; Headquarter at P.15.C.8.5.; road junctions P.15.C.35.35.; P.10.C.05.60. and P.9.B.15.65.; M.G. positions at P.8.D.8.1. and P.4.C.00.45; junctions and tracks in SAILLY LAURETTE and K.25.C.

(d) Patrols. Sixteen reconnaissance patrols operated on the divisional front; in addition to protective and liaison patrols were sent our hourly and touch was maintained with units on flanks. Two patrols examined the enemy trench at P.4.B.8.3 and report no sign of recent occupation. A patrol was fired on from P.3.D.9.5 and by 3 M.G.'s. from approx. P.4.D.1.3. An enemy party of about 20 was seen working at J.36.A.3.8. Enemy posts at J.35.D.3.5 were found unoccupied. A wire was found fastened to a stake at J.35.D.8.8. On pulling wire machine gun fire was immediately opened along wire. Patrol cut this wire. A wiring party was at work at J.36.A.3.5. Voices were heard at J.30.D.8.8. Enemy position at P.9.A.55.60 was found strongly held and machine guns fired from this spot. The terrace at P.14.Central was found unoccupied and no sign of enemy in the copse. A small enemy patrol was seen at P.14.A.8.2 moving in an easterly direction.

(e) Aircraft. Very active. At 11 a.m. large formations reconnoitred enemy rear area. At 11.15 p.m. a bombing flight crossed enemy lines and bombs were heard a considerable distance in rear. At 7.15 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. our planes dropped bombs on HAMEL.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

A considerable decrease in activity was noticeable and shelling was of a very scattered nature, and limited to harassing fire.

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Following were the principal areas shelled :- VAUX : 77's.; VAIRE: 77's; O.16 and O.17: 77's, 105's, H.E. and Gas and 150's H.E.; O.10 & O.11: 105's H.E. and Gas and 150's H.E.; J.19, 20, 33.: 77's; I.28: 150's.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.

Quiet but very alert. An increased number of working parties was observed. Slightly increased M.G. and T.M. activity by night as compared with two previous nights.

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

- (a) Work. Party working at P.14.C.9.0. Party of 50 working at P.14.D.7.9 at 4.30 a.m. 20 men working at J.36.A.3.8.
- (b) Wire. Party erecting wire at J.36.A.3.5.
- (c) Machine Guns. Active guns located at P.9.A.55.60; P.14.B.7.3, three at approx. P.4.D.1.3, P.3.C.8.1, P.3.D.3.3, P.4.C.5.4, P.3.D.9.5, J.35.D.7.8, J.36.C.2.7, J.35.D.8.2 and approx. J.35.D.6.3.
- (d) Trench mortar firing from approx. P.9.B.85.05.
- (e) Posts. at P.3.D.8.4 and P.3.D.5.2.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Not as active as usual. Only two attempts were made to cross our lines on Right Bde. and these were frustrated by our machine gun fire. At dawn two planes attempted to cross left Bde. front but were driven off by M.G. fire. At 3.30 p.m. two E.A. crossed at a high altitude and penetrated to rear areas. One E.A. was brought down by one of our planes and fell in P.9.C.

8. MOVEMENT.

Considerable horse transport reported during day and early evening. At 2.15 p.m. three transports going East in Q.24.D. 4.25 p.m. 20 - 4 horse transports approaching MORCOURT. in Q.24.D. 5 p.m. Convoy of 40 H.T. approaching the lines by same route. 8 p.m. a number of H.T. travelling S.W. in Q.9.A. 8.25 p.m. 8 four horse transports going South in Q.22.B. Several small parties of men approaching MORCOURT on road Q.23.A.9.5. Small parties on several occasions coming from various directions to fork roads in K.51.C. - this appears to be a headquarters. Transport wagons observed at M.32.A.1.9. Party of 15 at J.30.D.9.0 (dispersed by Lewis Guns and casualties inflicted). Another party of 6 at J.30.D.9.9 - 8 p.m. Considerable individual movement in P.11.C and D, P.4.D., P.10.D., VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL. Much movement at P.10.B.6.4. At 7.30 p.m. 30 loaded transport wagons accompanied by 3 men on horseback moved along road at Q.28.D.3.4 in direction of LAMOTTE en SANTERRE. At 9.20 p.m. 70 men in 3 parties moving towards HAMEL in singly file through Q.13.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Signals. When enemy's shells dropped short 2 red and one white flares were fired whereupon range was lengthened.  
O.P. Suspected in trench at J.31.C.8.6.  
 On afternoon of 2nd an enemy plane with a red fusilage and white wings flew low over front line. Many parachute and ordinary flares were dropped by planes during the night causing great inconvenience to patrols.

6. VISIBILITY.

Very bad from 4.30 a.m. to 8 a.m. improving from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and remained good until 6.45 p.m.

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PART II.

Information from other Sources.

1. SITUATION.

(a) Fourth Army Front.

The situation remains unchanged. Hostile air activity was much below normal, and indicates that machines opposite this front are working elsewhere, probably south.

About 15 of the enemy attempted to raid our trenches south of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. They were repulsed, leaving 2 dead and 1 seriously wounded prisoner in our hands. Another prisoner was captured by an Australian patrol north of the SOMME.

During the night VILLERS BRETONNEUX was heavily shelled. QUERRIEU was shelled with H.E. and gas from a H.V. gun. Otherwise the front was quiet.

A normal division was identified in the WARFUSSE sector.

B. THE AISNE BATTLE FRONT.

The enemy yesterday continued to press between SOISSONS and CHATEAU THIERRY.

Two fresh divisions from reserve have been engaged on the AISNE battle front on either flank of the salient formed by the German advance to CHATEAU THIERRY, and a division withdrawn from the SOMME front has also reinforced this front south of SOISSONS. Two additional divisions have been engaged owing to the extension of the battle front east of RHEIMS, and a total of 37 divisions have now been identified.

Only the one division of Prince RUPPRECHT'S Army already reported has so far been employed.

The line now runs :-

AUTRECHES - HAUTEBRAYE - E. of LE PORT - COMPIEGNE - SOISSONS road - VAUX - E. of PLOISY - CHAUDUN - FERME BEAUREPAIRE (German) - CHAVIGNE - LONGPONT - CORCY (German) - FAVEROLLES - TROISNES - E. of DAMNARD - CREZY en ORXOIS - VINCY - NEUILLY la POTERIE - TORCY - BELLEAU - N. and E. corners of Bois de la MARETTE - CROGIS - N. border of BOIS du LOUP - AULMOIS - the MARNE - E. of VERNEUIL - LA MALMAISON - E. borders of the BOIS de TROTTE - CUESLES - E. borders of BOIS de la COHETTE - BOUJACOUPT - BLIGNY.

