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OF

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

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## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918			
	JULY.			
BUSSY	1		Fine bright day. Increased E.A. activity during morning. 43rd Res. Division identified South of the SOMME. G.O.C. inspected Americans attached to 4th A.I.Bde. Conference of Intelligence Officers held at D.H.Q. and points discussed on pending operation. Instructions No.5 issued also D.O. No.129 - relief of 13th A.I.Bde. - Situation remains unchanged. Still an increase in hostile artillery activity. Instructions No.4. issued (Signal Arrangements).	App. 1 Inst.No.5. App. 2 D.O.129. App. 3 Int. Smmy. App. 4 Inst.No.4.
	2		Fine clear day. Visibility good. Army Commander visited D.H.Q. and conferred with G.O.C. G.O.C. and Prime Minister of AUSTRALIA inspected representatives of 4th A.I.Bde. G.O.C., R.A., AUST. Corps visited D.H.Q. Situation remains unchanged. Light shelling of forward area by H.E. and Gas. Instructions No.2 and No.8 issued.	App. 5 Inst.No.2 App. 6 Inst.No.8 App. 7 Int. Smmy.
	3		Dull morning - afternoon fine, visibility fair. Army and Corps Commanders also M.G.G.S. 4th Army visited D.H.Q. and conferred with G.O.C. and G.S.O.3 about American Companies attached to the Division. Arrangements completed for the attack on HAMEL. ZERO hour notified by Corps. Situation unchanged. Abnormal movement opposite Divisional front, possibly inter-divisional relief. Slight increase in hostile activity opposite Left Bde. front. ZERO hour notified to all units.	App. 8 Amdt. to Inst No. 8. App. 9 ZERO hour. App. 10 Int. Smmy.
	4		Fine clear day. Attack on HAMEL and VAIRE WOOD commenced punctually. Reports at 4.a.m. state attack going strong and many prisoners. Reports to 6.a.m. all objectives taken and Tanks have done remarkably well. General line as per map accompanying D.O.No.128. Contact planes did good work also ammunition carriers. Situation quiet throughout the day. Hostile Artillery not very active, and retaliation to our barrage very weak. Low flying E.A. active from 10.a.m. to 10.30.a.m. Little to report throughout the consolidation commenced and going well before the evening. About 10.20. S.O.S. on Centre Bde. front, just South of the SOMME, Our Artillery replied and attack was driven off. Later another attack was launched and part of our front line retaken in P.10.B. A local counter-attack took place and all ground regained including 50 prisoners. Total prisoners for day 38 Officers, 13400.Rs many M.Gs and T.Ms.	App. 11 D.O.130 App. 12 Int. Smmy. App. 13 Inst. for the Def.

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BUSSY	4 (contd)		D.O. 130 issued - readjustment of Northern Boundary. 6th A.I.Bde. passed to Command of G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division at 8.p.m.	
	5		Fine day with cloudy intervals. Our 'planes active. Nothing unusual happening. Hostile artillery fairly active on forward area especially in vicinity of villages. G.O.C. visited all Brigade H.Qs and conferred with Brigadiers. Orders received for withdrawal of Americans attached to 4th and 11th A.I.Bdes. Much movement reported opposite the Divisional Sector South of the SOMME - H.A. and Div. Artillery taking action. Bde. boundaries readjusted - D.O.131. Situation generally quiet.	App. 14 D.O. 131 App. 15 Int. Smmy. App. 16 Int. Smmy.
	6		fine day but dull early morning and after 4.p.m. Enemy artillery fairly active against our new front and support lines. 11th A.I.Bde. relieved by 49th Battalion, 13th A.I.Bde. Our aircraft very active on divisional front. Enemy aerial activity slight.	App. 17 Narrative for MAY. App. 18 Int. Smmy.
	7		Dull day getting finer after 3.p.m. M. CLEMENCEAU, Premier of the FRENCH Parliament visited D.H.Q. and addressed a number of men from the Units which took part in the attack of the 4th inst. He was accompanied by M. Rene RENOULT, President of the FRENCH War Council. The Army Commander, Corps Commander and the Brigadiers of 4th, 11th, 6th A.I.Briganades were present. No change in the situation. Prisoners were captured opposite 13th Bde. front, but no change in the Enemy Order of Battle was found. Enemy artillery was very active and enemy appeared nervous. Order issued for small operation astride of the SOMME Canal tonight.	App. 19 Int. Smmy. App. 20 D.O.132 App. 21 Dist.Units
	8		Dull day until noon, then fair. Operation astride the SOMME on the 12th Bde. front was completely successful. 24 prisoners (including 1 Officer) were captured and our line was consolidated, thus straightening out the salient W. of SAILLY LAURETTE which the operation S. of the R. SOMME had left in our line. Enemy attempted to raid our line on the right Bde. front between 11.a.m. and 12 Noon. 3 or 4 of our men are missing, believed killed. The enemy had many killed and wounded. Enemy artillery activity still considerable.	App. 22 Int. Smmy.
	9		Fine day except for occasional rain showers. Situation unchanged. Prisoner captured confirms that enemy has put a support battalion intended for use N. of the SOMME into the Southern Sector opposite HAMEL. Fair movement observed south of the SOMME leading to believe that a relief is taking place in area facing VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Orders issued for the relief of the Division by 3rd Aust. Division.	App. 23 Int. Smmy. App. 24 D.O.133.

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BUSSY.	10		Showery day. Situation unchanged. Enemy artillery was active on the left brigade sector. G.O.C. went on leave to ENGLAND, relieved by G.O.C. 4th A.I.Bde.	App. 25 Int. Smmy.
BUSSY	11		Fine day with occasional showers. Two English prisoners of war escaped from HATTENCOURT entered our lines early in the morning. Situation unchanged. Store tanks being used at night to take R.E. material and brigade stores to forward area. Relief of 13th and 4th A.I. Bdes. started at nightfall. Being relieved by 10th A.I.Bde.	App. 26 Int. Smmy. App. 27 D.O. 134.
BUSSY	12		Relief of 4th and 13th A.I.Bdes. by 10th A.I.Bde. completed without incident this morning. No change in the situation.	
BUSSY	13		Relief of 12th A.I.Bde. by 9th A.I.Bde. completed at 12.40.a.m. Day fine. Relief of	App. 28 Dist. of Units.
COISY	13		4th Aust. Division by 3rd Aust. Division complete at 10.a.m. Div. H.Q. moved to COISY.	
"	14		Showery day. Visit from Corps Bayonet fighting and physical drill Instructor, Lieut-Colonel ALDERSON. G.O.C. (Gen. BRAND) visited Brigades in the afternoon.	
"	15		Fine day. G.O.C. visited 5th Aust. Div. H.Q. and H.Qs. of 14th and 15th A.I.Bdes. Also visited 4th A.I.Bde. in afternoon. Training programme carried out by units in the morning. Cricket matches played in the afternoon.	App. 29 Dist. of Units.
"	16		Fine day. Heavy thunderstorm in early morning. G.O.C. visited 132nd Regt. U.S. Infantry, also all Brigades and attended 13th Batt'n. sports in afternoon in QUERRIEU Chateau grounds. Corps Commander visited Concert of "SMART SET" at ALLONVILLE in the evening.	
"	17		Showery day. G.O.C. visited all Brigades. All Bdes. engaged in training work during morning, recreation in the afternoon.	App. 30 Inst. for Def. No. 16.
	18		Heavy rain in afternoon. French Mission due to visit AUSTRALIA came to make acquaintance of 4th Aust. Division. They saw 12th A.I.Bde. at recreation and practice work. Gen. PAU who is in charge of Mission addressed groups of the men. News received of FRENCH Counter Offensive between SOISSONS and CHATEAU-THIERRY.	App. 31 Dist. of Units. ( App. 32 Inst. for Def.

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COISY.	19		Fine day. G.O.C. visited H.Q. of 65th U.S. Infantry Bde. Major-Gen. MONTGOMERY, General Staff 4th Army visited the Division in afternoon at 3.p.m. Training in morning continues. Recreation in afternoon. One Batt'n. (49th) marched to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS and carried out exercises in operations of infantry with tanks.	
"	20		Dull day and showery towards evening. One Batt'n. (45th) carried out exercises with tanks at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS. G.O.C. visited 4th Bde. Sports in the afternoon.	
"	21		Fine day. G.O.C. attended ribbon and medal presentation parade of 4th Brigade at QUERRIEU Chateau. Corps Commander made the presentations. Being Sunday Brigades are not doing training work.	
"	22		Fine day. Divisional Race Meeting held at ALLONVILLE old Aerodrome grounds. Meeting was visited by Army Commander, Corps Commander and large number of Officers of neighbouring Divisions, French, English and American. About 12 planes of 2nd Australian Flying Squadron alighted on the grounds. The Meeting was very successful, except for an unfortunate accident in the first Race. Capt. KEMMIS and Capt. SMITH 4th Div. Signal Coy. both being killed.	
"	23		Wet day. G.O.C. visited all Brigades. Training in progress by all Brigades. Training in co-operation with Tanks at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS cancelled on account of the wet. G.O.C. visited 5th Aust. Div. in the evening.	
"	24		Showery. Demonstration with tanks in the attack carried out by 50th Battalion. G.O.C. returned from leave and assumed Command, General BRAND returning to 4th A.I. Bde.	
"	25		Showery. Training continued. Instructions issued for the relief of 5th Aust. Division in 'C' Div. Area, were postponed for some unknown reason.	App. 33 Addendum Inst. for Def. No. 16.
"	26		Showery with bright intervals. Training continued. G.O.C. visited Corps with G.1 but got no information regarding future movements. Visited 13th Bde. and 5th Aust. Div.	
"	27		Showery with bright intervals. Relief of 5th Aust. Div. cancelled. 4th Division will remain out of line probably for another fortnight. Training continued. Army Commander visited G.O.C. Orders received from Corps for move to Area W. & S.W. of AMIENS. Hostile bombing	

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COISY.	27	(contd)	at night caused about 20 casualties amongst our Infantry.	
"	28		Showery with clear intervals. Information received that move to vicinity of AMIENS was off and that our Div. is to relieve 37th and portion of 42nd FRENCH Divisions. G.O.C. and G.I. visited French Generals and discussed situation. Meeting held in the evening of Brigadiers taking over the line. 4th Brigade to go in on left and 13th Brigade on right. 12th Brigade in Reserve.	
"	29		Fine and overcast. Two Companies of American Machine Gunners attached to 4th Aust.M.G.Bn. for instruction and experience in the line in the near future. C.R.A., 12th Divisional Artillery visited G.O.C. and discussed the question of relieving the French Artillery in 37th (French) Div. sector as they are to cover our front.	App. 34 D.O. 136
"	30		Fine and warm with ground haze, rendering observation very difficult. C.R.A., 12th Division selected battery positions in 37th French Div. Area in connection with relief. 42nd French Div. on their right refused allow batteries come into their area. General Staff reconnoitred new area. Advanced parties of 4th Bde. moved into the line, left sector. in addition to reconnaissances carried out by Units.	
"	31		Warm and fine with ground mist. Conference held at Corps to discuss a confidential matter attended by G.O.C., G.I. 4th A.I.Bde. moved by route march to left sector, 37th Div. Area, South of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and bivouaced during day. 4th A.I.Bde. took over left sector Div. front without incident. 12th A.I.Bde. moved to CAGNY Area. Hostile planes bombed vicinity of 12th Bde. H.Q. near BOUTILLERIE.	

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
1st July, 1918.

INSTRUCTION NO. 5 Issued under Divisional Order No. 128.

INTELLIGENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. PRISONERS.

- (a) Brigade Collecting Stations will be established at advanced H.Q. of 4th, 6th and 11th Aust. Infantry Brigades.
- (b) An Intelligence Corps Officer will be stationed at each Brigade Collecting Station for the purpose of extracting from prisoners information of immediate tactical importance only.
- (c) Brigadiers and Brigade Staffs requiring any special information will apply to the Intelligence Corps Officer who will get it for them.
- (d) Prisoners will not be detained at Brigade Collecting Stations any longer than is absolutely necessary.
- (e) On completion of interrogation prisoners will be handed over by the I.C. Officer to the escort provided by A.P.M.

2. DOCUMENTS.

- (a) Officers and N.C.Os only will be searched by a responsible Officer, and all documents and maps taken from them; These will be sent, without delay, to the Intelligence Corps Officer at Brigade H.Q. Privates will not be searched until they reach the Divisional P. of W. Cage.
- (b) Three, or at least two, reliable N.C.Os or men will be detailed by each Battalion Commander for the purpose of searching dug-outs, trenches and enemy dead for documents and maps, etc. All such documents, maps, etc. will be forwarded without delay to the I.C. Officer at Brigade H.Q.
- (c) Intelligence Corps Officers will forward all documents to H.Q., 4th Aust. Division without delay where special officers will be in readiness to deal with them.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Intelligence Corps Officers will send a priority telegram to AUST. Corps, (repeated to 4th Aust. Division and Flank Divisions,) immediately identifications have been established; Also stating the number of prisoners that have actually passed through their hands.

4. INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN WOUNDED.

The 4th and 13th A.I.Bdes. will each detail one Officer (preferably a company commander) from its nucleus, to be stationed at the Advanced Dressing Station at O.15.A.5.7. These Officers will interrogate our own slightly wounded as to the progress of the battle, opposition met with and obtain any other useful information. Any information so gained will be transmitted to 4th Aust.Div. and 4<sup>th</sup>, 6th and 11th Bdes. by priority telegram.

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Lieut.-Colonel,

G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued to all recipients of Div. Order No. 128.

TABLE OF MOVES.

Issued with Divisional Order No. 129.

