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Place	Date 1917	Hour a.m.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THE DINGLE	March 1st	12.7	G. spoke to G. 1st Australian Division re readjustment of Inter-divisional boundary in accordance with 1st ANZAC S./1636.	
		12.30	Wire sent to 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade instructing them to arrange with 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade the readjustment of boundary.	
		5.0	quiet night. 12.15 a.m. enemy put up a barrage along WARLENCOURT ROAD and W. of WARLENCOURT. MALT TRENCH was also shelled.	
		6.0	Intelligence Summary for the last twenty four hours attached.	Appx. I
		8.50	G. spoke to G.O.C. 7th A. I. Bde. Latter said he thought 5th A.I. Bde. held MALT TRENCH to LOUPART ROAD. The rest of MALT TRENCH is at our disposal for wire cutting. Wire to be cut as soon as possible up to M.4.b.3.1. down GAMP TRENCH about 100 yards. Patrols report wire is still uncut and apparently there is some new wire.	
		8.55	G. spoke to G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. Latter stated his left flank was at M.5.d.2.5. and that it would be safe for the artillery to fire on MALT TRENCH as far east as M.5.c.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . G. said artillery would be wire cutting all day long. G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. said a post was established 150 yards up LAYTON ALLEY at M.5.d.6.5.	
		9.0	G. spoke to 14th H.A.G. giving them the limits between which they could fire on MALT TRENCH. Eastern limit would be M.5.c.7.6. From there to M.4.b.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . and from junction MALT & GAMP TRENCHES 100 yards down GAMP TRENCH.	
		11.00	O. O. 94 issued.	Appx. II
		11.40	G. spoke to 14th H.A.G. re wire cutting. Latter said they had not started yet as their line was broken. They would start as soon as possible and would inform C.R.A. when they were finished so that 18-pounders could commence. G. said it was essential for the wire to be properly cut. The 2 T. Ms. in position in LOOS CUT could not reach the wire at the junction of MALT AND GAMP TRENCHES.	
		noon	Divisional Reinforcements Camp moved from BAIZIEUX to B.&C.Camps, BECOURT.	

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THE DINGLE	March 1st	1.22	Three hostile balloons were reported up over BAPAUME. R.F.C. (3rd) informed.	
		3.0	Order issued giving outline of tasks after capture of MALT TRENCH, new Divisional boundaries and details of relief of area to be handed over to 1st Australian Division. O.O. 95.	Appx. III
		3.5	C.O. 14th H.A.G. asked if it would be safe to fire on N.l.a.central. He was informed that it was as far as we are concerned but it might not be for the 1st Australian Division. He said the heavies had commenced wire cutting at 1 p.m. with aeroplane observation.	
		4.0	Report from aeroplane observer states that no Germans were seen in MALT TRENCH but our men were seen as far W. as M.5.d.2.4. One of our planes (No C5821) came down near CHAPES SPUR in SAUSAGE GULLY.	
		5.0	Fine sunny day. Observation good.	
		6.0	G.S.O. I spoke to ANZAC H.A. and asked them to fire on S. portion of WOOD in G.36.d. 2.45 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. If patrols were out tonight report that the wire in front of MALT TRENCH is not cut. Heavies asked to repeat programme tomorrow.	
		9.45	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Bde. informed G. that he was moving forward to forward Brigade Headquarters at 11 p.m. He read extracts from reports from officers on what they had seen of the wire cutting. Gist of these was that wire was battered a good deal in M,5.c. but not in M.4.d. He did not say anything about the T. M. fire as no report had been received from the officer who was with the T. Ms.	
		10.50	G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. reported that enemy strong point at M.5.d.5.9. was captured. One party had been ordered to demonstrate from existing block, while another worked round to the E. and N, A Lewis Gun was now in position at M.5.d.5.9. He now proposed exploring W. along MALT TRENCH to see if it was occupied.	
		10.55	5th A.I. Bde. reported 5 prisoners were captured in this operation. Enemy was reported to be advancing down communication trench from GREVILLERS TRENCH. Artillery have been asked to fire to N. of block at M.5.d.5.9.	

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THE DINGLE	1917	p.m.		
	March			
	1st	11.41	G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. reported MALT TRENCH occupied by the enemy west of 5th A.I. Bde. block. The enemy advancing along LAYTON ALLEY was caught by our artillery fire and was forced to retire.	
	2nd	a.m.	5th A.I. Bde. reported readjustment on a one Battalion front complete.	
		12.30	3.10 Enemy was attacked at following points:- MALT TRENCH from LOUPART ROAD to junction of MALT and GAMP TRENCHES and MALT TRENCH from its junction with GAMP TRENCH to M.4.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The attack was successful and we gained our objective after beating down a stubborn resistance by the enemy. The operation against MALT TRENCH was temporarily held up owing to the wire. This difficulty was overcome by entering GAMP TRENCH at its junction with MALT TRENCH, shortly after its capture and bombing down to the left. We also bombed along MALT TRENCH for 150 yards to the right of LOUPART ROAD, but was forced to temporarily withdraw owing to severe bombing and M.G. fire. Another attempt was made later, when we were successful in gaining 300 yards of the trench to the right of LOUPART ROAD.	
		3.45	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Bde. said he had received a message from the right to say they are in and one from the left asking for more artillery fire as M.Gs. were troubling them.	
		4.15	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Bde. said his centre was in but left is held up by wire. Right Battalion is bombing along to help them. The right had reached M.5.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6 $\frac{1}{2}$ . and 5th A.I. Bde. had been asked to bomb to the left and link up. So far 4 prisoners of the 64th R.I.R. have been captured.	
	5.10	Brigade Major 7th A.I. Bde. said they now held MALT TRENCH from LOUPART ROAD to the junction of MALT and GAMP TRENCHES and also 120 yards right of LOUPART ROAD. They were pushing E. while 5th A.I. Bde. was working to the W. Left party found wire intact and were unable to enter the trench. They are now making another attempt in conjunction with the right party who are bombing along to assist them. Enemy is fighting stubbornly.		
	5.15	5th A.I. Bde. report forward line of posts established from M.6.a.1.1. to M.5.d.5.9.		
	5.30	Situation reported to Corps and all concerned.		

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THE DINGLE.	1917 March 2nd	a.m. 6.0 6.2 6.6 6.27 6.30 6.40 6.50 7.27	<p>G.S.O. I 1st Aust. Division reports heavy barrage on their left. Intelligence Summary for last 24 hours attached.</p> <p>G.O.C. 5th A. I. Bde. reports enemy is again advancing down LAYTON ALLEY. Artillery have been informed and trench is now under fire. Enemy barrage between THAMES TRENCH and LE BARQUE SWITCH fairly heavy. He had arranged with 7th A.I. Bde. to bomb along trench to 100 yards W. of present point while 7th A.I. Bde. bombed E. as far as LOOS CUT. They would then wait for daylight. He did not think there were any enemy in MALT TRENCH and east of its junction with GAMP TRENCH.</p> <p>Brigade Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery said we had a slight barrage on; Counter Battery <sup>Group</sup> had been informed of enemy barrage. We were also firing on LAYTON ALLEY north of our block.</p> <p>Brigade Major 7th A.I. Bde. reported 26th Battalion had captured 2 M.Gs. and 2 T.Ms. We were unable to enter MALT TRENCH W. of junction with GAMP TRENCH but had bombed up about 100 yards NW. of junction. Enemy has bombed us out of section E of LOUPART ROAD, where we had a block. Very little shelter in MALT TRENCH as parados is low.</p> <p>G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. reported S.O.S. on his front at 6.25 a.m. Enemy were pushing down LAYTON ALLEY. Reinforcements had gone up. G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. informed of situation on 7th A.I. Bde. front.</p> <p>Forward point in MALT TRENCH now M.5.d.2.5. The forward post at M,6.a.1.1. has been shelled out.</p> <p>Brigade Major 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery said he had received S.O.S. call from Right Brigade. Left Brigade had asked for light barrage in front of MALT TRENCH which had been done. Liaison officer reported 31 prisoners, 2 M.Gs. and 2 T.Ms.</p> <p>5th A.I. Bde. situation. Enemy had attacked down LAYTON ALLEY and driven our post there back 100 yards. Our artillery had got on to the trench again and stopped his advance. We now held old enemy strong point. We had also got along MALT TRENCH to strong point about M.5.d.2.5. 7th A.I. Bde. were reported to be 300 yards E of LOUPART ROAD. Linking up with 7th A.I. Bde. was now going on. Enemy had vacated trench between LOOS CUT and LOUPART ROAD.</p>	<p>Appx. <u>iv</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> 4</p>

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THE DINGLE	1917 March 2nd	a.m. 7.55 8.0 8.20 8.25 8.40 8.50 8.56 9.9 9.30 10.45	<p>Brigade Major 7th A.I. Bde. said total was now 31 prisoners, 2 M.Gs. and 2 T.Ms. The party BOMBED back to LOUPART ROAD and had been reinforced and were now 300 yards E of road. On left a block had been put in about 40 yards W of trench junction M, 4.d.6<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>.7<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>. Fighting was still going on there. Confirmed by wire timed 7.25 a.m.</p> <p>Weekly summary of operations attached .</p> <p>Intelligence officer 5th A.I. Bde. reported a total of 7 prisoners. An officer of the 4th Battalion had arrived at 17th Battalion and said he had come up to reinforce. 200 enemy had attacked and driven in their advanced posts while the hostile barrage was on. A Company of 20 th Battalion sent up to reinforce 17th Battalion.</p> <p>14th H.A.G. given the situation.</p> <p>G.O.C. 7th A.I. Bde. asked if standing fatigues found by his Brigade could be relieved. Casualties fairly heavy and he would like fresh men sent up as soon as possible. They could come up in daylight as it was very foggy.</p> <p>7th A.I. Bde. informed that if men were urgently required they could call on 5th A.I. Bde. G.O.C. Bde. said most urgent requirements were for 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions.</p> <p>1st Australian Division asked if they had any news of the reported attack on their left. They replied that they knew nothing.</p> <p>7th A. I. Bde. reported they had captured a French prisoner of war. <del>27<sup>th</sup></del> <sup>27<sup>th</sup></sup> Battalion had captured 12 prisoners of the 1st Guard Reserve Regiment. Total up to date now 46.</p> <p>Orders issued for 100 men on roads and 100 men on cable burying to be released to join 7th A.I. Bde. They were replaced by 200 men from partially trained reinforcements.</p> <p>Message from 5th A.I. Bde. timed 10.30 a.m. stated they were in touch with 7th A.I. Bde in MALT TRENCH.</p>	<p>Appx..V</p>

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THE DINGLE	1917 March 2nd	a.m.	14th H.A.G. said they were going to bombard GREVILLERS TRENCH especially in M.5.c. and asked if we would have any men in front of MALT TRENCH. Informed "No."	
		11.15	G. 1st Aust. Div. stated about 4 a.m. 150 enemy attacked their left flank. This was driven off and 11 prisoners taken. In conjunction with our attack their line had been advanced to the line TRIP TRENCH to M.6.a.3.3.	
		11.30	5th A.I. Bde. stated that all the forward posts were now back in MALT TRENCH, but they would be reoccupied later.	
		p.m. 2.0	Message from 5th A.I. Bde. timed 1.38 p.m. stated they attacked enemy in LAYTON ALLEY at 1 p.m. under artillery barrage. Post at M.5.d.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8. had been re-established. Trench had been discovered leading from that point to M.5.d.0.5. which they proposed to use. A "T" head had been dug in front of strong point and wire put in in front of block. 25 enemy dead discovered around the trench. This post controls whole of valley in M.5.b. and d. and as soon as mist thickens Strong Posts will again be re-established across valley.	
		3.25	Following received from 7th A.I. Bde. timed 2.30 p.m. The whole objective 1100 yards has now been taken. Blocks have been established in MALT TRENCH at M.4.b.4.0. and advanced posts are being established. In clearing up GAMP TRENCH 28th Battalion took 12 prisoners and a T. M.; consolidation is proceeding.	
		4.50	Examination of prisoners indicate that enemy considered the retention of MALT TRENCH very important. Brigades and C.R. A. warned that enemy might possibly make an effort to regain it. Fine day. Fair visibility. Total prisoners 82, 2 M.Gs. and 3 T.Ms.	
		6.45	Message received from 2nd Division stating their forward Brigade would take over our posts in their area.	
		7.20	14th H.A.G. said they were shooting from LOUPART ROAD east to H.32.d.central, mostly concentrated G.35.d.9.7. and LOUPART ROAD. Chiefly on the back trench and <del>corner</del> <sup>Comm.</sup> trench. They asked if their shooting would affect us at all. Told that we would have patrols out towards GREVILLERS TRENCH.	