No change between d'AUTRECHES and the OISE.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY.  
Artillery.

North of the ANCRE there was a slight increase in the activity of the enemy's artillery. During the night of the 1st/2nd a considerable quantity of "green cross" shell (phosgene) was fired into the area BEMENCOURT - MILLENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE. Communications in back areas were engaged with H.V. guns. Yesterday morning the enemy is reported to have registered our trenches north west of DERNANCOURT and north of BUIRE.

South of the ANCRE the enemy's artillery was again very active. Early yesterday morning, our trench systems east of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX and villages in the SOMME Valley were heavily engaged with gas shell. During the remainder of the period under report, bursts of fire were directed against villages and trench systems in forward areas. The activity of long range guns against villages in back areas declined.

There was a slight increase in the shelling of AMIENS.

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PART II

(2) Information from other sources

SITUATION

Roads.

The Army on our left reported abnormal movements, with a general southerly tendency, on the LA METZ - CONTALMAISON and MONTAUBAN - BAZENTIN roads at 10.45 a.m.; this, however, was not confirmed by our observers.

4. BOMBING RAIDS.

The following bombs were dropped by our aeroplanes:

(a) By day :-

ROSIERES Station and dump	.....	.....	26	112-lb.
MARCELCAVE	.....	.....	8	112-lb.
OMIECOURT Dump	.....	.....	16	112-lb.
Woods south of CERISY	.....	.....	192	25-lb.
BECOURT Wood	.....	.....	198	25-lb.

(b) By Night :-

St. QUENTIN	.....	.....	9	112-lb.
BRAY	.....	.....	6	40-lb. phosph:
			(114)	25-lb.
MERICOURT )				
LA FLAQUE. )	.....	.....	(22)	112-lb.
GUILLEMONT )			(57)	25-lb.

In all 8 tons were dropped.

A large fire was observed on the Western side of OMIECOURT Dump as a result of our raid.

5. GERMAN TANK TACTICS.

From the preliminary reports from the British troops engaged on the AISNE battle front, it appears that the enemy employed German tanks similar to the tank captured at VILLERS - BRITTONNEUX.

The tactics adopted were, however, somewhat different, as the tanks were employed with the front waves instead of following the infantry into action. The morning of the 27th May was misty, and the tanks appeared close to our front line, either immediately preceding or among the leading infantry wave.

The only evidence received as yet shows that tanks were used near la VILLE-AUX-BOIS and in the valley of the MIETTE.

6. ENEMY REAR ORGANIZATION.

Dumps.

Considerable activity is visible at FRESNOY-les-ROYE station. A new siding has been constructed east of the CHAULNES - ROYE main line since April 12th. (Air photographs 205 v 630, 632).

Activity is noticeable at ROSIERES dump (Air photograph 205 v 617). No change is noticeable at WIENCOURT and GUILLAUCOURT sidings, and at the sidings between GIECHY and LES BOEUFs.

A new siding has been constructed since May 3rd near GUILLEMONT siding (T.20.c). (Air photograph 48 v 4593).

7. ENEMY DEFENCES.

South of the Somme a new communication trench is visible in HAMEL Wood (Air photo. A.3.AE.A.524).

9. RESERVES.

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A sergeant-major stated under special examination that the reserves in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX area are unable to occupy normal reserve positions owing to the fact that our artillery has direct observation for a considerable distance back. The Battalions in reserve are therefore unavailable in case of sudden emergency.

GENERAL.

The situation remains unchanged. A distinct reduction in the number of hostile aeroplanes was observed. From the fact that a battalion of a Division occupying the WARFUSSEE sector has reinforced the MORLANCOURT sector, it would seem that the divisions resting in rear of this part of the front have been withdrawn. The movement observed on the 31st on the BRAY - MARICOURT road was probably the move of this Battalion.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units.

UNIT	Ref. Sheet S.S.I./40,000	Location.	Remarks.
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.	62D.	H.34.B.9.1.	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
4th Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.	ABBREV.	EPAGNE	} R.A. REST AREA.
13th A.F.A. Bde.		CHATEAU.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.			
D.T.M.O.			
5th Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.	62D.	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	
13th A.F.A. Bde.		Hospice FOUILLOY.	
14th A.F.A. Bde.		I.23.D.6.2.	
150th Army Bde. H.Q.		J.30.A.8.3.	
296th " " R.F.A. H.Q.		I.21.B.5.8.	
16th " " R.H.A. "		H.34.C.0.0.	
77th " " R.F.A. "		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	
D.T.M.O.		J.34.C.40.85.	LA NEUVILLE.
5th D.A.C.		H.22.B.2.7.	
5th A.R.P.		H.26.A.5.9.	
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		Adv. O.5.C.66.80.	
		Rear. N.11.A.4.0.	
13th Battalion.		O.12.D.10.05.	
14th "		O.24.A.3.8.	
15th "		O.6.B.7.1.	
16th "		O.12.B.9.4.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.		FOUILLOY	(Billet No.35).
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		M.21.A.95.40.	TRONVILLE CHATEAU.
45th Battalion.		O.7.C.5.1.	
46th "		O.7.C.50.25.	
48th "		O.1.A. Central.	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		N.17.C.6.3.	
13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		Adv. J.19.C.3.6.	
		Rear. I.32.B.2.8.	
49th Battalion.		J.28.A.9.9.	
50th "		J.25.D.25.50.	
51st "		J.28.A.7.9.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		J.26.D.15.30.	
4th Aust. Engineer H.Q.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	
11th Aust. Field Coy.		O.3.A. Central.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.		O.3.A. Central.	
13th Aust. Field Coy.		O.1.A. Central.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	
4th Aust. M.G. Bn.		H.35.C.3.3.	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.		O.18.A.3.2.	
12th " " "		O.8.B.7.5.	
13th " " "		J.22.C.9.3.	
24th " " "		O.6.B.6.5.	
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.		I.30.C.6.8.	

