

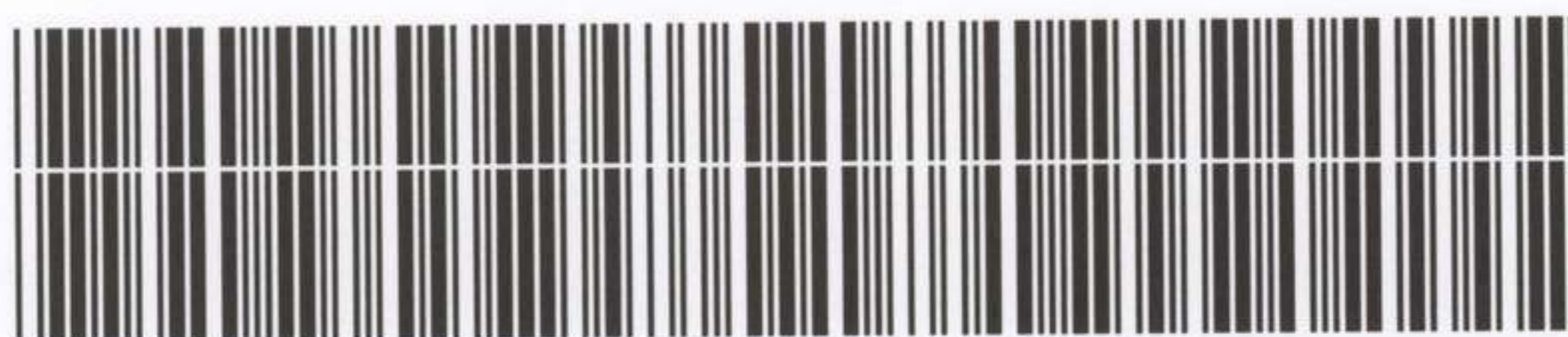
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CROIX DU BAC.	1st.	5.25.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 20 m.p.h. Fire was directed against enemy trenches in C.23.d., C.23.b., I.11.a. and I.11.b. by our Artillery. Howitzers fired on minenwerfer emplacements in C.29.d. and I.5.b. Trench Mortars carried out an effective shoot against enemy's wire and parapet in C.29.a. I.11.a., and U.22.c. Snipers claim to have broken 5 periscopes and to have hit one of the enemy. Hostile artillery fire was normal. Registration of a howitzer battery position in the Left (PLOGSTEERT) Section was apparently carried out by the enemy.</p>	Int. Summ. 127. Appx. 27.
		5.25.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h. Divisional Order No. 27 issued.</p>	Appx. 28.
	2nd	5.30.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 4 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy works in I.16.d., I.11.a., and I.17.c. Howitzers fired with effect on a minenwerfer emplacement in I.5.d. Direct hits were obtained on buildings, suspected to be enemy billets, in J.14.a. Fire was also brought to bear on a minenwerfer emplacement in C.23.b. Our patrols were hindered to a great extent by the brightness of the night, and a recent fall of snow which remains on the ground. Listening posts were established and NO MAN'S LAND reported to be quiet throughout the night. The enemy's Artillery displayed slightly increased activity against the Left Section. Battery positions in U.25.a. and C.1.b. were fired on by hostile 4.2 c.m. and 5.9. c.m. guns. Ranging against the former battery was carried out by means of aeroplane observation. Divisional Order No. 28 issued.</p>	Int. Summ. 128. Appz. 27. Appx. 29.
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Enemy shelled locality 3. Our artillery gave heavy retaliation. Wind S.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h.</p>	
3rd		5.45.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 20 m.p.h. Our artillery fired with effect on enemy works in C.29.c. and I.11.c. and I.17.a. The enemy's trenches in C.17.a., b. and c. were fired on by our 18-pdrs. and T.Ms.</p>	

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CROIX DU BAC.			<p>Howitzers attempted to shoot against bridge at U.29.b.2.4. with balloon observation. On account of indifferent visibility, however, only 6 rounds were fired and no effect observed. Our Patrols located several enemy working parties which were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. At 9.30 p.m. an Officers patrol entered enemy trenches at UMBA NOSE and carried out an examination of this portion of the German line, which was found to be unoccupied.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 129. Appx. 27.</p>
		5.25.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Light retaliation for our T.M. Shoot at 1.45 p.m. Wind S.W. 10 m.p.h.</p>	
	4th	5.45.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> At 7.0 p.m. enemy shelled our front line and support line trenches in C.4.c. with 77 m.m. H.E. Situation normal. Wind S.W. 8 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy billets in J.14.a. and J.1.a. 18-pdrs. fired with success on Cross Roads in C.11.b. by means of balloon observation. Roads in U.30.b., U.12.c. and U.12.d. were also successfully engaged by our artillery (using aeroplane observation). Fire was directed against enemy strong points in C.4.b., U.28.b., U.29.b. and U.29.c. Trench Mortars caused considerable damage to enemy's wire and parapet in U.16.c. and I.11.c. Active patrolling was maintained throughout the night, although our patrols were hindered to a great extent by moonlight. Normal activity was displayed by enemy's artillery, registration being apparently carried out on PEAR TREE FARM (I.16.b.) GD. PORTE EGAL FARM (I.10.b.) and THE DISTILLERY (I.4.a.). The enemy also apparently registered on our front line in I.5.c. and trenches in C.28.b.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 130. Appx. 27.</p>
		5.16.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h.</p>	
5th	5.45.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 2 m.p.h. Enemy works and strongpoints in U.22.c., U.28.b., U.28.a., U.28.c., U.28.d., U.27.d. and C.4.d. were fired on by our artillery. Several hostile working parties were dispersed during the morning. Snipers claim to have broken two periscopes and to have hit one of the enemy. Patrols were again hampered by the brightness of the night. Patrols reported that the enemy carried out repairs to his front line trench on ST. YVES RIDGE</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 131. Appx. 27.</p>	

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CROIX DU BAC.			The enemy's artillery was less active, and no apparent registration was carried out. Several lachrymatory shells and 60 rounds of 5.9 c.m. fell in the vicinity of an 18-pdr. Battery position in U.25.a.	
	5th	5.20.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h.	
	6th	5.50.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind South 5 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.5.c., I.5.d., I.11.b., C.4.b., U.17.c., U.22.b., and U.28.b. Several enemy working parties were dispersed by our fire. Patrolling was normally carried out during the night. The enemy again shelled an 18-pdr. battery in U.25.a. Ranging was apparently attempted on a howitzer battery in C.1.d. The enemy's artillery was less active.</p>	Int. Summ. 132. Appx. 27.
		5.35.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. 8 m.p.h.	
	7th	6 a.m.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h. Fire was directed against enemy works in I.5.c. and I.11.a. by our Artillery. Howitzers fired on trenches in C.4.b. Trench Mortars carried out an effective shoot against the enemy's wire and parapet in I.5.c. I.11.a. and C.10.b. Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night but were prevented by bright moonlight from obtaining any information of value. A small gun was located at I.5.b.4.8., the shield being plainly visible. Enemy's artillery was normally active throughout the day. Registration of our front line trenches in C.23.a. and C.17.c. was apparently carried out. At 11.0 p.m. an enemy aeroplane flew over ARMENTIERES and dropped several bombs.</p>	Int. Summ. 133. Appx. 27.
		5.30	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.N.E. 10 m.p.h. <u>Weather</u> Some showers of hail and rain with fair bright intervals. Good visibility.</p>	

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CROIX DU BAC.	Apr.	6 a.m.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N. 5 m. p.h. Our Artillery fired on Minenwerfer emplacements in C.17.b. and C.23.d. and trenches in U.18.b. U.16.c., U.15.b., U.17.a., U.17.c., U.12.c. and U.12.d. Trench Mortars fired with great effect on the enemy's front system in C.17.a. Patrols. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. Enemy's Artillery was active during the day. Hostile fire included 125 rounds 15 c.m. in I.2.a. and I.1.b. and 50 rounds of 15 c.m. directed against the road in C.19.b. Divisional Order No. 29 issued.</p>	Int. Summ. 134. Appx. 27,
		5.10.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> A few 10 c.m. shells fell in ARMENTIERES during the afternoon. Situation normal. Wind W. 7 m.p.h. Weather. Wind light and variable. Milder. Good visibility.</p>	Appx. 30.
		9th 5.55.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 15 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on enemy strong points in C.17. and C.23. Fire was also directed against the enemy's front and support line trenches in U.15.b. and U.15.d. M.T.Ms. carried out destructive shoots against the enemy's front line in C.23.c. Patrolling was maintained throughout the night. The majority of flares fired by the enemy opposite the Left Section appeared to come from his support line. Normal activity was displayed by hostile artillery during the period. 4 small shells, apparently fired from revolver gun fell close to an O.P. at ST. YVES.</p>	Int. Summ. 135. Appx. 27.
		5.15.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. 16 m.p.h. Weather. Squally. Showers of rain. Very cool.</p>	

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CROIX DU BAC.	10th	5.40.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W.15 m.p.h. Our artillery fired on trenches in U.15., 16, 21, 22, 28 and 29. Snipers claim to have hit four of the enemy and to have destroyed 5 periscopes. Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during hours of darkness, and carried out an examination of the enemy's wire opposite the Right Section. Normal activity was displayed by the enemy's artillery during the day. Registration of our trenches in C.17.c. and C.22.b. was apparently carried out by enemy Trench Mortars and 77 m.m. guns.</p>	Int. Summ. 136. Appx. 27.
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Enemy's artillery active. Objective possibly NEW CUT NEW CUT, ECOLES, KEEPERS, LOWNDES and "G" GAP. Also cut wire between TORONTO and BROKEN TREE HOUSE with Minenwerfer and 4.2. H.E. on TORONTO and PROWSE POINT. All latter fire observed from his front line. Suggest possible raid near TORONTO expected. Slight damage repaired. Situation otherwise normal. Wind N.W. 25 m.p.h.</p>	
	11th	5.10.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 8 m.p.h. Our Artillery fired on enemy battery positions in 28.U.11.b. and U.18.b., and dispersed several enemy working parties. Our L.T.Ms. fired on enemy's line at 36.C.29.a. and I.11.c. Machine and Lewis Guns active against enemy working parties. Our patrols hampered by bright moonlight but located a machine gun at C.29.a.80.85. Sap at C.17.c.80.40. found unoccupied. Wire in this vicinity good. Enemy Machine Guns active.</p>	Int. Summ. 137. Appx. 27.
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Our Heavy Trench Mortars, covered by Artillery, carried out a shoot south of River LYS. Enemy shelled various communication trenches and part of front line. Few 4.2. on BRISTOL HOUSE, PROWSE POINT, LA HUTTE and ST. YVES. Situation normal. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h.</p>	

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CROIX DU BAC.	Apr. 12th	6.15.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 8 m.pph. Our Artillery fired during the day on enemy billets in PERENCHIES and works in 28.U.15.a., U.16.c., U.21.b. and U.25.a.; also put down S.O.S. barrage in NO MAN'S LAND opposite HOBBS FARM at 10.17 p.m. where enemy party, 60 strong, attempted to raid. The attempt failed as the result of our Artillery and machine gun fire (See Appendix No.31). Lewis Guns dispersed enemy working parties in I.17.a. and a patrol in U.28.c. Our Patrols active in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. A gap in enemy wire was located at I.17.a.3.9. Wire in front of INCENSE TRENCH found to be in good condition. No enemy patrols encountered.</p>	Int. Summ. 138. Appx.27. Report on attempted raid Appx.31.
		5.15.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Our L.T.M.s. fired during the day on enemy cookhouse in C.17.a. and dugout in C.29.a. obtaining direct hits. Enemy fired 8 15 c.m. shell into HILL 63 between 11.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Situation normal. Wind S.W. 20 m.p.h.</p>	
	13th	5.40.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 25 m.p.h. During the day our Artillery fired on enemy front system in I.11.a. and c., I.5.b. and c., also on works in C.29.c., C.29.d., and wire in C.10.b. A suspected battery position in C.11.c. was engaged by our Howitzers. Medium Trench Mortars cut wire in I.11.a. and I.5.c. Heavy Trench Mortars considerably damaged enemy line at I.11.c.95.55. Machine Guns dispersed an enemy working party in U.17.a. during the day, whilst Lewis Guns dispersed several working parties located by our patrols. Patrols examined enemy wire at C.23.c. and I.17.a. which was found in good condition at the latter place. Other Patrols examined enemy wire at C.10.b., C.4.d., and report it is in good condition and strong.</p>	Int. Summ. 139. Appx.27.
		5.30.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 15 m.p.h.</p>	Int. Summ. 140. Appx.27.
	14th	5.45.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 8 m.p.h.</p>	