Day.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	
'X' Day	1.	11th A.I.Bde. (less 1 Bn.)	ALLONVILLE Area.	Bivouacs in woods in neigh- bourhood of BUSSY-Les-DAOURS.	QUERRIEUX - PONT FOYELLES - BUSSY. Railway track or by dry weather tracks, under cover of trees.	Transport during darkness X/Y night by direct road. Cookers to accompany units.
'X' Day.	2.	1 Bn. 11th A.I.Bde.	ALLONVILLE Area.	J.13.B. and D.	At Bde Commanders discretion.	Head of Bn. not to cross the HALLUE before 9.30 p.m.
X/Y night.	3.	4th A.I.Bde. (less details re- maining in reserve area till Y/Z night.	AUBIGNY Reserve area.	Line Right	Any routes south of East and West grid line through P .8.Central.	Taking over defence of line from Two Right Bns. 13th A.I.Bde. No move- ment prior to 9.30 p.m.
X/Y night	4.	11th A.I.Bde.	Near BUSSY- LES-DAOURS.	Line Centre.	Any routes North of East and West grid line through P .8.Central.	Taking over defence of line from left Bn., 13th A.I.Bde. and Right Bn. 12th A.I.Bde. No movement prior to 9.30 p.m.
X/Y night	5.	13th A.I.Bde. (less 1 Bn. & the L.T.M.Bty. providing nucleus garrisons for Old Res. line & Pioneer Switch.	Line Right	AUBIGNY Reserve Area.	As for Serial 3.	On relief by 4th and 11th A.I.Bdes.

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Day.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
X/Y night.	6.	1 Bn. 12th A.I. Bde.	Line Centre	Reserve near Rear Bde. H.Q. in I.32.B.	As for Serial 4.	On relief by 11th A.I. Bde.
Y/Z night.	7.	Details of Bns. of 4th A.I. Bde.	AUBIGNY Reserve Area.	Line Right.	As for Serial 3.	-----

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 129Headquarters,  
1st July 1918.

1. The 4th and 11th A.I.Bdes. will relieve the 13th A.I.Bde. and the right Battalion of the 12th A.I.Bde. in the line on X/Y and Y/Z nights, moving in accordance with the attached table.
2. Brigade boundaries on completion of the relief will be as follows:-
  - (a). Between 4th and 11th A.I.Bdes. - line P.8.central - P.1.C.0.0. - Canal at O.6.A.5.0., thence along the Canal.
  - (b). Between 11th and 12th A.I.Bdes. - Canal from Front Line at BOUZENCOURT, (Village inclusive to 11th A.I.Bde.) to foot bridge at I.30.D.6.0. (bridge inclusive to 11th A.I.Bde.) thence along East and West grid line.
3. The 11th and 12th A.I.Bdes. will establish a mutual post in the front line South of the Canal.
4. After the completion of the relief the 13th A.I.Bde. will pass into Divisional Reserve leaving in the Reserve Line of its present Brigade Sector and in the PIONEER SWITCH a nucleus of one Battalion and the L.T.M. Battery.
5. The Battalion of the 12th A.I.Bde. will pass into Brigade Reserve after its relief in the Battalion Sector immediately South of the Canal.
6. The allotment of Battalion and Brigade H.Qs. will be readjusted during X/Y and Y/Z nights as under:-
  - (a). On X/Y night Bde. and Bn. H.Q. of 4th A.I.Bde. will be established as follows:-
    - (i) Brigade forward H.Q. at present Bn. H.Q. in Quarry at O.12.B.9.5.
    - (ii) 13th and 14th A.I. Bns. in existing H.Q. of right Bn. of 13th A.I.Bde. at O.24.A.3.7.
    - (iii) 15th A.I.Bn. H.Q. in M.G. dugout at P.7.D.3.7.
    - (iv) 16th Bn. H.Q. in Quarry at O.12.B.9.5. (with Bde. forward H.Q.)
  - (b). On X/Y night Bde. and Bn. H.Q. of 11th A.I.Bde. will be established as follows:-
    - (i) Bde. forward H.Q. and 41st A.I.Bn. H.Q. at present right Bn. H.Q. of 12th A.I.Bde. at J.25.D.27.40.
    - (ii) 42nd A.I.Bn. H.Q. in accommodation to be allotted at J.28.A.6.7. by mutual arrangement between 11th and 12th A.I.Bdes.
    - (iii) 43rd and 44th A.I.Bn. H.Qs. at O.6.B.5.0.
  - (c). On Y/Z night Bn. H.Q. of 4th A.I.Bde. will be established as follows:-
    - (i) 13th A.I.Bn. at P.19.b.2.3.
    - (ii) 14th A.I.Bn. at P.19.A.central.
    - (iii) 15th and 16th A.I.Bns. at P.8.C.2.2.

Mutual arrangements will be made between Divisional Artillery and 4th A.I.Bde. as regards the dugouts at P.19.A.central, allotted to the 14th Battalion H.Q., as regards the reduction of Artillery personnel now occupying the accommodation.

(d) Battalion Headquarters of Nucleus Garrison Battalion left in the forward area by 13th A.I.Bde. will be established at O.12.D.1.1.

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7. Except where provided for in this order details of the reliefs will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.

8. The C.O., M.G. Battalion will arrange the necessary readjustments in the Command of M.G. Defences in the Area consequent on the reorganisation of Brigade Areas.

9. Command will pass on completion of reliefs which will be notified to this Office.

10. Acknowledge.

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Issued at 5.30 pm

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

to all recipients of Divisional Order No. 128.

PART II.

Information from other Sources.

ENEMY'S INTENTIONS. Prisoners captured during the week, for the most part, believed that the Enemy did not intend to undertake any offensive against the front of the Fourth Army. Two N.C.Os. captured respectively in the MORLANCOURT and VILLERS-BRETONNEUX sectors, had, however, heard rumours that an attack might be made between the SOMME and the LUCE towards the end of June. One of these N.C.Os. based his statement on the fact that he had seen notice boards in his sector for guiding the Artillery into their positions. This is the second time that Prisoners have stated that notice boards have been recently erected in the WARFUSEE Sector, as a Prisoner captured on the 10th instant., reported their existence, but understood they were to serve as the boundary of attacking regiments. Some interesting information was obtained from Prisoners by the French, pointing to a concentration of Divisions and Artillery in FLANDERS, and in the DOUAI - CAMBRAI Area, a big attack being expected to take place about July 15th, both in FLANDERS and also on the ALBERT e ARRAS Front. 3 British and 2 French prisoners of war escaped to our lines from the PERONNE Cage during the week. They report that there are very few troops both in PERONNE and West of it. A number of Troops passed through the town, in both directions, about a week ago, which can be accounted for by the reliefs of the 24th Res. and 107th Divisions.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ENEMY'S FORCES.

There is no change in the number of enemy divisions (6) opposite the Army front. They can all be classed as 'second rate' from a fighting point of view.

RESERVES.

The Reserves of the Second German Army, (AVELUY - MAILLY - RAINEVAL) may be at present classified as follows:-

- 6 divisions refitting for one month, or over.
- 1 division refitting for two weeks, or over.
- 2 tired divisions.

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This is a decrease of one from the number reported in last week's summary, and is accounted for as follows:-

- 183rd Div., left to go into line in the WOEVRE.
- 13th Div., left for neighbourhood of ROYE.
- 195th Div., This Division should not be counted as a reserve of the Second German Army.
- 107th Div., came from CAMBRAI area to relieve 54th Div.
- 12th Idw.Div., no longer employed as a constituted division.
- 43rd Res. Div., came from LILLE area to relieve 24th Res. Div.
- Gd.Ers.Div., May still be counted as a Second Army reserve.

GENERAL.

Work on the enemy's defences calls for no comment. It continues to be slow. Work on rear organisations is normal, except railway construction which is very marked in CHAULNES area, and will shortly enable the Germans to run trains from ROYE to PERONNE without going through CHAULNES Station. With regard to aerodromes, increased accommodation in the central group (East of the SOMME) possibly accounts for the increased number of machines seen during the last few days.

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With regard to the enemy's intentions, no reliable information has been received from Prisoners, and it appears unlikely that any offensive against the front of the Fourth Army will be undertaken, for the present. It seems probable, however, that a big attack may be launched, about the middle of the month, in FLANDERS and on the ALBERT - ARRAS front, in which case it is extremely probable that it will be accompanied by attacks on the MOREUIL - VILLIERS BRETONNEUX front.

The enemy's intentions are being watched very closely. It is noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the ALBERT - ARRAS front. It is also noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the MOREUIL - VILLIERS BRETONNEUX front. It is also noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the ALBERT - ARRAS front. It is also noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the MOREUIL - VILLIERS BRETONNEUX front.

There is no change in the number of enemy divisions (8) opposite the front. They can all be classed as 'second rate' from a fighting point of view.

The Reserve of the Second German Army, (LAWLEY - RAILLY - RAINIER) may be at present classified as follows:-  
 8 divisions, rotating for one month, or over.  
 1 division, rotating for two weeks, or over.  
 2 fixed divisions.

This is a decrease of one from the number reported in last week's summary, and is accounted for as follows:-

- 13th Div., left to go into line in the NORTH.
- 12th Div., left for neighbourhood of ROYE.
- 19th Div., this division should not be counted as a reserve of the Second German Army.
- 10th Div., came from GATELAI area to relieve 5th Div.
- 18th Div., no longer employed as a constituted division.
- 4th Div., came from LILLE area to relieve 24th Div.
- 6th Div., will be counted as a second Army reserve.

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Work on the enemy's intentions is being watched very closely. It is noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the ALBERT - ARRAS front. It is also noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the MOREUIL - VILLIERS BRETONNEUX front. It is also noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the ALBERT - ARRAS front. It is also noted that the enemy has been active in his efforts to build up his forces in the area of the MOREUIL - VILLIERS BRETONNEUX front.

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War Diary

For Official Use Only.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 300From 6 a.m. 30th June to 6 a.m. 1st July, 1918.NOT to be taken into the Front Line.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was very active on enemy's defences and approaches. During the day 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. carried out shoots on defences in P.4.D, P.10.D, P.9.D and P.10.B. Special attention was paid to parties at J.36.A.20.35 and P.4.D.5.2, working parties at Q.8.A.6.2, T.M. at J.36.C.77.86.\* During the night the following localities were subjected to short concentrations :- P.14.B, P.16.C, P.10.B and D, P.8.D, P.14.D. dugouts at P.10.D.75.70. house at P.6.D. 95.60. and tracks and areas in P.20.A, J.36.B, K.31.C, K.31.A. C.T. in VAIRE WOOD, and ARQUAIRE WOOD. Heavies were active against defences and wire. At P.29.B.61.40 an enemy dump burned for half an hour. 18 pdrs. exploded a dump in P.21.c. At 3.40 a.m. a five minutes barrage was put down by 18 pdrs along the front of VAIRE WOOD.

\*Special attention was paid to suspected anti-tank gun at P.6.B.55.35.

(b) Trench Mortars. 3" Stokes fired about 80 rounds on following targets :- enemy working party in P.20.A, M.G. position at J.36.B. 15.15, and enemy post at J.36.A.85.35 and the enemy system in P.8.D.

(c) Machine Guns. Direct fire. Infantry and limbers at P.4.D.50.10 were fired on and four men were hit. The following targets were engaged with indirect fire :- Tracks in J.30.D. SAILLY LAURETTE, tracks in J.36.B and D. tracks in K.25.C and D. K.31. streets in HAMEL P.14.B.5.2, P.9.B.5.1. P.9.C.5.5. road through P.20.B. C.T. in BOIS DE VAIRE. cross roads in P.15.c, trench, road, and tracks in P.14.B. and areas P.10.A, and B. 23,400 rounds were expended.

(d) Snipers. Our snipers were active against enemy working parties and M.G. positions. One enemy on left brigade front was shot in front of our line, but too near enemy post for identification to be obtained.

(e) Patrols. During the night 23 reconnaissance patrols worked on the divisional front and actively engaged enemy posts and working parties. One enemy was cut off from a large party on left brigade front and brought in by our patrol. Much enemy movement was heard and our parties were frequently fired at with M.G. and bomb-throwers from enemy posts and line, but no active enemy patrols were encountered.

(f) Aircraft. Our machines were active especially towards evening flying low over enemy's lines and engaged targets offered with M.G.'s. Enemy's defences and rear areas were heavily bombed at night.

(g) Prisoners. One wounded O.R. was captured by patrol on left brigade.

2. IDENTIFICATION. 6th Coy. 202 R.I.R. 43rd Res. Div? Prisoner taken in P.4. (normal).

3. ENEMY'S ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

Nothing is known by prisoner of identity of units right or left except that his battalion is the left battalion of the 43rd Res. Div. The 5th and 6th Coys. are in positions E. of HAMEL in approximately P.10.B and D in support to the 7th and 8th Coys. which are in the front line. Nothing is known of relief schedules or intentions in case of attack. Rifle strength of Company estimated at 100 (P.S.).

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Rather quieter than during previous period, principally light



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scattered shelling over the whole divisional support and reserve areas. J.30.C. was heavily shelled. VAIRE, HAMELET, and VAIRE - HAMELET Road were shelled for short periods. SAILLY - LE-SEC was shelled with 77 mm's and VAUX received some attention at 9 a.m.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet and Alert.

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

(a) Work. A small party was seen during the day cutting the crop at Q.8.A.9.6. A large party working at P.4.C.60.25. was dispersed by our Artillery, and it was when the party recommenced 15 minutes later that our patrol wounded and captured one of the enemy. Working parties were seen or heard at K.25.C.0.2. (engaged with L.G.'s and rifle grenades), J.36.A.20.35., J.36.A.4.4., K.31.A.20.95., P.3.C.8.1. New earth was observed between P.8.D.5.1. and P.8.D.3.1.

(b) Wire. Two rows of light <sup>Barbed</sup> concertina wire were found at P.5.B.20.95. Wire was encountered at J.35.B.95.20. Posts were found well wired at P.14.D.3.6. and P.14.D.0.7.

(c) Machine Guns. Active after dusk and throughout the night against our forward positions and approaches and against SAILLY LE SEC. Hostile M.G.'s were located at P.5.B.9.9., J.35.D.55.40., J.35.D.75.35., P.8.D.8.7. (3 guns in this locality), J.35.D.4.2., K.31.A.0.9. and P.3.C.9.1.

(d) Trench Mortars. Enemy T.M. activity was slight. An active T.M. was located at P.4.B.70.05.

(e) Snipers. Enemy sniping was ineffective. Rifle grenades were used against our extreme left; vigorous retaliation on our part silenced the enemy. Canister bombs were fired at our patrol from J.36.A.07.28.

(f) Posts. An enemy post at P.20.A.5.5. was found unoccupied. Our patrol was fired on from P.20.A.6.5. A strongly held post was seen at approx. P.14.D.3.6. A post at P.14.D.0.7. was bombed and rushed but enemy escaped to their lines. Posts were located at P.14.B.4.8., P.9.A.3.4., P.3.C.8.1., P.3.C.9.1., P.3.C.9.0. and J.36.A.07.28.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Rather less than previous days. Many E.A. were over our back areas at night. From 5.30 a.m. to 7.4 a.m. E.A. patrolled and observed our lines on left Bde. front. Again at 8.30 p.m. 8 E.A. flew over SAILLY LE SEC.