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A. D. N. S.	62D.	HAL BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
4th Aust. Field Ambulance		LES ALMECONS.
12th " " "		H. 19. B. 0. 6. 2.
13th " " "		N. 4. C. 9. 2.
4th Aust. Div. Train H. Q.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
7th Coy. A. A. S. C.		H. 14. D. 6. 2.
14th Coy. A. A. S. C.		Att'd. 4th Div. Arty.
26th Coy. A. A. S. C.		RIVERY.
27th Coy. A. A. S. C.		PONT NOYELLES.
S. S. O.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
RAILHEAD		AILLY-sur-SOMME.
4th Aust. Div. M. T. Coy.		SAINT SOU VEUR.
4th Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.		N. 6. C. 1. 1. DAOURS.
4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Sec.		CAGNY.
4th Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sec.		G. 33. B. 7. 1.
4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Staging Depot.		H. 27. C. Central.
13th A. L. H. Regt. ( 1 Troop )		H. 34. B. 8. 3. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
Aust. Cyclist Bn. ( 1 Platoon )		H. 34. B. 7. 5. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
D. A. D. O. S.		H. 19. D. 0. 0.
A. P. M.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
D. A. D. V. S.		"
Div. Paymaster.		"
Div. Claims Off.		"
Div. Baths Off.		"
O. C., S. A. A. Section.		M. 2. D. 7. 9.
P. O. W. Collecting Station.		O. 3. C. 1. 1.

*H. H. H. H.*  
Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 8 a.m., 5/6/16.

4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.  
4th Aust. Div. M. T. Coy.  
4th Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.  
4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Sec.  
4th Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sec.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 274.

From 6 a.m. 4th to 6 a.m. 5th June 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. During the morning movement in P.15.B. and P.16. and a working party at P.10.A.10.35. engaged and dispersed. Suspected P's at P.10.A.10.35. and P.8.D.70.75. were bombarded - four direct hits being recorded on the latter. During the afternoon movement in P.10. Central, and hostile troops with transport at P.11.D.8.2. engaged and dispersed. Three minute bursts were fired on the following centres of activity during the night :- Trench P.21.A.5.3. - P.21.B.C.2. - P.21.D.95.85; Work to west of BOIS de VAIRE in P.14.B. & D; bridge at K.31.D.45.25; trench P.15.C.0.5. - P.15.C.90.55. - P.15.C.0.6; quarry at K.31.C.; valley in P.9.C.; SAILLY LAURETTE; approaches to HAMEL and bridge K.31.D.0.0. At 3.40 a.m. a seven minute rolling barrage swept from S.O.S. plus 600 yds. back to S.O.S. plus 100 yds., and out to plus 300 yards.

(b) Trench mortars. Stokes mortars fired on enemy trench system in J.30.D.9.8. and J.30.D.9.2. at intervals. HAMEL WOOD and work in J.35.D. and Q.4.C. were engaged by 6" Newtons.

(c) Machine Guns. Our Vickers guns engaged direct fire targets at P.9.C.5.5. and P.9.A.5.6. - good results were reported. Parties working on new C.T. in P.15.C. were engaged. The usual programme of indirect fire was carried out. A few short bursts were fired on limbers at cross roads P.4.C.4.4.

(d) Patrols. Many patrols operated on the Divisional front. Protective and liaison patrols were sent out hourly and maintained touch with units on flanks. Trench at P.4.B.4.8. showed no sign of recent occupation. Trench at J.30.D.8.8. has apparently not been occupied for some time. Voices were heard from J.30.B.8.0. Movement heard at P.20.A.5.5. A party was busy wiring at P.14.A.5.5. Otherwise very little movement reported.

A patrol of Right Bde. while acting as observing and listening patrol near P.14. Central saw an enemy patrol of 7 or 8 approaching from eastern side of copse and pass through copse in a westerly direction. Our patrol, watching their opportunity, moved towards copse to cut off the enemy. They had gone only a few yards when the enemy turned and ran hard for his own lines. Bombs were thrown and shots fired by our patrol - rifle grenades were also fired by our covering party. It is believed that casualties were inflicted but investigation could not be made owing to the heavy M.G. and M.W. fire directed on the spot by enemy.

(e) Aircraft. Observing and reconnoitring machines were active throughout the day and at night extensive bombing of enemy's rear areas was carried out.

2. IDENTIFICATION. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. The scattered nature of enemy's shelling was maintained except for concentration with gas and H.E. on J.14. and J.15. between 2.30 and 4.15 a.m. Following areas were also shelled :- P.16: 77's; J.27.B: 105's; O.16. and 17: 150's H.E.; gas and shrapnel; O.20: 105's; P.18: 77's and 105's; I.21: 105's H.V., I.24: 77's; VALRE: 77's, O.12.C: 77's; BONNAY: 150's.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTER-SECTION

From 6.15 a.m. to 6.30 a.m. 4th A.D.

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- 5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Continues quiet and defensive.
- 6. ENEMY DEFICIENCIES.
  - (a) Work. Party working on wire at P.14.A.7.5.
  - (b) Machine Guns. Active guns firing from :- P.5.A.6.5., P.9.A.5.7., J.35.D.55.90., J.30.D.9.7., J.36.B.6.9., P.9.C.1.0., P.9.D.3.8. and an A.A.M.G. at P.14.B.7.3.
  - (c) Trench mortars. firing from P.9.B.1.3.
  - (d) Flare Posts located at P.4.C.5.6. and P.9.D.3.8.
- 7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 9 p.m. bombs were dropped on our forward area in J.30.B. At 11 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped in valley J.28.A. At 4.30 a.m. one E.A. flew high over our lines and at 5.40 a.m. 2 E.A. crossed our lines.
- 8. MOVEMENT. At 4.15 a.m. several transport wagons approaching lines on road Q.26.C. & D. Small parties on road moving to and from PROYART in R.19.A. at 8.15 a.m. Two parties of 5 or 6 approaching lines with packs and rifles from P.11.C. to road P.10.D.6.4. at 9.10 a.m. Train going towards BAYONVILLERS through R.31.A. at 10.55 a.m. Road to PROYART in Q.19.A. continuously in use by parties of men and occasional transport wagons till light failed at 8.45 p.m. Small parties during day in P.6.A. & B. and K.31.B. Party of 30 on road in Q.7. marching South. Early this morning (5th) large party seen on ridge in K.31. - apparently working party returning; entered SAILLY LAURLETTE on eastern side. Limbers heard at P.4.C.4.4. at 9.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. H.T. at R.26.D.90.45. - 11.15 a.m., two M.T. at Q.25.D.30.35. - 9.50 a.m. Individual movement at 10.25 a.m. P.10.B.40.25. towards P.10.B.7.3. Movement around dugouts P.14.B.85.1 at 3.30 p.m. Considerable movement in sunken road east of HAMEL. Parties of 2 and 3 frequently proceeding along trenches and generally culminating at P.11.A.35.25. - this is apparently a headquarters. much movement around suspected O.P. at P.8.D.70.85. - observers with field glasses and messages transmitted by flags.
- 10. MISCELLANEOUS. Smoke screen in Q.36.C. at 4.20 p.m. and what appeared to be an armoured train. Six shots were fired from this locality and train moved off.