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CROIX DU BAC.			<p>Our Our Artillery fired on LA PREVOTE and a suspected battary battery position in 36.J.1.b. Howitzers brought fire to bear on an active 15 c.m. Battery at I.30.b.7.5. Our Machine Guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of enemy's lines.</p> <p>Lewis Guns dispersed working parties in U.15.b., C.17.c., and I.11.c. NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night locating enemy working parties which were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. Enemy's wire from U.15.b.6.2. to U.15.b.85.00. was found to be weak. Trip wires were discovered near a clump of trees at U.8.d.45.90. Enemy Machine Guns were active opposite the HOUPLINES Section.</p>	<p>Appx. 27.</p> <p>Int. Summ. 141.</p>
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Our Artillery fired on suspected local relief in C.29.c. and d. and I.5. Hostile Artillery shelled our Battery positions at C.26.c. this morning. Wind S.W. 20 m.p.h.</p>	
	15th	5.25.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h. A successful shoot was carried out by our Artillery against enemy wire and parapet in C.23.b. and c. Also on hostile T.M. emplacements in I.11.a., C.23.b., and U.22.a. Our patrols active during the night. Enemy's wire round crater at C.4.c.9.6. found to be in good condition. A hostile party was located at U.15.d.90.00 and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. At 7.30 p.m. the enemy opened a bombardment on our trenches from HOBBS FARM to River LYS and in the vicinity of LONG AVENUE and ST. YVES, and entered our trenches at the head of LONG AVENUE. Enemy raiding party (30 or 40 men) withdrew after having been in our front line for 6 or 7 minutes (See Appendix 32.).</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 142.</p> <p>Appx. 27.</p> <p>Report on Raid Appx. 32.</p>
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. At 4.0 p.m. enemy shelled vicinity of TORONTO AVENUE with 30 77 m.m. H.E. and 10 c.m. Wind N.E. 8 m.p.h.</p>	
	16th	6 a.m.	<p><u>Morning Report,</u> contained account of Raid as per Appendix No. At 3.30 a.m. an enemy patrol was encountered by one of our patrols at U.15.a.9.2. The enemy withdrew leaving 1 dead German. No identification was obtained. During the day enemy works in C.23.d. were engaged by our Artillery. 18-pdrs. dispersed working parties in C.17.c., C.23.d. and I.12.b.</p>	<p>Appx. 27.</p> <p>Int. Summ. 143.</p>
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CROIX DU BAC.			<p>Machine Guns dispersed working parties in the vicinity of GRAND HAIE Farm (U.23.b.). Lewis Guns engaged hostile machine gun near SEAFORTH FARM. Our Patrols found NO MAN'S LAND in very muddy condition. Enemy fired 547 rounds 5.9 and 4.2 against an 18-pdr. battery position in C.1.b. and one gun was slightly damaged. No casualties were sustained.</p> <p>5.5 <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 20 m.p.h.</p> <p>17th 5.30 <u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 15 m.p.h. During the day our artillery fired on enemy's front system in I.5.b., I.11.a. and c., I.17.a. and on T.M. positions in C.4.b. Several working parties were dispersed. Enemy's wire and parapet in C.10.b., I.5.b., I.11.a. and c., were fired upon by our M.T.Ms. Lewis Guns dispersed working parties in I.11.a. during the night. Enemy unusually quiet during the night. No hostile patrols were encountered.</p> <p>5.20. <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 25 m.p.h.</p> <p>18th 5.50. <u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind W. to N.W. 5 m.p.h. Between 12 and 1.0 p.m. and at 4.0 p.m. our Artillery registered on enemy trenches in C.4.d. At 4.30 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 20 rounds on enemy front and support line in I.11.c. During the day 4.5 hōws. fired 22x rounds on enemy support line in U.15.d. M.T.Ms. damaged enemy wire and parapet at U.15.a.7.7. Light T.Ms. fired on several enemy snipers positions during the day. Machine guns fired on LA HONGRIE Farm in I.11.d., Railway in I.11.b., and I.12.c., SUGAR REFINERY at U.17.d. and working party in U.28.c.60.15. Lewis Guns dispersed working parties in I.11.a., I.5.c. and b., and U.15.b., and wiring party in U.15.b. Enemy appeared to register our front system in several places during the day.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 144. Appx. 27.</p> <p>Int. Summ. 145. Appx. 27.</p>

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CROIX DU BAC.		5.20.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind Northerly, light.	
	19th	5.45.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h. During the day our Artillery dispersed working parties in C.23.c. and C.17.a. Medium Trench Mortars, covered by 18-pdrs., fired on enemy front system opposite L'EPINETTE and HOUPLINES Sections. Retaliation was given several times during the day. Our patrols located large enemy working party at U.15.b.5.4. which was dispersed by our Lewis Guns. Enemy Artillery was active against LE TOUQUET and PLOEGSTEERT Sectors; also against L'EPINETTE Sector in reply to our heavy T.M. fire.	Int. Summ. 146. Appx. 27.
		5.1.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 10 m.p.h.	
	20th	5.30.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 10 m.p.h. Our Artillery blew up an ammunition dump in CENTRAL TRENCH. 18-pdrs. covered a Trench Mortar shoot on enemy's lines opposite the HOUPLINES Section. 18-pdrs. and Howitzers engaged in registration during the day. Our patrols found enemy trenches in I.17.a. well manned. Enemy artillery less active than usual. No shells larger than 77 m.m. were fired on HOUPLINES and L'EPINETTE Sections. A few rounds fell in ARMENTIERES (C.26.a.).	Int. Summ. 147. Appx. 27.
		5.25.	<u>Evening Report.</u> Trench Mortars bombarded the enemy system in C.17.a. and C.29.c., covered by Artillery. Situation normal. Wind N.N.W. 5 m.p.h. Divisional Order No. 30 issued.	Appx. 33.
	21st	5.30.	<u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h. Our Artillery and Trench Mortars fired on enemy dugouts, cookhouse, tramways, snipers' posts and transport during the day; also on forked roads at LA HOULETTE (D.13.a.).	

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CROIX DU BAC.	22nd		<p>Light Trench Mortars destroyed enemy machine gun position in the BIRDCAGE (28.U.21.b.). Enemy machine guns and rifle fire more active than usual during the night. Working parties in C.29.a., C.23.c., C.17.c., and U.15.b. were dispersed during the night by our machine gun fire. German corpse found in NO MAN'S LAND by our patrols gives the identification of 5 Bav. R.I.R. 6th Coy., (normal). Enemy artillery mainly active on back areas in LE TOUQUET Sector. Hostile Trench Mortar and rifle grenades were active all along our front.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 148. Appx. 27.</p>
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Enemy artillery engaged battery position in U.30. , and vicinity of OOSTHOVE Farm. Divisional Order No. 31 issued.</p>	<p>Appx. 34.</p>
		5.50.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h. Our Artillery fired on a cookhouse, Emplacement, Dugouts, Working Parties and Works opposite the HOUPLINES Section. Direct hits were obtained on a machine gun emplacement, Sniper's Post, and active Light Trench Mortar in the vicinity of the BIRDCAGE opposite PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. Howitzers engaged LA HUTTE Farm (D.26.a.) and houses in I.18.a. and b., with aeroplane and balloon observation. Medium Trench Mortars damaged enemy wire in C.17.a. Enemy's retaliation was heavy for this shoot, one of our M.T.M. emplacements being destroyed and the Mortar buried. During the night our Patrols encountered small enemy patrols which withdrew at once, in one case after some bombing had taken place. Enemy artillery activity generally confined to counter-battery work on 18-pdr. positions in C.24.c. One gun and pit were badly damaged.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 149. Appx. 27.</p>
		5.13.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Enemy systematically shelled our front and support lines in I.5.a. and c., and C.29.c., between 3.0 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. Wind N. to N.E. 10 m.p.h. Divisional Order No. 32 Issued.</p>	<p>Appx. 35.</p>
		6.0.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> At 12.30 a.m. enemy commenced heavy bombardment of our front and support</p>	

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CROIX DU BAC.	24th		<p>lines in Localities 4,5,6,7,8, C.29.c., I.5.b., and I.11.a. (L'EPINETTE and HOUPLINES Sections). Our Artillery responded to S.O.S. at 12.38 a.m. An enemy raiding party of strength estimated at 50 was seen leaving his own wire, and was immediately dispersed by Lewis Gun fire from Localities 7 and 8. Our Patrols failed to obtain any identification. Situation now quiet. Wind N.E. 3 m.p.h.</p> <p>During the day our Artillery satisfactorily engaged several targets, working parties, trench junctions, etc., with success.</p> <p>Medium Trench Mortars damaged enemy wire and parapet in U.15.d. and U.22.c. Retaliation for this shoot was very heavy.</p> <p>Our Patrols noticed considerable movement in the enemy lines during the night opposite L'EPINETTE. Enemy morale seems good, judging by laughing and whistling which could be heard. Sounds of activity were heard in enemy front line near MESSINES Road.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery exceptionally quiet in HOUPLINES Section.</p> <p>North of River LYS enemy carried out counter-battery work and shelling of back areas, in one case with aeroplane observation, and direction.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 150. Appx. 27.</p>
		5.15.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p>	
		5.45.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Considerable hostile movement was seen during the day in I.12.b. and c., I.17.b., J.7.a., and J.1.a., and was engaged by our Artillery.</p> <p>Our heavy Howitzers fired 50 rounds on hostile battery at J.14.d.1.8. with effect, A direct hit was obtained on house in the vicinity.</p> <p>Medium Trench Mortars damaged enemy wire and parapet in U.9.c.0.6.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery was more active than usual, especially against ARMENTIERES ASYLUM region and PLOEGSTEERT. Near the latter 106 rounds of our artillery ammunition was destroyed.</p> <p>Enemy machine guns were active against the PLOEGSTEERT Sector.</p> <p>Our Patrols report enemy line exceptionally quiet during the night.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 151. Appx. 27.</p>
5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. 9th Brigade report hostile aeroplane attacked by one of our aeroplanes about mid-day. Enemy machine brought down in flames, in 57th Division area. Wind N.N.E. 10 m.p.h.</p>			

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CROIX DU BAC.	25th	5.55.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. During night enemy fired a number of 10 c.m. H.E. xx ix and rifle grenades on to ST. YVES RIDGE. Wind N. to N.E. 6 to 10 m.p.h. Our Artillery registered on targets in I.11, U.15, C.11, I.6., J.1., and U.9., and silenced hostile Minenwerfer in C.4.b., U.15.b., and U.16.c. Hostile battery located at U.30.d.75.40. was registered by balloon observation. A train of 3 trucks on light railway from U.5.b.8.1. to U.5.b.7.5. was fired upon. There appeared to be a gun on the end truck. Medium Trench Mortars damaged enemy wire and parapet at U.22.c.20.65. Lewis Guns dispersed enemy working party at U.22.c.20.65. Our Patrols encountered 2 enemy patrols in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. 1 Bavarian was killed at the head of IRISH AVENUE. Identification 9th Bav. Inf. Regiment (normal). Enemy artillery normal, but Minenwerfer showed an increase of activity.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 152. Appx. 27.</p>
		5.22	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.N.E. 10 m.p.h.</p>	
	26th	5.43.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.N.E. 10 m.p.h. Our Artillery carried out registration on various targets in U.28.e., U.28.d., U.16.c., U.24.d., C.5.b., and dispersed hostile working parties at U.28.c.80.48., and U.22.c.20.65. Medium Trench Mortars cut wire in U.9.c. and U.15.d. During the night our Machine Guns fired on traffic centres and communication trenches, whilst Lewis Guns fired on enemy parapet and gaps in wire. Patrols report enemy wire continuous in U.28.c. whilst wire opposite BURNT OUT Farm is weak. Enemy working on Sap at U.28.a.35.75. with metal material. Enemy Artillery active on our back areas, and on U.21.b. and d., U.15.c., U.8.a., and U.7.a. and c. At 12.20 p.m. one of our aeroplanes was brought down in U.8.c. by enemy A-A guns. At 12.30 p.m. an enemy observation balloon was brought down in flames.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 153. Appx. 27.</p>
		5.12.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Bridge at PONT NIEPPE shelled by the enemy with 5.9 and 4.2 between 12.30 and 5.30 p.m. Enemy Artillery active throughout the day on back areas of Left Brigade and</p>	