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The Dingle	March 2nd	10.00	G spoke to G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade re posts in M.4.c. to be handed over to 2nd Division.	
		10.15	Anzac H.A. said <del>22</del> II Corps H.A. wished to fire on MALT TRENCH from the junction of GAMP TRENCH TO THE GREVILLERS line and asked if we had any men there. Pointed out that there was a block at M.4.b.4.0. and that shoot could not be done.	
		10.30	G spoke to 2nd Division taking over two posts from our left Brigade. 2nd Division said they would instruct their Brigade to arrange the matter with our left Brigade.	
		10.55	14th H.A.G. told that C.R.A. would inform them when they could commence firing.	
		10.57	2nd Division G.S. stated that parties from their Brigade had gone to take over our posts W of the DRY DITCH but they could not find them. They had returned with a Staff Officer and were being taken over.	
			During the night patrols examined the wire in front of GREVILLERS TRENCH.	
		11.00	Relief of 5th A.I. Brigade by 6th A.I. Brigade complete.	
	3rd	a.m.		
		1.00	G.O.C. 5th A.I. Brigade said patrols reported the GREVILLERS line occupied.	
		5.30	Morning report. Situation unchanged. Quiet night.	
		6.00	Intelligence Summary for last 24 hours attached.	Appx. <u>VI</u>
		8.00	Location of units as per attached report.	Appx. <u>VII</u>
		8.30	Command of right sector assumed by G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade.	
		9.20	Message from 2nd Division timed 8.50 a.m. stating their forward Brigade reported all posts now taken over from our left Brigade at 4.20 a.m.	

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The Dingle	March 3rd	3.00	Orders for co-operation with 2nd Division in their attack on GREVILLERS TRENCH from M.4.a.4.4. to G,32.d.70.15 issued. <i>00-96</i>	Appx VIII
		4.55	6th A.I. Brigade reported heavy shelling of M.5.b. with 10.5 c.m. Hows. from BAPAUME. 1st Anzac C.B. Group informed.	
		8.43	6th A.I. Brigade reported shelling of M.5.b. commenced again. 1st Anzac C.B. Group informed.	
		9.00	6th A.I. Brigade reported M.12.a. being shelled fairly heavily with 4.2" from direction of GREVILLERS. 1st Anzac C.B. Group informed.	
		9.35	G.O.C. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported 12 more prisoners had passed through field ambulance. Total for Brigade 75- Both Brigades were instructed by G to move to new Brigade Headquarters, LE SANS, on 6th inst.	
		9.55	Anzac H.A. asked when our patrols would be out as they wished to fire on MALT TRENCH.	
		10.00	Right Brigade said all patrols would be back by midnight,	
		10.45	Informed Anzac H.A. that our patrols would be out all night and that we would have a line of men within 300 yards of GREVILLERS line to cover consolidation.	
		11.25	6th A.I. Brigade reported that shelling of M.12.a. had ceased. Repeated to Anzac Heavies.	
		11.50	Both Brigades reported all patrols all clear.	
		11.58	Informed 1st Anzac H.A. They said they would not fire while the parties covering the consolidation were within 300 yards of GREVILLERS line and would do their firing by day.	

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Place	Date 1917	Hour a.m.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THE DINGLE	March 4th	5.30	Quiet night. During the night our line was consolidated, running roughly 300 yards from GREVILLERS TRENCH.	
		6.00	Intelligence Summary for last 24 hours issued. (attached)	Appx. IX
		Noon	Plane No 4965 landed at M.32.c.8.2.	
		p.m. 4.00	Order issued for extending front to the East. and taking over from 1st Australian Division. 0.0.9	Appx. X
		9.30	14th H.A.G. asked if our patrols would be out during the night, as they were firing on GREVILLERS line E. of LOUPART ROAD. Informed that they could go on.	
		9.53	Brigades instructed to inform D.H.Q. by 6 p.m. if their patrols were going out. G.O.C. returned from leave.	
		11.40	Anzac H.A. informed there would be no patrolling towards GREVILLERS line during the night.	
	5th	a.m. 1.30	Message received from 7th A.I. Brigade stating 3 prisoners of the 64th R.I.R. had been taken.	
		5.30	Quiet night. During the night there was a fall of snow. B.G.G.S. visited D.H.Q. and discussed action of M.Gs. in the attack on GREVILLERS line.	
		p.m. 5.30	Quiet day. During the day snow fell. Clear day. Thaw in the afternoon, Order explaining system of holding the line after the extension of the front, issued. 43/1/374	Appx. XI
	6th	a.m. 12.55	M, 5.a/and b., M.4.d., WARLENCOURT, M.16.a. and c. lightly shelled between 12.55 a.m. and 1.20 a.m. with 77mm., 10cm. and 15cm.	
			Quiet night.	

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The Dingle	March 6th	5.30	Evening report. Enemy artillery active. Enemy planes over our lines several times during the day. Two of our planes made forced landings - one (No7195) east of MARTINPUICH at 12.15pm. The other N.E. of LUISENHOF FARM at 1 p.m. Vicinity of GUNPIT ROAD, M.32.a. heavily shelled with 8" from VILLERS AU FLOS. Clear day.		
		11.05	5th A.I. Brigade reported relief of 2nd A.I. Brigade complete.		
	7th	a.m.			
		12.55	5th A.I. Brigade reported relief of 1st A.I. Brigade complete.		
		5.30	Quiet night. Wind N.E. fresh. Misty.		
		p.m.			
		3.40	6th A.I. Brigade reported our heavy artillery firing short in M.5.b. and M.6.a.		
		3.42	Reported above to Anzac H.A.		
	8th	4.25	6th A.I. Brigade Headquarters moved to new Headquarters in LE SARS CUTTING.		
		5.15	Quiet day. Dull. Wind N.E. 40 mph.		
		a.m.			
		5.00	Quiet night.		
		p.m.			
		4.30	5th A.I. Brigade stated that enemy was worrying them considerably from the BRICKFIELD (N.2.a.) Anzac H.A. were informed and the position was effectively engaged.		
5.00	Quiet day. Wind N.E. strong. Snow in the morning.				
8.20	Headquarters 7th A.I. Brigade moved from MARTINPUICH to LE SARS CUTTING.				

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The Dingle	March 9th	5.10	Quiet night.	
		Noon	Order NO 98 issued, dealing with attack by 2nd Division and co-operation of our left Brigade.	Appx. <u>XII</u>
		p.m. 3.12	Divisional Artillery carried out intense bombardment of front system and wire along Divisional front. Enemy retaliated vigorously for about 18 minutes with 15cms. and 10.5 cms. Hows. on our front and support lines.	
		to 3.32		
		5.30	Quiet day. Dull with slight falls of snow.	
		6.30	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade reported that the wire was not sufficiently cut for the raid to be carried out as arranged. The medium T. MS. had not fired.	
		8.40	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade reported that patrols sent out to examine the wire had not returned.	
		9.10	6th A.I. Brigade reported that patrols had examined points G.35.d.8.l. - G.35.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .l. where artillery had reported wire cut. Patrols report wire <del>was</del> uncut and enemy active with rifle and M.G. fire.	
			Weekly Summary of Operations ( 2nd - 9th March ) issued.	Appx XIII
		10th	a.m. 2.00	G.O.C. <del>7th</del> 7th A.I. Brigade reported to G that Mortars had been unable to cut the wire; he did not know why. G. said in that case it was no use letting the infantry attack, but that we should smother the locality with fire to prevent the Division on our left being fired on.
	2.10	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade reported C.O. 25th Battalion had found the wire solid. G. decided with G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade that the infantry should not attack, but that all Stokes and Medium Mortars should be brought into action, also 11 M.Gs. Artillery should remain on Phase I and II. C. R. A. and G. O. C. informed of above.		
	2.35	2nd Division (G.S.O. II) informed of above.		
	5.00	Morning report. Situation normal. 40 rounds 2" T.M. fired in wire at M.4.d.2.4. during the night.		

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The Dingle	March 10th	5.15	Attack by II Corps on GREVILLERS TRENCH( see Divisional Orders 96 and 98 ) successful. We co-operated with artillery, M.G. and T. M. fire.	
		9.30	Anzac G. asked if we had any information about right of 2nd Division, with which touch had been lost. Asked if we were bombing up to join them.	
		9.35	G.S.O. III asked G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade what he was doing to gain ground. Latter replied C.O. 28th Battalion was in charge of the operation and he had been ordered to take any advantage of any opportunity to gain ground.	
		9.55	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade reported that he had information from C.O. 28th Battalion that an hour ago his left flank was in touch with right post of 2nd Division west of the DRY DITCH. He was now sending out a patrol to get in touch with Battalion Headquarters on his left. Anzac G was informed of above.	
		p.m. 12.55	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade reported patrols had gone forward up to the wire but had returned without any information. He was <del>filling</del> <sup>pushing</sup> up the gap slowly. The fog had lifted and movement was difficult. Patrol sent out to gain touch with Battalion on left had not returned yet.	
		12.40	5th Australian Division asked to adjust gap of 250 yards between right boundary of this Division and their left boundary which was now covered by our right Brigade.	
		p.m. 1.50	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade informed G that he had pushed 100 yards up MALT TRENCH. Patrols had found 20 Germans and a M.G. at the end of the trench. The 2nd Division appeared to be at M,4.a.7.7.	
		4.50	Wire from 2nd Division timed 3.20 p.m. stated they had established a protective line from M.4.a.5½.6½., where they were in touch with our left, in a straight line to about G.33.a.7.0.	
5.00	Quiet day. Misty. Slight showers in the afternoon.			