*R. Stewart*  
 for  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
 G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

CORRECTION:  
 I.S. No. 273. Para. 10: O.P., for J.31.C.8.6. read K.31.C.8.6.

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Photograph (No. 2557) showing the line on the left and the right (No. 4418) showing the line on the right and the left.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

THE AISNE BATTLE FRONT.

Between SOISSONS and CHATEAU THIERRY, the fighting continued without any important modifications in the line. The enemy made slight progress in the eastern outskirts of VILLERS COTTIERETS forest.

Forty one divisions, of which 9 were fresh, and 32 were previously engaged on the SOMME front, have been identified. One fresh division from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies, (making 2 in all), has now been identified on the battle front. Yesterday evening the line ran as follows :-

W. of LE PORT - CREST W. of PERNANT - LAGLAUX Farm - VERTE FEUILLE Farm (French) - CHAVIGNY Farm (German) - W. of CORCY FAVEROLLES (French) - TROESNES (French).

The remainder of the line remains unaltered.

BOMBING RAIDS.

The following bombs were dropped by our aeroplanes :-

(a) <u>By day.</u>	Various targets.	...	258	25-lb.
(b) <u>By night.</u>	ST. QUENTIN	...	(16	112-lb.)
			(33	25-lb.)
	BRAY.	...	3	112-lb.
			30	25-lb.
		Various targets.	...	6
		...	138	25-lb.
		...	4	40-lb.

In all, over 6 tons were dropped.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Two new footbridges across branches of the SOMME river are visible in K.32.B., N.W. of CERISY. (Air photograph 82.A.E. A.1069). There was a marked increase of footbridges across the SOMME marshes and Canal North of CERISY between 9th and 16th May. (Compare photographs 25.i.2557 and 48.V.4418). These bridges, however, do not seem to be much used.

(b) There is increased activity at the banks east of AQUAIRE Wood, and some work seems to be in progress on dugouts here, and also in GRESSAIRE Wood S.E. of MORLAUCOURT (Air photographs 82.AE.A.1116, 48.V.592).

DUMPS. Thirty ammunition magazines are visible on the north side of the crossroads east of FOLIES (K.M.D.7.1.) These appear to have been constructed between May 10th and May 29th. (Air photograph 205.V.462 and French photograph.

A large increase in the ammunition dump N.E. of VILLERS St. CHRISTOPHE, is shown (66.K.4.A.5.a). 48 new magazines have been constructed since April 12th. (French photograph).

The activity at ROSIERES dump is increasing. A new railway has been constructed leaving the eastern edge of the dump and running across the main line north-eastwards as far as the HARBONNIERES - LIHOIS road, where it bifurcates. The new sidings immediately east of the village

(66<sup>E</sup> F.3.0.65) appear to be used as an unloading point. Photographs show many lorries on the MEHARICOURT road (Air photographs 49.V.471, 512 and French photographs).

#### ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE TACTICS.

A prisoner states that, on the 30th May, the 77th Pursuit Flight received orders to detail as many machines as possible to escort a Rumpler two-seater on a strategical reconnaissance north of the SOMME and 20-km. behind the lines; 7 machines were told off. The orders in question mentioned that this reconnaissance was extremely important, and that the co-operation of scouts was required, in view of the fact that single machines had found it exceedingly difficult to penetrate the British line patrols.

#### GERMAN ARTILLERY METHODS.

South of MONTDIDIER, the enemy appears to have adopted on several occasions new methods of registration and subsequent fire for effect.

(a) If registration is by high air bursts, the previous method of firing 10 or 12 rounds at short and regular intervals on the line of the target (above and slightly short of it) has been replaced by  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour's fire, comprising high and low air-bursts and bursts on graze. During this series, 12 to 15 high air-bursts occur at regular intervals; these constitute the real registration. A second and similar series is often fired to avert suspicion.

Usually an hour or two elapses before the enemy passes to fire for effect. This consists of either:

(i) Two shoots, each of about 200 rounds, with several hours' interval between them.

or (ii) Four or five concentrations of about 25 minutes' duration, at intervals of 45 to 75 minutes, each of 60 to 100 rounds.

(b) If aerial registration is employed, fire for effect rarely follows close upon registration. The usual interval is one hour. Fire for effect is then carried out by one of the two methods stated above. In exceptional cases, it is controlled by aeroplanes.

#### Notes on Photographs.

H.A.E.74, 31/5/18. Bridges under construction at Q.4.C.30.00.  
Pontoons or barges at Q.10.A.40.90.  
49.V.519, 31/5/18. New C.T. from P.14.B.82.00. to P.15.C.39.75.  
49.V.516, 31/5/18. C.T. at P.16.C.25.65. has been extended to road at P.16.C.12.65.  
82.AEA.1109, 31/5/18. New C.T. has been extended from P.16.B.65.11. to P.16.D.30.35.

A3AEA 577. New C.T. can be seen running from road at P.16.C.1.5. to P.15.D.5.6. This is apparently a portion of a new C.T. from ARQUAIRE WOOD to HAMEL WOOD, portions of which have been previously reported.

A3AEA 554. Trench extended from K.26.D.2.1. also from K.32.A.6.9. to K.32.A.5.9.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Amendment to Distribution List of 5th June, 1918.

Unit.	Ref. Sheet 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	62D.	N. 14. B. 9. 9.	(Wood)
45th Battalion.		O. 7. C. 50. 25.	
46th Battalion.		O. 1. A. Central.	
48th Battalion.		O. 7. C. 5. 1.	

*W. Craig, Capt.*  
for Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

AS at 8. a. m. 6/6/18.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 275

From 6 a.m. 5th to 6 a.m. 6th June, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was fairly active throughout the period. Small parties in P.16.C, P.16.B, P.10.B. & C, were fired on and dispersed. Throughout the night harassing fire was kept up on the following targets :- New C.T. from BOIS DE HAMEL to BOIS D'ARQUAIRE, QUARRY in R.31.C, and on possible assembly points. At 3.33 a.m. a jumping barrage was fired for six minutes.

(b) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns carried out indirect fire on the following targets :- Cross roads P.21.C, Road Junction P.15.A.00.30, P.16.C.30.65, Trench P.15.D.00.65 and tracks west of HAMEL. A working party in P.8.D. was engaged by direct fire and dispersed.

(c) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars engaged the following points :- P.9.C. Central, J.36.B.50.85, J.30.D.85.40, and J.30.D.90.75. 6" Newton Mortars fired 50 rounds on selected targets in vicinity of BOIS DE VAIRE and BOIS DE HAMEL.