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Place	Date Apr.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	27th	6.0.	<p>against ST. YVES RIDGE. Wind N.E. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p><u>Reliefs.</u> 10th A.I.Bde. was relieved by 171st Infantry Brigade South of the River LYS. Relief was complete by midnight 26th/27th April. 10th A.I.Bde. proceeded to billets in ARMENTIERES. The Division now holds the front from River LYS on the South to ASH LANE inclusive (U.8.c.). 75th Inf. Bde. holds the line from the River LYS on the South to LOWNDES AVENUE (U.21.a.) south of PLOEGSTBERT WOOD, and 11th A.I.Bde. from LOWNDES AVENUE to ASH LANE inclusive. The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. is moving up from training area at QUELIMES and will arrive in the Divisional Area on the 27th instant.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 154. Appx. 27.</p>
			<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind S.W. light. Medium Trench Mortars damaged wire and parapet at U.15.b.6.3. Machine and Lewis Guns carried out the usual procedure during the night. Patrols report no signs of the enemy in NO MAN'S LAND. A special patrol endeavoured to enter the enemy's trenches near FACTORY FARM, but was prevented from doing so by wire. Enemy's Artillery quieter than usual with exception of a few 15 c.m., 10 c.m., 77 m.m. and minenwerfer on our front system. The Division on our Left was bombarded heavily, starting at 11.35 p.m. and lasting for 15 minutes. On the Right Brigade front South of the River LYS enemy was very quiet all day.</p>	
		5.25.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. M.T.Ms. and Light T.Ms. fired on enemy front line in ST. YVES during the morning in reply to enemy Artillery activity. Wind N.W. 10 m.p.h. 9th A.I.Bde. arrived in the Divisional Area from Training.</p>	
		28th	5.52.	

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Place	Date Apr.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.	29th		<p>Medium Trench Mortars dispersed enemy working party at U.15.a.7.6. During the night our Patrols located several enemy working parties which were dispersed by Lewis Gun and T.M. fire.</p> <p>Enemy registered on our trenches in U.21.a. and U.15.a. during the day with shells of all calibres.</p> <p><u>Reliefs.</u> 10th A.I.Bde. relieved 11th A.I.Bde. in the PLOEGSTEERT- ST. YVES Sector. Relief complete by midnight 28th/29th April. 11th A.I.Bde. moved into Billets in ARMENTIERES.</p>	
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.W. 10 m.p.h.</p>	
		5.55.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Cloud gas and projectors were discharged along Divisional Front at 12.30 and 12.33 a.m. respectively. Enemy retaliated with Minenwerfer and shrapnel. After discharge of gas and projectors patrols went out in accordance with orders issued. The patrol from vicinity of ANTON'S FARM and LA GHEER were unable to penetrate into enemy wire, and eventually returned to our lines. No casualties are reported. The FRELINGHIEN Patrol reached the bridge and were retarded by water so deep that they had to swim. They asked for heavy artillery bombardment to be postponed, but there was insufficient time to arrange this. The shortage of time prevented their penetrating to FRELINGHIEN. No casualties are reported. Situation normal. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>Gas was discharged as per Appendix No. 36 on both sides of River LYS. Discharge believed successful.</p> <p>Our Artillery engaged various targets along the Divisional front during the day, particularly in U.29.b. and c, and U.28.b.</p> <p>An enemy carrying party was dispersed at C.4.d.7.2.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery much quieter than usual.</p> <p>Hostile Snipers were also exceptionally quiet.</p>	<p>Appx.36.</p> <p>Int.Summ. 156.</p> <p>Appx.27.</p>
		5.20.	<p><u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind Westerly, Variable. 10 m.p.h.</p>	
6.5.	<p><u>Morning Report.</u> Situation Heavy enemy barrage opened at 4.5. a.m. in U.22.c. and U.28.a.</p>			

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Place	Date Apr.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC.			<p>Bombardment spread to U.21.b. and U.15.d. Small enemy party entered our lines at some unoccupied Bays in U.15.b. and were driven out. "Cease fire" ordered 5.20 a.m. Situation now quiet. Wind N.W., light.</p> <p>At 4.15 a.m. the enemy opened a heavy bombardment of our lines from U.28 and northwards to U.8.d. At 4.22 a.m. a raiding party protected by smoke bombs came over in 3 waves and entered our trenches at 2 unoccupied places, U.15.d.38.90. and U.15.d.55.70. a Lewis Gun Team in the vicinity fought its gun until it jammed and then retired. Enemy did not penetrate beyond front line and were expelled by bomb and bayonet attack, leaving 2 dead in our trenches and several more in NO MAN'S LAND. Enemy fire ceased at 5.25 a.m. The dead men were of 5th Bav. R.I.R. (normal). They belonged to 5th Company.</p> <p>Our Artillery fired throughout the Riad in reply to enemy bombardment which was heavy and protracted. Subsequent to the Riad, between 5.40 and 5.45 a.m., our Artillery directed searching fire against enemy support and communication trenches in U.16.d. Our Artillery fired altogether 4,425 rounds.</p> <p>Lewis Guns fired during the night on several enemy working parties opposite PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. In the early part of the evening Patrols were hampered by bright moonlight. Great transport activity was heard in FRELINGHIEN, with sounds of steel rails being unloaded. Enemy Artillery showed little activity during the day.</p> <p>30th 5.10. <u>Evening Report.</u> Situation normal. Wind N.E. 10 m.p.h.</p>	<p>Int. Summ. 157. Apr 27</p> <p><i>J. G. Pain</i> <i>Major G.S.</i></p>

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 127.....April 1st, 1917.

(from 6.0 a.m. 31st March to 6 a.m. 1st April, 1917).

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Artillery fire during the day was directed against enemy trenches in I.5.c. and d. and G.17.a.



* No... Machine gun emplacement at C.23.b. was evidently damaged. Four direct hits were obtained on a Wireless Station at FRELINGHIN, and screens erected in vicinity of FARM DE LA VACHERIE (C.18.c.) were fired on.

Medium Trench Mortars obtained 3 hits on a suspected Snipers Post in house at C.10.b. 72.30.

MACHINE GUNS.

In the left section roads and trenches were engaged in C.5.a., C.5.d., C.11.d. and U.22.d.

Lewis Guns fired on gaps in enemy wire and dispersed working party in front of ULTRA TRENCH.

SNIPERS.

Two hits are claimed by Snipers in the HOUPLINES and PINETTE Sectors.

PATROLS.

The enemy appeared exceptionally quiet opposite the BUSHROOM (I.11.c.) and in vicinity of BRUNE RUE (I.5.b.).

An Officers patrol entered the enemy sap at I.11.c. 39.10.

finding the sap in good condition but unoccupied.

German literature was left in conspicuous places.

Rifles appeared to be fired from enemy trench about 60 yards in rear of this point. Cables were cut and samples brought back.

The enemy does not appear to have repaired his wire recently in this vicinity.

NO MAN'S LAND was found to be in a bad condition owing to recent rain.

In the Left Section Patrols continued wiring the raters at C.4.c. near the ARMENTIERES-WARNETON Railway Line. 95.60.

A Special Patrol moved out from BARKENHAM AVENUE to I.11.c. (S. of POND HOUSE). Here the patrol divided into two parties, one 100.20.

of which remained at this point in support. whilst scouts pushed forward to C.11.c. (an enemy Communication Trench running parallel to the FRELING- 25.95.

LEIN ROAD. The Patrol then moved along the Communication Trench towards the Bridge over the River LYS (C.11.c.45.90.), reaching the point C.11.c. 30.90.

from which two enemy sentries could be seen probably keeping a lookout over a working party at the Bridge, where sounds of picking and digging could be heard. The Communication Trench was found to be in good repair, with sandbag revetment. Wire in the vicinity of POND HOUSE is very strong. The Patrol withdrew without attracting attention.

Patrols located enemy wiring parties North of FACTORY FARM and in vicinity of UMBO TRENCH, both being dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Enfilading gun from the direction of WEZ MACQUART fired 45 4.2. shells into C.23.a. Enemy fired on to movement at Cross Roads

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in U.25.a. During shbot on U.25.a. enemy employed a few gas shells.
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No a. arent registration.

MACHINE GUNS. Active except against EPINETTE Sector. Attention was given to our Lewis Gun positions in the Left Section.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy bombed his wire opposite BRUNE RUE and BOX FARM. New earth is visible in CERTAIN TRENCH (C.5.b.) where parapet has been raised. Working parties were noticed in UMBO TRENCH, ULTR TRENCH and CELESTIAL TRENCH.

A gun has been located in the built up ruins of a house at C.13.a. Whilst this gun was in action five men could be seen
25.99.

near by.

Snipers posts located at C.10.b. and C.11.c.
50.30. 61.00.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Water is being baled or pumped out of several of the enemy trenches opposite the Right Section.

Six motor waggons were observed moving quickly through PERENCHIES in a Southerly direction.

During the period movement was noticed in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE.

Timber was carried from houses (T IN COTS) at C.4.d.
70.45.

where an engineer dump is suspected.

Smoke was seen rising from an engine moving in a Southerly direction, probably along a road North-East of PERENCHIES.

J. H. G. Smith

Major.

General Staff.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon. Wind variable 10 to 15 m.p.h. probably West at first and North or N.E. later. Occasionally squally. Some rain hail, snow. Perhaps thunderstorm. Fair intervals. Cold. Frost at night. Good visibility. Temperature day 40 to 45, night 30 to 35.

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Fire was directed against enemy trenches in C.23.d, C.23.b, I.11.a, I.11.b, I.11.c. and C.17.a. Howitzers fired on minenwerfer emplacements in C.29.d. and I.5.b. Fire was also directed against SUGAR REFINERY at U.17.d.4.6 and a snipers post at I.11.a.60.55. Trench Mortars fired on the enemy's wire and parapet in C.29.a, I.11.a & U.22.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns in the Right Section carried out a normal programme of indirect fire. Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed several enemy working parties during the night. At 9.30 a.m. Lewis Guns engaged an enemy aeroplane, flying low above our front line E. of BOIS DE PLOEGSTEERT, and forced it to withdraw.

SNIPERS.

Snipers broke three enemy periscopes opposite the Right Section and two opposite the Left. A sniper also claims to have hit one of the enemy in I.11.c.

PATROLS.

Right Section. 7 patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND in this Section. An enemy working party was located at a point N. of THE MUSHROOM. A machine gun was located in the enemy's support line in I.11.c.

Patrols located an enemy working party E. of PIGOTTS FARM (I.11.c).

The enemy bombed his wire E. of THE MUSHROOM (I.11.c) throughout the night.

Left Section. 14 patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. No enemy machine gun or rifle fire was encountered, but on account of the brightness of the night, the work of patrolling was rendered difficult. No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.Right Section.

26 rounds.	77 mm.	fell in C.28.b and d.
30 "	"	" " I.10.b
25 "	"	" " "
33 "	"	" " C.17.a and c.

Left Section.

15 rounds.	77 mm.	fell in U.15.a.
6 "	M.W.	" " U.15.d.
10 "	77 mm.	" " U.21.a and b.
7 "	5.9 cm.	" " " "
50 "	"	" " B.12.b, C.1.c & C.1.d.
40 "	4.2 cm.	" " U.27.b.
50 "	5.9 cm.	" " vicinity of C.1.central and U.25.c. (PLOEGSTEERT).

Registration was apparently carried out by the enemy on Howitzer Battery position in the Left (PLOEGSTEERT) Section.

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MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active against the L'EPINETTE Sub-section during the early part of the night. Opposite the Left Section machine guns were active between 7 and 10 p.m. A machine gun again fired from the vicinity of the BIRDCAGE.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Duck-boards and wicker frames are visible in rear of FACTORY FARM (U.16.c.) A machine gun position is suspected at U.30.c.03.75 and minenwerfer emplacements at C.29.d.50.02, C.17.b.17.37 and C.23.d.32.68.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 5.20 and 5.25 p.m. trains were observed moving in the direction of QUESNOY from PERENCHIES. At 6 a.m. a train moved from PETIT HAYE FARM (U.23.c) in the direction of WARNETON. The train consisted of an engine and about 20 trucks.