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The Dingle	March 10th	8.00	Order <sup>99</sup> for move of Divisional Headquarters to No 3 Camp BAZENTIN (S.8.a.9.1.) on 12th March issued.	Appx. <u>XIV</u> .
	11th	a.m. 5.30	Quiet night. Wind S.E. light.	
		p.m. 1.00 3.30	A fire which lasted several hours was observed in the direction of GREVILLERS. Order issued for relief of 5th A.I. Brigade by 8th A.I. Brigade and of 7th A.I. Brigade by 5th A.I. Brigade. 7th A. I. Brigade to go into Divisional Reserve BECOURT. O.O.100.	Appx. <u>XV</u>
		5.00	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Fine. Wind. S.W. Four of our planes and one of the enemy's brought down.	
	12th	a.m. 8.15	Land explosions heard in the direction of LOUPART WOOD (G.35.c.) lasting about 30 minutes. Another explosion in direction of GREVILLERS followed almost immediately. During the night large clouds of smoke were observed along enemy lines opposite our left sector and sounds of muffled explosions were heard.	
		4.00	Explosions heard in the enemy Strong Points at G,35.c.4.2. and M.4.b.1.7.	
		5.10	Morning report. Quiet night. Tracks in LOUPART WOOD searched with shrapnel since 3 a.m. in anticipation of enemy relief.	
		11.00	Divisional Headquarters moved to BAZENTIN LE PETIT (see order No 99.)	Appx. <u>XIV</u>
		p.m. 5.00	Situation normal. Brigade Headquarters LE SARS CUTTING shelled continuously during the afternoon. Fine during the morning, showers in the afternoon. For situation see map attached.	Appx. <u>XVI</u>
		9.30	6th A.I. Brigade reported that the enemy was shelling his own front line in G.35.d. and G.36.d.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT.	March			
	12th	10.30	G.O.C. 5th A.I. Brigade said there was a marked silence on the front.	
	13th	a.m.		
		12.10	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade said no definite information had been received from patrols sent out to investigate the GREVILLERS line, but arrangements were <del>xxx</del> being made to act as ordered in G 1/340 ( Preliminary plan for attack on LOUPART LINE - G.35.d.9.7- to M.4.b.2.9., including the rising ground about G.35.central and the S.E. edge of LOUPART WOOD.)	
		12.35	G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade said a patrol had entered WARLENCOURT TRENCH in G.35.d.	
		12.40	G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade said his patrols were in the trench, also those of the 6th A.I. Brigade Preparations were also being made to occupy it.	
		12.55	Relief of 20th Battalion by 31st Battalion in right sector complete. Command of right sector passed to G.O.C. 8th A.I. Brigade.	
		a.m.		
		1.00	All concerned warned of above.	
		1.00	Relief of 5th A.I. Brigade by 8th A.I. Brigade (Order No 100 ) complete.	
	1.06	6th A.I. Brigade said they had definite information of a platoon entering enemy trench at G.36.d.1.4. The only opposition was a M.G. in the salient which was being dealt with by another patrol from the right. Support Battalion moving up to the MISTY WAY. Also at G.35.d. a small sector has been found vacant by a patrol.		
	1.40	Following message (G.41.) to 5th and 6th A.I. Brigades and to 2nd Division. "If able to occupy whole of WARLENCOURT & GREVILLERS TRENCHES endeavour to establish line of posts from wood in G.36.d. along high ground in G.36.b. westwards to G.35.b.7.7. thence to G.35.a.4.4. corner of LOUPART WOOD. 2nd Division is being asked to conform. Patrols must be supported by strong parties preferably occupying trenches facing east. Enemy's artillery will probably enfilade WARLENCOURT TRENCH from East of BAPAUME.		

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT.	March 13th	1.50	8th A.I. Brigade <sup>(right)</sup> said they had 2 strong patrols out but so far had received no report. One went to GREVILLERS TRENCH, the other towards TILL TRENCH. Very few flares from enemy trenches. A few from TILL TRENCH but none from WARLENCOURT TRENCH.	
		2.00	G. 2nd Division reported that their patrols had been out for 3 hours but no reports in yet. Their right Brigade was in close touch with our left. They proposed to occupy YELLOW LINE in WOOD. 2 Battalions would move forward to outpost line and one battalion consolidate in LOUPART TRENCH.	
		2.10	7th A.I. Brigade reported 25th Battalion established in post in WARLENCOURT LINE 10 yards W. of LOUPART ROAD ( M.5 a.1½.6½.) They are working to the left.	
		2.25	G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade asked with reference to G.41 whether there was any objection to taking up line from high ground (H.31.a.) - QUARRY (G.36.a.) to FONDS BERTIN as these points were more easily recognisable at night. 7th A.I. Brigade would take up from QUARRY to FONDS BERTIN and 6th A.I. Brigade remainder of line. 7th A.I. Brigade in touch with Brigade on left. G2 pointed out that Divisional Commander wished to secure the high ground in H.31.a. and G.36.b. and provided patrols were properly supported and touch kept with Brigade on left this would meet with Divisional Commander's wishes.	
		3.20	G.O.C. 5th A.I. Brigade said that reports just received stated we were in occupation of GREVILLERS TRENCH and that the support trench would be occupied soon. One prisoner (regiment unknown) suffering from trench feet taken.	
		4.20	B.M. 8th A.I. Brigade said neither of the two patrols sent out had returned. 3 M.Gs. were active in H.31.d. and H.32.c. Patrols had been sent out to find the other two.	
		4.26	B.M. 6th A.I. Brigade said everything was going well. 3 Battalions were now up in the vicinity of WARLENCOURT TRENCH. He thought patrols were moving forward towards GREVILLERS Everything was quiet on the Brigade front and no opposition had been met with.	



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	1917	a.m.		
BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 13th	4.50	Relief of 7th A.I. Brigade by 5th A.I. Brigade complete. Command of sector passed to G.O.C. 5th A.I. Brigade.	
		4.57	Relief of 28th Battalion by 17th Battalion in left sector complete. Command left sector passed to G.O.C. 5th A.I. Brigade.	
		5.35	8th A.I. Brigade reported their left patrol had returned. It stated we were in occupation of trench in H.31.c. Enemy M.Gs. had been active in H.31.d. and H.32.c. and as far as could be seen trench there was held normally. Message from 5th A.I. Brigade timed 4.50 a.m. stated 6th A.I. Brigade was holding WARLENCOURT and WARLENCOURT support trenches in G.36.c. & d. 5th A.I. Brigade holds WARLENCOURT TRENCH from M.5.a.2.0. to M.5.b.0.5. and is working up to WARLENCOURT SUPPORT. Left in touch with K. R. R.	
		5.40	5th A. I. Brigade reported 17th Battalion in GREVILLERS SUPPORT LINE and in touch with K.R.R. there.	
		6.45	Message from 5th A.I. Brigade timed 6.30 a.m. states 17th Battalion had sent a patrol to E. portion of LOUPART WOOD and found it unoccupied. 1st Anzac Corps reported that right line of 2nd Division had sent patrols through LOUPART WOOD and found it unoccupied.	
		6.47	Enemy shelling his own trenches from direction of BAPAUME.	
		7.00	Anzac H.A. informed of above.	
		7.25	6th A.I. Brigade reported 5 posts were established at G.36.a.2.3., G.36.a.9.4., G.36.b.5.2. H.31.c.6.8. and H.31.d.1.3. Post ordered at cross roads at H.31.a.. Extreme left in FONDS BERTIN. Two posts east of GREVILLERS at G.30.d.7.1. and G.30.d.7.5. M.G. barrages arranged in H.24.b. & d. and trench in H.25.a. & c. Picquets on line given in G.1/340 facing nearly N. Swith line with 2 posts through cross roads in H.31.a. to E side of GREVILLERS. Hope to have 2 posts to N. of GREVILLERS SHORTLY.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT.	1917	a.m.		
	March			
	13th	7.50	2nd Division are pushing through LOUPART WOOD and expect to be on BROWN LINE ( G.28.central - G,29.c.2.0.) and are definitely established with 2 Battalions on GREEN Line. Posts established at G.34.d.5.0. ( in touch with 2nd Aust. Division) - G.34.a.4.3. - G.34.a.2.6. - G.34.a.4.2. Patrols now pushing on to BROWN Line.	
		8_00	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Division assumed command of Right Sector.	
		8.10	Message from 6th A.I. Brigade timed 7.45 a.m. stated their general line extends from H.31.d.1.2. H,31.c.7.9. - H.31.a.1.5. - G.36.b.4.2. - G.36.a.9.3. - G.36.a.1.3. with advanced posts at FONDS BERTIN, G.30.d.7.1. and G. 30.d.7.5.	
		8.20	G. 2nd Division stated they had orders from II Corps to consolidate on BROWN Line and push posts further forward.	
		8.30	5th A.I. Brigade informed of above. They stated 17th Battalion now held line G.29.c.70.02. G,35.b.2.8. - G,35.a.9.8. Could see 6th A.I. Brigade on outskirts of GREVILLERS.	
		8.40	2nd Division stated Army Commander wanted line established on ACHIET,LE-PETIT - GREVILLERS road and strong patrols sent out to gain contact with enemy. Dividing line between Divisions to be G.35.a.4.4. to G.30.a.5.5.	
	8.45	Message from 6th A.I. Brigade states GREVILLERS is clear of enemy and is occupied by us. New post has been established at H.31.a.8.8. and twomposts near G.30.central.		
	8.50	Message from 5th A.I. Brigade timed 8.30 a.m. states they now occupy line G.35.b.2.8. - G.35.a.9.8. - G.29.c.7.0. - G.29.c.0.2. Can see <del>6th</del> 6th A.I. Brigade on outskirts of GREVILLERS. 5th A.I. Brigade pushing forward right to extend line from G.35.b.2.8. to FONDS BERTIN.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAZENTIN LE PETIT	1917 March 18th	a.m.	<p>9.00 Prisoner captured by 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. was taken at head of LAYTON ALLEY and belonged to 9th Company 3rd Battalion 1st Guard Res. Regiment. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated 17th Battalion was pushing forward to establish line of posts at G-30.a.1.2½. - G.29.b.8½.4. - G.29.b.5.6. - G.29.b.½.8. - G.29.a.5.0.</p> <p>9.55 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade instructed to withdraw troops now W of Divisional Boundary (G.35.a.4.4. - G.30.a.5.5. )</p> <p>10.00 Following message G53.) sent to 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades "Pending further orders from Corps following boundaries are fixed. Right Divisional boundary BAPAUME ROAD. Left Divisional boundary G.35.a.4.4. to G.30.a.5.5. to BIEFVILLERS RAILWAY STATION. Inter-Brigade boundary G.35.d.4.0. to G.36.a.4.1. to G.30.d.8.0. to H.25.b.2.6.</p> <p>10.30 G.speke to B.G.G.S. re boundary communicated verbally by 2nd Division. Latter said an order was being issued to define boundaries and to consolidate on line G.30.a.5.5. to G.31.central. Corps Commander and G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade visited D.H.Q. Latter in the morning - the B.G.G.S. visited D.H.Q.</p> <p>11.45 2nd Division stated that their right battalion reported at 9.30 a.m. that they were digging in on GREVILLERS - ACHIET le PETIT ROAD.</p> <p>p.m. 4.55 Aerial observer reported as follows:- Between 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. he saw flares at G,29.c.1.8. and G.35.a.8.1. in shell holes and in old battery position at G.35.b.1.7. They occupied about 300 yards of trench running N from N corner of LOUPART WOOD. He saw them advancing across open formation along track running N of this trench. In the trench from G.35.a.6.7. to G.29.c.5.2. there were also some men. There were also some men in small piece of trench at G.36.d.5.9. WE were holding GREVILLERS LINE in strength but no one could be seen in GREVILLERS. No one could be seen in FONDS BERTIN. There was a lot of water in the communication trench in H.31.a. He was sniped while flying over G.28., G.29., and G.30. There was heavy rifle fire from H.25.c. and d. and from TILL TRENCH. A few shots were fired from <del>near H.16.a.</del> near LE TRANSLOY. A few shots M.G. fired from M.9.a and N.16.a.</p>	