8. MOVEMENT.

(a) Men. At 9.10 a.m. slight movement was observed at P.24.A.2.7., and on the road between Q.14.A. and Q.19.B. At intervals during the day small parties used the road to and from PROYART through Q.19.A. & Q.24.B. At 8.30 p.m. parties of 2 and 4 were seen moving along the C.T. in VALRE WOOD in P.14.D. During the evening small parties were seen on the road in P.17.D.

At 9.45 p.m. a party, about 40 strong, assembled at P.10.B.8.3., which appears to be a rendezvous for ration and working parties. About the same time 6 parties of 5 men each were seen at P.10.B.5.3.

At 6.15 a.m. 4 men were seen at Crucifix Corner. Talking was heard at J.35.D.55.40. during the night, and parties were also observed on the ridge E. of HAMEL, road in Q.9.B. and at Q.19.B.2.2.

(b) Transport. 2 limbers were seen on the road at P.10.B. Traffic was heard on the road at P.5.C.10.05. about 2 a.m. Transport was also observed in Q.23.A., at the Wood in Q.20.B.9.4., at Q.27.D., and Q.24.B. At 8.40 p.m. 6 transports were on the road in P.30.A. moving towards WARFUSEE. At 9.5 p.m. 5 wagons were again seen on this road.

(c) Train. At 9.5 a.m. a train from the direction of PROYART drew up at the Dump in R.26. At 4.30 p.m. a train was observed shunting at the dump in R.26. Trains were also observed in R.25.C., R.25.D. and R.31.A.

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## 10. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Signals. - At 8.15.p.m. a pigeon was released at J.36.A.2.3. and flew towards MORLANCOURT. Pigeons were also released from J.35.D. and the Canal in P.5.B.

(b) Dumps. - A dump was seen on fire in wood at P.30.B.15.75.

(c) Prisoner's Statement.

Prisoner captured on left Bde. front this morning states he had not previously been forward of support line. He heard that

Coloured Troops were opposed to the Germans in this Sector. Prisoner was wounded on 25th March near ST. QUENTIN. He states M.G's caused majority of casualties during operations in March. Food is better for men in Front Line than in rear Area. Nothing was known by prisoner of any intended enemy offensive.

(d) Smoke - was seen rising from P.f.C.9.1.

Visibility: Nil to 9.a.m., fair from 9 to 6.p.m., good from 6 to 8.45.p.m.

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For. Lieut-Colonel,  
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INSTRUCTION No. 4 Issued under Divisional Order No. 128.

SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The following will be the means of communications:-

1. (a) Between Divisional H.Qs and Right, Left and Centre Brigade H.Qs
  - (a) Buried and Canal Cable
  - (b) Wireless
  - (c) Despatch Rider Service.
- (b) Between Divisional H.Qs. and 12th and 13th Brigades.
  - (a) Buried and Canal Cable.
  - (b) Wireless.
  - (c) Despatch Rider Service.
- (c) Between Brigade H.Qs. and Cable Heads.
  - (a) Two pairs Cable via Communication trenches.
  - (b) Runners.

After ZERO hour: The following in addition to above :-

Between Left and Centre Bde. H.Qs. and their Brigade Forward Stations.

3 pairs Ground Cable.  
80 metre loop W/T Sets.  
Runners  
Visual  
Pigeons.

2. Wireless One loop-set will be set up permanently at Left and Centre Brigade H.Qs  
One loop-set will be attached to each forward party and moved with it.

3. Action of Bde. Forward Party: At zero minus one hour, each Bde. Forward Party consisting of personnel already detailed will be assembled at its Cable Head.  
The Bde. Forward Party will advance and in rear of, and close up to, the third wave of infantry. It will establish itself as under :-

Left Forward Party near P.9.A.95.20.  
Centre " Party near P.15.C.15.75.  
Right Bde. is not using a Bde. Forward Party.

4. VISUAL A Divisional Visual Station will be established at Pagoda at O.24.D.5.0. This station is for receiving messages from Bdes., Brigade Forward Parties, attacking battalions, companies or platoons after zero. Visual Stations will be established at or near Bde. H.Qs. and each Bde. Forward Station.

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5. Pigeons. Pigeons will be delivered to each attacking Bde. by D.H.
6. Runners. Relay posts for runners will be established at Cable Head and Forward Stations.
7. Aircraft. In addition to the usual Unit Ground Sheets each Headquarters will display on the ground, close to its ground sheet, a number composed of white calico as under :-

	No.
Left Bde. Forward Station	2
Centre " " "	3
23rd Aust. Inf. Battalion	4
21st " " "	5
13th " " "	6
16th " " "	7
15th " " "	8
14th " " "	9
44th " " "	10
43rd " " "	11
42nd " " "	12
41st " " "	13

The above material will be supplied by O.C. Signals.

The ordinary rules regarding the communication with aircraft will be observed. Ground sheets etc. should be rolled up if enemy aircraft are seen approaching.

8. General.
- (a) It is essential that perfect liaison between battalion commanders and Bde. Forward Stations should be established and maintained. On no account should a Bn. H.Q. establish itself or move without having warned the Bde. Forward Station of its intention. A thorough understanding beforehand of what each proposes to do should exist in order to ensure smooth working.
- (b) Battalion H.Q. should, as far as tactical situation permits, establish themselves as near as possible to Bde. Forward Station.
- (c) The positions of the Divisional and Brigade visual stations should be made known to all Bn. signal personnel.
- (d) Battalions will lay and maintain their own lines to Brigade Forward Stations. On no account will lines be run forward from Battalions to Companies until consolidation has progressed satisfactorily.
- It is left to the discretion of Commanders down to Battalion C.Os. whether messages, after Zero, need be sent in Cipher or Code. Code names of units, however, will always be employed.
9. Extra personnel for checks, carrying parties, etc., other than already supplied for Bde. Forward Stn., will be supplied by 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn. Arrangements to be made direct between 13th A.I. Bde., C.O. Pioneer Bn., and O.C. Signal Company.

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10. O.C., Light Horse Troop will detail

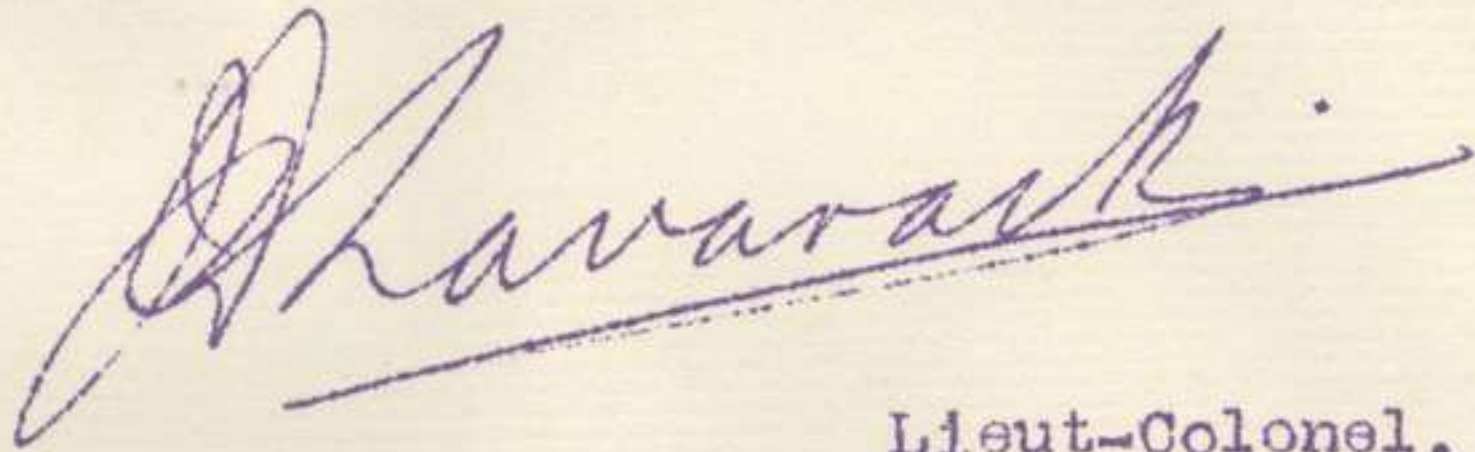
1 N.C.O. and 3 troopers to report to Left Bde.

1 N.C.O. and 6 troopers to report to Div. Signal Coy.

O.C., Cyclists Platoon will detail

1 N.C.O. and 3 cyclists to Centre Brigade.

Signal Instructions in detail will be issued by Divisional Signal Coy. to all concerned.



Headquarters,  
1st July, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel,  
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,  
2nd July, 1918.Instructions No. 2 issued under Divisional Order No. 128.AIRCRAFT.1. PREPARATORY.

- (a) One F.E. Aeroplane is out all night along the whole Corps front working on defensive lines, i.e., it remains over the enemy area and drops flares as if trying to discover enemy movement.
- (b) Two aeroplanes patrol the Corps front at dawn.
- (c) It has become the habit of the enemy to send up a plane immediately after our dawn reconnaissance is completed. To deal with this a scout plane is on the front daily.
- (d) A plane of No. 3 Squadron A.F.C. will watch the Corps area daily to note the extent to which our preparations can be ascertained from the air by hostile aircraft.
- (e) These arrangements hold good up to Zero hour and will at the same time conceal the movement of tanks.

2. DURING THE OPERATIONS.

- (a) From Zero on a contact plane will be over the line and will call for flares, at Zero plus 90 minutes, by dropping a white flare and sounding a succession of A's on the Klaxon. Flares will be lit - one every 15 yards - at the final objective only.
- (b) Special Squadrons have been told off to bomb enemy centres. Attention will be directed on to M.G. Strong Points, horse lines, possible assembly positions and human targets.
- (c) Special counter attack planes will fly at about 3,000 feet throughout the day and will signal the S.O.S. by Wireless, white parachute and smoke flares over the centre of the impending attack.
- (d) No. 9 Squadron will transport ammunition to the front line and will drop ammunition for the Infantry at the following points :- P.20.D.8.5, P.15.D.2.2, P.15.B.8.8, P.10.D.00.82 and P.4.D.2.2. Brigades will arrange to display a white 'N' (6' in length and 1' wide) at these points. Vickers Guns requiring ammunition will display a white 'V' at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the 'V' to be 6' in length and 1' wide. C.O., M.G. Battalion will arrange these dropping stations.

3. MESSAGE DROPPING STATIONS.

The Divisional Dropping Station is at H.34.D. Central. O.C., Div. Signal Coy. will arrange for circular ground sheet to be displayed at this point.

4. MARKING ON PLANES.

- (a) CONTACT PLANES can be identified by two small black flags about one foot square on rear edge of lower plane.

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(b) COUNTER ATTACK PLANES will fly a streamer from right hand strut.

(c) AMMUNITION CARRIERS will have the underside of the lower plane painted black for a distance of 2½' from the tips. The parachutes used by these planes will be of a dull colour and will harmonize with the ground.

5. Brigades will arrange for each infantryman to carry a piece of white material rolled up under the back of the steel helmet. During consolidation this will be allowed to hang down over the back as a signal to aeroplanes contact machines.

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CORRIGENDUM. to instructions No. 4 'SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS'.

In para. 4, VISUAL, line two, for 0.24.D.5.0 read I.24.D.5.0.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters,  
2nd July, 1918.INSTRUCTION No. 8 issued under Divisional Order No. 128.1. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DANGER TO WOUNDED FROM TANKS.

Owing to the difficulty of seeing wounded in the path of tanks in the semi darkness, Brigades will arrange for small parties each of three men to accompany each of the Reserve Tanks. One of these men will precede the tank and give warning of any wounded in the path. The remainder will ride on tail of the tank.

Parties will report to Reserve Tanks on the Tank Forming-up Line one hour before Zero.

2. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised by an officer who will leave Divl. Headquarters at about 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the day prior to Zero. This officer will visit 4th, 11th, 12th and 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Qs.

Brigades will then arrange to synchronise the watches of units under their command including those temporarily attached for the operation.

The C.O., Pioneer Bn. will send an officer to 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. to synchronise.

The O.C. No. 1 Special Coy. R.E. will arrange for his various detachments to send officers to the nearest Infantry Bde. H.Q. to synchronise watches at times to be fixed by the Brigadiers concerned.

The following will send officers to Divisional H.Q. between 2 and 3 p.m. and between 8 and 9 p.m. on the day prior to zero for this purpose :-

C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.  
4th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.  
A.D.M.S.  
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.  
A.P.M.  
L.H. Detachment.  
Cyclist Detachment.

No synchronisation whatever is to be done by any means other than personally between officers.

3. TROOPS OF UNITED STATES ARMY ATTACHED TO BRIGADES.

In addition to the troops mentioned in paras. 2 and 3 of Divl. Order No. 128, three Coys. of United States Infantry have been attached to each of the 4th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. and will be used in the operation at the discretion of Brigade Commanders.

4. MOPPERS UP DURING OPERATION.

Each formation taking part in the attack will make definite arrangements for mopping up its allotted area and definite units must be detailed for the work.





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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 201.

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

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. During the day our artillery activity was moderate. After dusk the enemy's forward positions were actively shelled. Dumps were fired on at P.16.D.65.50 and K.31.C.65.50 and a party of men were dispersed at the latter location. Registration was carried out during the day. At night the following targets were engaged :-\* posts at J.36.A.3.2, VAIRE WOOD, dugouts and centres of activity in P.21.B, P.21.D, P.22.A, P.20.2 and trenches in P.10.B, P.4.D and K.31.B. Heavies were active against back areas and parts of enemy forward positions, the following being specially dealt with :- P.23.B to P.22.A, P.12.A and P.10.Central, Q.21.A and B. The C.T. in VAIRE WOOD and ARQUAIRE WOOD was intermittently shelled. \* H.Q. at P.15.Central, suspected wireless plant at K.31.C.5.3.

(b) Trench Mortars. 3" Stokes fired 164 rounds on the following targets :- Working party at P.4.B.5.2, S.P. at K.28.C.0.2, M.G. at J.36.B.15.15, S.P. at J.36.A.85.35, enemy trenches between P.20.A.80.65 and P.20.B.0.8, M.G. at P.8.D.25.70 and trenches in vicinity of same. 6" Newtons fired 24 rounds on T.M. at P.4.B.70.05 and bank at P.5.B.8.9. Heavy mortars fired 3 rounds on enemy positions in front of VAIRE WOOD.