Three men were seen observing with field glasses from ULTRA SUPPORT (U.16.c) at 11 a.m. One of these wore a black peaked cap, coat with a dark collar and carried a cane.

Three men, all wearing peaked caps, were also noticed observing with periscopes from a point N. of FACTORY FARM (U.16.c).

A party of 25 men digging and 6 men carrying frames was observed at 6.30 a.m. at U.30.b.4.3.

Frequent movement (Mainly in the direction of QUESNOY) was observed on the DEULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD during the day. Between 6.20 and 9 a.m. 60 men were counted on this road.

Small parties were observed as usual in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE BRIDGE.

COMMUNICATIONS.

At 8.45 p.m. 20 red lights were fired from points in the enemy's support line opposite the HOUPLINES Sub-section.

Between 8.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. a number of green lights were fired by the enemy. No apparent action followed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Two dummy figures were exposed from the enemy's line in C.23.c. during the afternoon.

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Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Neon to noon. Wind S.E. or S. 30 to 40 m.p.h. Squally. Then variable, but probably changing to N. Overcast, with hail and snow. Perhaps thunderstorms. Very cold. Perhaps frost at night. Visibility fair or good. Temperature variable, 25 to 40. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 29.45 inches. Falling. At 100 metres, 29.09 inches.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 129.....3rd. April 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 2nd. April to 6 a.m. 3rd. April, 1917.)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Fire was directed against enemy works in I.16.d, I.11.a and I.17.c.

Howitzers fired with effect on minenwerfer emplacement at I.5.d.6.9.

Direct hits were obtained on buildings (suspected to be enemy billets) at J.14.a.65.40.

A minenwerfer emplacement at C.23.b.50.05 was also fired on.

MACHINE GUNS.

Right Section. A normal programme of indirect fire was carried out during the night. Indirect fire was also

carried out at 8 a.m. Enemy working parties in CENTRAL SWITCH and in I.6.a. were dispersed by machine gun fire.

Lewis Guns dispersed enemy working parties in I.11.b.0.8 and in I.5.d.

Left Section. Machine guns engaged roads and trenches in C.11.d, C.11.b and U.22.d.

Lewis Guns fired at intervals throughout the night on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Right Section claim to have hit 4 of the enemy. Two of these were hit in the enemy front line, one in a tree at a range of 450 yards and another (at long range) apparently on guard in the vicinity of a large concrete dug-out.

PATROLS.

Right Section. On account of bright moonlight and recent fall of snow, patrolling was rendered difficult. Three patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND, but were unable to approach the enemy's wire.

Left Section. For the same reasons only one patrol operated on this Brigade front during the night.

Listening posts^{which} were established, reported NO MAN'S LAND to have been quiet throughout the night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Right Section.

30 rounds.

4.2 cm.

fell in the vicinity of our front line system in I.10.d.

10 "

77 mm.

fell in C.29.a.

17 "

4.2 and 77 mm.

" " I.10.b and I.5.c.

14 "

77 mm.

" " C.28.b.

13 "

4.2 and 77 mm.

were directed against our Subsidiary line in C.28.c. and I.4.a.

Left Section. Hostile fire was directed mainly against Battery positions and roads in rear of the Subsidiary line.

150 rounds 5.9 and 4.2 cm. fell in the vicinity of an 18-pr. Battery in U.25.a.

Ranging was carried out with aeroplane observation. 2 hours after the shelling of this position had ceased, the enemy again directed 20 rounds of 5.9 cm. against this Battery. No damage was done in either instance.

Registration was apparently carried out on an 18-pr. Battery position in C.1.b, 20 rounds of 5.9 cm. being fired.

The absence of fire from 77 mm. guns was most noticeable during the day.

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MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns displayed increased activity during the night, particularly from C.10.b. and the enemy's line opposite L'EPINETTE Sub-section.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Gaps in the enemy's parapet opposite L'EPINETTE Sub-section have been recently repaired with sandbags. Two large dug-outs, located in I.12.a, are apparently used as Headquarters of an enemy unit. Wires leading into the dug-outs are visible. A large notice board (above the door of one of the dug-outs) bears the initials H.I.E.P. and several lines of smaller lettering. Officers were seen passing in and out of the structures and men were observed to salute them. New wire is visible in the enemy's support line in U.28.d. New earth is visible on enemy parapet at C.5.b.08.10. A machine gun position is suspected to exist at C.4.d.22.44.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. Movement was observed in the vicinity of BRUNE RUE. Small parties of the enemy and individuals in this vicinity were fired on and dispersed by our machine guns. Normal movement was observed on the DEULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD and in the vicinity of the PONT ROUGE BRIDGE. More movement than usual took place in enemy trenches in the vicinity of FACTORY FARM (U.16.c) during the day. A local relief is suspected.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 11.30 p.m. a green and blue light was fired from UMBO TRENCH and at 12 midnight a similar light was fired from the enemy's support line opposite ST. YVES RIDGE. No apparent action followed.

ENEMY MORALE. A great number of flares were fired by the enemy opposite the Right Section in spite of the fact that the night was extremely bright. During enemy bombardment of our line at 1.30 p.m. enemy sentries at I.17.b.2.9 were observed to duck their heads as each burst from the enemy's Batteries passed over them.

An enemy working party was observed pushing two trucks on trench tramway opposite L'EPINETTE SALIENT and was fired on by our Lewis Guns, a casualty being inflicted. The party dispersed, leaving the trucks, which remained in the same position throughout the day. 4 star-shells were fired into the Right Section during the night.

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Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or W. 20 to 30 m.p.h., but gale force at times. Probably changing later to S. Unsettled. Further hail, snow and rain likely and risk of thunderstorms. Brighter intervals. Good visibility. Cold. Temperature, to-day 40, to-night 30, to-morrow 45.

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60 rounds were fired on enemy front line and support .. trenches in C.17.a,b and c as covering fire for our Trench Mortars.

36 rounds were fired against enemy works in C.29.c, J.1.d, I.11.c and I.17.a.

50 rounds were fired on enemy roads in C.12.b, I.6.b, C.18.c and C.12.a and c.

10 rounds were fired on houses suspected as O.P's. at U.30.a.85.85 and U.24.b.95.95.

Howitzers attempted a shoot with balloon observation on bridge in U.29.b.2.4, but owing to difficulties of observation, only 6 rounds were fired and no effect observed.

Trench Mortars carried out a shoot on enemy wire at C.23.b.15.57.

MACHINE GUNS.

Vickers guns carried out indirect fire from HOUPLINES Sub-section between 8.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m., and from L'EPINETTE Sub-section between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Targets in C.5.d, C.11.b and U.29.b. were also engaged.

Lewis guns fired on enemy wire and parapet and suspected working parties at U.28.a.86.40.

Working parties at I.11.a.5.6 and I.11.a.5.4 were dispersed during the night by our Lewis guns, whose fire was directed by scouts in NO MAN'S LAND by means of a signalling lamp. This proved very successful.

Normal programme was otherwise carried out by Lewis guns during the night.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim two hits during the day. 4 periscopes were broken, and A.P. bullets were fired through enemy sniping plates.

PATROLS.

Right Section. 12 patrols worked in NO MAN'S LAND during the night, but were hampered in their movements by the brightness of the night.

Patrols located enemy working parties at I.11.a.5.4 and I.11.a.5.6, which were dispersed by Lewis gun fire.

Patrols discovered two telephone wires running N.E. and S.W. opposite No. 3 Locality.

Talking and coughing is reported to have been heard all along enemy line.

Left Section. Patrols located two sentry posts - one north and one south of the RAILWAY LINE at C.4.c.95.70. Much laughing and talking was heard at these posts.

A working party was located at U.28.a.66.40 and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

At 9.30 p.m. an officer's patrol entered enemy trenches at UMBO NOSE and found this part of the trenches unoccupied. The eastern crater was filled with barbed wire and was flooded. A number of dug-outs were found to exist around the side of the western crater, but were in disrepair. Sounds of work were heard from UMBO SWITCH and "Very" lights were fired from a post in this position. Sounds of work were also heard coming from UMBO TRENCH. This patrol remained in enemy trenches for approximately two hours.

OUR DEFENCES.

Wiring was continued on Salient near BARKENHAM AVENUE and in front of CHESIRE AVENUE. Wire was strengthened in front of the front line trench in U.21.b. and between Gap "F" and THE CONVENT.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY. Right Section.

20 rounds	4.2	were directed against our trenches in I.11.c.
11 "	10.5	fell in I.18.a.
12 "	77 mm.	" " I.14.a.
17 "	"	" " C.28.c and d.
10 "	5.9 cm	" " vicinity of ASYLUM in I.2.a.

Left Section.

21 rounds.	77mm and 4.2	fell in C.4.a.
8 "	4.2 cm.	" " C.4.a.
6 "	"	" " vicinity of INVERNESS DUMP.
10 "	"	" " C.10.a.

No apparent registration was carried out by the enemy.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Much movement was again observed at I.11.c.99.74.

Enemy were observed working on suspected minenwerfer positions between I.11.b.0.8 and I.5.d.00.08.

Dump in the vicinity of FACTORY FARM appears to be increasing in size.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. Smoke was observed from enemy front and support lines opposite EPINETTE during the day.

At 6 p.m. enemy were observed in front line to fix bayonets.

Normal traffic was noticed on the PONT ROUGE-QUESNOY and DEULEMONT-QUESNOY ROADS.

Movement above normal is reported in the vicinity of FACTORY FARM.

[Signature]
Capt.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or S. 15 to 25 m.p.h. probably changing temporarily to W. or N.W. Mainly overcast at first with some rain, hail and sleet. Perhaps thunderstorms. Fairer milder intervals later. Fair or good visibility. Temperature, day 45 to 50, night 35.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 131.....5th. April 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 4th. April to 6 a.m. 5th. April, 1917.)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on buildings (suspected to be enemy billets) at J.14.a.3.2. and J.1.a.05.70.

18 prs. fired with success on cross-roads at C.11.b.33.93 with balloon observation.

Roads in U.30.b, U.12.c and U.12.d. were also successfully engaged by our Artillery, firing with aeroplane observation.

Fire was brought to bear on enemy strong points in C.4.b, U.28.b, U.29.b and U.29.c.

Trench Mortars caused considerable damage to the enemy's wire and parapet in U.16.c and I.11.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of the German line.

Two enemy working parties in I.6.a were dispersed by indirect fire during the day.

Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed several enemy working parties.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit two of the enemy in I.5.c and I.5.b respectively. Snipers also claim to have broken

5 periscopes during the day.

PATROLS.

Right Section. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night. The night was very bright and patrols were consequently hampered in their work.

Enemy transport was heard moving in the direction of LA FRESNELLE between 8.30 and 9 p.m. and 2.30 and 4.30 a.m.

The enemy bombed his own wire at several points.

Working parties were heard in rear of the enemy's line in I.17.a and I.5.b.

Three wiring parties were located opposite the HOUPLINES Sub-section and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Left Section. 14 patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND from this Section during the night.

A fighting patrol of 1 officer and 7 O.R. reached the enemy's parapet between UMBRIA LANE and UMBRIA STREET (U.22.c), and hearing no movement, endeavoured to enter the enemy's trench. Rifle fire was opened by the enemy and the patrol prevented from entering the enemy's line.

Patrols reported normal activity in the enemy's support line, and increased activity in the vicinity of FACTORY FARM.

Sounds of talking were heard from the enemy's line in U.28.a.

A locomotive was heard moving in ULTIMO LANE. After the engine had stopped, sounds of steel rails being handled were heard.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Right Section.

25 rounds	77 mm.	
43	"	were directed against our subsidiary line in I.4.a.
12	"	fell in I.11.a.
16	"	" " I.10.d.
21	"	" " I.5.d.
48	"	" " I.4.d.
39	"	" " I.16.b.
30	"	" " I.10.b.
56	4.2 cm.	" " C.28.a.
	10.5 cm.	" " I.4.a.

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ARTILLERY (contd)

	<u>Left Section.</u>
45 rounds	4.2 cm fell in C.3.a and b.
24	" & 77mm " " U.28.c.
50 "	Granaten- " " U.27.b. werfer.