(d) Patrols. Reconnaissance, liaison and protective patrols operated along the divisional front during the night. A small working party was heard at P.14. Central. No other enemy movement was observed.

(e) Aircraft. Our planes were active and carried out low reconnaissances of the enemy's lines. Bombs were dropped on HAMEL and HAMEL WOOD.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery was normally active throughout the period. A slight decrease of shelling on the forward areas with increased activity on battery positions North of the River SOMME. VAIRE - SOUS-CORSIN and SAILLY-LE-SEC were intermittently shelled during the day. The following places were lightly shelled :- BONNAY, O.17, O.11, O.12, J.27.A, J.28.A, and J.21.A. About 10 gas shells fell in the vicinity of Battery positions in O.17.A.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.

Continues to be quiet. Work on forward defences still goes on. Machine guns are active against our forward posts.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Work. A small party was heard improving the defences of COPSE at P.14. Central.

(b) Machine Guns. A gun was located at J.33.D.5.9.

(c) Trench Mortars. A mortar was observed firing from J.36.D.9.5.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy aircraft were not as active as usual. A low flying plane crossed our lines about 8 p.m. and was driven off by Lewis and Machine Gun fire.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - 1st

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

8. MOVEMENT.

There was again much movement on road through Q.24.B. during morning (5th) extending east to PROYART - principally small parties of men and horse transport. Small parties on road P.18.C. going towards WARFUSEE at 8 a.m.. At 5 a.m. three H.T. and a few horsemen on road in P.18.B & C. At 7.20 a.m. 5 loaded transport wagons going east through P.20.A. Individual movement along C.T. in P.14.B.1 and P.9.D.1.9. Considerable traffic between 4 and 8 a.m. along sunken road east of HAMEL and at P.11.A.35.25, P.10.D.25.75, P.23.A.30.85, P.15.B.55.55, P.10.A.9.3. Men with packs in sunken road E. of HAMEL. At 6.15 p.m. party of men unloading timber at K.31.A.45.00. When our plane was over this area men were seen to come out into open at this point and disappear when plane returned to our lines. Party at J.36.C.5.5 was dispersed by L.G. fire. Several small parties in K.15.A. and at K.15.Central. Large parties marching through Q.25.D. to about Q.23.A. Large party loading hay about Q.20.B.5.7 at 4.45 a.m. Much movement of men, wagons and railway trucks throughout the day in R.26. M.T. at R.25.A.90.85. H.T. during afternoon moving along road from PROYART towards MORCOURT. At 5.30 a.m. 4 wagons moving along road at Q.9.D.05.75. Large number of men with full packs going towards WARFUSEE from P.22.C. during the morning.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

At 12.50 p.m. heavy artillery exploded a large ammunition dump at P.30.D.5.4.

VISIBILITY.

Fair from 4.15 a.m. to 7 a.m. Good until 8.45 p.m.

*D. Stewart Lt.*

for Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Some enemy aircraft were not active as usual. A few flying planes crossed our lines about 8 p.m. and were driven off by searchlights and machine gun fire.

REPORT OF AIRBORNE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

BOOMBING RALPH.

The following bombs were dropped :-

- (a) By night. - 100 25-lb bombs were dropped on various targets.
- (b) By night. - 15 112-lb bombs were dropped on PERONNE and 72 25-lb bombs on various targets.

Last night the enemy dropped bombs in the vicinity of LONGPRE.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) The new enemy front line between DERNANCOURT and VILLE-Sur-ANCRE has been linked up and deepened (air photographs A 3 AE A 536, 547).

(b) Some work has been done N.W. of MORLANCOURT, but the enemy front line is still far from continuous (air photograph A 3 AE A 546), and there are only a few portions of communication trench (air photograph A 3 AE A 553). Work has been done on a communication trench N.E. of SAILLY LAURETTE in K.26.D. (air photograph A 3 AE A 554). The slopes of the ravine East of the village in K.31.C.D. show much activity and the valley road is much used (air photograph A 3 AE A 552). There is increased activity N. of TAILLES Wood (air photograph A 3 AE A 555).

(c) Work has been done on the new C.T. intended to connect HAMEL Wood and AQUAIRE Wood (air photograph A 3 AE A 577). There is increased activity at the support trenches N.W. of MARCELCAVE and in P.27.D. West of WARFUSEE (air photograph A 3 AE A 561, 573).

ENEMY MORAL. A prisoner states that several cases have recently occurred of machines (of the 36th Protective Flight), which had been ordered to bomb our infantry from low heights, returning with their bombs without having crossed the lines; the crews of the machines in question were punished by the flight commander.

EFFECT OF OUR AIR OPERATIONS. The following is an extract written by a company commander in the 265th Reserve Infantry Regt., HAMEL (SOMME), 15/5/18.:-

"Beautiful weather here, but, owing to the numerous enemy aeroplanes, one dare not show oneself out of doors".

GENERAL.

The situation is unchanged. The enemy have apparently received orders to raid our lines, as after a very inactive period they have attempted to carry out two raids during the last five days. They apparently wish to create the impression of activity and to ascertain from prisoners whether reinforcements from this front have been sent Southwards. It is probable that raiding activities will continue.

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NOTES ON AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN 5/6/10.

A.3.AEA.610. Shows our own front line practically linked up with the exception of several short sections.

A.3.AEA.608. New C.T. has been extended to P.15.D.40.66 - thus raking it continuous throughout ARQUAIRE WOOD to front line with exception of a gap of 150 yards from P.15.D.05.70 to P.15.D.40.66 (see also photo. A.3.AEA.605).

A.3.AEA.605. Gap in C.T. now linked up by a section of shallow trench. C.T. damaged by shell fire at P.15.B.18.72. New short section of trench at edge of wood P.15.Central - considerable movement at this point.

A.3.AEA.619. Much movement around crossroads in Q.7.C. and many tracks leading around the far slope of the ridge through Q.13.A. and P.18.B and D.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 276

From 6 a.m. 6th to 6 a.m. 7th June, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

\*a a body of troops leaving HAMEL

(a) Artillery. Many opportunities were presented of engaging moving targets and fullest advantage was taken of them. During the morning movement in trench in P.10.B. was engaged, eleven direct hits being registered on the trench. A large party entering HAMEL\* were dispersed - three known casualties on latter party. Movement in P.16.C. and a large party in P.15.D. were dispersed. During the afternoon a large working party at P.14.B.30.00 was engaged and casualties inflicted. A working party in P.16.C. was scattered on two or three occasions. Later a working party endeavouring to collect in P.14.B. was scattered. Two casualties were inflicted on a party re-commencing work at P.14.B.30.00. A small dump in P.5.C. was fired on and blown up - apparently S.A.A. Machine gun posts from P.5.A.35.76 to P.5.A.57.70 were successfully engaged. Trench system in P.4.D. was bombarded. During the night three minute bursts were fired on the new C.T. in P.15.C. & D. and P.16.C; on quarry in K.31.C, track in P.5.D.; HAMEL and approaches BOIS de HAMEL; bridges in K.31.D. and terrace in P.11.B. Three minute area shoots were fired on P.14.B, P.15.B, and P.15.A. Crashes were fired on suspected battery positions at P.11.B.5.5 and P.11.C.6.4 at 10.5 p.m. and 11.40 p.m. Continuous harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on new C.T. in P.15.C & D, P.16.C. and C.T. in P.21.D.