(c) Machine Guns. Few direct fire targets were seen. Indirect fire was brought to bear on the following targets during the night - Tracks in J.36.Central, SAILLY LAURETTE, centre of movement in P.31, P.30.C.7.2, P.14.B.5.2, P.9.B.5.1, P.9.C.5.5, HAMEL, BOIS DE VAIRE and road in P.21.A. 22,750 rounds were fired.

(d) Patrols. Our reconnaissance patrols of which 20 worked on the divisional front during the night found the enemy quiet but very wary especially on the right brigade front. Only one hostile patrol was encountered, but enemy was active with M.G's and bombs covering working parties. Three of our patrols attempted to rush a post at P.14.C.9.5, but encountered a strong party of the enemy and had to retire. Frequently talking could be heard in enemy lines. Wheeled traffic was heard, apparently used the road on J.36.C.

(e) Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were active especially at dusk and dawn reconnoitring enemy lines. HAMEL and area S. of MORCOURT were bombed during the day, and VAIRE WOOD at night. One of our planes was brought down by E.A. at 7.10 p.m. in rear of HAMEL.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy lightly shelled our forward areas during the period. 150 mm. batteries were more active against our left sector. The principal localities shelled were SAILLY-LE-SEC, VAIRE, FOUILLOY, HAMELET, the VAIRE - HAMEL road, O.24.A, P.13.D, the valley in J.28.A and C, J.29.B and D and J.25.C and D. At 1.30 a.m. 6 gas shells fell at J.28.B.3.3. At midnight 20 gas shells (phosgene) fell in J.29.D and 6 Blue Cross Gas Shells fell near VAIRE church at 10 p.m.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert.

3. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

(a) Work. Enemy is active working on forward defences especially on right brigade front. Working parties were heard or seen at - P.14.D.0.9, P.14.B.2.5 and P.14.B.9.2.

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(b) Wire. No wiring parties were seen, but wire was encountered by patrols at J.35.D. 27.27, P.20.B.50, to P.20.A.8.5 (continuous), P.8.D.3.8 to P.8.D.1.4 (thick in front of posts).

(c) Machine Guns. Enemy M.G.'s. were fairly active during the night against SAILLY-LE-SEC, tracks and approaches and Pioneer switch. Active guns were located at P.20.A.9.4, P.14.B. Central (approx.), J.35.D.4.0, P.3.D.8.1, J.36.A.3.7, J.36.A.9.8, and J.36.B.3.3. (approx.)

(d) Trench Mortars. Inactive.

(e) Posts. Unoccupied posts were found at P.14.B.4.6, P.14.B.4.7 and P.14.B.5.8. A post manned by two enemy was seen at P.3.C.40.15. Enemy retired on approach of our patrol. An outpost is suspected at J.35.D.90.95, and enemy were seen at J.36.B.3.6, but they also disappeared.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

E.A. were seen flying high over our lines at 5.30 a.m., 9.40 a.m., 10.20 a.m. and 7.40 p.m. Nine E.A. engaged four of our planes over enemy lines at 7 p.m. Two planes fell in flames.

8. MOVEMENT.

Men. Small parties frequently used the road to and from MORCOURT between 12.50 p.m. and 7.40 p.m., and also the areas Q.24.E and R.19.A. At 5.20 p.m. six men were seen at P.29.A.8.8, five parties of five men were seen at P.10.E.9.4. Individual movement was observed in trench at P.10.D.55.70 and on roads P.10.D. and P.22.A. Parties were also observed at K.31.C.6.3, on roads in K.32.D, in P.4.D, at K.31.D.20.65 and Q.9.D.8.3.

Transport. Movement of horse transport was very consistent from 2 p.m. till dark on the road in R.19.A, the majority approaching MORCOURT. At 3.40 p.m. four stationary motor lorries were seen at the dump at R.26.Central. At 4.50 p.m. 20 lorries were seen travelling east on the main road through Q.30.C and D and R.25.C and D. At 5 p.m. one lorry with four small ones attached came from PROYART to main road through R.19.D and R.25.A, turning west on to the main road. At 9.10 p.m. six ammunition wagons moved from P.28.B. Central to P.22.C. Transport was seen at P.17.A.8.0 and was heard in SAILLY LAURETTE.

Trains. At 5 p.m. a train of 33 trucks was seen shunting about the dump at R.26 at 5.40 p.m. this train moved out in the direction of WIENCOURT.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Signals. At 2.30 a.m. red flares were fired by the enemy from the vicinity of VAIRE WOOD. This signal was repeated back to the rear from 3 different places. No artillery action followed. The enemy is reported to fire an orange flare from a position forward of HAMEL each morning about 3 a.m.

(b) Explosions. At 5.45 p.m. an ammunition dump exploded in MALARD WOOD. Between 10.30 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. 2 enemy dumps were exploded E. of SAILLY LAURETTE and one in the direction of WARFUSEE.

(d) Smoke. was seen rising from Q.8.B.8.2. Visibility. Nil to 10 a.m. then fair with slight haze all day.

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Headquarters,  
3rd July, 1918.

1st Amendment to Instructions No. 8 issued under  
Divisional Order No. 128.

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Delete para. 8 and substitute the following :-

'In the event of an enemy attack taking place on Y/Z night, S.O.S. arrangements will be as follows :-

- (a) Up to 2 a.m. a call for S.O.S. fire will be answered by placing the artillery barrage fire on the present S.O.S. lines.
- (b) After 2 a.m. a call for S.O.S. fire will be answered by placing the artillery barrage fire on the 'start line' laid down for artillery for the operation.'

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
3rd July, 1918.

Reference 4th Australian Divisional Order No. 128 dated 29th June,  
'Zero' hour will be 3:10 Am on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

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

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 6th " " "
- 11th " " "
- 12th " " "
- 13th " " "
- G.R.A.
- G.R.E.
- 4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.
- 8th Tank Battalion.
- 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.
- A.D.M.S.
- A.P.M.
- 4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.
- A.Q.

PART II.Information from Other Sources.MOVEMENT.

Visibility was good yesterday morning, but only fair in the afternoon, owing to haze.

No abnormal rail movement was reported. LA FLAGUE dump, which is stated to be full of material, was very active.

With the exception of a column of 30 M.T. seen in the late afternoon moving from BRAY to CHUIGNOLLES, activity on roads opposite the Army front was slight.

THE DAWN RECONNAISSANCE.

The Dawn Reconnaissance, carried out between 3.45 and 6.45 a.m. this morning, reported a fair amount of activity on the NESLE - CHAULNES - GUELLECOURT line. A column of 10 M.T. was seen going east from POZIERES, and a column of 15 M.T. going north-east along the BRAY - MARISOURT road. At 4.45 a.m., a column, estimated at 800 men, was seen marching west on the GAPPY - HERBECOURT road.

BOMBING RAIDS.

(a) By day :- Valley N. of LAMOTTE -en-SANTERRE, )  
LE PLATEAU station and dump, HARBONN- ) 24 112 lb.  
IERES, River bank N.W. ETINHEM, ) 195 25 lb.  
ROSIERES station and dump. )

(b) By night :- HERBECOURT area battery positions. FINS. ) 15 112 lb.  
FRICOURT Wood. MONTAUBAN, ETINHEM ) 154 25 lb.  
ROSIERES, GUILLEMONT. )

RAILWAYS.

Considerable railway work continues near HATTENCOURT. The new light railway running west from HATTENCOURT station and passing south of FRANSART is shown continued westwards south of FOUQUEBCOURT to 66 E L.10.D - limit of photograph (205.V.1446). This railway is continued alongside the main CHAULNES line northwards to 66 D. G.15.A., G.9.C. (205.V.1445).

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Photographs of 30th ult. show very little work at HABEL. (82 AE A 1194, 1196). A prisoner states that there is little wire in this sector. Some wire is visible at the salient S. of HABEL. (A3 AE A 726). Activity continues at the enemy front line at the W. edge of VAIRE Wood. (A3 AE A 727, 735).

NOTES ON NO. 82 SQUADRON PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN 30/e/18.

82 AE A 1191. Short length of trench has been constructed connecting up P.26.B.55.50 to trench at P.26.B.53.60.

82 AE A 1194. Work has been done on enemy front line west of HABEL from P.3.D.5.2 to P.9.C.2.8. The post line from P.9.A.4.4 to P.9.A.3.8 shows signs of occupation.

82 AEA 1180. Work has been done on trench and mound at P.27.C.5.3. Compare with A 3 AE B 6.9.

82 AE.A.1193. Shows occupied gun pits at P.23.D.7.8 alongside the road near the crossing of road and tramway. Another battery at P.23.B.62.00.

82 AE A 1197. Shows battery position (4 emplacements) at P.11.C.60.45. and what appear to be unused battery positions at P.17.A.00.85. and P.16.B.80.85 (in latter position emplacements are connected by trenches.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 302.

From 6 a.m. 2nd July to 6 a.m. 3rd July, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. During the day registration was carried out. Very little movement was observed offering targets in the enemy forward areas. At night in addition to the usual harassing fire enemy parties were dispersed at P.10.D.8.3, P.3.C.8.2 and P.28.B.55.40. The following points also received special attention :- trenches in P.14.D, P.20.A. 7.6, H.36.A, P.21.E, P.4.D, P.16.B, P.5.D, HAMEL WOOD, VAIRE WOOD and M.G.'s. at P.5.B.9.9, J.35.D.55.40, J.35.D.9.0, P.8.D.8.7 and P.20.B. 60 pdrs. dispersed and inflicted casualties on a party in P.16.B.
- (b) Trench mortars. 3" Stokes expended 30 rounds on the following targets :- Road from J.30.D.99.00 to J.30.D.99.30, M.G. at J.36.B. 20.15 (direct hits obtained), and trench at J.36.A.90.35. 6" Newtons fired 45 rounds on the following targets :- D.W. at J.36.B.1.0, areas J.36.A.84 to J.36.A.8.0 and J.36.B.2.4 to J.36.B.1.0.
- (c) Machine guns. Besides small parties in P.4.D. engaged with direct fire, the following targets were subjected to indirect fire :- S.P. in P.3.C, streets in HAMEL, P.14.B.5.2, P.9.B.5.1, P.9.C.5.5, C.T., roads, tracks and trenches in the vicinity of LOIS DE VAIRE, and road and tracks near SAILLY LAURETTE. 22,900 rounds were fired.
- (d) Snipers. Our snipers were active on left brigade front against enemy M.G. positions and working parties.
- (e) Patrols. Our liaison, protective and reconnaissance patrols were active during the night. No enemy movement was seen, but working parties were heard in several places.
- (f) Aircraft. Our planes were active throughout the day patrolling and reconnoitring enemy lines. At night bombs were heard, from the direction of HAMEL and VAIRE WOOD.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS, Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was generally quiet during the day except against the following points :- J.28, J.29, J.30, J.22.C, and VAIRE. At night J.19.C, PIONEER SWITCH in P.19.A, HAMEL and right support line were shelled at intervals.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet.

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

- (a) Work. Working parties are still active especially at the following points K.25.C.0.2, J.36.B.9.8, small party at J.30.D.95.20, J.30.D.9.0, and P.20.A.8.7.
- (b) Machine Guns. M.G.'s. were unusually quiet opposite our right brigade, but normal on left brigade front where our patrol paths and forward positions were frequently swept with bursts of fire. M.G.'s. were located at P.5.B.5.9, J.35.D.8.6, J.35.D.5.1, P.5.B.5.8, P.5.B.3.9 and J.36.A.1.3.
- (c) Trench mortars. very slight activity.
- (d) Snipers. were active against our extreme left flank.
- (e) Posts. An unoccupied post was found at J.35.D.80.05.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not active. At 6.55 a.m. and 7.55 a.m. E.A. flying very high crossed our lines, but were compelled to retire by our A.A. fire. An enemy plane is reported to have been forced down near MORLANCOURT AT 5.5 a.m.

8. MOVEMENT.

Men. Considerable movement was reported about the enemy's positions

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E. of HAMEL. A party 100 strong on the road in P.17.A. was dispersed by our artillery. Men were observed at 12.10 p.m. moving about what appears to be a H.Q.'s. in P.10.D.8.6. 60 pdrs. fired on them. Men were seen leaving the trench at P.10.B.8.3 in twos and threes during the afternoon. Runners left HAMEL on two occasions by the road in P.10.D. Messengers appeared to be using the area between P.17.B and P.18.Central.

Transport. At 10.50 a.m. four wagons were seen approaching MORGAN on the road Q.24.B and R.19.A. This route was used steadily by single vehicles during the day. At 12.25 p.m. four lorries turned off the main road towards PROYART and halted in R.26.B.7.8. At 1.10 p.m. one two horse wagon halted on the road at Q.20.C.7.6. At 3.20 p.m. two lorries were seen going to PROYART from R.26.A. At 3.25 p.m. a few horse transports were travelling W. on the main road at Q.30.0.

Trains. At 12.10 p.m. a train of 20 trucks drew up near the dump R.26 from the direction of PROYART.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (a) Signals. An enemy pigeon message dated 1/8/18 was found on a bird in BUSSI yesterday addressed to 108th Div. from front line troops. The date was possibly an error for 1/7/18 and the message reported "no activity".
- (b) Balloons. Balloons were observed on G.B. from J.28.B.3.2 of 770 112°, 81°, 167°, and 125°.
- Visibility. Nil till 11 a.m., improved then but remained poor all day.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 130.

Headquarters,  
 4th July, 1918.

1. The boundary between "B" and "C" Divisions will be adjusted during the night 4/5th July as follows :-

From West to East, present boundary to J.22.D.O.O, thence a line through J.30.C.O.O.

2. The G.O.C., 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. will make the necessary arrangements with the G.O.C., 14th Aust. Inf. Bde for handing over the area affected. Command of this area will pass on completion of the relief, which will be notified at once to this Office.

3. Machine Gun reliefs will take place on night 5/6th July by mutual arrangement between Machine Gun Battalion Commanders concerned.

4. No readjustment will be made at present in the Artillery allotment.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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For Official Use Only.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 303.From 6 a.m. 3rd to 6 a.m. 4th July, 1918.