A number of rounds of 4.2 cm, 77 mm and mihanwerfer shell were directed against our front and support line trenches in C.4.a. The enemy appeared to register on PEAR TREE FARM (I.16.b), GD. PORTE EGAL FM. (I.10.b.) and THE DISTILLERY (I.4.a). The enemy also apparently carried out registration on our front line trenches in the vicinity of I.5.c.4.3 and trenches in C.28.b.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns displayed greater activity than usual opposite the Right Section during the night. Indirect fire was employed against our Subsidiary line. Opposite the Left Section very little activity was displayed.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working parties at C.18.c.50.65 and U.23.b.50.35 were dispersed by our Artillery. A large concrete dug-out is visible at I.11.b.3.9. A revolver gun is suspected at I.5.d.18.57. Work was carried out in ULTRA SUPPORT, UMBO SUPPORT, ULTRA TRENCH and UMBO TRENCH. Working parties were also observed at U.23.b.50.35 and U.50.a.87.90. At C.4.d.47.15 a steel plate, 4 feet square, and with a shutter in the centre, was observed. A dug-out is also visible in the vicinity of this position. New earth is visible at C.4.d.46.42.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Normal movement was observed in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE BRIDGE during the day. At 1.30 p.m. a board, on which was written the number "177" was observed in enemy trenches at U.22.b.9.9. This board was removed at 3 p.m. A party was observed beneath PONT ROUGE BRIDGE apparently adjusting a pontoon.

AIRCRAFT.

2 enemy aeroplanes flew over our front line between 6 and 7 p.m. One plane, which was exceptionally low, was fired on by Lewis Guns.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. vehicular traffic was heard on the PONT ROUGE-WARNETON ROAD. Most of this traffic appeared to consist of heavy vehicles travelling in a northerly direction.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Signalling observed from the direction of PERENCHIES and a point in rear of the enemy's line in I.5.d.

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Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind light and variable, mainly westerly. Probably some hail or thunderstorms with fair intervals. Milder. Fair visibility. Indication becoming more favorable for fair weather. Temperature day 50 to 55, night 35.

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Appendix No. 27

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 132.....April 6th. 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 5th. April to 6 a.m. 6th. April 1917)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy works and strong points in U.22.c, U.28.b, U.28.a, U.28.c, U.28.d, U.27.d

and C.4.d.

Fire was also brought to bear on dug-out in C.23.b, revolver gun emplacement in I.11.c and suspected O.P. at U.17.d.4.6. Enemy working parties were dispersed during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire.

Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet at intervals throughout the night and at 11.30.a.m. engaged enemy aeroplane, causing it to withdraw.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the EPINETTE Sub-section claim to have hit one of the enemy and to have broken two periscopes.

PATROLS.Right Section. On account of the brightness of the night only 4 patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND.

Patrols reported having heard horse-drawn transport on the WEZ MACQUART-LA FRESNELLE ROAD.

Enemy machine guns were quieter than usual.

Left Section. Moonlight also hampered the patrols in this Section. Very little movement was heard in the enemy's trenches, except on ST. YVES RIDGE, where the enemy appeared to be repairing his front line trench.ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.20 rounds.
14 "Right Section.77 mm. fell in C.28.b and d.
" " C.29.a and c.Left Section.12 rounds 77 mm. Fell in LONG AVENUE.
90 " 4.2cm, 77mm " " C.4.c, U.28.a and U.28.c.
and 5.9 cm.
10 " 4.2cm and 77mm. " " U.15.c.
23 " 4.2 " " C.3.d.

A number of rounds of 77 mm. were directed against RESERVE FARM in C.10.b.

About 60 rounds 5.9 cm. fell in the vicinity of an 18-pr. Battery position in U.25.a. A number of lachrymatory shells were also fired. There was no apparent registration carried out by the enemy during the day.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active against the Left Section between 7 and 10 p.m. but were otherwise quieter than usual.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work was carried out in UMBO TRENCH and at I.11.b.02.85 Working parties observed at I.16.c.00.25, U.28.a.85.95 U.17.c.05.23 and U.22.a.00.55 were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Normal movement was observed on the DEULEMONT-QUESNOY ROAD and in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE BRIDGE.

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AIRCRAFT.

At 11.30 a.m. an enemy aeroplane flew low over the Left Section and opened machine gun fire on the garrison. Lewis Gun fire was brought to bear and the hostile plane forced to withdraw.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A change in the color of the enemy's helmets was observed opposite the Right Section. This change may possibly be due to covers being used for them.

Blair

Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S.W. 15 to 25 m.p.h. probably changing to W. and perhaps temporarily to N.
Mainly overcast. Some rain or sleet likely and perhaps thunderstorms.
Becoming cooler. Good visibility. Temperature, day 50, night 30 to 35.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 133.....7th. April 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 6th. April to 6 a.m. 7th. April, 1917.)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired on enemy trenches in I.5.c and d, I.11.b C.4.b, U.17.c, U.22.b & U.28.b.
Several enemy working parties were dispersed during the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of the enemy line and dispersed enemy working parties in U.17.a.
Lewis Guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet opposite the Left Section.

SNIPERS. Snipers in the Right Section claim to have broken 5 periscopes.

PATROLS. Right Section. 12 patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. Sounds of shouting, cheering and ringing of bells in the enemy's trenches in I.11.a were heard at 10.40 p.m. Simultaneously a number of colored lights (red, blue, green and white) were fired from the enemy's line in I.5.b.
An enemy working party was located at I.11.a.5.5 and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.
A party of 4 men, apparently acting as a covering party to a wiring party of 8 men, was located at the eastern end of WILLOW DITCH in G.17.c.

Centre Section. Nil.

Left Section. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night and enemy working parties located in ULRICA TRENCH and ULTIMO SUPPORT.
A fighting patrol remained for 2 hours in NO MAN'S LAND, but did not encounter any of the enemy.

NEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

18 rounds	77 mm.	fell in I.3.c.
6 "	10.5 cm.	" " I.9.b.
7 "	"	" " I.28.c.
6 "	21 cm.	" " C.19.d.
40 "	10.5 cm & 77mm.	" " BOIS DE PLOEGSTEERT.
22 "	77 mm and granatenwerfer	" " C.4.d.
12 "	77 mm.	" " U.28.c
10 "	"	" " S.W. portion of BOIS DE PLOEGSTEERT.
10 "	"	" " U.21.c.
11 "	5.9cm.	" " C.19.b.

An 18-pr. Battery position was again shelled, but no damage sustained.

The enemy apparently attempted to range on a Howitzer Battery position in C.1.d.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were more active against the Right Section during the night,

ENEMY DEFENCES. Work was carried out in the enemy's support line between I.5.d.1.0 and I.11.a.9.7.

Increased activity of enemy working parties was observed in the vicinity of FACTORY FARM and rear lines opposite the Left Section.
Working parties at I.5.c.90.25 and I.5.b.65.50 were dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

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OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

An anti-aircraft gun, mounted on a lorry, was observed on the road in D.3.a, travelling in a north-westerly direction.

A large covered-in motor lorry, was shortly afterwards observed on this road.

Small parties of the enemy were noticed on HUN'S WALK throughout the day.

Very little movement was observed in the enemy's front system of trenches opposite the Left Section during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A large periscope, disguised as a cross, was observed at U.16.c.55.00. Fire was brought to bear and an explosion caused in the vicinity.

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Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N. or N.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h. but 30 m.p.h. at times. Some showers of hail or rain likely, with fair, bright intervals. Good visibility. Cold, becoming milder. Temperature, to-day 45, to-night 35, to-morrow 50.

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Fire was directed against enemy works in I.5.c and I.11.a. Howitzers fired on trenches in C.4.b. Trench Mortars fired with effect on the enemy's wire and parapet in I.5.c, I.11.a and C.10.b.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out a normal programme of indirect fire on roads in rear of the German line. Lewis Guns in the Left Section fired on the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed working parties in ULRICA SAP and ULRICA TRENCH.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Left Section claim to have hit one of the enemy and to have destroyed one periscope. Snipers in the Right Section broke five periscopes and used A.P. bullets against steel plates in the enemy front line trench with good results.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrolling was restricted by the brightness of the night. An enemy working party was located in C.29.c and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. Talking was heard in the enemy's line in C.17.c.

Centre Section. Gaps were patrolled at frequent intervals throughout the night. At 3 a.m. a fighting patrol moved into NO MAN'S LAND, but did not encounter any of the enemy.

Left Section. NO MAN'S LAND on this Brigade front was patrolled throughout the night. Patrols reported that work was carried out in the enemy's support line and in ULTRA TRENCH. No enemy patrols were encountered.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

30 rounds	77 mm.	fell in C.22.d.
20 "	"	" " C.28.a.
18 "	"	" " C.23.d.
28 "	"	" " C.17.a and c.
9 "	10.5 cm.	" " C.29.a and b.
10 "	77 mm.	" " " "
10 "	"	" " I.10.a,b and d.
12 "	"	" " U.21.d.
11 "	4.2cm, 77 mm & minenwerfer.	" " C.3.b.
70 "	5.9 cm.	" " C.13.c.
12 "	77 mm.	" " C.9.c.

A number of 77 mm. and Trench Mortar fell in C.4.b. The enemy appeared to register our front line trenches in C.23.a and C.17.c.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were active during the early part of the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work was carried out in the enemy's trenches in the vicinity of FACTORY FARM and apparently in the support line for its whole length opposite the Left Section. A small gun (apparently a revolver gun) has been located in the enemy front line at I.5.b.4.8. The shield of this gun is plainly visible.

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ENEMY DEFENCES. (contd.)

Working parties observed in C.12.c, I.11.c, U.29.b and U.21.b were engaged and dispersed by the fire of our 18-prs.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Between 10.30 and 10.50 p.m. strings of white lights were fired by the enemy from his front and support line trenches S. of PEAR TREE FARM (L16.b). The strings consisted of from 3 to 20 lights. An aeroplane shortly afterwards flew over our lines opposite the point from which the lights were fired.

AIRCRAFT.

Considerable aerial activity took place during the day.

at 11.p.m. an enemy aeroplane, which was apparently guided by lights from the enemy's front line, flew over ARMENTIERES and dropped several bombs. At 1.5 a.m. an aeroplane, flying from the direction of ARMENTIERES, turned when above our Subsidiary line, and returned in the direction from whence it came, at the same time sounding a KLAXON horn.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Between 7.45 and 8.15 p.m. 3 columns of smoke and earth were observed N.N.E. of MESSINES. These clouds appeared to have been caused by an explosion, though no sounds of an explosion were heard at the time.

W. H. H. H.

Lieut.

for Major. G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind light and variable at first increasing to-night from W. or S.W. probably to 30 m.p.h. Fair at first. Overcast and probably wet late to-night or to-morrow. Milder. Good visibility. Temperature 45 to 50.

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Appendix No 27

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 135.....9th. April 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 8th. April to 6 a.m. 9th. April, 1917.)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Fire was directed against minenwerfer emplacements in C.17.b and C.23.d and enemy works in U.18.b, U.16.c, U.15.b, U.17.a, U.17.c, U.12.c and U.12.d. Trench Mortars fired with effect on trenches in C.17.a.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire by both day and night. Our Lewis Guns were active against the enemy's wire and parapet at intervals throughout the night and dispersed enemy working parties in ULRICA SAP and an enemy patrol on ST YVES RIDGE.

SNIPERS.

A.P. bullets were again used with success by snipers in the Right Section. Snipers claim to have hit one of the enemy opposite the Right Section, two opposite the Centre and two opposite the Left. (including one man wearing a dark-blue cap with broad gold band on peak and bright badge).

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrols examined the enemy's wire in front of INCANDESCENT TRENCH (I.5.c and I.11.a) and found it to be very weak. The wire on the enemy's parapet at C.29.a.4.8 appeared to be thick. A gap was located in the outer line of wire at this point.

Centre Section. Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. No enemy patrols were seen or encountered.

Left Section. An officer's patrol approached the enemy's wire at U.15.d.8.5. This patrol remained in proximity to the enemy's parapet, and observed an enemy patrol of 3 men, which moved north along the front line trench, and fired flares at intervals of about 30 yards. The Patrol did not return along the trench during the ensuing two hours. Apart from this very little movement was heard in the enemy's lines. 6 other patrols operated during the night, and located two enemy wiring parties in the vicinity of ULRICA SAP. These parties were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire on information being sent back by the patrol.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

125 rounds	15 c.m.	fell in I.2.a. and I.1.b.
44 "	77 m.m.	" " C.17.c.
60 "	77 m.m. & T.M.	fell in c.22.b.
100 "	15 c.m.	fell in C.19.d.
20 "	10.5 c.m.	" " C.2.5.b. and C.26.a.
41 "	Lo.5. c.m. & 77 m.m.	fell in C.17.c & C.16.d.
50 "	15 c.m.	fell in C.19.b. (directed against road).
31 "	4.2. and 77 m.m.	fell in C.10.b. & c.
25 "	5.9.	fell in C.25.a. and b.