(b) Trench Mortars. 6" Newtons fired 75 rounds on various targets in J.36.P.8, 9 and 14 on night 5/6th inst. 3" Stokes engaged targets in P.8.D, P.9.C.5.7, trench from J.36.B.15.25 to J.36.A.9.2, trench system in J.30.D. and P.4.C. Good shooting was reported.

(c) Machine Guns. Indirect fire was carried out on following targets intermittently throughout the night :- P.9.B.10.30, Cross roads P.15.A.0.2, Cross roads P.21.C.5.9; Main street of HAMEL, P.9.C.5.5, K.25.C, K.31.B & D, tracks in P.21.C; road junction P.15.C.30.65; trench from P.15.C.5.6 to P.15.D.00.65 and new C.T. through P.14.D. and P.15.C for possible working parties. All opportunities for direct fire on moving targets were taken advantage of. A working party of about 40 in P.10.B. Central was fired on and dispersed.

(d) Patrols. Fifteen reconnaissance patrols operated on the divisional front; in addition protective and liaison patrols were sent out hourly during the hours of darkness and touch was maintained with units on flanks. Enemy movement was heard in VAIRE WOOD, at cross roads P.20.A.5.5, P.4.B.5.2. Flares were fired by enemy from rear of copse in P.14.Central, P.8.D.8.1, P.8.D.9.7. No enemy were seen in the terraces in P.14.C but a working party was heard nearer VAIRE WOOD. A patrol was fired on from direction of P.8.D.9.7. Numerous enemy tracks through copse discovered at J.30.D.7.8.

(e) Aircraft. Considerable activity throughout the day on the part of reconnaissance machines. The usual bombing activity at night.

(f) Snipers were active. An enemy party near J.36.C.8.5 was dispersed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Slightly less active on the whole and shelling is very scattered.

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It is interesting to note that the shelling in P.13. A.13.0 has increased considerably during the last week - about 100 rounds 77's and 105's fell in this area during the 24 hours. The front system in P.13. appears to receive more attention than other portions of the front line. Following were the principal areas shelled: - P.13. A.13.0: 77's & 105's; P.10. C. & D: 105's gas; O.16 & 17: 77's, 105's, shrapnel & gas; O.10: 105's and gas; J.12: 21 cm.; J.13: 105's; J.29: 105's and 150's; H.V., J.27: 150's and gas; O.11.C.: 77's; O.4. A: H.E. time; VAIRE 105's.

##### 5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.

Considerable activity of working parties. It is noticeable that enemy working parties are again becoming active on work to west of BOIS de VAIRE in spite of casualties repeatedly inflicted. They are also endeavouring to push on the new C.T. in P.16.C, P.15.C & D, by day. Machine guns were unusually quiet on Right Brigade front during the night; during the day the A.A.M.G. were very active in this sector. On left Bde. front the usual activity was displayed. No increase in T.M. activity was noticeable.

##### 6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

- (a) Work. Party driving stakes at P.20.A.8.8; working parties edge of VAIRE WOOD P.14.B & C at various times. Party working in trench P.4.B.5.2; work being carried out in trench P.8.D.1.0 and P.9.C.6.7. New work is visible at K.31.C.50.95 and P.4.D.4.0.
- (b) Wire. Enemy wire in crop J.35.D.3.3 to J.35.D.6.8 is thin and about knee deep. Wire in J.30.B & C consists of thin barbed concertina wire; it is a poor obstacle. Behind this is a line of heavier wire on steel pickets which forms a good obstacle.
- (c) Machine Guns. Active guns located at P.14.D.4.9 (A.A.) P.14.B.7.1 (A.A.) P.4.B.4.3, P.5.A.0.4. A gun in K.25.C. used indirect fire on tracks in J.28.C. A gun in K.25.A. fired occasional bursts along ridge in J.30.C.
- (d) Trench Mortars. A light mortar fired from near church in SAILLY LAURETTE. Another fired occasionally from a position in J.36.D.

##### 7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Only two planes attempted to cross our lines; they were driven off by M.G. fire and afterwards by three of our scouts. One of them was brought down in vicinity of HAMEL.

##### 8. MOVEMENT.

Considerable movement of men and transport throughout the day in Q.7 & 8, P.11.B.7.8, P.25.D. and cross roads in Q.24.B. Party of 50 moving along road in Q.9 disappeared behind wood. At 8.20 a.m. a train with glass windows observed in Q.9.D. - believed to be a troop train. Movement constantly around mound P.4.D.4.0. Three trains shunting between R.31.C. and R.25.D. at 3.25 p.m. Body of 100 men in several parties at intervals of 200 yards marching from direction of PROYART. through Q.24.B.75.90 at 7.30 p.m.. Transport at R.24.B.75.90, R.19.A.55.60 and R.25.D.60.42. Constant movement at P.10.B.9.7 - believed to be a Headquarters.

##### 9. MISCELLANEOUS.

O.P. at K.31.Central again reported. Gun flashes. At 7.30 p.m. four gun flashes in WIENCOURT. (V.12. Central) apparently a railway gun. Signal. A signal lamp working for 10 minutes at P.15.A.5.5 - message could not be taken.

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for Lieut.-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

1. THE AISNE BATTLE FRONT. On the MARNE - OISE front the enemy attacked the French positions yesterday morning in the neighbourhood of COUCY and east of CAISNES. The attacks were repulsed, except N. of COURCY, where slight progress was made. One fresh division was identified, making a total of 42 divisions engaged, of which 10 were fresh, and 32 were previously engaged on the SOMME battle front.

2. RAILWAYS. Train movement between 4.30. and 5.15. a.m. yesterday was distinctly above normal in the area NESLE - CHAULNES - PERONNE. Most of the trains observed were standing, with steam up, in the stations. No definite trend can be assigned to the movement. In other parts of the Army area, except for some activity reported by the left Corps on the BRAY - FRICOURT - CARNOY light railway between approximately the same hours, there was only slight train movement throughout the day. There was some local activity at ROSIERES Station and dump between 10.30. and 11. a.m.