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NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry. In conjunction with the 6th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. on the right and left respectively an attack was launched by the 4th A.I. Bde. at 3.10 a.m. this morning on a front between the main WARTUSEE - VILLERS BRIEFORNEUX road and the River SOMME. Tank Battalions co-operated in the attack. Our infantry assembled on forming up lines without interference from enemy fire, which after the attack was launched fell mainly between our front and support lines along the whole front of attack and did not cause serious casualties. The attack progressed well and the ground round HAMEL, HAMEL WOOD and VAIRE WOOD was vigorously searched and cleared of enemy resisting points with the assistance of tanks. At 3.40 a.m. our tanks were reported advancing north of HAMEL. The right brigade was able to report all objectives gained and consolidation in progress by 5.5 a.m.

The centre brigade had cleaned up VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL WOOD and had consolidation in progress by 5.25 a.m. On the front of the left brigade, objectives on the right near HAMEL were gained by 5.5 a.m. and the left battalion was on its objective by 5 a.m. The enemy's resistance to our infantry attack was not vigorous, his first line being overwhelmed by the rapidity of our infantry attack following the barrage. The infantry in enemy's second line appear to have been demoralised, many fleeing at once to the rear, so that the resistance at this point was also weak. After the infantry had settled down on their final objective Tanks advanced forward of this line for about 500 yards and patrolled the ground dealing with enemy posts and machine gun crews in that area. From latest reports our line now runs as follows :- P.25.C.95.95 along former enemy trench to P.26.A.60.85, P.26.D.45.80, P.21.A.5.4, P.10.D.65.05, P.10.D.95.75, P.11.A.35.00, P.11.A.03.72, P.10.B.8.7 following old enemy trench to P.4.A.9.0 to old line at J.34.D.95.05.

(b) Artillery. - Quiet during the day, shelling consisting largely of registration shoots, <sup>during the night, shoots</sup> were carried out on enemy posts and H.C. positions. The barrage for the attack was very well placed and effective, and consisted of H.E., Shrapnel and Smoke. Barrage continued until 5.30 a.m.

(c) Trench Mortars. - 3" Stokes Mortars expended 40 rounds on enemy positions in J.30.D., J.36.D. and K.25.C. 6" Newtons fired 150 rounds on selected targets during the period.

(d) Machine Guns. - The usual programme of indirect fire was carried out until Zero, when H.G. Barrage opened in conjunction with Artillery Barrage. Ammunition expended 51,000 rounds.

(e) Patrols. - Special protective patrols operated on the Divisional Front continuously between 10 p.m. and 2.30 a.m. Reconnaissance patrols were also out but very little enemy movement was seen. Liaison patrols went out as usual and maintained touch with Flank Divisions.

(f) Aircraft. - Our planes were active during the period and succeeded in preventing E.A. from crossing our lines. Bombs were dropped on enemy areas during the night.

(g) Prisoners. - The total number of prisoners captured has not yet been ascertained, but the following have so far passed through the Divisional Cage :-

33 Officers (including 1 Bn. Commander and his Adjutant)  
1,061 Other Ranks.

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(h) Material.-- Up to time of writing the following captures have been reported :-

- 90 Machine Guns.
- 12 Light Trench Mortars.
- 2 Heavy Trench Mortars.
- 1 77.mm. Gun.

Further material is still coming in.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.--

108th Division.

137th I.R. (South of VAIRE WOOD).

13th Division.

- 13th I.R.)
  - 15th I.R.)
  - 55th I.R.)
  - 13th M.W. Coy.
  - 7th Pioneer Bn.
  - 525th Sanitats Coy.
- } VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL

43rd Reserve Division.

- 202nd R.I.R. (North of HAMEL)
- 243rd M.W. Coy.
- 27th Pioneer Bn.

Artillery.

- 58th Field Arty. Regt. (VAIRE WOOD)
- 43rd Res. Field Arty. Regt. (North of HAMEL)
- 59th " " " " (North of HAMEL)
- 11th Foot Artillery Regt. (VAIRE WOOD)

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

(a) Order of battle. N. to S. 202nd R.I.R. 55th I.R. 13th I.R.  
15th I.R. 137th I.R.

(b) Reliefs. The 13th Division had replaced the 77th Res. Division in the VAIRE Wood Sector. The relief was commenced on the night 30th June/1st July. The 55th I.R. relieved the 332nd I.R. on nights 1/2 and 2/3 July (P.S. and Doc.)  
An inter-battalion relief in the 202nd R.I.R. was expected on night 5/6th July (P.S.)

(c) Strength.-- The average Company strength throughout the 13th Division before our attack is said to have been between 60 and 70 (P.S.)

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.-- Quiet during day with light scattered shelling except in J.30.C. which was heavily shelled. The enemy's reply to our barrage was very weak, and did not commence until 15 minutes after Zero hour.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Alert.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Quiet before our attack. At the commencement of our barrage a heavy M.G. barrage was directed against SAILLY-LE-SEC. Trench Mortars. Inactive.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.— Enemy planes were observed patrolling their own lines during the day, but owing to the continual activity of our battle formations they did not attempt to cross our lines.

8. MOVEMENT.

(a) Men.— Enemy parties were observed at suspected O.P. at K.31.A.4.6., at house at Q.23.C.6.9., and in ARQUAIRE Wood. At 6.15.a.m. a party of 15 moved across from P.12.D. to low ground in P.17.C. At 7.a.m. 11 men with dogs came from P.24.B. to P.17.C. 9.30.a.m. a party of 50 turned off main road in Q.30.C. and disappeared from view in Q.24.C. From 5. to 11.a.m. considerable individual movement was observed in areas P.17.D., P.18., P.10.B. & D., and P.12.A. During the evening roads between PROYART and R.19. and R.25. were consistently used by men and transports

(b) Transports.— Main road through Q.30. and R.25. consistently used by transports. At 9.55.a.m. 15 horse transports left dump in R.26. coming W. along main road disappearing in Q.30.C.

(c) Trains. At 7.5.a.m. a train travelled through area W.6.D. towards PROYART. At 4.p.m. a train was seen travelling towards WIENCOURT. Two trains were shunting around dump in R.26. during the day.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Signals. On commencement of our barrage enemy fired flares which burst into two Reds, and others into a single Green. During our attack about 20 message rockets were fired towards ACCROCHE WOOD.

(b) Casualties. The casualties suffered by the enemy during our barrage and attack are said to have been extremely heavy (P.S.)

Heavy losses have been experienced by enemy supply and artillery columns from our artillery fire (P.S.)

(c) Gas. The 265th R.I.R. is said to have suffered heavy casualties from our gas projectors, practically a whole battalion becoming casualties on one occasion. Quite recently the 137th I.R. also suffered severely from our gas projectors. Their respirators are stated to have been ineffective against the gas used by us (P.S.)

(d) Moral. The moral of the 108th Division does not appear to be good. Prisoners complain of the long period the division has been kept in the line. Heavy casualties, estimated at 40 to 50 per company, are said to have been suffered during the tour in line of this division.

A document found in a bottle floating down the SOMME Canal also points to the lowered moral of the enemy. It reads :- "To our Dear Tommies. Many greetings from Michel & Coy. Are you not fed up with this useless rot? We are longing for our rest. Let us go - we will do the same. Michel & Coy."

*Edwards*  
for

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

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 15.

Reference attached map.

1. Consequent upon the advancement of the Divisional front to the present line the following reorganization of the defences of the divisional Sector will take place. -
2. The new front line and the support line now being constructed about 400 yards behind it will be organized as a forward system. These two lines are to be made continuous and to be provided with a strong wire obstacle.
3. The old German front line East of VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL Village will be adapted to form the nucleus of a support system for the Forward Zone. This will have to be extended to the North as far as the River and to the South to junction with the Support System of "A" Division.
4. Our old Front and Support Systems will be adopted as the Reserve System of the Forward Zone. This would have to swing back on the Right along PIONEER SWITCH in P.9.A. and O.24.B., junctioning with the Reserve System of "A" Division via the old Reserve System running N. & S. through O.24.Central.
5. Brigade Commanders in the line will submit proposals for initiating this organization, bearing in mind the necessity for linking up with neighbouring brigades, and for the developement of defence in depth within the area.
6. The C.O. Machine Gun Battalion will arrange, in consultation with Brigade Commanders and the C.R.E., for the construction of a system of M.G. dugouts and positions for the defence of the Forward Zone in depth.

*G. H. G. G. G.*

Headquarters,  
4th July, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel,  
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MOVE TABLE.

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Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	
night 5/6th July.	1.	1 Bn.12th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Rest of LA NEUVILLE.	Line immediately South of the SOMME.	In relief of Left Bn. 11th A.I.Bde. Command of sector North of line C-C-C-C to pass to G.O.C.12th A.I. Bde. on completion. G.O.C.11th A.I.Bde. to remain in command of sector between line E-B-B-B and line C-C-C-C, till night 6/7. Occupying accommodation vacated by Bn. 12th A.I.Bde.
night 5/6th	2.	1 Bn. 11th A.I.Bde.	Line immediately South of the SOMME.	Reserve West of LA NEUVILLE.	
night 5/6th	3.	1 Bn.13th A.I.Bde.	PIONEER SLOPES and terraces.	Line left in 4th A.I. Bde. Sector.	In relief of Left Bn. 4th A.I.Bde., passing under command of G.O.C., 4th A.I.Bde. until taken over by 13th A.I.Bde. on night 6/7th July.
night 5/6th July.	4.	1 Bn. 11th A.I.Bde.	Brigade Reserve	AUBIGNY System.	
night 5/6th	5.	1 Bn.4th A.I.Bde.	Line	Divl. Reserve in AUBIGNY System.	replacing Bn. of 13th A.I.Bde.
night 6/7th July.	6.	1 Bn.13th A.I.Bde.	Divl. Reserve.	Line Right in 11th A.I. Bde. Sector.	Relieving remaining line Bn. of 11th A.I.Bde. Command of new centre Bde. Sector to pass to G.O.C. 13th A.I. Bde. from G.O.C.4th and 11th A.I. Bdes. on completion of this Bn. relief.
night 6/7th	7.	1 Bn.11th A.I. Bde.	Line.	Reserve in AUBIGNY SYSTEM.	
night 6/7th	8.	1 Bn.12th A.I.Bde.	Reserve West of LA NEUVILLE.	Brigade Reserve	Relieving one Bn. of 11th A.I.Bde. Reserve.
night 6/7th	9.	1 Bn.13th A.I.Bde.	Divl. Reserve.	Brigade Reserve	

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Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Remarks.
night 6/7th July.	10.	1 Bn. 11th A.I. Ede.	Ede. Support and Reserve.	Reserve West of LA NEUVILLE.	
night 6/7th	11.	1 Bn. 4th A.I. Ede.	Line.	Divl. Reserve in AUBIGNY SYSTEM.	Replacing Bn. of 13th A.I. Ede.
night 6/7th	12.	H.Q. 4th A.I. Ede.	Quarry at O.12.B.9.4	CORBIE.	
night 6/7th	13.	H.Q. 13th A.I. Ede.	Reserve at I.32.B.2.8	QUARRY at O.12.B.8.4.	Replacing 4th A.I. Ede. H.Q.
night 6/7th	14.	H.Q. 11th A.I. Ede.	J.25.D.2.3.	Reserve at I.32.B.2.8	Replacing 13th A.I. Ede. H.Q.

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8. Separate Medical and Administrative instructions will be issued.

9- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 131.

Headquarters,  
5th July, 1918.

Reference attached Map. (not attached)

1. The Divisional Area will now re-organised on a three-Brigade front. The necessary reliefs will take place during nights 5/6th and 6/7th as shown on attached table.

2. On completion of the relief the Brigade Sectors will be held, from Right to Left as follows :-

Bde. Sector	Boundaries	Inf. Bde.	Distribution of Battalions.	Remarks.
Right.	Divl. Southern boundary to line A-A-A-A on map.	4th (less 2 Bns.)	1 in Front and Support Systems. 1 in Reserve.	Remaining 2 Bns. in Divl. Reserve in AUBIGNY SYSTEM.
Centre	Line A-A-A-A on Map to line C-C-C-C on map.	13th	2 in Front and Support Systems, 1 in Reserve.	
Left.	Line C-C-C-C on map to Divl. Northern boundary.	12th	2 in Front and Support Systems, 1 in Reserve.	

3. Command of the new front allotted to the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. will pass on completion of the relief on night 5/6th July.

Command of the new 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. front will pass on completion of the 2nd Inter-battalion relief on night 6/7th July.

4. Machine guns will be redistributed to Brigades as follows :-

Forward Zone, Right Bde. Sector -	1 Coy. (less 2 Sections).
Forward Zone, Centre Bde. Sector -	1 Coy.
Left Bde. Sector -	1 Coy. plus 2 Sections. (These will provide M.G. defence for the front system of the 2nd Zone, as well as for the forward Zone.

In Divisional reserve, in front system of 2nd Zone, South of the SOMME, 1 Coy. (less 2 Sections,) and 2 Sections of another Company. The C.O., Machine Gun Bn. will make the necessary arrangements to affect this redistribution.

5. Brigade H.Q. will be established, after the completion of the relief as follows :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	CORBIE
13th " " "	-	QUARRY at O.12.B.9.4.
12th " " "	-	J.19.C.4.4.

6. The C.R.E. will arrange the necessary redistribution of Field Coys. to Brigade Sectors.

7. All American troops will be withdrawn from 4th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. during night 5/6th July, and will move, under Brigade arrangements to an embussing point at H.12.A.4.9, before 5 a.m., 6th July.

They will embuss at 5 a.m. for AU BOIS. PIERREGOT and MOLLIEUS

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reported burning .

(c) During the night the enemy felled 5 trees in the vicinity of  
 P.4.A.9.0. Improving from 4.20 a.m. Smoke made observation on rear  
 area difficult.

*Gate 11*  
 for. Lieut-Colonel,  
 G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

CORRECTION. - In INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 303, para. 1 Our Operations,  
 sub-para. (a) Infantry, - for P.4.A.9.0 read P.4.B.9.0.

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Information from Other Sources.

The French report that a prisoner captured on 29th June has received a letter dated 25th June from his brother in 77 Res. Div. (at that time in VALLE WOOD sector). The letter states he is opposite AMIENS and that there is much talk about the coming offensive on the British front. His division will take part in the sector which they were then occupying.

BOMBING RAIDS.