A few rounds 4.2. 77 m.m. and M.W. were directed against our trenches in U.21.c. U.21.d. U.28.a. and U.28.c.

Fire was directed against Batteries on several occasions during the day.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS

(CONTD.).

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy Machine Guns were active against the Centre Section at intervals during the day. Normal activity was maintained against the Right and Left Sections during the night.

PATROLS.

At 11.30 p.m. and 2 a.m. small patrols of 6 and 4 men respectively were observed to leave the enemy's trenches in U.21.b. and U.15.d. Lewis Gun fire was brought to bear and both patrols forced to withdraw.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A Minenwerfer was located at U.15.d.95.37., a concrete Machine Gun Emplacement at U.15.d.83.55., and a suspected revolver gun position at U.22.a.90.35.

New blue sandbags are visible in the enemy's front line south of THE BIRDCAGE.

Less work than usual was carried out in the enemy's line opposite the Left Section during the period.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. At 6.15 p.m. a German aeroplane was observed to land in front of WAMBRECHIES Church (E.26.d.4.0.).

At 8.45 p.m. a large fire was observed in rear of the enemy's line, apparently in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE. The fire alternately flared to a great height, and died down at intervals of a few minutes. The fire finally died out at 10.30 p.m.

A large fire was also observed at a point approximately three miles in the rear of the enemy's line opposite the Right Section.

Transport was seen moving on roads in the vicinity of VENANT FARM (D.3.a.).

Civil traffic appeared to keep the East wide of the River and Military traffic to the West. Frequent movement was also observed on roads at I.24.b.25.10. (East of LES OURSINS FARM).

Two men were observed, apparently laying Cable, at U.5.c.40.80.

ENEMY DEFENCES.ADDENDUM.

An Anti-Aircraft machine gun position has been located at U.22.a.10.68 (UMBO Trench).

G. S.
Lieut.
for Major.- G. S.
Third Australian Division.

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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Winf W. or N.W. 25 to 35 m.p.h. Higher in occasional squalls. Squally showers of rain, hail or sleet, with fair bright intervals of very good visibility. Very cool. Temperature day 40 to 45, night 35. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 29.54 in. Rising at 100 metres 29.17 in.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 136.....10th. April 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 9th. April to 6 a.m. 10th. April 1917)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy strong points in C.17.b, C.17.d, C.23.c and C.23.d. Fire was also directed against the enemy's front and support line trenches in U.15.b and d and works in C.10.d. Direct hits were obtained on an suspected O.P. in U.17.c. M.T.M's. fired with effect on the enemy's wire and parapet in C.23.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of the German line and dispersed working parties in U.17.a and U.23.c. Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet and engaged working parties in UMBRIA and ULTRA TRENCHES.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Left Section claim to have hit three of the enemy and to have broken one periscope.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrols reconnoitred NO MAN'S LAND and carried out an examination of ditches leading to the enemy's line opposite the L'EPINETTE Sub-section. A party of 9 of the enemy was observed on the enemy's parapet E. of PONT BALLOT at 2 a.m. Patrols heard several explosions in rear of the enemy's front line in C.29.a. and c. Centre Section. 7 patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. An enemy working party was located in the enemy's front line trench in C.4.a. Patrols ascertained that a crater at C.10.b.3.2 was occupied by a machine gun. The enemy's front line in U.28.a appeared to be normally held. Left Section. 10 patrols (including 4 officer's fighting patrols) operated on the Brigade front during the night. A gap in the enemy's wire near the junction of ULTRA and UMBO TRENCHES was found to contain numerous trip wires. A post or sentry group was located at a point 50 yards N. of this position. A patrol apparently moved from this sentry post along the enemy's front line in the direction of FACTORY FARM. The majority of flares fired by the enemy during the night appeared to come from his support line.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

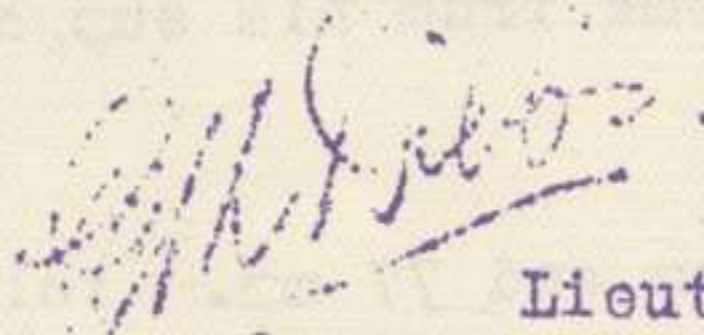
53 rounds.	10.5 cm and 77 mm.	Fell in C.23.a.
10 "	77 mm.	" " I.5.a and c.
8 "	10.5 cm.	" " C.28.c.
30 "	77 mm.	" " C.10.d.
12 "	21 cm.	" " U.25.b. (directed against Battery position)
21 "	4.2 cm.	" " C.3.b.
25 "	"	" " C.1.d. (directed against road.)

4 small shells, apparently fired from a revolver gun fell in the vicinity of an O.P. at ST. YVES.

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- MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were active against the Right Section between 8 and 9 p.m. At 10.30 p.m. machine gun activity increased opposite the Centre Section.
- SNIPERS. Hostile snipers were less active than usual. Dummy figures were exposed by the enemy opposite the L'EPINETTE Sub-section during the day.
- ENEMY DEFENCES. A new trench appears to be in course of construction from C.23.b.2.7 to C.23.d.3.6. New wire has been erected at C.17.d.4.5 (in front of GELT SWITCH). At C.29.b.23.45 the enemy appeared to be constructing a large dug-out. Wire was erected at C.24.c.45.95 (CENSORS AVENUE) A working party of between 50 and 75 men was seen working at U.12.a.2.6 and carrying material along a freshly-made C.T. Duck-boards, sawn timber, wire netting and sheet iron were visible at a dump in U.22.c.
- OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. Normal movement was observed on the PONT ROUGE- LES ECLUSE ROAD and the PONT ROUGE-FRELINGHIEN ROAD (At U.22.a.85.35.
- IDENTIFICATIONS. (7 men observed standing behind a revolver gun while it was firing, wore light-blue tunics with grey caps with black bands and peaks. At U.21.b.92.00 a dark-skinned man, wearing German uniform was observed in company with another man who was almost black in color, and who was not wearing a hat. At U.22.a.06.73 one of the enemy, (apparently an officer) dressed in dark-blue overcoat with heavily braided shoulder- straps, was observed. Another man at the same point carried a rifle with fixed bayonet slung over his shoulder.
- COMMUNICATIONS. Searchlights were projected against the sky from points in rear of the enemy's line between the hours of 12 midnight and 4 a.m. A pigeon was noticed to leave a box which had been placed on the enemy's parapet in I.11.a, and to fly in an easterly direction.
- MISCELLANEOUS. A heavy explosion was heard in the German line at about C.23.b.2.4 at 9.50 p.m.
- AIRCRAFT. Between 1 and 5 a.m. aircraft were heard flying above ARMENTIERES. At 1.45 and 4 a.m. a horn, similar in sound to a STROMBOS horn was heard. On each occasion, the same signal, one short blast and three long blasts (repeated 5 times at intervals) was made.



Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind W. or N.W. 25 to 35 m.p.h. Decreasing at night. Squally hail or snow showers with fair bright intervals. Becoming mainly fair later. Very good visibility. Cold. Slight frost at night. Temperature to-day 40 to-night 30 to-morrow 45 to 50.



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Appendix No 27

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.13711th. April 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 10th. April to 6 a.m. 11th. April 1917)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy works in C.17.c and d, U.21.b, U.22.c, U.22.a and U.15.d. A number of rounds were also directed against trenches in U.15.d, U.16.c, U.28.c, U.28.d and U.29.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire during the night. Lewis Guns engaged the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed several enemy working parties.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit four of the enemy and to have destroyed five periscopes. A dummy figure was displayed by the enemy from a point opposite L'EPINETTE SALIENT.

PATROLS.

Right Section. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night and an examination of the enemy's wire : carried out. The enemy's wire in front of INCENSE TRENCH (I.11.c and I.17.a) was found to be patchy and in places badly damaged. Most of the wire is close to the enemy's parapet and consists of broken knife-rests and trip-wires. Between the wire and parapet, the BORROW DITCH is full of water. The enemy's wire in C.23.c was found to be thick and in good condition.

A patrol operating in C.17.c met a dog, which on the approach of our party, entered a sap leading to the enemy's front-line trench. Machine gun fire was immediately directed against the patrol.

Centre Section. Patrols from this Section reported that the enemy bombed his own wire at C.10.b.4.3.

The enemy's line opposite this Section appeared to be thinly held.

Left Section. Two enemy patrols were located by one of ours in U.15.a. The hostile parties, which consisted of 15 men each, apparently endeavoured to outflank our patrol. Our patrol withdrew, leaving one officer and one O.R. remaining in observation. On discovering our movement, both enemy patrols retired. Lewis gunners and the Artillery were informed and fire directed against the enemy parties.

A patrol left our front line trench at U.21.b.60.64 and entered the enemy's line at UMBO SWITCH. The patrol, which returned 2 hours later, reported having seen no sign of sentry groups or patrols in the vicinity of this part of the enemy's line.

A patrol examined buildings in NO MAN'S LAND E. of the head of ST. YVES AVENUE. This patrol also carried out an examination of German wire in the vicinity.

The enemy's wire from the S.W. corner of UMBO NOSE to the head of UMBO AVENUE was found to consist of heavy knife-rests.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

12 rounds	77 mm.	fell in C.22.b.	
14 "	10.5 cm.	" " I.8.c and I.4.a.	8
14 "	"	" " C.23.a.	12
10 "	T.M.	" " "	2
12 "	77 mm.	" " "	
25 "	"	" " C.17.c.	
10 "	T.M.	" " "	
19 "	77 mm.	" " C.16.b and d.	
12 rounds	77 mm.	" " C.28.b and c.	
22 "	Minenwerfer	" " C.17.a and b.	
45 "	77mm. and 4.2 cm."	" " U.28.a.	
26 "	4.2 cm.	" " C.4.c.	

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ARTILLERY. (cont.)

12 rounds	77 mm.	fell in U.15.a.
30 "	" & 4.2 cm.	" " U.28.c.
7 "	"	" " C.10.c and d.
8 "	4.2 cm.	" " C.3.b and c.
11 "	" & 77 mm.	" " C.9.d.
12 "	15 cm & 21 cm.	" " U.25.d. (cross-roads)

Registration of our trenches in C.17.c and C.22.b. was apparently carried out by enemy trench mortars and 77 mm. guns.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns were normally active throughout the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A brick emplacement has been constructed in the enemy's front line parapet at C.23.b.10.85. This structure has a loop-hole in front and a cement top.

The enemy's wire in the vicinity of CELT SWITCH is in good condition and very thick.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. At 6.20 a.m. a train moved from VERLINGHEM towards QUESNOY. At 9.40 a.m. an engine was observed shunting in D.9.d. Considerable traffic was observed on road in D.1.a and b during the day.

At 10 a.m. a man appeared on the enemy's parapet at C.29.d.25.35 (CENTRAL SUPPORT) and ran along the parapet, entering trench again at C.29.d.20.25. Later in the day, a man was observed to run between the same points, but in an opposite direction to the one first seen.

Normal movement was observed on the PONT ROUGE-QUESNOY and PONT ROUGE-LES ECLUSES ROADS during the day.

Several small parties of men, wearing marching order, were noticed in U.24.b.

A party of 20 of the enemy, including 10 men carrying rifles with bayonets, and two men carrying a stretcher, was observed moving towards the enemy's front line in U.3.c.

At 5.30 a.m. two parties of 30 were seen moving along road in U.22.a. This party, on being fired on by our Lewis Guns, took cover in UMBO ALLEY.

Frequent movement was noticed in the vicinity of dug-outs at U.21.b.9.8 and U.16.c.05.15.