3. BOMBING RAIDS. The following bombs were dropped by our aeroplanes :-

(a) By Day -

Various Targets	...	164	25-lb.
OMIECOURT Dump	...	20	112-lb.
BRAY sidings	...	12	112-lb.

(b) By Night.-

ST. QUENTIN	...	5	112-lb.
		96	25-lb.
ESTREES Aerodrome	...	7	112-lb.
		26	25-lb.
		2	40-lb. (phosph).
Various Targets	...	6	112-lb.
		100	25-lb.
		2	40-lb. (phosph).

In all, five tons were dropped.

Photographs show that three direct hits were obtained on OMIECOURT Dump.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. In the MORLANCOURT sector the rate of work has somewhat increased. The enemy is linking up old rifle-pits and digging lengths of trench to form a new front line between VILLE and MORLANCOURT with odd lengths of communication trench near the old railway lines north of MORLANCOURT (Air photos. A.3.A.E., A.585, 591). Some work has also been done west and south-west of the village (Air photos. A.E. A. 588, 546).

A short deep belt of wire is reported south of MORLANCOURT in E.13.D., just north of the BRAY - CORBLE Road.

5. SPOTTED TYPHUS IN GERMAN DIVISIONS. Information from prisoners from the 109th Div. Prisoners from the 109th Division, which has come from RUMANIA, declare that cases of spotted typhus are frequent among the German troops stationed in RUMANIA.

The 109th Div., which detrained about April 10th in the region of GUISE, was stopped W. of ST. QUENTIN on its way to the front by cases of spotted typhus (about 50) which broke out in the 3rd Bn., 26th Res. Regt.

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The division went back to the rear as a result of this epidemic and was billeted in the region of HAUTEVILLE for about 12 days before being definitely engaged.

It will be recalled that the 78th Res. Div., which also came from RUMANIA and which held the GRIVESNES Sector, had to relieve one of its units, the 276th Trench Mortar Coy., prematurely, on account of the same kind of epidemic.

These reports are confirmed by documents. Thus, a man from the 26th Res. Regt. writes :-

"On April 9th we had to continue our march towards the front. But in the morning news came that the division could not advance further on account of the disease which was raging in some of the regiments."

6. GERMAN TANKS NEAR RHEIMS. The enemy made use of Tanks on two occasions during his recent attacks against the French near RHEIMS.

On the 31st May, three tanks accompanied the attack on TINQUEUX; one was put out of action, and the other two withdrew in flames.

On the 1st June three tanks came out of the BOIS en V to take part in the attack on Fort de la POMPELLE; they were destroyed or put out of action by the French Artillery.

GENERAL: Situation unchanged.- Germans attempted to raid our trenches last night, this being the fourth raid during the last six days. Further raids must be anticipated.

No further divisions from Prince RUPRECHT'S Group of Armies have been identified on the AISNE Front.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Ref. Sheet 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
<b>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</b>			
4th Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.	62D.	H. 34. B. 9. 1.	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
10th A.F.A. Bde.	ABBEV. 14.	EPAGNE. COCQUEREL. EPAGNE. EAUCOURT. EAUCOURT.	CHATEAU. R.A. REST AREA.
11th A.F.A. Bde.			
4th Aust. D.A.C.			
4th Aust. D.T.M.O.			
5th Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.			
13th A.F.A. Bde.	I. 23. D. 6. 2. I. 30. A. 8. 3. I. 21. B. 5. 8. H. 34. C. 0. 0. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS. I. 34. C. 40. 85. H. 22. B. 2. 7. H. 26. A. 5. 9.	LA NEUVILLE.	
14th A.F.A. Bde.			
150th Army Bde. H.Q.			
298th " " R.F.A. H.Q.			
16th " " R.H.A. "			
77th " " R.F.A.			
5th Aust. D.T.M.O.			
5th D.A.C.			
5th A.R.P.			
<b>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</b>			
13th Battalion.	Adv.	O. 5. C. 66. 80.	
14th Battalion.	Rear.	N. 11. A. 4. 0.	
15th Battalion.		O. 12. D. 10. 05.	
16th Battalion.		O. 24. A. 3. 8.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.		O. 6. B. 7. 1.	
		O. 12. B. 9. 4.	
		FOUILLOY	(Billet No. 35.)
		N. 14. B. 9. 9.	(Wood).
<b>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</b>			
45th Battalion.		O. 7. C. 50. 25.	
46th Battalion.		O. 1. A. Central.	
48th Battalion.		O. 7. C. 5. 1.	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		H. 17. C. 6. 3.	
<b>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</b>			
49th Battalion.	Adv.	J. 19. C. 3. 6.	
50th Battalion.	Rear.	I. 32. B. 2. 8.	
51st Battalion.		J. 26. A. 9. 9.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		J. 25. B. 25. 50.	
		J. 28. A. 7. 9.	
		J. 26. D. 15. 30.	
<b>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</b>			
13th Field Coy.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	
10th Field Coy.		O. 3. A. Central.	
15th Field Coy.		O. 3. A. Central.	
		O. 1. A. Central.	
<b>4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.</b>			
<b>4th Aust. M.C. Bn.</b>			
4th Aust. M.C. Coy.		BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	
12th " " "		H. 35. C. 3. 3.	
13th " " "		O. 18. A. 3. 2.	
24th " " "		O. 6. B. 7. 5.	
		J. 29. C. 9. 3.	
		O. 6. B. 6. 5.	
<b>4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.</b>			
		I. 30. C. 6. 8.	

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4th Aust. Div. H.Q.

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COY. - B -

A. D. M. S.  
4th Aust. Field Ambulance.  
12th " " "  
13th " " "

62D.

BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
LES ALMECONS.  
H. 19. B. 0. 6.  
N. 4. C. 9. 2.

4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.  
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.

ABBEV. 14.  
62D.

BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
H. 14. D. 6. 2.  
PONT REMY.  
RIVERY.  
PONT NOYELLES.

S.S.O.

BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
AILLY-sur-SOMME.

RAILHEAD

4th Aust. Div. M.T. Coy.  
4th Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.  
4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Sec.  
4th Aust. Div. Mob. Vet. Sec.

SAINT SOU VEUR. DAOURS.  
R. 6. C. 1. 1  
CAGNY.

4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement }  
Staging Depot.  
13th A.L.H. Regt. ( 1 Troop )  
Aust. Cyclist Bn. ( 1 Platoon )

G. 33. B. 7. 1.  
H. 27. C. Central.  
H. 34. B. 8. 3. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
H. 34. B. 7. 5. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.