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Place	Date 1917	Hour p.m.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 13th	4.55	(contd) There was a mine crater at cross roads at G.29.a.9.8., G.30.a.6.1., <b>H.25.e.0.4.</b> BAPAUME RACQUIGNY line in good <del>area</del> condition and seems strongly held. Fires seen in G.8.a., FRÉMICOURT and N.5.a.	
		5.15	Report from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade timed 4.45 p.m. stated their posts were established at H.31.d.1.2., H.31.c.6.8., H.31.a.1.5., G.30.d.8.0., H.25.c.0.5., G.30.d.7.8., G.30.d.2.9., <b>G.30.a.6.1.</b> , G.29.b.9.4. with advanced posts at H.31.d.5.6. and H.31.a.8.8. Hostile snipers and M.Gs. were active from BIHUCOURT line. Forward area shelled intermittently throughout the day, GREVILLERS receiving most attention.	
	14th	10.00	Order issued giving line which division is to consolidate, and boundaries issued (Order 101.)	Appx. <u>XVII.</u>
		a.m.		
		2.00	Message from 5th Aust. Division timed 1.40 a.m. stating they had occupied the BRICKFIELDS N.2.a. and established 3 intermediate posts. Patrols had entered WARLENCOURT TRENCH at H.31.d.7.5. and had pushed along to H.32.c.5.5. and are now consolidating. Party in touch with our post at H.31.d.5.6..TILL TRENCH reported to be strongly held.	
		4.35	Message from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade timed 4.00 a.m. stating they had occupied trench H.31.b.0.3. to H.32.d.2.7. and established post at H.31.b.2.4. 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade had agreed to take over the line from H.32.c.1/2.9 1/2. eastwards.	
		5.15	Message from 5th Aust. Division stated they were establishing a post at H.32.a.6.0. and will maintain communication with our left at H.32.a.0.0.	
		11.15	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy burning dumps containing explosives in BIEFVILLERS and to N. of GREVILLERS.	
		p.m. 4.20	Message from 2nd Division stated their right battalion commander thought BIHUCOURT line in G.23. and G.24 was only held by M.Gs. He had sent out five patrols to ascertain situation.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	1917	p.m.		
	March	14th	5.00	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Wind N.E. Showers in the morning.
			6.15	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade said that C.O. 18th Battalion reported he thought the enemy was shelling BAPAUME. On enquiries being made it was found that neither the Anzac H.A. or the 5th or the 2nd Divisional Artillery were firing on BAPAUME.
			10.40	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported a prisoner belonging to 1st Company 1st <del>6d.</del> Res. Regt. taken at H.26.c.3.4.
		15th	a.m.	
			12.30	Patrols from Right Brigade have reconnoitred enemy's trench from H.26.c.90.15. to H.25.c.4.2. and report same normally held. Estimate 11 M.Gs. fired along this front and numerous flares used. Wire about 10 yards thick and in good order. New post being established at H.25.d.00.35.
				Prisoner 1st Coy. 1st Guard Res. Regt. captured in SUNKEN ROAD in H.25.c. states 3 companies plus 3 M.Gs. are holding line H.25.a.45.20. to H.26.c.3.4. Trench good with 3 rows wire each 10 metres deep. 1 Company in AVESNES also Battalion Headquarters. 1 Battalion near FAVREUIL. 1 Battalion MORCHIES. Regt. Headquarters FAVREUIL.
			5.30	Morning report. Situation unchanged. Enemy artillery practically inactive. Left Brigade reports a few minenwerfers. Our patrols active during the night.
			Noon	Attached sketch shows dispositions.
			p.m.	
		12.45	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported Brigade on his left had entered trench in G.24.a.. He was pushing forward to BIEFVILLERS. He asked for artillery fire on N&E. approaches of the village. Anzac H.A. were informed and asked to comply.	
		2.10	C.R.A. asked to shell AVESNES les BAPAUME with howitzers.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT.	March 15th	2.10	Message from 2nd Division states their left Battalion reports 12.47 p.m. 2 strong patrols are in trenches - left from G.23.b.3.7. to G.23.c.7.8., right extends to G.23.d. Small patrols forward. BIHUCOURT TRENCH held by enemy. Trenches patrol occupies being bombarded with HE and shrapnel.		
		2.15	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade said statement that Brigade on left had penetrated trench was incorrect. Our patrols had been forced to come back under rifle and M.G. fire.		
		2.25	Anzac H.A. informed that our patrols had been driven back and that fire on BIEFVILLERS was no longer required.		
		3.40	Message from 5th Aust. Division reported explosion in BAPAUME followed by 3 large fires which appear to be spreading, also explosions some distance behind BEAULENCOURT.		
		3.55	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported GREVILLERS being heavily shelled with 7.7cm. and 10.5 cm. from direction of BIEFVILLERS. 1st Anzac C.B.Group informed. Shelling stopped 4.3 p.m.		
		5.20	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Intermittent shelling of forward area. Front line was heavily shelled for 10 minutes at 3.30 p.m.		
		7.20	Following message from 1st Anzac :- All information points to enemy's early withdrawal from present line. Arrangements will be made to ensure that prompt action is taken both to hinder enemy and gain ground especially on front right Division. Patrols must not be stopped <del>from</del> by fire from isolated points. Such positions should be determinedly outflanked. Repeated to Brigades and C.R.A.		
	16th	a.m. 5.00	Quiet night. During the night BAPAUME-ROOQUIGNY line N of railway, BIEFVILLERS, and likely avenues of approach shelled in anticipation of enemy relief from 7 p.m. to midnight. Misty in the morning. Wind light NE. Enemy patrols active.		
			5.45	Message from 5th Australian Division stated their patrols found ATOM and TILL TRENCHES held normally.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 16th	6.00	Intelligence Summary for last 24 hours attached.	Appx. <u>XIX</u>
		7.15	Message from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated strong patrols penetrated enemy trenches at H.25.d.1.9. and H.25.a.4.2. at 1 a.m. and found then strongly held. Our patrols were bombed out and forced to withdraw.	
		8.00	Weekly Summary of operations attached.	Appx. <u>XX</u>
		9.20	Anzac H.A. stated they were carrying out an intense bombardment along Divisional front from 12.5 p.m. to 12.15 p.m. They were warned to keep clear of our post at H.25.a.00.15. Brigades warned by priority wire.	
		p.m. 4.20	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade order NO 81 received for attack on enemy position from BAPAUME ROAD to Railway line and grove of trees in H.25.b. at 3.a.m. 17th March.	
		4.45	G. spoke to G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade re above. Latter stated that there were indications that enemy line was not strongly held.	
		5.25	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Enemy shelled GREVILLERS at 3.30 p.m. Misty morning. Clear in the afternoon.	
		6.10	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that a patrol had gone out in the afternoon and had reached G.24.d.2.5. and lay there for 3 hours. It was fired on by enemy from clump of trees H.19.a.2.4. Saw a little movement on road but no movement in trenches. Wire appeared strong.	
		7.15	Report of aerial reconnaissance stated trenches from BAPAUME to LE TRANSLOY seemed unheld for full length. No hostile <del>sniper</del> rifle or M.G. fire.	
7.45	Message received from 5th Aust. Division stating patrols would be pushed forward at 7.30 p.m. and endeavour to establish themselves on BAPAUME - LE TRANSLOY ROAD.			

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 16th	9.00	14th H.A.G. reported wire cut during the day at H.19.c.10.35, H.25b.8.4., H.26.a.0.0., H.26.a.2.4. Fire was observed and was fairly successful.	
		9.30	Message received from 5th Aust. Division timed 9.5 p.m. reported patrols along Divisional front found no signs of withdrawal.	
		9.35	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade order No 90 for attack on BIEFVILLERS at 3 a.m. 17th received.	
		9.40	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported 4 M.Gs. firing and a number of flares from enemy trenches. Also rifle fire. At 9.20 p.m. there was a most unusual pinkish light in BIHUCOURT It showed for 30 seconds, went out and showed again for 30 seconds. A patrol went <del>out</del> to H.24.d. When discovered 4 whistles were blown and they were fired on by rifles and M.Gs. The tone of all patrol reports was that the situation was normal.	
		10.00	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade said a similar flare to one above had burnt for 3 minutes in the vicinity of THE MONUMENT.  G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade said there were three routes through the wire. There was less sniping and less flares than last night. He recommended that the proposed attack be carried out.	
	10.55	Following message sent to 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades :- 5th Brigade order No 90 and 6th Brigade Order No 81 are not sanctioned whilst situation on flanks remains as at present.  During the night back area and enemy approaches were intermittently shelled. Special attention paid to the MONUMENT at H.15.c.2.6. on account of light signals being used there.		



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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 17th	5.20	Message from 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated another fire was observed in BIHUCOURT at 3.20 a.m. At 3.55 a.m. 3 heavy explosions heard in G.17.d. These were followed by crackling sound of S.A.A. exploding. Situation very quiet and flares below normal.	
		6.00	Intelligence Summary for previous 24 hours attached.	Appx. <u>XXI</u>
		6.20	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade stated patrols reported line from H.25.a. to G.24.d. unoccupied by enemy. Posts being pushed forward to occupy trenches and BIEFVILLERS which is also unoccupied. Hostile shelling very quiet.	
		6.55	Message from 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade timed 6.40 a.m. stated our patrols have pushed through BIEFVILLERS and have found it unoccupied. They are establishing line according to plan in their O.O. 90. There are no shell fire or flares in the vicinity. Flank Brigades have been asked to co-operate by moving forward at the same time.	
		7.30	5th Australian Division reported ( timed 7.18 a.m. ) their right Brigade patrols have occupied TYPHOON TRENCH and are now going to occupy SUN TRENCH. They have also been seen moving across the open by the LE TRANSLOY. Centre Brigade post at N.9.a.5.4. in TILL TRENCH now increased to two platoons. Left Brigade within 200 yards of BAPAUME.	
		8.10	Use of mounted troops suggested to 1st Anzac Corps.	
		8.5	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy shelling BIHUCOURT which is on fire. They are in occupation of BIEFVILLERS and established posts around the village.	
		8.25	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade said that in view of shelling BIHUCOURT he had moved two companies NE about 500 yards from BIEFVILLERS to avoid unnecessary loss in case they shell it. Our Lewis guns fired on party of Germans retiring from BIHUCOURT to SAPIGNIES when former was shelled.	
		8.50	Message from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade timed 8.40 a.m. stated objectives referred to in their O.O. 81 had been taken and advance was being continued in NE direction. No opposition. Brigade Headquarters moving to advanced Brigade Headquarters at N.1.a.6.6. 1st Anzac stated a squadron 13th <del>A-E-H</del> Horse had been placed at our disposal.	