A dug-out has been located at U.22.a.88.37.

AIRCRAFT.

An aeroplane flew over GD. PORTE EGAL FM. (I.10.b) at 12.50 a.m., dropped one white parachute light, two red flares and sounded a horn.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Enemy searchlights were again directed towards the sky, apparently searching for aircraft.

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Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S. 35 to 45 m.p.h. probably changing later to W. or N.W. Some severe squalls likely. Mainly overcast. Probably some rain, sleet, snow. Risk of thunderstorms. Fair visibility. Cold, but changable. Temp. varying 35 to 45.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 138 12th April, 1917.{From 6 a.m. 11th April to 6 a.m. 12th April, 1917.}NOTE, THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery directed fire against hostile battery positions in U.11.b. and U.18.b.

Several enemy working parties were dispersed by the fire of our 18-pdrs. during the day.

T.M.s.

Light Trench Mortars fired with effect on points in the enemy's line in C.29.a. and I.11.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out normal programme of indirect fire and dispersed enemy working parties at U.17.a.55.60. at 5.50 and 6.30 p.m.

Lewis Guns fired on enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed enemy working parties east of SUFFOLK AVENUE, in I.11.a., I.5.c. and I.5.b.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have hit two of the enemy opposite EPINETTE Sub-Section, and to have destroyed two periscopes opposite the PLÖEGSTLEERT Section.

PATROLS.

Right Section. The brightness of the night, and the low moon on the ground, militated against active patrolling. A patrol left "K" post in C.29.a., however, and followed ditch to within 30 yards of the enemy's wire. This Patrol located an enemy machine gun firing from C.29.a.80.85.

Another Patrol entered the Sap running from the enemy's front line trench at C.17.c.80.40. and found the Sap to be unoccupied. The wire in the vicinity was ascertained to be good, and to consist of a front line of mixed, plain, and barbed wire, and a row of knife rests closer to the parapet. Machine guns were observed to fire from the enemy's support line.

A dog was again seen in NO MAN'S LAND close to our parapet, in HOUPLINES Sub-Section. The animal disappeared in the direction of the enemy's line.

Centre Section. Active patrolling opposite this section was prevented by unfavourable weather conditions.

Left Section. NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled during the night. Enemy Machine Guns were active, and frequently fired upon our patrols.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Very little activity was displayed by hostile Artillery during the period. The enemy apparently registered BRISTOL CASTLE, FORT COYD, BROWSE POINT, and LA HOUTTE.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns displayed greater activity than usual opposite the Left (PLÖEGSTLEERT) Section during the night. Opposite the Right and Centre Sections hostile Machine Gun fire took place only during the early part of the night. The enemy brought Machine Gun fire to bear on his own system of wire in I.11.a.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working by night the enemy has added to earthworks at U.23.b.25.45.

A Machine Gun emplacement has been located at C.23.b.25. and a trench mortar position at C.23.c.90.50.

A dump containing a quantity of material, including duckboards, screens and boxes is visible at C.17.d.25.02 (CELT SUPPORT).

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ENEMY DEFENCES.

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C.23.b.

Trucks are visible on a trench tramway in C.17.d. and

C.17.d.25.05.

A large dug-out has been located in CELT SUPPORT at

in U.22.c.

New blue sandbags are visible on the enemy's parapet

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Normal movement was noticed on the PONT ROUGE-LES

ECLEUSES and DEULEMONT-QUESNOY Roads. During the day small parties were observed in the vicinity of GRAND HAIE FARM, PETITE HAIE FARM, SUGAR REFINERY, DOLL'S HOUSE and Cross Roads in U.22.b.

Small parties of the enemy, totalling about 50, moved along HUNS WALK in U.4.a. at 6.30 a.m. These parties which appeared to be returning from work in the trenches were dressed in clothes which were not of a uniform pattern.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 9.15 p.m. sounds of empty metal cylinders being handled were heard in CENTAUR TRENCH (E. of PONT BAILLOT).

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Lieut.
for Major.-G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or W. 30 to 40 m.p.h. decreasing. Squally showers of hail or sleet, with fair, bright, intervals. Risk of thunderstorms. Good visibility. Less cold. Temperature day 45 to 50, night 35 to 40.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 139....April 13th. 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 12th. April to 6 a.m. 13th. April 1917.)



NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy billets in PERENCHIES and works in U.15.a, U.16.c, U.21.b and U.25.a.

At 10.26 p.m, in response to the "S.O.S." signal, a barrage was placed on NO MAN'S LAND in the vicinity of HOBBS FARM.(C.23.a)

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire during the night.

Machine guns in the vicinity of HOBBS FARM opened fire in response to the "S.O.S." signal.

Lewis Guns fired on gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed enemy working parties in INCANDESCENT and INCARNATE TRENCHES in I.17.a. Lewis Guns also fired on and dispersed an enemy patrol in U.28.c.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrolling was actively carried out during the night. A gap in the enemy's wire was located at

I.17.a.3.9. The remainder of the wire in front of INCENSE TRENCH was found to be good and to be arranged on knife-rests and stakes.

Centre Section. Patrols from this Section reported that the enemy bombed his own wire. No enemy patrols were encountered.

Left Section. 8 patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND and carried out a reconnaissance of the ground. Patrols from this Section were not fired on by enemy machine guns.

SNIPERS.

A sniper in the Right Section claims to have hit one of the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

33	77 mm.	fell in C.17.c.
80	" 10.5 cm. & T.M.	C.23.a.
20	10.5 cm.	I.10.d.
24	T.M.	I.5.a.
10	15 cm.	U.22.c.
70	" 10.5, 77 mm & T.M.	U.15.c and d.
13	77 mm.	U.28.c.
26	10.5 cm & 77 mm.	C.3.a,b and c.
28	10.5 cm.	U.21.b.
18	77 mm.	U.13.d.
26	"	C.4.a and c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns fired during the attempted raid on our trenches in the vicinity of HOBBS FARM. Normal activity was displayed opposite the rest of the Divisional front.

ENEMY

DEFENCES.

Concrete emplacements or dug-outs are in course of construction at C.29.a.75.05.

Newly turned earth, screened by new sheep hurdles, was observed in C.30.b.

New work has been carried out at C.29.d.95.55. This appears to be a strong point and new wire on knife-rests is visible in this locality.

OBSERVATION.

Three trains were observed leaving WARNETON between 10 and 11 a.m. Three trains were again seen leaving WARNETON between 3 and 4 p.m. All six trains proceeded in an easterly direction.

Normal movement was observed on the PONT ROUGE-LES ECLUSES, DEULEMONT-QUESNOY and FRELLINGHIEN-DEULEMONT ROADS. during the day.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

A number of green lights were fired by the enemy between 10 and 10.45 p.m.

ATTEMPTED ENEMY RAID.

At 10.25 p.m., under cover of a heavy bombardment, an enemy party, estimated to be 60 strong, attempted to enter our trenches near HOBBS FARM (C.23.a).

Our Artillery and machine guns fired in response to the "S.O.S." signal and repelled the attacking party, which failed to enter our line.

Lieut.
for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Wind Westerly 15 to 25 m.p.h. Less at night.
Showers of rain or hail with fair bright intervals.

Risk of thunderstorms. Good visibility. Temperature changeable, but rising later to 50 or 55. NOTE. Indications less unfavorable for fair weather developing.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 140.....14th April, 1917.

(From 6 a.m. 13th April to 6 a.m. 14th April, 1917).

NOTE. NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

R OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on the enemy's front system of trenches in I.11., I.5.c., I.5.d. and U.15.b.

Fire was also directed against enemy works in C.29.c. and C.29.d. and wire in C.10.b.

Howitzers brought fire to bear on a suspected battery position in C.11.c.

Trench Mortars covered by the fire of our 18-pdrs. fired with effect on the enemy's wire in I.11.a. and I.5.c. H.T.Ms. caused considerable damage to the enemy's line at I.11.c.95.55.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out indirect fire and dispersed an enemy working party in U.17.a.

Lewis Guns fired as usual on gaps in enemy's wire and rapet, and dispersed several enemy wiring parties (Located by Patrols).

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrols examined the enemy's wire in C.23.c., and I.17.a.

An Officers Patrol brought in the body of a German killed in a recent attempted enemy raid. A Rifle, equipment, and a large number of stick grenades found near the body.

The enemy's wire at I.17.a.1.6. was found to be good but thin in many places.

Enemy wiring parties located in I.11.a. and c. were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

An enemy patrol was observed near the enemy's wire in I.11.a.

Centre Section. Patrols from this section carried out an examination of the enemy's wire in C.10.b., and C.4.d. The wire at C.10.b.8 was found to be strong and well arranged on stout stakes. At this point the wire is about 20 yds. deep and 5 ft. high, and is practically undamaged.

In C.4.d. the enemy's wire was also found to be in good condition and to be composed of both barbed and concertina wire.

Left Section. 9 Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night. A Patrol heard movement in UMBRIA Trench at U.22.a.30.00.

NO MAN'S LAND in front of THE BIRDCAGE was flooded, and difficult to cross.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

13 rounds	10.5 c.m. and 77 m.m.	fell in I.4.a.
45 "	of 77 m.m. "	" " C.28.d.
73 "	" 77 m.m. "	" " I.5.a., I.5.c.
		I.11.a. and I.10.a., b & d.

25 rounds	4.2 c.m.	fell in C.3.c.
79 "	10.5. c.m. and 77 m.m.	" " C.4.c. & d.
30 "	10.5. c.m.	" " U.28.c.
18 "	10.5. c.m.	" " U.27.b. & c.
87 "	10.5. c.m. and 77 m.m.	" " U.15.
227 "	10.5. c.m.	" " U.21.d.
663 "	10.5. c.m. and 77 m.m.	" " BOIS DE FLEURGSTEIN
13 "	10.5 c.m.	" " U.19.b. (HYDE PK. CORNER).

The enemy apparently registered HEATH TRENCH (U.7.a.) during the day.

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MACHINE GUNS. Enemy Machine Guns displayed normal activity throughout the period.

ENEMY DERENCES. A hostile battery has been located in a building at C.11.c.55.55.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. Frequent movement was observed between 11.0 a.m. and 12.30 on a road in J.19.c. Between 11.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. several small parties of Infantrymen, Cyclists, Mounted men and Wagons were observed at D.7.b.9.8. At 5.45 p.m. a train left E.25.c.15.35. and proceeded to D.24.c.15.10. At this point several trucks were uncoupled and the train returned to E.25.a.15.35. At 6.30 p.m. a steam tractor was observed on road in J.32. and J.26.d. A Railway engine was observed at approximately U.12.a.58.0

MISCELLANEOUS. A blood-stained rifle was found at the point at which an enemy patrol was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire on the night of 12th/13th inst.

IDENTIFICATIONS. An identity disc, bearing the following inscription, was taken from body of dead German found E. of HOBBS FARM:-

ANTON JAGIELLA
SIEMIANOWITZ KT. KATTOWITZ
7-1-96.
R. J.R. 228. 2 K.N.R. 1144.

ENEMY PATROLS. An enemy patrol of between 8 and 10 men entered a Gap in our line at U.15.d.30.90. Our patrol of 3 men, working between Localities located the hostile party and brought rifle fire to bear, forcing the enemy to withdraw



Lieut.
for Major.-G.B.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind S.W. or W. 30 to 40 m.p.h. Lighter at times. Cloudy, becoming overcast, squally and unsettled, with some rain or hail, and a slight risk of sleet later. Good visibility. Cooler again. Temperature to-day 50, to-morrow 40 to 45.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 141..... April 15th. 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 14th. April to 6 a.m. 15th. April 1917.)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on LA PREVOTE and a suspected Battery position in J.l.b. Howitzers brought fire to bear on an active 15 cm. Battery at I.30.b.7.5.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in the enemy's lines. Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed working parties in U.15.b, C.17.c and I.11.c.

SNIPERS.

Snipers in the Right Section claim to have hit three of the enemy in INCANDESCENT TRENCH (including one who was apparently an officer). A.P. bullets were used with success against steel plates in sniper's posts. Two periscopes were broken, including one 4' in length and 15 inches in width.

PATROLS.

Right Section. NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night. A patrol operating in the vicinity of the enemy's wire in front of INCENSE TRENCH located a working party at I.11.c.45.00. Lewis Gun fire was brought to bear and the party dispersed.