D.A.D.O.S.  
A.P.M.  
D.A.D.V.S.  
Div. Paymaster.  
Div. Claims Off.  
Div. Baths Off.  
O.C., S.A.A. Section.  
P.O.W., Collecting Station.

H. 19. D. 0. 0.  
BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.  
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M. 2. D. 7. 9. DAOURS.  
O. 3. C.

*B. Stewart*  
for Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

At 8 a.m. 7/6/18.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 277.

From 6 a.m. 7th to 6 a.m. 8th June, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Few targets presented themselves owing to poor visibility. During the day bursts of fire were put on the valley in P.22. The COPSE at P.14.Central was registered on. Later a three minute concentration was fired on this target. Considerable attention was paid to VAIRE WOOD, HAMEL WOOD, ACCROCHE WOOD and HAMEL. A M.G. position at P.9.A.2.8. was bombarded. A working party at P.15.B.3.30. was scattered, inflicting casualties. Movement in P.15.D. was dispersed. At dusk movement at P.14.B.3.0. and on road in Q.14. was shelled. At 9.30 p.m. bursts were fired on P.11.A.00.46., P.11.A.07.57. and P.11.A.00.89. During the night a concentration shoot was carried out on the valley P.22., P.17., P.11. by the Corps Heavies; area allotted to this Division being P.17.A. In conjunction with this, continuous harassing fire was maintained on communications to the gassed area. Shooting reported good, but gas drifted towards our line at about J.34.Central, obliging our men to wear respirators.

(b) Trench Mortars. 3" Stokes Mortars fired 18 rounds on enemy post at P.5.A.25.25.; 20 rounds on enemy trench system in J.30.D., and 30 rds. on other selected positions. 6" Newtons fired 30 rounds on Minenwerfer positions at J.36.C.5.6. and several rounds on P.14.Central. On night 6th/7th inst., 6" Newtons fired 100 rounds on various targets.

(c) Machine Guns. Indirect fire was maintained at intervals throughout the night on the following targets :- Positions in P.9.D. and P.10.D.; Communication trench in VAIRE WOOD from P.14.D.55.60. to P.15.C.30.65.; trench from cross-roads at P.15.C.30.65. to P.15.D.00.65., Cross roads at P.15.C.30.65., P.15.A.00.20., Road junction at P.10.C.00.60., HAMEL, P.9.B.10.30., and roads and tracks in the vicinity of SAILLY-LAURETTE.

(d) Patrols. Reconnaissance, Liaison and protective patrols operated on the Divisional Front during the night. A party was heard wiring in the vicinity of P.14.D.3.7., and a party working on hill at P.14.B.2.3. was heard. Transport was heard on road east of HAMEL. 2 enemy seen in shell holes at P.3.D.1.7. Movement seen round about P.3.D.5.5. and P.3.C.8.6. Enemy heard about in crop at approx. J.36.A.30.55. moving

(e) Aircraft. Our planes constantly patrolled our lines during the day, and on occasions large formations penetrated the enemy's rear area to a great depth. Bombs were dropped on HAMEL WOOD and ACCROCHE WOOD. Enemy M.G.'s were occasionally engaged by H.G. fire. One of our planes landed at O.11.D. about 5 a.m., apparently forced to land owing to engine trouble.

(f) Gas. Gas Projectors were discharged at 2 a.m. and fell in P.14.B. & D.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Hostile artillery more active on the forward areas with less activity on battery positions, where shelling was well scattered. Right Brigade Front and Support lines intermittently shelled during the day with 4.2's and 77's. Shooting was very poor and practically no damage was done. At 6 p.m. a short practice barrage was put down on Left Brigade outpost line, = lifting on to the main line. VIGNAVAIRE, SAILLY-LE-SEC, and BOUZENCOURT were consistently shelled with 77 m.m. H.E. FOUILLOY was heavily shelled at intervals during the afternoon.

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The SOMME Valley, VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE and CORBIE were subjected to heavy shelling at 6.30.a.m. and 9.15.p.m. A number of gas shells were fired into SAILLY-BE-SEC at 10.p.m., and Posts at P.2.B.4.9. and Wood at J.32.D.1.8. were lightly shelled with gas.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet but alert. Several of our patrols were fired on by rifle and grenade fire from trench about J.35.D.4.8. and J.36.A.30.55.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.  
(a) Work. Party of 12 observed working on Ridge east of HAMEL WOOD. Another party observed working between HAMEL and HAMEL WOOD.  
(b) Machine Guns. Little activity. SAILLY-LE-SEC subjected to indirect fire from gun in P.4.B. 2 guns located in P.14.B.7.8. Ammunition was used from time to time by M.G.'s firing in conjunction with artillery shelling at 6.30.a.m. and 9.15.p.m.  
(c) Trench Mortars. Enemy trench mortar at noon fired 29 rds. at our post at J.30.C.5.7.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Not active. At 9.15. and 9.45.a.m. two E.A. crossed the Right Bn. Sector of Left Bde. flying fairly high.

8. MOVEMENT. Considerable movement observed opposite Left Bde. Sector, where a relief is suspected. Between 4.30. and 5.a.m. on 6th and 7th inst. parties of 8 men moved across sky line at P.11.A.2.9., shortly afterwards parties of about the same number were observed moving in the opposite direction. Transport again observed at Cross roads in P.4.D. At 8.45.p.m. transport observed passing through P.17.Central. Much movement of transport observed on roads in Q.24.B. and Q.18.C. movement of small parties observed throughout the day in Q.18.C. and Q.31.C. Several small parties seen in P.7.A.8.2. A H.Q. is suspected in this vicinity. Individual movement observed on Ridge east of HAMEL and on Ridge P.16.D.1.7. Enemy seen to take up positions in P.10.B.10.15. which appeared to be M.G. positions, as his A.A.M.G. guns have been located at this position. Movement observed at K.31.A.45.00. and in P.16.A. At 7.20.p.m. transport was seen moving along road through P.21.D. to WARFUSEE. At 7.35.p.m. 2 motor wagons observed on same road.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.  
Signals. At 12.45.a.m. enemy light in HAMEL or on Ridge in rear signalled "SU". At 9.20.a.m. enemy helio or signalling lamp working in HAMEL appeared to be signalling to enemy plane in re of HAMEL.

O.P. The O.P. at P.8.D.70.75. still appears to be manned daily.

Visibility. Practically nil until 11.30.a.m. improved and remained fair until 6.p.m. fading up to 8.30.p.m.

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