The following bombs were dropped :-

(a) By day :-	La FLAQUE dump	...	...	26 112 lb.
	Various targets	...	...	40 25 lb.
(b) by night:-	Selected targets E. of	}	...	9 112 lb.
	WILLERS BRETONNEUX.		...	350 25 lb.

RAILWAYS AND DUMPS.

French photographs of 30th June show an active supply dump and important work on sidings at HOMBLEUX station. In addition to the sidings South of the HAM - NESLE road, which are shown on a French photograph of 17th May, there are new sidings North of the road in 66 D J.31.A.B., J.25.C.D. and a second loop has been made to the HAM - NESLE railway in J.25.A. There is rolling stock of 4 trains in and near the station. Few previous photographs are available.

An escaped French prisoner states that HATTENCOURT station is used for the transit of ammunition, which is put on horse and motor transport there. FRESNOY and GURCHY stations are used for supplies and R.E. material.

The 13th Div. is a division of good quality. During 1915, the WESTPHALIANS distinguished themselves by excellent work on defences and fought tenaciously on all occasions. At VERDUN and on the SOMME, too, this division acquitted itself well. Both in 1916 and 1917, however, desertions were not infrequent, these being mostly on the part of Poles and Alsations, who are found in fairly large numbers in the division. The division received a smashing blow on the AILLETTE in October, 1917, and the drafts required to bring it up to strength again have not yet been put to the test. It is therefore not possible to estimate the value of the division at the present moment.

The 13th Division is commanded by Lieut-General von BORRIES.

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The 13th Div. has come into line for the fourth time since March 21st, 1918. It was relieved in the CASTEL sector on the 15th May, and was identified in the MOREUIL area on June 26th by prisoners' statements. It has thus had six weeks' rest and may be considered as moderately fresh.

ENEMY INTENTIONS.

From the preliminary examinations of prisoners, no information has been obtained of any enemy intention to attack on this front; no prisoners examined have seen any preparations for an attack. The 13th Div. is expecting to hold the sector for about 6 days, and then to be relieved. The 108th Div. is also expecting relief in the near future.

(Note)- Should the 13th Division have been relieved in 6 days, it would have only been in the line 10 days in all, and presumably have been acting as a 'stop-gap' until the arrival of a fresh division. The expected relief of the 108th Div. about the same time would have brought 2 fresh divisions in the line opposite VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, about July 10th. Hence, it is conceivable that, about that date, attacks by the enemy might have been expected. It will be important to carefully follow movements of divisions in this area).

DISCIPLINE IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

The following extract from an order of the 3rd Res. Div., dated 18th May, 1918, at which time the division was in line south-west of MONFIDIER, shows the want of discipline prevailing in the back areas of the Eighteenth German Army :-

"Recently, supply trains on normal and narrow guage lines have again been attacked by armed soldiers and pillaged. Threatened by arms, those in charge of the trains, being unarmed and in small numbers, have been unable to offer resistance to these excesses.

"This conduct on the part of German soldiers constitutes a defiance of discipline, and must be repressed with the utmost rigour.

"Consequently, by orders from Army H.Q., those in charge of supply trains will carry arms (if necessary, light machine guns) and will be provided with ammunition. These men will be in the position of a police guard, with the rights and duties of the latter.

"They will not hesitate to use their arms in case of an attempt to pillage.

"Pillagers will be arrested and returned to their units, where they will be brought before a court-martial.

"If those in charge of the train fail in their duties they will themselves be handed over to the military tribunals.

(signed) RUSCHE.

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APPENDIX 5

For Official Use Only.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 304.From 6.a.m. 4th July to 6.a.m. 5th July, 1918.NOT to be taken into the Front Line.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.- After the operation in the early morning our Artillery engaged all movement during the morning and afternoon and S.O.S. lines were fired on and reported satisfactory.

At 10.p.m. a special Gas Shoot was carried out by all 4.5" Hows batteries in the divisional Sector, Valleys in P.14.C. and P.24.B. receiving special concentration. At 10.p.m. all 18-Pdr. batteries put down heavy harassing fire on enemy forward areas and at 10.21.p.m., in response to S.O.S., all groups fired for 20 minutes. Fire ceased at about 11.p.m. Harassing fire was then maintained on the enemy front system and approaches, P.28.A., P.22.C., P.17.L. and C., Q.1.C., K.31.A. & D. and the road in Q.7.A. receiving special attention.

(b) Trench Mortars.- 5" T.Ms. fired 35 rounds on enemy positions in ACCROCHE WOOD. heavy T.Ms. fired 62 rounds on the following targets J.33.A.6.5., J.36.B.2.5., J.36.Central, J.36.A.7.0. and J.36.C.5.5. T.Ms. also assisted in S.O.S. barrage at 10.21.p.m.

(c) Machine Guns.- Our forward gunners expended 22,000 rounds S.A.A. and 5,000 rounds of German ammunition (3 enemy guns were put into use by our machine gunners) on targets under direct observation. Rear guns fired on S.O.S. lines in connection with the signal at 10.21. SAILLY-LAURETTE, Tracks in K.31., and tracks in J.36.B. & C. were fired on. Rounds expended - 75,500.

(d) Snipers.- Our snipers were active through the period harassing enemy forward movement. many hits are reported.

(e) Patrols.- Contact was maintained between brigades and with flank divisions by liaison patrols during the night. Reconnaissance patrols were active throughout the night. Practically no enemy movement was observed. At daybreak an enemy post was found at P.21.A.9.3. and three enemy brought in.

(f) Aircraft.- Our planes were very active during the day flying low over enemy lines. At night large formations bombed the enemy's front systems and rear areas. ACCROCHE WOOD received particular attention.

(g) Infantry Minor Operations.- At 2.p.m. a party of 1 Officer and 8 men rushed an enemy S.P. at P.16.B.8.4. and captured 5 prisoners, 1 heavy M.G., and 3 light M.G.'s.

At daybreak the brigade South of the SOMME, by a minor operation regained a S.P. in which the enemy had obtained a footing yesterday evening and captured about 40 prisoners, 10 M.G.'s., and 1 Anti-Tank Rifle. Many enemy were killed.

(h) Prisoners.- The number of prisoners reported to the present in connection with yesterday's operation on the divisional front is :-

<u>Unwounded</u>	-	35 Officers	..	1,152 O.Rs.
<u>Wounded</u>	-	3 Officers	..	74 "

TOTAL: 38 Offs. 1,226 O.Rs

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2. IDENTIFICATIONS.-

202 R.I.R., 1st and 2nd Battalions.  
13th E.R. 1st Battalion.  
55 I.R. 1st Battalion.

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.- No change has yet been ascertained. Enemy B.C.O. captured this morning states the 43rd Res. Div. is already being relieved, the 3rd Batt'n. 202 R.I.R. having been relieved last night. The 1st and 2nd batt'ns. if not already relieved will be relieved tonight (5th inst.), the relief of the 201st and 203rd R.I.R. possibly taking place at the same time.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. - Enemy Artillery was active during the day. At 10 p.m. a barrage was put down on our front line S. of the SOMME. Very little damage was done. HAMEL WOOD, VAIRE WOOD, and the valley in P.19.B. and P.13.B. received special attention. A 21 cm. H.V. gun was very active against FOUILLOY and CORBIE.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.- Alert. Infantry retaliation so far weak.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Machine Guns.- Enemy machine guns were not active, except during our operation early in the morning. During the night M.G.s began to show activity from the western edge of TAILLOUX WOOD. The usual activity from J.36.A. was apparently suppressed by our barrage.

(b) Trench mortars.- No activity on front S. of the SOMME. One left Bde. front one of our posts was harassed by a trench mortar firing from J.36.A.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Hostile planes were very busy over our lines between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Low flying planes fired into our trenches with machine guns. E.A. were very active bombing our territory principally rear areas, during the night.

8. MOVEMENT.

Men. At 4.40 a.m. a party of 22 were seen running towards our line in P.10.B from P.11.A. followed afterwards by a party of 18. At 6.10 a.m. two parties about 50 strong were seen in R.19.B coming towards MORCOURT. 8.10 a.m. 20 men were seen using the main road to and from the lines in Q.25.C and D. 8.45 a.m. A party of 20 men seen moving about the cross roads Q.9.D. Small parties of men were continuously using the Road R.19.A. to and from MORCOURT. 1.10 p.m. a long line of troops were seen travelling West through Areas R.19.A and B. 4 p.m. scattered movement was observed in areas Q.20.C and Q.25.A. 8 p.m. a party of 50 men were seen coming towards WARFUSEE to the main road at Q.26.D. 200 enemy were seen at dusk entering ACCROCHE WOOD

Transport. Considerable movement developed during the afternoon towards MORCOURT on the roads in R.19.A and Q.24.B. A continuous stream of 6 horse teams with limbers and what appeared to be guns was observed during the afternoon from the main road at Q.26.C.7.3 to P.30.B. Several were put out of action by our artillery fire at 3.45 p.m.

Trains. Between 8 and 11 a.m. and again at 3.50 p.m. trains were observed about the dump in R.26. At 6.10 p.m. small trains were seen on the light line in Q.34.B.

9. ENEMY ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

An enemy anti-tank rifle has been captured.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Artillery. A heavy enemy battery is reported to be firing from Q.29.D.2.9.

(b) Explosions. At 6.30 p.m. a large enemy dump in Q.27.C. was

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## 7. MISCELLANEOUS.

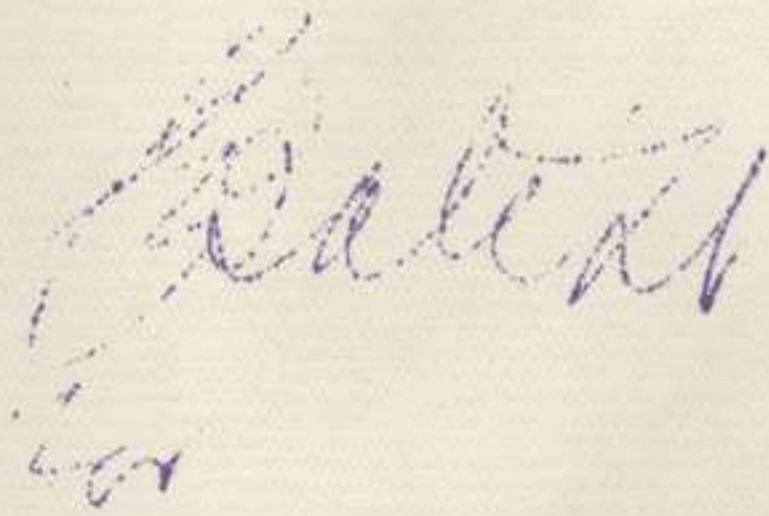
(a) AT 10.15.p.m. the enemy fired 2 Reds and 2 Greens which is apparently his S.O.S. Enemy Artillery responded to the signal within one minute.

(b) At 8.30.p.m. enemy aeroplanes were observed to drop small packages (possibly rations) near the enemy front line. Enemy infantry acknowledged the packages by firing a flare.

(c) During the recent operation the enemy is reported from several sources to have deliberately sniped our stretcher bearers evacuating wounded.

(d) Lights were observed from P.5.B.8.9. to P.6.A.40.85. during the night; apparently dugouts.

visibility. Nil till 10.30.a.m. improving a little and remained fair from 1.30.p.m. to 8.15.p.m.



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War Diary

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.305.

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

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.- Our Artillery was very active throughout the period. A suspected battery at P.12.A. was engaged, also traffic on roads in Q.27.A. and Q.13.A. Registration was carried out by the Right Group on P.17.B.8.3., P.27.D.0.5. and P.28.B.6.3. and harassing fire was put down on P.16.B., P.17.C., P.12.A. & G. and the road in P.23.C.

At 10.15.p.m. the Centre Group fired on S.O.S. for 15 minutes. At the same time a concentrated harassing shoot was put down on the enemy's communications and centres of activity. The shoot was repeated at 3.5. a.m., both shoots lasting for 15 minutes.

(b) Trench Mortars.- T.M. activity was confined to the 6" Newtons which fired 58 rounds on J.35.A., D, & C, and on M.Gs. at J.35.D.35.10. and P.5.B.2.9.

(c) Machine Guns.- Forward guns inflicted casualties by direct fire on small parties of the enemy seen on the WARFUSEE ROAD and at the edge of TAILLOUX WOOD, E.A. were also fired on.

Indirect fire targets were:- SAILLY-LAURETTE, and approaches, centres of movement in J.36.B. & D. Tracks in K.31. were subjected to harassing fire throughout the night. 12,450 rounds expended.

(d) Patrols.- About 10 special patrols in addition to protective and liaison patrols were active on the divisional front during the night. Patrols of the left Bde. were able to cut and make gaps in the enemy wire at J.35.D.25.05. to J.35.D.35.00., at J.35.D.5.2. to J.35.D.60.45., and at J.36.A.1.2. to J.35.D.8.9. Enemy movement was heard near P.16.C.7.2. and a party of 12 enemy were seen at J.36.A.8.5. An enemy working party was heard at P.16.D.9.4.

(e) Aircraft.- Our machines were exceedingly active all day, reconnoitring the enemy forward positions. Between 7.p.m. and 8.p.m. as many as 60 of our planes were seen at one time over our lines, between SAILLY LE SEC and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. The enemy areas were vigorously bombed, especially ACCROCHE WOOD.

(f) Prisoners.- The totals of prisoners passed through the Divisional Cage and Dressing Station in connection with the recent operations are now as follows :-

Unwounded	..	35 Offs.	1,152 O.Rs.
Wounded		3 "	151 "
Total of unwounded and wounded prisoners			- 1,341.

Material captured and reported to the present includes :-

147 Machine Guns (Heavy and Light)  
20 Trench mortars. " "  
1 77 mm. Gun.  
2 Anti-Tank Rifles.  
Large quantity of German M.G. Ammunition.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil.