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SAZENTIM LE PETIT	March 17th	8.55	G spoke to O.C. 13th A.L.H. and instructed him to send the Squadron to COUPE GUEULE at once. O.C. to call at D.H.Q. for orders.	
		9.00	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported <del>was</del> a 6" howitzer firing short between BIEFVILLERS and GREVILLERS. C. R. A. informed.	
		9.10	G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed that squadron 13th A.L.H. would report at COUPE GUEULE and that O.C. would call at his advanced Brigade Headquarters for latest information before moving forward.	
		9.15	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade message (8.55a.m.) stated they were establishing posts at H.13.b.50.45., H.14.c.4.8. and H.14.d.0.0. Following message received from 1st Anzac :- 5th Aust. Division will establish itself on line LUBDA COPSE - RIENCOURT - BAPAUME and patrol towards HAPLINCOURT and FREMICOURT. 2nd Aust. Division will establish itself on line AVESNES lez BAPAUME - BIEFVILLERS and patrol towards BEUGNATRE, FAVREUIL and SAPIGNIES.	
		9.30	Following message sent to 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades :- 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades will establish on the line AVESNES lez BAPAUME to BIEFVILLERS and patrol towards BEUGNATRE FAVREUIL and SAPIGNIES. Inter-brigade boundary as at present. Report where outer flanks join neighbouring Divisions. One squadron 13th A.L.Horse now proceeding to COUPE GUEULE O.C. has been instructed to call at 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters for latest information before passing through front line.	
		10.20	2nd Division stated they were in H.13.b., H.14.c.4.8. H.14.d.0.0. They had entered BIHUCOURT and found it unoccupied. They were pushing forward patrols.	
	11.15	G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade said his left post was at H.14.a.4.8. also a post in H.14.d. Battalion Headquarters moving to BIEFVILLERS.		

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 17th	10.30	5th Aust. Division stated they were at cross roads in H.28.a.2.5., reservoir in N.4.b. They were entering BEAULENCOURT and were in LE TRANSLOY. They were in touch with our right at H.26.d.7.4.	
		10.50	Following message from 1st Anzac :- Right forward boundary. 5th Aust. Division - VILLERS au FLOS, HAPLINCOURT - LEBUCQUIERE all inclusive. Right forward boundary 2nd Australian Division BEUGNATRE - VAULX - NOREUIL all inclusive. Actual dividing line between divisions H.27.central to I.4.central. Left boundary 2nd Aust. Division SAPIGNIES - MORY exclusive, ECOUST-LONGATTE inclusive.	
		11.00	Message from 2nd Division saying their forward Brigade reported at 9.50 a.m. that a patrol had entered BIHUCOURT line and found it unoccupied. Patrols are pushing forward. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported their line ran from railway in H.27.c. up road through the SUGAR FACTORY to 200 yards W of MONUMENT WOOD. There were 3 companies on that line and a company in the road in H.20.d. Patrols were going forward from that line. An enemy M.G. was located in the CHALK PIT H.28.a.6.0. A patrol was going to the NW of the CHALK PIT to attend to it. They were not in touch with the 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade on their right.. They were establishing posts on the W edge of BAPAUME. During the morning 4 of our planes were brought down. No 6163 (22nd Wing 3rd Naval Squadron) at CONTALMAISON, No A2583 (32nd Squadron) at N.1.a.6.6., No 4979-AS172 at G.36.c.4.9. and No A 2583 at H.31.c.8.2. ; enemy planes were very active.	
		11.45	Following message from 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade :- We established a line of posts on SUNKEN ROAD running NW through H.14.central with flanks on crossroads in H.14.d. at 11.15 a.m. Also a post at H.20.b.4.4. <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">and H.14.a</span>	
		Noon	Attached map shows situation.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 17th	12.30	Following message sent of Inf. Brigades and C.R.A. :- Right Divisional boundary H.27.central to I.4.central. Left Divisional boundary G.30.a.5.5. to G.24.d.4.9. to H.9.central. Inter-Brigade boundary row of trees H.25.b.central along N edge of MONUMENT WOOD ( inclusive to right Brigade) to H.16.d.6.0. along road to cross roads at H.16.c.2.9. then along road via H.16.c.90.95. to centre of BEUGNATRE to H.12.c.1.4. to H.12.central.	
		2.15	5th Aust. Inf. Brigade asked permission to move Brigade Headquarters to M.6.b.7.0. tonight or tomorrow morning.	
		5.00	Order No 102 for information of advanced guard under B.G. GELLIBRAND, D.S.O. issued.	Appx. <u>XXIII</u>
		5.55	Evening report. Posts established on line H.27.c.8.7., H.21.c.5.3., H. 21.a.1.0., H.20.b.5.5. H.14.d.1.3., H.14.b.4.3. and H.14a.4.7. Fine sunny day. Wind NE.	
		6.50	Aerial reports our men dug in from H.20.b.2.8. to H.20.b.9.5. to H.21.c.central. Enemy appear to occupy FAVREUIL. Encountered heavy rifle fire from H.22.c. and H.22.d.	
		7.00	14th H.A.G. said they were firing again on trenches in H.22.c. and d. and asked to be informed when fire was no longer required.	
		7.14	Informed 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade of above and they requested that fire might cease. 14th H.A.G. informed.	
		7.37	2nd Division said they were in touch with our right at H.14.c.0.7.	
		7.40	Right Brigade reported they had consolidated railway line and were moving forward to occupy line of SUNKEN ROAD H.21.a.4.8., MONUMENT WOOD, H.21.d. and H.28.a.1.5.	
		7.50	Message from 2nd Division timed 5.30 p.m. said they were definitely established on line H.13.b.5.6. to G.18.a.8.6. with patrols out in front. Cavalry have been ordered forward to MORY and ERVILLERS with orders to establish themselves there if possible. Advanced guard of one battalion with one battery ordered forward to occupy BEHAGNIES. Contact patrol reports with exception of BEAULENCOURT and RIENCOURT every village up to 8000 Yards behind BAPAUME in flames,	<i>KJA</i>

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 17th	9.40	<p style="text-align: center;">Division</p> <p>Message from 2nd <del>brigade</del> <sup>brigade</sup> timed 7.35 p.m. addressed to 6th <del>Inf.</del> <sup>Inf.</sup> Brigade stated 29th Lancers were to return to Aqueduct Road where they will remain for the night and rejoin their Brigade tomorrow. Yorkshire Hussars will establish standing patrols on N spur of BIEFVILLERS and will be prepared to move out again tomorrow morning. If found unoccupied advanced guard will move forward to these points. If still held by the enemy advanced guard will not move unless advanced guard of Division on one or both flanks move forward when it will co-operate. Repeated to G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade and asked to state when he would be ready to co-operate with above.</p>	
		11.40	G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported trenches in H.22.c. and d. were unoccupied. A patrol had entered FAVREUIL. All was quiet. He asked that leading Battalion of 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade be asked to conform.	
		11.55	G spoke to G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade and asked latter to cover left flank of 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade. G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade said he had entered <sup>FAVREUIL</sup> at 8 p.m. he was established on the road in H.14.d. and H.20.b. with groups on the SAPIGNIES - BAPAUME ROAD. Northern post at H.14.b.9.8. There was a standing patrol in FAVREUIL. This was being moved to H.15.b.3.7. A patrol had been sent to SAPIGNIES.	
			<p>Summary 17/3/1917.</p> <p>At about 5 a.m. our patrols having reported the BIHUCOURT Line vacated, it was occupied by our troops, who continued to advance, covered by patrols, to BIEFVILLERS and AVESNES lez BAPAUME. Hardly any opposition was met with. During the day the left Brigade patrols pushed forward and established picquets at H.14.a.4.7., H.14.central, and H.14.d.4.3. The right Brigade, moving through the western outskirts of BAPAUME, had, by 3 p.m., established themselves along the railway line in H.21.c. and H.27.b., with posts in the sunken road in H.21.d. The enemy was holding a position behind the wire in H.22.a. and in the trenches in H.22.c. and d. At 9.30 p.m. an officers patrol moved forward along the BAPAUME - BEUGNATRE ROAD from H.28.a.2.5. The enemy was still holding the trenches in H.22.c. and d. and did not vacate them till 10 p.m.</p>	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 17th		<p>Summary 17/3/1917 (continued)</p> <p>At the same time another patrol left our lines at H.21a.8.2. and proceeded through MONUMENT WOOD</p> <p>At 11 p.m. a report was received that the patrol had reached H.15.d.9.1. without meeting any opposition. The right Brigade then moved forward and occupied FAVREUIL. During the night the left Brigade patrols moved forward and by 4.30 a.m. (18th March) groups were established at H.15.c.3.6., H.15.a.1.1., H.15.a.05.30., H.14.b.8.8. and H.15.a.9.8. In the morning the cavalry moved to BIEFVILLERS - AVESNES lez BAPAUME from where patrols were pushed forward to keep touch with the enemy. Our artillery engaged several hostile M.Gs., a party of 50 Germans and a battery which was seen limbering up. There was a little hostile shelling. Enemy planes were very active and drove down four of our planes. SAPIGNIES, BEHAGNIES, and ERVILLERS were burning at midday and later on fires started in numerous other villages. BAPAUME was also on fire. Roads in the area were found in very good condition. Mines had been blown at many junctions. All houses had been destroyed. Dugouts were blown in and huts were either removed or burnt.</p>		
		18th	a.m. 12.10	G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade spoke to G and said he would have two companies in FAVREUIL and on spur to NW. One company in H.22.central and one in support in H.21.central.	
			12.28	Following from 2nd Division timed 9.30 p.m.:- 6th <del>xxxx</del> Inf. Brigade reports (6.40 p.m.) advanced guard reports situation quiet. Cavalry have been ordered to push forward in advance of line B.16.central and B. 23.central to gain touch with enemy. In event of touch not being gained shall make good line B.16.central to B.29.central. with infantry posts. During the night a patrol went to H.8.d.5.8. and saw several of the enemy in SAPIGNIES. Several buildings were burning.	
			6.00	Our patrols entered BEUGNATRE and established themselves there.	
			8.00	Whole of "B" Squadron 13th A.L.H. put at disposal of advanced guard Commander.	
			9.5	2nd Division reported their cavalry had entered SAPIGNIES at 5.00 a.m. and found all clear.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 18th	11.20	Message from 2nd Division stating their advanced guard had entered SAPIGNIES at 9.30 a.m.	Appx. <u>XXIV</u>
		11.45	Following message from Advanced guard :- Squadron has gone forward with instructions to occupy hills at B.29. and I.14 and hold each with a troop and 2 Hotchkiss guns. Patrols are to work forward from these positions and ascertain if VAULX and VRAUCOURT are occupied.	
		Noon	Situation given in attached map.	
		p.m. 12.20	6th <sup>41</sup> Inf. Brigade reported 29th Lancers report trench in H.12.a. and b. occupied by enemy. Dispositions of leading Battalion :- 1 company BEUGNATRE, 1 company N and E of FAVREUIL, 1 company in SUNKEN ROAD in H.15.b., 1 company in H.22.a.. 21st Battalion now moving forward to cover forward <del>position</del> position. Support battalion in H.26.c. and d. Reserve Battalion (24th) at BAZENTIN to be moved forward when accommodation is available.	
		2.50	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade said the trenches in H.12.a. and b. were now unoccupied and that they were going through. C.R.A. informed.	
		3.00	Message from 2nd Division timed 11.50 a.m. stated cavalry are reported 2 1/2 miles N of SAPIGNIES and met no opposition. Strong infantry patrols will be pushed on in direction of MORY.	
		3.15	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters moved to H.27.b.8.1.	
		3.20	Message from 2nd Division timed 1.10 p.m. stated advanced guard mounted troops reported MORY clear of enemy at 10.15 a.m. Contact established with our mounted patrols on E side of MORY Advanced guard in touch with our left. O.C. advanced guard has been ordered to hold BEHAGNIES and SAPIGNIES with out-posts along a line through DERMY COPSE. He has a standing patrol at crossroads B.27.	
		3.25	5th Aust. Division report timed 1 p.m. stated mounted patrol was held up W of HAPLINCOURT. FREMICOURT had been occupied but our troops were held up by infantry and Cavalry in buildings in E end of village. Rifle fire from DELSAUX FARM. BANCOURT had been occupied. Prisoners of 2nd Battalion, 96th Inf. stated enemy retired through LEBUCQUIERE and BEAUMETZ.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 18th	3.30	Following message sent to Headquarters Advanced Guard. Divisional Commander wishes following measures to be taken to consolidate advanced guard position. Strong posts be made E and N of BEUGNATRE and E, N. and NW of FAVREUIL. He suggests sunken road W of FAVREUIL in H.15.b. and a good line to hold. Gaps between posts to be wired using enemy material on the spot. Two Battalions should be disposed in advance of artillery i.e. N of line H.27.b.9.5. - AVESNES. He suggests trench in H.22.c. and d. would be made habitable with material on spot. Wire should be extended from SE. corner of BEUGNATRE towards FREMICOURT which 5th Aust. Division intends to hold, and towards SAPIGNIES. Battalion from BAZENTIN should move forward within supporting distance of advanced guard position as soon as accommodation can be provided.	
		3.40	Advanced guard report L.H. patrol established at B.29. central report MORY occupied by British mounted patrol. VAULX still held by enemy. Small parties of enemy have been located at B.30. central and B.16. central.	
		3.50	Following message sent to 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade :- Divisional Commander desires to know by next D.R. "How is BEUGNATRE held? What duties have been allotted to L.H.? Has a second Battalion been moved as support in front of advanced artillery Brigade yet? Measures taken by advanced guard as to entrenching, occupying enemy trenches, adapting and adding to German wire and night patrols?"	
		4.50	2nd Division asked if we had any news of our advanced troops. Corps had asked their cavalry to co-operate with ours as latter reported hotly engaged with enemy. They said their cavalry was in B.23.a. and B.17.d. and should be in touch with ours.	
		4.50	Message from 2nd Division states they will establish a line on high ground N and NE of BEHAGNIES from H.39.b. to B.26.c. Touch to be gained with 2nd Aust. Division in H.9.c. Infantry posts to be pushed forward to B.27. central. and H.3. central. Cavalry posts will be established on high ground B.16., B.17., B.23. and B.29 and pushed forward if enemy is not found on this line.	
		5.30	Message from 5th Aust. Division stated their advance guard had occupied trenches of BEUGNY-YTRES line and in touch with 2nd Aust. Division in same line. Main guard moving to FREMICOURT.	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 18th	5.45	B.G. G.S. spoke to G.S.O.I about action of our advanced guard. His idea is that if our mounted patrols find VAULX and VRAUCOURT unoccupied today we might push on the main guard to those villages and to the hill in B.29. tomorrow. From this position the L.H. should be able to move as far as the enemy are likely to let them. If VAULX and VRAUCOURT are still occupied by the enemy it will be the task of the Advanced Guard to drive them out. He also considered that it would not be necessary - as far as could be foreseen at present - for the main guard to move beyond the VRAUCOURT locality. The above moves, however, are dependent on our power of feeding, watering and supplying the troops in front.	
		5.55	2nd Division have reached MORY COPSE and is believed to hold MORY.	
		6.35	Message from 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade timed 5.30 p.m. stated standing L.H. Patrols established H.29.central and H.14.b. and reconnoitring forward. Posts established at H.12.central., H.11.d.7.8., H.11.c.9.9. One company distributed N and NE FAVREUIL, one company sunken road H.15.a. and b. Mounted troops in touch with division on both flanks. Report clear 2000 yards in front of our post.	
		7.5	Forward Battalion 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade distributed as follows:- Headquarters and 3 companies GREVILLERS, one company in railway cutting G.24.d.	
		9.25	Delayed message from advanced guard timed 6.40 p.m. stated VAULX has been entered by patrols and posts established at I.1.b.4.3., C.26.d.6.4., C.26.a.6.4., and C.25.central. Outpost line has been taken up along road B.28.b. - B.29. - B.30. - C.25. - Light Horse withdrawn behind behind outposts. About 30 enemy withdrew from VAULX on approach of our troops.	
		9.45	Following message from Advanced Guard reference above; posts in and beyond VAULX have been withdrawn to comply with Divisional instructions. Am watching S approaches from village.	
		9.45	Order 103 issued stating advanced guard was to occupy VAULX.	Appx. <u>XXV</u>
		11.15	Order 104 for relief of 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade by 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade issued	Appx. <u>XXVI</u>