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.— Enemy artillery was very active throughout the period, the following localities being specially attended to :—  
VAIRE WOOD, HAMEL, HAMEL WOOD, SAILLY LE SEC, J.28., P.20.A., P.19.A. and the Front Line. From 3.40.a.m. to 3.55.a.m. the enemy shelled our front line especially on the left Ede. Sector with 77's and 105's. At the same time about 70 Blue Cross Gas Shells were counted. Between 11.a.m. and 1.p.m. areas O.12.A., O.6. and O.10.A. were shelled with H.E. and Gas from 150mm and 105mm H.V. Guns. At 11.p.m. O.18.A. received 20 rounds of 105mm Blue Cross Gas Shells, and this was repeated at 2.5.a.m.
5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.— Very alert and active with artillery retaliation.
6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.—
- (a) WORK.— Working parties are reported by our patrols to have been active during the night at P.16.D.9.4. (digging) and J.36.A.8.5.
- (b) Wire.— Enemy wire was encountered at the following places :—  
J.35.D.35.00. (barbed and concertina damaged by shell fire), J.35.D.5.2. to J.35.D.60.45. (patrol reports cutting gaps in this wire), and a wired post at J.36.A.1.2. (unoccupied).
- (c) Machine Guns.— Enemy M.G.'s were active from :— J.35.D.90.25., J.35.D.45.05., and positions not yet located in ACCROCHE WOOD.
- (d) Trench Mortars.— No activity.
- (e) Snipers.— Patrols were bombed and sniped from J.35.D.45.25. and the trench between J.36.A.00.10. and J.35.D.85.80.
- (f) Posts.— An unoccupied post was found at J.36.A.1.2. Enemy fired on our patrol from J.35.D.7.4.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.— E.A. were particularly active, and succeeded in crossing our lines at various times during the day. Our Front and Support Lines were occasionally subject to machine gun fire from E.A.
8. MOVEMENT.
- (a) Men.— At 1.25.p.m. a party of 30 men left the main road Q.25.C.3.4. and came to the dead ground at P.30.B. (60-Pdrs. engaged this target). At 7.30.p.m. about 12 men were seen moving about in Q.20.C. At 7.45.p.m. 10 parties of 15 men each approached MORCOURT. During the evening parties carrying packs were seen in the C.T. through P.17.A. moving towards the line. The C.T. was engaged with harassing fire. At 2.5.a.m. an enemy party was heard at P.21.D.2.9. and engaged by our Artillery. Movement was also heard during the night at P.16.C.7.2. but nothing was observed. There was much movement around TAILLOUX WOOD all day.
- Transport.— At 11.5.a.m. a caterpillar tractor was seen going towards PROYART along the road in R.19.A. At 2.40.p.m. 15 horse transports travelled N. along the road in R.26.B. At 7.30.p.m. the same number were seen. The roads in R.19.A. and Q.24.B. were used by all vehicles during the day. At 3.30.p.m. a wagon approached TAILLOUX WOOD along the road in P.19.A. At 3.45.p.m. limbers were seen on the road in P.29.B. moving towards WARFUSEE. At 5.18.p.m. 12 horse transports moved towards the main road through the area R.26.A. At 5.35.p.m. the road through the areas R.19.B. and R.25.A. was frequently used by wagons, 2 and 3 at a time. At 6.55.p.m. 4 two horse wagons travelled N. on the road in Q.22.C.3.3.
- Trains.— At 10.50.a.m. one train was seen shunting about the dump in R.26. At 5.35.p.m. an engine disappeared in rear of PROYART from R.26. At 6.15.p.m. a train was seen travelling in the direction of WIENCOURT through the area R.31.C.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS FOR MAY, 1918..Ref. Map 32D. 1/40,000.

On the 1st of May the 4th Australian Division was holding the line in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX Sector from U.5.0.5.5. to P.19.B.9.0. The French (Moroccan Div.) were on the Right and the 5th Australian Division were on the Left. Divisional Headquarters was situated at GLISY and Brigades were disposed as follows :-

12th Aust. Inf. Bde. were in the line on the Right.  
4th Aust. Inf. Bds. were in the line on the Left.

Inter-Brigade boundary was the main VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - WARFUSSE-ABACOURT Road in O.30.0. and both Brigade H.Qs. were situated in Dugouts in Railway Cutting at O.25.0.6.4.

The 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. were in reserve having one Battalion in AUBIGNY Line, one Battalion in BLANGY Line in O.35.A. and two Battalions in BLANGY TRONVILLE.

The weather was generally fine and the enemy was purely on the defensive.

As our front line was very close to the village of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and allowed of no ground for manoeuvre in front of that Village endeavours were made to push forward our line. This was successfully carried out in the centre and on the left of the Divisional Sector by a series of "Peaceful Penetrations". On the night 30th April/1st May the right Bn. of the left Brigade pushed forward their front line about 200 yards and on the following night the left Bn. of the right Brigade pushed forward to conform to the line on their left. During the same night (1st/2nd) the 37th French Div. relieved the Moroccan Div. on our Right. Except for light scattered shelling the enemy had remained quiet during these days. Owing to good visibility on the 2nd an increase of aerial activity took place. 2 B.A. fell in flames opposite the Divisional Front about noon.

Arrangements were now completed for an attack in conjunction with the French on the small eminence in U.6. opposite the Right of the Divisional Front known as MONUMENT WOOD.

This operation, which was supported by artillery fire and tanks, was carried out by the 48th Battalion in conjunction with the French on their Right at 2 a.m. on the morning of the 3rd. The 48th Battalion was moved from its position in support in the CACHY SWITCH on the night 2nd/3rd and was deployed for the attack by 1.15 a.m. The 52nd Batt'n, 13th A.I. Bde., replaced the 48th Battalion in the CACHY SWITCH the same night.

At Zero the attack was launched in a South and South-easterly direction, but was not a success. The French on the right and the left of the 48th Battalion did not reach their objectives owing to very heavy machine gun fire being encountered.

Good progress was made, however, in the centre of the attack and the buildings in U.6.A. with their cellars and dugouts were mopped up and numerous casualties inflicted on the enemy. It was afterwards ascertained these dugouts were a Battalion H.Q.

2 Officers and 20 Other ranks of the JAGGER Division (normal identification) were captured and brought back to our lines.

The enemy made an immediate counter-attack on the positions captured and although heavy casualties were inflicted our troops were forced to return to our original line. The 2 tanks which co-operated in the attack moved forward at 5 a.m. under cover of a smoke screen which was provided by the Artillery. The female tank was put out of action and its crew captured just as it reached the enemy front line. The male tank did excellent work on the South and Eastern edges of the Wood. Both its M.G.'s. and 6-Pdrs. were used with good effect, heavy casualties were caused to enemy infantry and 8 M.G.'s were put out of action.

The tank returned to our lines at 5.30 a.m., the whole of its crew having been either gassed or wounded.

The hostile artillery retaliation did not start until Zero plus 9 minutes and was of a scattered nature.

During the night, 3rd/4th, the 13th A.I. Bde. extended its front 500 yards to the south making the inter Brigade boundary the road at O.36.D.7.9. The same night a newly established advanced post of the left Brigade was attacked by the enemy who was repulsed with loss. At 6 p.m. on the 4th a heavy concentrated shoot was carried out on MONUMENT WOOD, the Artillery of both flanking divisions co-operating. An attempted raid by the enemy the same evening on one of our posts was repulsed with loss to the enemy. Identification of the 137 I.R. was obtained from this raiding party. A heavy artillery shoot was carried out against MONUMENT WOOD by our Artillery on the 8th and on the night, 9/10th, the 12th A.I. Bde. relieved the 4th A.I. Bde. in the left Brigade sector. Further concentrated Artillery shoots were carried out against MONUMENT WOOD on the 10th and 12th instant. After the latter shoot patrols of our right Brigade pushed forward to the enemy's forward posts but found them unoccupied. On the night, 13/14th, the 4th A.I. Bde. relieved the 13th A.I. Bde. in the right Bde. Sector. The inter Bde. boundary was again re-adjusted to the main road in O.30.B. On the 13th our A.A. Lewis gunners brought down intact, a hostile plane of the Gotha type, one of the crew was captured, the other two escaping in the darkness. MONUMENT WOOD was again heavily engaged by our Artillery on the 17th with good effect.

The Division was kept hard at work constructing defences until relieved by the 3rd Aust. Div. on the 20/21st.

From the 1st of May until the Division was relieved the enemy showed great activity with his bombing planes and H.V. guns on the rear areas. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was occasionally bombed by low flying B.A. and the forward areas were subjected to intermittent shelling.

After relief, the Division went into Reserve. Headquarters of the 4th Division were established at ALLOUVILLE and the Brigades were disposed as follows :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	ALLOUVILLE - CARDONNETTE . FRECHENCOURT.
12th " " "	RIVERY with 1 Bn. in GLISY Line.
15th " " "	QUERRIEU with 1 Bn. in the LA ROUSSEY Line.

The Division stayed in this area for Training, Re-organising and Resting until the end of the month.

Routes and defensive systems were reconnoitred all along the Corps front by Staff and Regimental Officers. Throughout this Rest period the enemy's planes and H.V. guns were active on Billets, Bivouacs, etc. On the 29th May, the Division received orders to relieve the 5th Aust. Division in the HAMEL - SAILLY-LE-SEC Sector.

The 4th A.I. Bde. relieved the 15th A.I. Bde. in reserve by 9 a.m. on the 31st and during the night 31st May/1st June relieved the 14th A.I. Bde. in the right Brigade Sector. Three Battalions were in the line and one in Support. Brigade Headquarters being established in Chateau at O.5.0.5.6.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 306.

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

to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the day and night ~~passing~~ firing against the enemy's forward and rear positions A. 17.A, P.16.D, P.23.C, P.22.A and B, P.23.A, P.17.C, Q.7.C, Q.7.A and P.12. A suspected battery position at Q.14.A.95.40 was engaged with bursts of fire. Valleys in P.24.A and B, and P.12 were gassed by 4.5" Hows. during the night. Movement was engaged and dispersed in P.12, P.17.6, Q.7.6.2.8 and P.29.A.9.2, casualties being inflicted on the party at the latter point. Counter preparation on selected areas was carried out by all groups between 3.15 a.m. and 3.35 a.m.
- (b) Trench Mortars. 71 rounds were fired by our T.M.'s. against the following targets :- J.35.D.42.20, J.35.D.45.30, P.16.B.6.2, and suspected M.G. at P.16.D.1.3.
- (c) Machine guns. Forward guns engaged small parties of the enemy in P.22.A and B, and the WARFUSEE - BRETONNEUX ROAD. The parties were dispersed and casualties inflicted. The following targets were engaged with indirect fire. The Road in P.21.D and P.22.C, ACCROCHE WOOD, valley in P.22.A and B, centre of movement in K.31, and the road running through J.36.B and D. Ammunition expended was 10,000 rounds.
- (d) Snipers. Our snipers on the left brigade front were very active and report good results.
- (e) Patrols. Liaison and protective patrols operated as usual on the divisional front and in addition 12 reconnaissance patrols worked in front of our line. On the right and centre brigade fronts no enemy movement was seen. Talking was heard from the direction of ACCROCHE WOOD, and the enemy is reported to be holding posts from approximately P.16.B.3.3 to P.16.B.5.5. On the left brigade front our patrols examined the country well forward of our line. S. of the SOMME no contact was obtained with enemy although our patrols were as far forward as P.11.B.1.9 and P.5.D.3.5. North of the SOMME strong enemy wire was encountered and the parties endeavouring to cut the same were actively interfered with by the enemy. Patrol found that gaps cut on the previous night had not been repaired. A patrol moved as far forward as J.36.A.7.5 without meeting any enemy.
- (f) Aircraft. Our machines were very active in reconnaissance flights from 5.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again at dusk.
- (g) Infantry Minor Operation. About 4.30 p.m. a party of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men pushed an enemy post in P.16.B capturing 2 prisoners and 1 M.G. and killed the remaining 3 men in the post.
- (h) Prisoners and Material Captured. During the period 3 more prisoners have been captured and 2 M.G.'s. must be added to the total of captured weapons published in Summary No. 305.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

8th Coy.	55th I.R.	(2 prisoners).
1st Coy.	55th I.R.	(1 prisoner).

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

The prisoners captured state that the 2nd Bn. 55th I.R. came from rest into the line on the afternoon of the 4th inst. Nothing is known

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of any intended relief of the 13th Division, or of dispositions N. and S. of the 13th Division. The enemy is stated to be apprehensive of a renewal of our attack. The rifle strength of Coys. of the 55th I.R. is confirmed as about 65 men.

#### 4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery was active especially against - SAILLY LE SEC, J.28.A and C, HAMEL, P.10.B and D, J.29.C, J.30.A, J.24.A and C, J.35.A, and against our new front and support lines. The enemy retaliated heavily on our front line for our barrage at 3.15 a.m. Gas shelling was as follows :- 3.10 p.m. Blue Cross gas on J.16.A. A few Phosgene and Yellow Gas Shells were also mixed with the H.E. shells on P.10.B and HAMEL. At 7.20 p.m. P.8.D and P.14.B received a mixture of H.E. and Gas Shells.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Enemy shewed increased Artillery activity, but his infantry shewed no aggressive attitude.

#### 6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

(a) Work. Enemy's working activity appears to be very slight. Prisoners taken state that on 55th I.R. front no work has been done on defences since the attack. Patrols report that the enemy is digging between P.12.C.Central, P.12.Cent., and P.12.B.Central.

(b) Wire. An enemy dump of wire and screw pickets was found at the cross roads in P.5.C. Patrol found and started to cut enemy wire at J.35.D.6.6, and J.35.D.9.9 but was unable to proceed on account of M.G. fire. Enemy wire was encountered at J.36.A.7.5. (single apron with trip)

(c) Machine guns. Enemy M.G.'s displayed the usual activity. Active guns were located at J.35.D.5.2, J.36.A.95.20 and P.16.B.

(d) Trench Mortars. No activity reported.

(e) Snipers. A bombing post is reported at J.35.D.7.5.

(f) Posts. Flares and rifle shots were fired from P.11.B.5.8. Lamp flashes were seen in P.5.D. Flares were fired from P.5.D.7.2 and a small post was located at J.35.D.6.0. Patrol was fired on from J.35.D.85.75 and J.35.D.7.5. An enemy post of 9 men was located at J.35.D.95.85 and one of two men at J.36.A.4.1.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aerial activity was slight, only 4 or 5 planes being reported in proximity of our lines during the period. Material was dropped in ARQUAIRE WOOD from enemy planes, and at 6.45 p.m. 3 E.A. flew low over our forward positions dropping flares.

#### 8. MOVEMENT.

Men. From 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. a large working party was seen about P.12 Central. Movement was seen constantly at K.31.C.25.35 (O.P. suspected). Parties were seen digging at Q.7.C.28 and Q.8.Central. Movement was also seen at P.17.C.35.20 (works in progress). At 3 p.m. a little individual movement was observed in Q.18.A. At 3.15 p.m. a party of 6 men approached the lines in Q.25.A.0.5. At 3.30 p.m. a small party was seen travelling East on the main road in Q.25.D.