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 18th	11.50	<p>Following message from Advanced Guard :- VAULX - VRAUCOURT occupied by 21st Battalion. Posts at cross roads I.2.c., crucifix C.26.d., C.26.a.9.7., fork C.19.d., fork C.25.central., Distillery, I.1.central. High ground B.29.central held by a platoon. Hill I.14.central held by two companies 5th Aust. Division and prolonged by 21st Battalion in I.8.c. and I.7.b.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary (6a.m. 18th to 6 a.m. 19th March ) attached.</p>	Appx. <u>XXVII</u>
		19th a.m. 1.57	<p>Following message from 1st Anzac :- Enemy appears to be holding line approximately VELU, MORCHIES, LAGNICOURT, St LEGER, BOYELLES with advanced detachments. Fires are reported at St QUENTIN and other places E of HINDENBURG LINE. Lucknow Cavalry Brigade will be pushed forward vigorously at daybreak to ECOUST ST MEIN and CROISILLES to drive enemy from these places and occupy them, throwing out flanking detachments to LAGNICOURT. Divisional Advanced Guards must support the cavalry and drive in all enemy detachments to the HINDENBURG LINE. Repeated to 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades and C.R.A.</p>	
	2.30	G.O.C. spoke to G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade re 19th Battalion. Latter said it was sufficiently concentrated to act as required. G.O.C. ordered it to be placed at disposal of G.O.C. Advanced Guard.		
	3.10	19th Battalion placed at disposal of advanced guard Commander to utilise as considered necessary Supporting Battalion of 5th Aust. Inf Brigade to move forward to occupy BIEFVILLERS position. C.R.A. to place another battery of 18pdrs. at disposal of G.O.C. Advanced Guard for supporting duties.		
	10.10	Attached map shows dispositions.	Appx. <u>XXVIII</u>	
	11.45	B.G. G.S. Corps visited G.O.C. and explained the policy to be followed. Main defensive line was to be organised on and in front of the BAPAUME RIDGE with an outpost line in front. Units to be kept as far as possible intact and allotted to definite sectors of the defensive system. Advanced Guard to push forward by bounds - pushing patrols forward as each position is gained. Three Battalions should be in VAULX - VRAUCOURT - B.29. line. One Battalion in BEUGNATRE with Headquarters Advanced Guard. Support Brigade on BAPAUME - BIEFVILLERS LINE. Reserve Brigade in	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">33</p>	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	1917 March 19th	a.m. 11.45	(continued )  LE SARS - WARLENCOURT area. Advanced Guard must be mobile and engage any enemy detachments vigorously. The idea of holding a continuous line must be got out of commanders heads. Economy in observation - so as to be as strong as possible for fighting. Units to be kept <del>ready</del> concentrated and ready to manoeuvre.	
		p.m. 1.40	2nd Division reports that at 9 a.m. 3 squadrons cavalry were in sunken road B.22.c. to B.28.a. Cavalry patrol had been held up by M.G. fire in front of ECOUST <del>STXMXIX</del> at 9 a.m. Enemy reported holding St LEGER, ECOUST, LONGATTE, NOREUIL with M.Gs.	
		2.30	Order 105 issued	Appx. <u>XXIX</u>
		2.40	Message from Advanced Guard reported Line held B.29.central, B.30.central, C.25.central, C.26.a.9.7. C.26.d.5.5. with small post at C.19.d.4.6.	
		5.20	2nd Division reported that at 1.30 p.m. their infantry occupied the line B.24.a., B.17.a.- B.17.b., B.16.central with patrols pushed forward. In touch with our left at B.24.b.	
		5.40	5th Aust. Division Advanced Guard reported at 2 p.m. they were in touch with enemy along practically the whole front. Morning was fine but windy. Rain fell in the afternoon.	
		6.5	Following message timed 5.50 p.m. from Advanced Guard :- Outpost line unaltered. Patrols pushed forward located enemy at ECOUST and LONGATTE on which points hostile parties fell back. Considerable movement observed near C.15. and NOREUIL. Two anti-aircraft guns in position in VAULX. Two sections advanced guard artillery engaged BOIS de VAULX which scattered group of enemy. Battery shelled party estimated about 30 in C.15.b. and engaged other targets at intervals during afternoon. L.H. Patrol reported at 3.30 p.m. that ridge opposite our front clear of enemy.	L

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AZENTIN LE PETIT	1917 March 19th	p.m. 6.35	Advanced Guard Dispositions as follows :- General outpost line B.18.c.central, SUGAR FACTORY VRAUCOURT, VAULX, I.4.d.central. 21st and 23rd Battalions in front line - 23rd Battalion in BEUGNATRE, 26th Battalion in FAVREUIL - Squadron 13th A.L.Horse in FAVREUIL. One section H.15.b.8.8. Two sections engineers G.27.d. <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2 5 Sections Field Art. in H.12.A.4.5, 2 Section H.12.A.4.0, one Section Favreuil.</span>	
		7.5	Message from 5th Aust. Division timed 6.15 p.m. stated line held runs O.4.d.0.0., I.35.c.0.0. I.29.central, I.17.c.0.0., I.16.b.2.4. I.9.a.0.0. Enemy holding posts along the whole front. 5th Aust. Division reported their scouts entered LEBUCQUIERE at 4.15 p.m. Enemy retiring from O.5.c.7.8.	
		8.20	5th Aust. Division reported LEBUCQUIERE and VELU captured at 5.45 p.m.	
		9.30	Relief of Reserve and Support Battalions of advanced guard by 25th and 26th Battalions complete	
		10.35	B.G. G.S. asked whether arrangements for relief of 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade by 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade were too far forward to make it inadvisable to alter them now. G.S.O. II explained relief was half complete and had better go on. B.G. G.S. said he wished signal communications to be developed by every possible means and touch maintained with advanced and flanking units. He hoped we should get on tomorrow to LAGNICOURT-NOREUIL LINE.	
		10.45	G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade informed of Corps Commanders wishes re pushing on. He said patrols would reconnoitre NOREUIL and LAGNICOURT leaving at 4 a.m. and they would be occupied if this could be done without serious opposition. Signalling would be used as much as possible and L.H. horses spared.	
		11.35	Following message from 1st Anzac :- Lucknow cavalry Brigade has been ordered to push forward to ECOUST and CROISILLES and drive the enemy out. Also to send flanking detachments to LAGNICOURT. Divisional Advanced Guards will endeavour to reach the line LEBUCQUIERE, MORCHIES, LAGNICOURT, NOREUIL on 20th instant being strengthened as necessary for the purpose to support cavalry and drive in all enemy detachments. Repeated to Brigades and Divisional Artillery.	

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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAZENTIN LE PETIT.	March 19th		<p>Summary:- During the day two sections of the advanced guard artillery engaged targets. BOIS de VAULX and VRAUCOURT COPSE, where enemy movement was seen, were heavily shelled, and four enemy parties were dispersed. Our M.Gs. fired on BOIS de VAULX during the day. Enemy outpost in C.22.d. was fired on with good effect. At 4 p.m. a party of enemy entrenching in C.27.a. was fired on. At 10.55 a.m. a patrol from B.29.central. moved to C.13. central where they were sniped at by 8 of the enemy in C.8. At 12 noon a patrol moved to C.7.d. and C.8.c. and reported that a number of enemy could be seen moving about in ECOUST. At 1.20 p.m. post at C,26.d. was subjected to sniping and M.G. fire from enemy in BOIS de VAULX. During the afternoon five 5.9 H&amp;V shells were fired into BAPAUME. BAPAUME was again shelled between 12 noon and 5 p.m. by 25 rounds from direction of HERMIES. VRAUCOURT and country between VRAUCOURT and MORY were shelled during the day by 10.5 c.m. and 7.7c.m. from direction of NOREUIL.</p>	
	20th	a.m.	<p>2.35 Message from 18th Division timed 1.45 a.m. stated they had taken over the front from the 2nd Division, 11th R. Fusiliers holding their right between VAULX - VRAUCOURT and BANKS WOOD.</p> <p>5.50 Following message from Advanced Guard timed 5.30 a.m. :- Advanced Guard moving forward to establish line running Northwest and southeast through NOREUIL, and co-operating with troops on flanks and in support of 13th L.H. patrols.</p> <p>6.20 Message from Advanced Guard timed 6.00 a.m. stated 23rd Battalion reached NOREUIL at 5.30 a.m. During the morning one half company of the 1st Anzac Cyclist Battalion reported to the Advanced Guard for duty.</p> <p>9.15 Brigade Major, Anzac H.A. said they were sending 2 60 pdrs. and 2 6" Hows. up to BEUGNATRE to assist the advanced guard either by shelling the HINDENBURG LINE or any villages that give trouble.</p>	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT.	1917 March 20th	a.m.		
		10.00	Following message from G.O.C. Advanced Guard timed 9.33 a.m. " Line of villages in my front held by infantry with M.Gs. and artillery. Casualties in closing on villages are about 150. Am now falling back to the general line B.18.central to VRAUCOURT COPSE thence via BOIS de VAULX to I.4.central.	
		10.5	Further message from G.O.C. Advanced Guard timed 9.40 a.m. :- " I am now returning to BAPAUME Headquarters".	
		10.15	Referring to above messages, following message sent to G.O.C. Advanced Guard :- Your T 1 and T 2 not clear. Did you carry out reconnaissances and then attack? What information did reconnaissance give you? Why are you going back from VRAUCOURT to BAPAUME? BEUGNATRE indicated on orders as your Headquarters.	
		11.45	G.O.C. Advanced Guard asked if he required any more artillery assistance. He said not at present. He thought there were about 150 enemy infantry and 4 to 6 M.Gs. holding NOREUIL, LONGATTE is also held. A heavy barrage was placed on our troops. VAULX VRAUCOURT was being shelled with 5.9's. He would wait for Divisions on flanks to close up before trying again.	
		p.m. 12.5	Message from 18th Division saying they attacked CROISILLES at 8.15 a.m. and found the village strongly occupied. Cavalry reported ECOUST also held.	
		Noon	5th Aust. Division said they were going to try and occupy MORCHIES today. They would try for BEAUMETZ later.	
	2.40	Message from 5th Aust. Division timed 2.15 p.m. stated MORCHIES was occupied by their Advanced Guard at 1.30 p.m.		

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 20th	3.25	Following message from 5th Aust. Division timed 3 p.m. Report from F.O.O. with Advanced Guard states L.H. patrols report enemy to have evacuated NOREUIL and to have been badly cut about there by our shelling. About 11.50 a.m. a train moved westward along the railway in C.6.d. Repeated to Advanced Guard. Strong wind was blowing throughout the day. Sunny periods. Showers in the afternoon.	
		6.30	Order 106 issued laying down new Divisional boundaries and policy to be followed by advanced guard.	Appx. <u>XXX</u>
		10.00	Relief of 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade by 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade complete. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters moved to M.6.c.6.1.	
	21st	a.m.		
		5.30	Morning report. Quiet night.	
		<i>8.00</i> 9.10	Message from 5th Aust. Division stating they occupied BEAUMETZ at 7 a.m. During the night patrols found the enemy occupying line of road through C.22.central - C.29.a. with M.Gs. at cross roads. Flares were being fired along this line. At dawn our field guns shelled these cross roads. Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. 3 trains were seen to pull out of Noreuil. These were also shelled.	
			During the morning the Corps Commander visited the G.O.C.	
		p.m.		
		1.32	Advanced Guard reported their forward Headquarters established at BEUGNATRE.	
		3.10	Following from Advanced Guard timed 12.20 p.m.:- L.H. patrol report they were fired on when 300 yards S.W. of LAGNICOURT from village. They are now holding Sunken road at C.29.a.5.0. Can observe enemy with wagons and numerous small parties in C.16.c. and d. and B.17.b. Many parties moving in and out of NOREUIL. Wagons moving into LAGNICOURT along road passing through C.18. LAGNICOURT occupied by enemy. Can see many enemy's small posts in C.23. and small parties moving along road from NOREUIL through C.11.c. Time of report 12.48 p.m.	
	2.30	O. O. 108 issued		

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	1917 March 21st	p.m. 3.20 3.15 3.55 5.30 6.35 7.20	<p>Line now held by advanced guard B.18.b.4.1. - C.13.a.4.1. - C.13.b.4.2. - C.14.a.4.0. - C.14.c.7.9. - C.14.d.1.9. - C.15.c.10.75. - C.21.b.9.8. - C.22.c.5.6. - C.28.a.8.6. - I.4.b.2.4.</p> <p>5th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters opened at H.27.a.75.15.</p> <p>Anzac G stated an observer had flown over NOREUIL and ECOUST at 500 feet and was not fired at. He reported the villages apparently unoccupied. Army Commander directs that patrols be sent forward at once to verify this information. Repeated to Advanced Guard.</p> <p>The morning was dull and windy. Later on the wind died down and it became sunny. Enemy shelled BOIS de VAULX and VALLEY in C.29.central with 15cm. Howitzers fairly consistently. He shelled between crucifix at C.26.d.6.4. and C.21.central with 10.5 Hows. A few 15cm. Hows. in I.1.central. Our artillery fired intermittently on movement about C.17. and on trains moving in C.6.d. Hostile artillery firing yesterday appears to have been withdrawn. ALL enemy artillery fire seems to be long range.</p> <p>Message from 1st Anzac stated right of V Corps was at B.17.d.8.4. Runs to B.4.d.4.1. then to round St LEGER to JUDAS FARM.</p> <p>Following message from Advanced Guard:- Prisoner 3rd Battalion, 91st R.I.R. captured at C.29b. states his company was between 2 companies 119th R.I.R. States LAGNICOURT is held by 1 company and 3 M.Gs. Hostile plane brought down in C.28.b.central. A single seater ALBATROSS, pilot PRINCE FREDERICK CHARLES of PRUSSIA taken prisoner (wounded) by post of 26th Battalion. Enemy snipers and M.G. SW of LAGNICOURT active. Enemy now shelling cross roads C.29.a.5.3. On being examined further prisoner of 91st R.I.R. said Battalion strength was 520 other ranks. 2 wells in good order in LAGNICOURT. He thinks enemy 10cm. field guns are behind small hill 2 kilos from LAGNICOURT. Post of 20 men C.23.d.9.2. Post of 20 men with M.Gs. at C.23.b.4.8. Post with M.G. at C.23.b.3.4. Post of 2 men about 200 yards beyond villages on all roads. Posts relieved every 4 hours. One Company on MORCHIES road and one Company on NOREUIL ROAD. Stated enemy policy was to send out patrols of 10 to capture prisoners. Enemy rear guard had orders to hold on until pushed out by our expected attack.</p>	

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BAZENTIN LE PETIT	March 21st	8.15	Advanced Guard stated hostile artillery was still shelling VAULX at intervals with 5.9 and 4.2s. Enemy M.Gs. are thoroughly searching C.28.b. where hostile plane fell. 26th Battalion reports new post being established at C.29.a.5.1.	
		9.00	Dispositions of Advanced Guard as follows :- Advanced Guard and Artillery Headquarters BEUGNATRE. "B" Squadron 13th A.L.H. FAVREUIL, 116th Heavy Battery BEUGNATRE. 2 sections 6th Aust. Field Company Engineers VAULX. Bearer Subdivision 5th Field Ambulance BEUGNATRE. 25th, 27th, and 28th Battalions at VAULX ( each 2 companies in the line) 28th Battalion BEUGNATRE.	
BAPAUME	22nd	a.m.	During the night the enemy fired 30 gas shells on MARICOURT WOOD. Enemy still holds line LONGATTE- NOREUIL - LAGNICOURT. Our posts were advanced a short distance during the night.	Appx. XXXIX.
		5.00	Morning report from 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet and unchanged.	
		5.15	Morning report from 7th Division stated situation on their front unchanged and enemy still holds CROISSILLES and ECOUST.	
		11.00	2nd Aust. Divisional Headquarters closed down at BAZENTIN LE PETIT at 11 a.m. and opened up at BAPAUME at the same hour. ( H.26.d.3.0.) O. O. 107.	Appx. XXXI. (100107)
			From 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. enemy shelled BEUGNATRE with 15cm. Howitzers. Otherwise the situation was unchanged.	
		p.m. 1.05	5th Aust. Division reported that there were 100 enemy dead near BEAUMETZ as a result of their attack in the morning.	
		2.15	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that 24th Battalion had moved to LE SARS and that the whole Brigade was now established in the WARLENCOURT - LE SARS area. (Disposition Report attached)	Appx. XXXII 40

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BAPAUME	March 22nd	5.00	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported enemy were shelling VAULX - VRAUCOURT, and Sunken Road at C.26.d. with 15cm. Hows. otherwise the situation was normal and unchanged. The enemy plane that was brought down at C.28.B.central with PRINCE FREDERICK KARL of PRUSSIA on the 21st was salved by 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade and taken away by the R.F.C.	
		5.15	Both 7th Division and 5th Aust. Division reported that the situation was unchanged on their respective fronts. During the day intermittent showers of sleet and falls of snow occurred. There were occasional periods of sunshine with good visibility.	
	23rd	a.m.	Patrols sent out during the night 22nd/23rd reported NOREUIL and LONGATTE were still held by the enemy.	
	4.40		Enemy party of 14 attempted to rush one of our posts near C.15.c.5.2. after a short preliminary bombardment. The attack was beaten off and afterwards five enemy dead were found here and one wounded prisoner of 119th R.I.R. was taken later in the day.	
	4.30		Enemy bombarded 5th Aust. Division outposts in BEAUMETZ les CAMBRAI and at 5 p.m. assaulted the village driving out our outposts. Enemy party consisted of appromimately 200 men. The 5th Aust. Division counterattacked and drove them out of the village taking 9 wounded Germans. Over 100 dead were counted round the outskirts of the village.	
	5.30		The 7th Division (on our <sup>left</sup> right) reported situation normal and unchanged. During the day considerable movement was observed in LAGNICOURT and NOREUIL whilst trains were seen North of NOREUIL.	
	6.00		3rd R.F.C. Squadrom reported a trench around RAPERIE J.19.b., and a trench running from LOUVERAL towards RAPERIE. Intelligence Summary issued.	
	3.30	p.m.	An enemy plane flew over our lines and dropped a message asking for news about PRINCE FREDERICK CHARLES OF PRUSSIA, <i>KARL</i>	<p><i>Ref map</i></p> <p><i>APPX. XXXIII</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">41</p>