Transport. Transport movement was very consistent to and from MORCOURT through the areas R.19.A and Q.24.B between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. At 11.45 a.m. 4 motor lorries came along the road in R.19.A and turned towards the main road at Q.24.B.7.8.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. When our barrage opened at 3.15 a.m. flares bursting into 2 reds followed by single greens were fired. These signals were answered by enemy artillery fire.  
visibility. Almost nil till 9 a.m. Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., dull from 4 p.m.

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

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.BOMBING RAIDS.

The following bombs were dropped on 4th July.

(a) By day :-

BAYONVILLERS.

LARBONNIERES.

LAHOTTE-ON-SAN-TERRE

ROSIERES.

Valley in P.24.B. &amp; D) .. 966 25-lb.

Valley in Q.18.

Dump, shelters and

horse lines in

Wood N.W. PROYART.

(b) By night:-

MORCOURT, PROYART and

selected targets E.) .. 420 25-lb.

VILLERS BRETONNEUX

A total of about 15 tons.

The Wood N.W. of PROYART was very thoroughly and accurately bombed; bursts on houses were reported in BAYONVILLERS and MORCOURT.

ARMY OF GERMAN OCCUPATION IN RUMANIA.- All men in the RUMANIAN Army under 35 were withdrawn in April and reinforced the Divisions in FRANCE.

DRAFTS.- On June 18th the 13th division received a draft of 600 from BEVERLOO, mostly returned wounded. This draft went from BEVERLOO, via NAMUR and BREUX. (P.S.)

55th I.R. (13th DIV.).

Strength and Casualties.- 9th Coy., 36th men and 4 l.m.g's.; 10th Coy., 49 men and 4 l.m.g's. Owing to influenza both these companies were 1 platoon under strength. (P.S.)

Drafts.- The 9th Coy. received a draft of 25, 6 weeks ago, of whom 20 belonged to the 1919 Class. (P.S.)

Minerwerfer.- The Minerwerfer detachment took over the 4 minerwerfer of the 332nd I.R. in open trenches N. of HAMEL Wood on the night July 2nd/3rd. The Minerwerfer Detachment consisted of a Feldwebel, 2 Unteroffizier, two Gefreiter, and 20 men. Dugouts were being constructed beside the positions. Ammunition was brought up by the detachment in reserve. At CLARY, practices had been carried out with Minerwerfer in attacking strong points.

2nd M.G. COY., 15th I.R. (13th DIV.)

Strength.- Of 2nd M.G. Coy., 1 officer and 110 - 120 O.R., with 12 108 machine guns. Losses are said to have been very heavy. (P.S.)

DEFENCES. Photographs taken on the afternoon of the 4th July show portions of the new British trenches N. and E. of HAMEL and E. of HAMEL wood (Air photos. A3.AE.A.742,743,753,754) Tracks made by our tanks are visible north of HAMEL, and as far east as P.22.C. south of GROGNE wood. (A3.AE.A.740,743,738,753).

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ORDER OF BATTLE.

A prisoner states he saw a Bn. of the 201st R.I.R., (43rd Res.Div.) passing through MORCOURT on the 4th inst. on its way up to the line.

The normal sector of this regiment is immediately north of the SOMME and is no doubt reinforcing the 202nd R.I.R. E. of HAMEL.

GERMAN VERSION OF THE ATTACK CARRIED OUT BY THE AUSTRALIANS ON THE 4th INST.

.On the north bank of the SOMME attacks failed with sanguinary losses in front of our lines. South of the SOMME the enemy penetrated into the village and wood of HAMEL. A hostile attack on the height east of HAMEL was met by our counter-attack and failed. We drove the enemy back from VILLERS BRETONNEUX into his departure positions.

NEW GERMAN GAS GRENADE.

A gas grenade was found by the French near REIMS about the middle of May. It is similar in appearance to the ordinary "stick" grenade and is called "Gasstielgranate, B.Z."

On each side of the hook, by which the grenade can be attached to the belt, is painted a blue "G".

The effect of the grenade is similar to that of "Blue Cross" gas shell viz., partly high explosive and partly gas.

NOTHING ON PHOTO TAKEN ON 17/18

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Movement. An abnormal amount of transport was seen on roads in the area south of DOMPIERRE, at 12.25.p.m. Eighty mixed H.T. and M.T. were reported in groups along the main road between FOUCAUCOURT and BRIE, mainly proceeding westwards; twelve M.T. moving north between ABLANCOURT and FOUCAUCOURT; six M.T. stationary between HERBECOURT and BIACHES; twelve M.T. going from CAPPY to FAY; and ten M.T. from DOMPIERRE to CHUIGNES. No troop movement was reported.

METHOD of RATIONING OF OUTPOST TROOPS. During the afternoon of the 5th Inst., a box of bully beef and biscuits was dropped from a hostile low-flying plane on to a forward post of our right Corps. The existence of this method of bringing up rations to forward troops in isolated positions is confirmed by prisoners.

CAPTURED ORDER. The following translation of a German Army Order indicates some of the methods employed by the enemy to ensure secrecy:-

Second Army H.Q.  
Iad No.427/April.

Army H.Q.  
17-4-18.

Preservation of Secrecy.

(1) A captured British order shows that, in spite of the orders repeatedly issued, valuable information as to the order of battle, strength and composition of our Army has been given to the British by the papers found on officers and men who have been captured. A passage in the order states :-

" An immense amount of exceedingly valuable information has been obtained since the beginning of the operations from private letters, diaries, addresses on envelopes, and battalion and brigade orders, which have been found on the persons of German prisoners and dead".

This shows how valuable to the enemy addresses and notes are, even if they appear to be unimportant. The troops must have this impressed upon them by frequent instruction, especially before the beginning of operations. It is forbidden to copy or manifold orders beyond the numbers laid down by the proper authorities, or to insert our own positions, strong points, etc., on maps which are intended to be used in the front line.

All secret instructions, orders and maps must be made plainly recognisable as such by the heading "Not to be taken into the Front line" at the top of the document.

(1) Documents, orders and maps found on the enemy are to be taken from prisoners at once and forwarded to the authorities concerned. Unauthorised rummaging amongst the papers captured is forbidden. Unnecessary delays in transmission often render the captured documents valueless.

(3) Attention is again called to the orders issued in regard to the behaviour of officers and men who are captured.

Distribution  
Down to Companies and batteries.

(Sgd) von TSCHISCHWITZ.

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NOTES ON PHOTOS TAKEN ON 6/7/18.

- A.3.AEB.91. Shows activity in FORBES WOOD at Q.14.B.2.4.
- A.3.AEB.90. Active areas in KATE WOOD and THIN WOOD at Q.15.B and D.
- A.3.AEA.778.769. Small quarry at K.31.A.6.2 is occupied by parties of enemy (observers' report).
- A.3.AEA.777. C.T. at K.25.D.15.30 has been continued to road at K.25.D.4.2. Quarries at K.31.C.9.3 and K.31.D.4.5 are occupied - possible H.Q. - Note tracks.
- A.3.AEB.94. Embankment behind hutment at Q.8.B.4.9 show signs of activity.
- A.3.AEA.768. New track from K.25.C.0.1 to trench at K.25.C.2.3.

During the afternoon of the 6th...  
 The following translation of a German Army Order...  
 ARMY H.Q.  
 17-6-18

Translation of Army Order

A captured British order shows that, in spite of the orders...  
 The following information as to the order of battle...  
 German prisoners and documents.

An immense amount of exceedingly valuable information has...  
 been obtained since the beginning of the operations from...  
 private letters, diaries, addresses on envelopes, and battalion...  
 and brigade orders, which have been found on the persons of...  
 German prisoners and documents.

This order for values to the enemy addresses and rates are...  
 even if they appear to be unimportant. The troops must save this...  
 information for their own use. It is forbidden to copy or make old orders...  
 beyond the trench left down by the proper authorities, or to insert...  
 our own positions, reports, orders, etc., on maps which are intended...  
 to be used in the front line.

All general instructions, orders and maps must be made plainly...  
 recognizable as such by the heading "to be taken from the front...  
 line" at the top of the document.

(1) Documents, orders and maps found on the enemy are to be taken...  
 from prisoners as soon as possible and forwarded to the authorities concerned...  
 immediately. It is forbidden to destroy or to make copies of these...  
 documents. Delays in transmission of reports and orders are...  
 considered as serious offenses.

(2) Attention is again called to the orders issued in regard to the...  
 behavior of officers and men who are captured.

(2) von THURNHEIM



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THE AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 307.

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

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

## 1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry.-- Our Left Bde. carried out an operation at 12.15 a.m. this morning astride the River SOMME, during which they advanced the line to an average depth of 800 yards on a frontage of 2,500 yards. South of the River the objective was occupied without resistance and posts were established, consolidated and wired. North of the River considerable fighting took place on the enemy's main line of resistance. The stand made there was, however, speedily broken up by our troops, and all objectives gained. The garrison of the enemy outpost line got very little opportunity a showing fight as they were overwhelmed and completely demoralised by the suddenness of our attack. As a result of this operation 24 unwounded prisoners, including one officer remained in our hands. The number of wounded prisoners, captured machine guns and other trophies is not yet known.

Our new line runs from P.11.A.4.3. - P.5.D.0.0. - P.5.D.30.62. - P.5.D.55.70. - J.35.D.85.10. - J.36.C.1.3. - J.36.C.5.5. - J.36.C.69.55. - J.36.B.3.5. - J.30.D.5.0. The Centre Brigade swung forward its left flank to conform.

(b) Artillery.-- At 12.15 a.m. Artillery support was given North of the SOMME to the Infantry operation. Movement in P.29.B.0.5., traffic on roads at P.20.A.0.5. and P.29.B.9.1. were effectively engaged. Large working party at Q.7.C.6.3. was dispersed at 11 a.m. Suspected H.Q. at Q.22.A.9.9. was engaged. Enemy battery at Q.8.D.6.7. was silenced at 1 p.m. At 6.40 p.m. an A.A. battery was forced to move as a result of our fire. 4.5 Hows. fired on enemy wire in J.35.D. Registrations were carried out on P.29.B.0.5. and harassing fire distributed over known enemy communications and centres of activity.

(c) French Mortars.-- Medium and Light Mortars co-operated with Artillery and Infantry operation at 12.15 a.m.

(d) Machine Guns.-- Besides co-operating in operation at 12.15 a.m. several direct fire targets were engaged and harassing fire carried out on communications and centres of enemy activity. A ration party of about 20, coming from direction of WARFUSEE, was successfully engaged.

(e) Patrols.-- Reconnaissance, protective and liaison patrols operated vigorously. Touch was maintained with flank divisions. With the exception of talking heard in P.16.B., and limbers in same area, no movement was reported.

(f) Snipers.-- Good results were obtained by our snipers throughout the day.

(g) Prisoners.-- 24 unwounded prisoners were taken, including 1 Officer.

## 2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

43rd Res. Division.

201st R.I.R. (10th and 12th Coys) prisoners.

3. ENEMY'S ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.-- The 201st R.I.R. came into line on 26th June relieving the 107th R.I.R. One Battalion 107th R.I.R. was, up to a few days ago, still acting as regimental reserve to the 201st R.I.R. (P.S.) The 201st R.I.R. will probably be relieved by 107th R.I.R. in the course of a few days.

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4. ENEMY'S ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.- Considerable activity throughout the period. Principal areas shelled were - Our new front line on Right Bde. front. Front support and reserve systems on whole divisional front, P.9.B. & D, P.10.A. & C, HAMEL, HAMEL and VAIRE WOODS, P.20.C. & D, P.4.D., J.35.B. & C, O.12.C. In retaliation to our barrage at 12.15.a.m. intense fire was put down at once on front line system of left and centre Brigades and right of left Bn. sector, left Bde. On commencement of our barrage one red flare was fired and enemy barrage came down in 45 seconds. On right of left Bn. Sector left Bde. Later two greens and two reds brought down his S.O.S. barrage on whole front. Firing continued with all calibres for about three hours special attention being paid to <sup>our</sup> old front line. Shelling was very heavy but shooting erratic.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE.- Signs of great nervousness were displayed, the slightest movement bringing Artillery and M.G. fire. More flares were fired than usual.

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.  
 (a) Mines.- Both heavy and light M.W. were used in enemy's counter-barrages. None could be located.  
 (b) Machine Guns.- Three guns firing from right of left Bde. could not be located. Three appeared to be firing from trenches at P.16.B.8.1. to P.16.B.6.5. One at approx. P.11.B.5.5. and one at P.16.C.1.1.  
 (c) Work.- Wiring parties were heard in ARQUAIRE WOOD. Carrying parties working in pairs near P.17.B.3.8. moving timber. Digging was in progress in P.12.Central.  
 (d) Posts.- Enemy appears to have a line of outposts in front of RECORD WOOD in P.12.A. to P.11.D.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Very little activity is reported. At 9.50.a.m. one L.A. patrolled our lines. At dawn one E.A. flew low over front line for an hour and was heavily engaged by Lewis guns.

8. MOVEMENT.  
 (a) Men.- Considerable movement during the day on forward slope of WARFUSSE ridge and East of ACCROCHE WOOD. Party of 20 Q.14.C.5.7. (7.35 p.m.) Small parties continually seen in Q.20.B., C, & D., Q.23.C.6.0., P.25.A., O.20.B. & C. Constant individual movement in Q.24. towards MORCOURT. Individual movement in Q.9.A. & C, road in Q.15.A. & C. and P.19.A.  
 (b) Transport.- 2 H.T. Q.24.B. at 5 p.m. moving towards MORCOURT. 3 H.T. Q.23.D. going West at 6 p.m. Fairly consistent transport movement on road P.19.A. to and from PROYART. At 7.30 p.m. several H.T. around Q.24.C.1.1. appeared to be loading material.  
 (c) Trains.- At 5.15 p.m. train in R.25.D.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.  
 (a) Artillery.- During day enemy was either shooting short or registering his own front line North of Canal. Several shoots were reported - one with 15 cm's on his own wire and front line at 8.15 p.m. At 10.30 a.m. an enemy battery fired from approx. Q.2.Central.  
Visibility.- Very bad until 12.45 p.m. Fair from 3 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

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