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BAPAUME	March 23rd	5.40	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that enemy were seen removing wire from poles North of LAGNICOURT and fires seen in this village. Also noted a number of telegraph poles had been cut down.	
		7.30	7th Division reported situation unchanged and during the day enemy artillery had been active against MORY, StLEGER and ERVILLERS whilst enemy planes flew across our lines.  7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet and unchanged. R.F.C. Reconnaissance reported craters observed on roads half way between NOREUIL - QUEANT; LAGNICOURT - QUEANT; LAGNICOURT - PRONVILLE and on BAPAUME - CAMBRAI road near RAPERIE.	
		11.20	Personal effects of PRINCE FREDERICK KARL of PRUSSIA were forwarded to ANZAC "I".	
		11.30	Report received from 7th Division that large explosions had been seen in ECOUST and CROISSILLES during the day.	
		4.30	CROISSILLES and ECOUST were bombarded by 7th Division and also by heavies. Several large explosions occurred in ECOUST and men were seen to leave village going towards N. the north. Reported gaps in the wire in front CROISSILLES. During the day M.General SMYTH, V.C. G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division met G.O.C. 7th Division and discussed the situation with him.	
		5.30	Enemy still holding same line. Our artillery shelled NOREUIL, LAGNICOURT and roads leading from these villages during day. Enemy intermittently shelled our front line posts.	
		7.30	Situation reported normal and unchanged.	
		10.10	Wounded prisoner of 119th R.I.R. taken today stated that he belonged to the STURM TRUPPE and that it is their intention to hold NOREUIL for some considerable time. He confirmed trench on south of NOREUIL and stated village was held by 3 companies strength eighty to one hundred each.	

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BAPAUME	March 24th	4.40	Enemy still holding line CROISSILLES - ECOUST - LONGATTE - NOREUIL - LAGNICOURT. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet and unchanged except for new posts established at C.7.d.85.30. and C.14.a.3.7.		
		5.00	5th Aust. Division reported enemy had been shelling them since 3 a.m. but was now easing off. Situation otherwise unchanged.		
		5.30	7th Division reported situation quiet and line of post slightly advanced.		
		6.00	Order No 109 issued.		
			Enemy attacked BEAUMETZ at 6 a.m. and obtained footing in the village but a counter attack drove him out. Forty Germans killed and five prisoners of STURM TRUPPE, 95th R.I.R. taken.		Appx. <u>XXXIV</u>
		8.00	Enemy planes active but eventually driven away from our lines by <del>A-A</del> gun fire.		
		10.40	Enemy planes again active over our front and 3rd R.F.C was informed.		
		10.30	One of our planes fell down at C.l.b. and number of enemy approached plane from N. direction.		
		p.m. 12.15	Enemy movements seen E of CROISSILLES and houses seen blown up by 7th Division who also report parties of enemy seen working on HINDENBURG LINE NE of CROISSILLES and were dispersed by our artillery.		
		12.35	Anzac I reported indication that enemy were leaving men behind in our uniforms and their password to re-enter their lines was "BLUMCHEN-KAFFEE." Aerial reconnaissance reported trains seen in vicinity of QUEANT - PRONVILLE - ECOUST - and HERMIES between 8.15a.m. and 10 a.m.		
			During morning Corps Commander told G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade and informed 2nd Aust. Division that line of defence should be advanced.		
			G.O.C. 7th Division discussed proposed attack on enemy with G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division		

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BAPAUME	March 24th	1.00	Order No 110 issued.	Appx. <del>xxxv</del>	
		1.30	Received G. 918 from 7th Division showing their posts.		Appx. <del>xxxvi</del>
		5.00	Evening report. 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade. Situation unchanged. Light intermittent shelling on vicinity VAULX, and fires in NOREUIL. Visibility has been good during the day.		
		5.10	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade report one of our BRISTOL biplanes of 4th R.F.C. down south of BEUGNATRE at 4.50 p.m. and crashed to earth in flames. Both pilot and observer were killed.		
		8.30	Situation unchanged on our front and flanks.		
		11.00	Summer time came into force and clocks were advanced one hour 11 p.m. becoming 12 midnight 24th/25th March.		
		25th	a.m.		
	4.40		Enemy still holds line CROISSILLES - ECOUST - LONGATTE - NOREUIL - LAGNICOURT.		
			7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet during night and unchanged.		
	5.30		7th Division reported situation quiet and that they were advancing their posts.		
	6.12		Received report from 5th Aust. Division that during the night at 10.45 p.m. farm at J.8.c.6.4. was occupied without opposition.		
	10.10		Four of our planes and one enemy were brought down in 7th Divisional sector.		
	10.20		Two enemy balloons reported.		
	11.30	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported that new post established at C.13.a.7.9. in lieu of post at C.7.d.8.2. which was shelled out.			

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Place	Date 1917	Hour p.m.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAPAUME	March 25th	<del>1.00</del>	<del>Order No 110 issued.</del>	<del>None</del>
		a.m.		
		7.45	Heavy explosion occurred in south end of LONGATTE.	
		8.25	Heavy explosion in south end of LONGATTE.	
		p.m.		
		5.30	Flank Divisions and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported situation quiet and unchanged. During the day enemy shelled farm at J.8.c.6.4.	
		8.5.	7th Division reported their right post at C.7.c.7.9.	
			Aerial reconnaissance during the day observed the following. "T" trench (shape) visible at C.10.b.7.2. In front ten elements of trench form a crescent from C.10.a.7.8. to road at C.10.d.8.6.. New trenches visible 300 yards long pointing 11 oclock from road at <del>V.35</del> <sup>J.3</sup> .a.8.6. Two communication trenches pointing 10 oclock have been dug from the DOIGNIES TRENCH at J.16.a.2.1. Two trenches on each side of road visible at J.16.c.4.9.	
		5.00	The 10th, 12th, 13th, 104th, 46th, and 47th Batteries moved forward and occupied positions in vicinity of VAULX- VRAUCOURT.	
		7.30	Order No 111 issued.	Appx. <u>XXXVII</u>
7.45	Situation on our front and flanks unchanged and quiet.			
8.00	Order No 110 issued.	Appx. <u>XXXVIII</u>		
11.30	A mine was blown under the TOWN HALL absolutely wrecking the building. Mine appeared to be placed in the centre of the building and when it was taken over from 6th Field Coy. Aust. Engineers no wires were noticed nor anything of a suspicious nature hence it is concluded that it was either a contact mine or a timed 8 day clock bomb arrangement.			

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BAPAUME	March 25th	11.30	(continued) Two French Officials Capt. R. BRIQUET, Deputy and M. ALBERT TAILLIANDIER, Deputy, 9 other ranks 20th Battalion, 10 other ranks Traffic Police 2nd Aust. Division, and 7 other ranks Australian Comforts Fund were lodged in the cellars under the building. The 22nd Battalion under Engineer supervision was put on to dig out the buried men. 6 other ranks alive and 4 dead men have so far been recovered.	
	26th	a.m. 5.15	The enemy was still holding the line ECOUST - LONGATTE - NOREUIL - LAGNICOURT.  An attack was carried out against LAGNICOURT. For particulars see Orders Nos. 108 and 111 and report on the operation.	Appx. <u>XXXIX</u>
		6.00	Order No 113 issued.  6th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved from WARLENCOURT area to MAMETZ Brigade Camp.	Appx. <u>XL</u>
		p.m. 12.35	An explosion occurred in a dugout underneath factory H.27.d.6.9. BAPAUME. This dugout, a large one, was the rear Headquarters of the 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade 2 clerks were buried and office files and records of the 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade were lost.  For enemy activity and situation reports see attached Intelligence Summary.	Appx. <u>XLI</u>
		3.30	Order No 114 issued.	
7.30	Order No 115, with reference to the forward limits of the main defensive front, issued.			
11.30	Order NO 116 issued.			

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BAPAUME	March 26/27th	Midnight	The two right companies of the 7th Division on our left advanced their line of posts to C.8.c.8.6. - C.7.b.4.3. - C.8.c.3.2. The right company came under a heavy barrage.	
		27th a.m. 1.05	5th Aust. Division reported that farm at J.8.c.6.3. had been destroyed by hostile shell fire and that enemy had retaken the farm.  During the night 26/27th the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions were relieved in the line by the 19th and 20th Battalions the relief being completed at 8.45 a.m.	
		5.00	Situation unchanged on our front and flanks except for farm at J.8.c.6.3. on our right.  1st ANZAC outpost line runs VEUL - I.20.d.0.3. - BEAUMETZ (inclusive) - J.8.c.6.3. - J.1.central - LAGNICOURT - DOUGNIES road at D.25.b.3.1. then along road to C.24.d.6.5. posts at C.24.b.4.4. and C.24.b.3.1. to about C.18.central - C.17.central - C.17.c.1.5. - C.16.b.7.0. - C.22.a.9.5. - VRAUCOURT COPSE B.18. central..  A captured document stated that the password of the 2nd Guard Reserve Division from noon March 25th to noon April 1st is "ALBERICH".  During the morning the 5th Army Commander and 1st ANZAC Corps Commander visited the Division and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters.  During the day the Division on our left bombarded ECOUST and CROISELLES and cut wire in front of CROISELLES.	
		p.m. 3.30	Reliefs. The 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade relieved the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade less 19th And 20th Battalions.	
		5.00	Situation unchanged and normal. Much enemy movement was seen during the day and enemy parties were dispersed by our artillery.	
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Bapaume	March 27th	5.15	Report from 7th Division reporting SAPIGNIES CHURCH was blown up by a mine.	Appx. <u>XLV</u>		
		5.25	Message received from 7th Division re our co-operation with their attack on trenches in south of CROISELLES and ECOUST			
		7.30	Situation unchanged and generally quiet along our front and flanks.  19th Battalion took a wounded prisoner of the 91st R.I.R.			
		8.45	5th Aust. Division reported much movement had been seen on the main CAMBRAI ROAD between DOIGNIES and BOURSIES and enemy were seen digging a trench <del>XXXX</del> 1000 yards Northeast of LAGNICOURT.  Large explosion was seen in DOIGNIES.			
		28th	a.m.			
			3.30		The 7th Division attacked CROISELLES but were unable to gain a footing in the village but gained on both sides. The posts on the left of our line were advanced slightly to protect the right flank of the 7th Division in case they pushed their line forward.	
	5.00		On our front and right the situation was unchanged and generally quiet.  During the day there was considerable artillery activity on the 7th Divisional sector.			
	Noon		G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division took over command of the left sector from G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division 2nd Aust. Division Headquarters opened at same hour at THE DINGLE X.27.b.2.6.			
	p.m.					
	1.00		7th Inf (Aust) Brigade Headquarters closed down at MALT SAP and opened at same hour at SHELTER WOOD.  Moves were carried out by Infantry Brigades as per Order <u>117</u>			
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THE DINGLE	March 29th	1.30	Order No 117 issued.	Appx. <u>XLV</u>
	30th		For Dispositions see Disposition Report attached.	Appx. <u>XLVII</u>
	31st	a.m. 11.00	The Corps Commander visited the Division and presented medals to officers and other ranks at BECOURT CAMP.	Appx. <u>XLVIII</u>
		p.m. 3.00	A conference of Staff Officers and Brigade Commanders was held this afternoon at Divisional Headquarters. For report on Conference see Appendices.	Appx. <u>XLIX</u>