Several other small parties of the enemy observed in C.17.c were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Centre Section. see Addendum.

Left Section. 9 patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND during the night. The enemy's wire from U.15.b.6.2 to U.15.b.85.00 was found to be weak in several places.

Patrols carried out a reconnaissance of NO MAN'S LAND in the vicinity of RIVER DOUVE. A clump of trees at U.8.d.45.90 was found to contain a number of trip wires.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

400 rounds.	15 cm. and 10.5 c.m.	Fell in C.26.c. (18pr. Batty pos.)
270 "	15 cm.	" " C.25.b and C.26.a. (apparently directed against a section of 60-prs.)
16 "	T.M.	fell in I.5.a and c.
82 "	10.5 cm.	" " C.17.c.
32 "	"	" " U.14.b and c.
12 "	"	" " U.15.a.
52 "	" and 77 mm.	" " C.4.c.

A few rounds of 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. fell in C.10.c, C.1.d and U.27.b and c. Apparent registration of our trenches in C.17.b. was carried out by a 77 mm. Battery.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns were active and directed fire against our patrols and working parties in the Left Section.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

It has been noticed that between 6 and 7 a.m. each morning water is barred from the enemy's front line in C.23.c. and C.29.a.

New earth is visible at C.29.d.9.3.
An enemy Battery has been located at D.19.d.25.25.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Trains left WARMETON at 11.30 a.m., 1.p.m., 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Two men were seen on tops of telegraph poles at D.23.d.9.2. A third man ran frequently between this point and a house P.T.O.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. (contd.)

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at D.24.c.40.35. There is reason to believe that these men were directing the fire of guns which were active at the time.
An ammunition dump is suspected to exist at C.12.b.60.65.

ENEMY RELIEF. An ~~ENEMY~~ relief is suspected to have taken place in enemy trenches in C.29.c, C.29.d, I.5.b.I.5.d and I.5.c.

PATROLS. (addendum.)

Centre Section. 4 patrols from this Section moved into NO MAN'S LAND during the night. No enemy patrols were encountered.

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for Major. G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind between N.W. and N.E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. increasing to 20 to 25 m.p.h. Overcast and wet at first. Clearing and becoming mainly fine later, but with some passing showers of hail or sleet. Perhaps thunder. Cool. Visibility indifferent, becoming good. Temperature to-day 40 to 45 to-night 35, to-morrow 50.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 142.....16th April, 1917.(from 6 a.m. 15th April to 6 a.m. 16th April, 1917).NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on the enemy's support line and Minenwerfer emplacements in I.11.a. and C.23.b. Fire was also brought to bear on the enemy's trenches in U.15.d. and a Minenwerfer position in U.22.a. Medium Trench Mortars fired with effect on an enemy Machine Gun Emplacement in I.11.a. and a cook-house in I.11.c. A successful shoot was also carried out against the enemy's wire and parapet in C.23.b. and c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns carried out indirect fire against roads and trenches in the enemy's line. Machine Guns in the Centre Section fired on the enemy's Communication trenches during the enemy raid on our line in C.4.c.

LEWIS GUNS.

Lewis Guns fired on an enemy wiring party in ULRICA TRENCH and dispersed a hostile patrol in the vicinity of ULRICA Sap. A working party in INCANDESCENT Trench (I.11.a.) was also dispersed by Lewis Gun fire).

SNIPERS.

A Sniper claims to have hit one man in INANE Trench.

PATROLS.

NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled through the night. At 8.50 p.m. Patrols heard bells ringing in the enemy's trenches opposite L'ÉPINETTE Sub-Section.

Centre Section. Four patrols operated on this front. The enemy's wire round crater at C.4.c.9.6. appeared to be in good condition.

Left Section. 9 Patrols were active in NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

A patrol heard the exhaust of a motor engine in enemy front line in U.15.a.

At 1.30 a.m. an enemy patrol was located by one of ours in the vicinity of the enemy's wire at U.15.d.90.00. Lewis Gun fire was brought to bear and the hostile party dispersed.

At 3.30 a.m. an enemy patrol was encountered at U.15.a.90.25. by one of our patrols. The enemy was forced to withdraw, leaving one dead German. No identification was obtained.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

At 7.45 p.m. our front and support line trenches in C.17.a., C.17.c., and from the River LYS to the head of AYR STREET.

	52	rounds	77	m.m.	fell	in	C.23.b.
39	"		77	m.m.	"	"	C.16.c. and d.
32	"		"	"	"	"	C.17.a. and c.
15	"	T.M.			"	"	I.11.a.
14	"	"			"	"	C.23.a.
10	"	10.5	c.m.	"	"	"	C.27.d.
20	"	77	m.m.	"	"	"	C.26.a.
16	"	5.9	and	4.2.	c.m.	fell	in C.3.b. and d.
40	"	77	m.m.			fell	in U.15 and 15.
20	"	5.9	c.m.			fell	in C.1.c.
43	"	4.2	c.m.			fell	in the vicinity of ST. YVES.
14	"	5.9	c.m.			and	minenwerfer fell in C.4.a. and c.

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MACHINE GUNS. Enemy Machine Guns opposite the Right and Centre Sections were active during the early part of the night and particularly so at the conclusion of the enemy bombardment which commenced at 7.45 p.m.

Against the Left Section Machine Guns fired intermittently through out the night.

PATROLS. An enemy patrol of 12 men observed in the vicinity of ULRICA Sap was fired on by Lewis Guns and dispersed.

Another hostile patrol of 6 men was encountered at U.15.a.90.25. by one of our patrols and forced to withdraw leaving one dead German, Only identification available would point to this man being a Bavarian.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Minenwerfer positions are suspected to exist at U.15.a.67.95 and U.15.d.90.82.

Several rounds were fired from small field piece at approximately U.22.a.85.35.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

One man observed carrying material from three light trucks at C.23.b.5.5.

ENEMY RAID.

At 7.50 p.m. the enemy opened a bombardment of our trenches from HOBBS Farm to River LYS and in the vicinity of LONG AVENUE and ST. YVES.

Our trenches at the head of LONG AVENUE were entered by an enemy raiding party of 30 or 40 men. The hostile party withdrew after having been in our front line trench for 6 or 7 minutes.

No enemy Infantry were observed at HOBBS FARM or ST. YVES.

Casualties inflicted on our garrison at the head of LONG AVENUE included several missing.

E. J. H. H.
Lieut.
for Major.-G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind W or W.W. 15 m.p.h. increasing to 25 m.p.h. Fair and bright. Then probably overcast with risk of some rain. Finally becoming fair again. Good visibility. Milder. Temperature day 50 to 55, night 40.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 14917th April, 1917.

(From 6 a.m. 16th April, to 6 a.m. 17th April, 1917.)

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCH.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Fire was directed against enemy works in C.23.d. and I.12.b.

Working parties in C.17.c., C.23.d., and I.12.b. were fired on by our 18-pdrs. and dispersed.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns carried out indirect fire and dispersed several working parties in the vicinity of GRAND HAJE FARM (U.23.b.).

Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet and a hostile Machine Gun position near SLAFORTH FARM.

SNIPERS. A Sniper claims to have hit one man in the enemy's front line in U.28.a.

PATROLS. Right Section. 8 Patrols operated in NO MAN'S LAND during the night, but were considerably hampered by the wet and muddy condition of the ground.

Centre Section. 2 Patrols moved into NO MAN'S LAND from this Section. A sentry swinging a brazier was observed in the enemy's front line in C.10.b. No enemy Patrols were seen or heard.

Left Section. Patrolling was actively maintained between 9.0 p.m. and 3.0 a.m. Patrols carried out reconnaissance of the southern bank of the River DOUVE ~~and~~ NO MAN'S LAND in U.14.b. and U.15.a.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.
15 rounds of 10.5 and 77 m.m. fell in C.28.a.
26 " " " " " " I.10.b.
120 " " 5.9 and 4.2. " " C.2.d.
25 " " 77 m.m. " " U.8.c.
A few rounds of 4.2. and 77 m.m. fell in U.13.a., U.15.d. and U.21.c.

547 rounds 5.9. and 4.2. c.m. shell were directed against an 18-pdr battery position in C.1.b. 1 gun was slightly damaged. No casualties were sustained.

The enemy apparently registered our support line in U.5.c. and trenches at U.21.d.58.58.

A 5.9. howitzer battery at U.30.d.76.41 was active throughout the day. Flashes from two guns at this point were observed from LAURENCE FARM (U.27.c.).

ENEMY DEFENCES. At I.5.d.80.95. three large dug-outs apparently made of concrete are visible.

Enemy working parties were observed at U.22.a.25.30., U.23.d.0.6. and U.8.b.70.60.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

A party of six men observed at C.29.b.45.95. consisted of 2 men wearing steel helmets, 1 a cap with a red band, and 3 wearing caps somewhat of the Fzshah pattern.

A woman was observed to enter house at J.7.d.9.5. 2 civilians (men) and a small boy were observed at U.8.c.30.45.

Traffic on the ~~...~~ QUESNOY ROAD in D.1.d. appeared to be above normal. Frequent pedestrian traffic was also observed on road in J.1.d.

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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N. 25 to 35 m.p.h. Squally but decreasing rapidly and probably changing later to N.W. or W. Some squally showers at first but mainly fair and bright. Cool. Good visibility. Temperature to-day 45, to-night 35, to-morrow 50.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 144.....18th March, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 17th March, to 6 a.m. 18th April, 1917).

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on enemy's front system and communication trenches in I.5.b., I.11.a., I.11.c. and I.17.a.

Fire was directed against Minenwerfer positions at C.4.b.16.60. and C.4.b.35.10.

Several Working Parties were dispersed during the day.

Trench Mortars fired with effect on the enemy's wire and aprapet in C.10.b., I.5.b., I.11.a. and I.11.c.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns fired on roads and trenches in rear of the enemy's front line.

LEWIS GUNS.

Lewis Guns searched gaps in the enemy's wire and parapet, and dispersed a working party in I.11.a.

SNIPERS.

Snipers claim to have broken a large periscope opposite the Right Section.

PATROLS.

Right Section. Patrols were active in NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night. No hostile patrols were encountered.

Flares were frequently fired from the enemy's support line.

Centre Section. NO MAN'S LAND between CARTER'S FARM and the River EYS was patrolled at intervals throughout the night.

Left Section. Nine patrols including 3 Officers operated on this front. The enemy's trenches were exceptionally quiet. No hostile patrols were encountered. Enemy Machine Guns were inactive, and did not restrict patrolling.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

65 rounds 10.5 c.m. and 77 m.m. fell in I.16.b. c. & d. A few rounds of 15 c.m. and 77 m.m. fell in I.15.b. C.21.b. and C.28.c.

81 rounds 15 c.m. 10.5 c.m. and 77 m.m. fell in U.27.a. and b.

26 rounds 10.5 c.m. fell in U.21.a.

14 " " " " " vicinity of HYDE PARK -CORNER.

160 rounds 15 c.m. & 10.5 c.m. fell in C.2.d.

14 " 10.5 c.m. " " C.3.c.

50 " 77 m.m. were directed against our trenches in U.8.c. and d. and U.14.b. and c.

90 rounds 10.5. c.m. and M.W. fell in C.4.c. & C.10.a. and b.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

5.80. The enemy has repaired his Support Line at I.11.c.

A hurdle screen has been erected at I.11.a.80.25.

A steam engine appeared to be working in the enemy's front line trench in C.29.d.

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ENEMY DEFENCES.

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G.29.c.50.80..

A steel plate with loophole has been located at

on the parapet of CELT TRENCH.

A number of blue colored bags have been placed

been located at I.24.b.26.87.

A dug-out with a white pole at the entrance has

machine gun emplacement at C.23.b.25.65.

A brushwood screen has been erected in front of

OBSERVATION OFTHE ENEMY.

U.9.c.6.5.,

C.30.c.0.5., and in C.17.c. and C.23.b.

Small parties of the enemy were observed at

northerly direction, at 9.0 a.m., 10.0 a.m. and 5.p.m. The last mentioned train shunted in this vicinity and finally moved off, consisting of an engine and five carriages.

Trains were observed in U.6.c. travelling in a

Motor and horse transport was observed between 10.20 a.m. and 11.0 a.m. in U.12.b.

Motor and horse transport was observed between

A hostile battery fired from D.13.a.03.70.

MISCELLANEOUS.

enemy's front line in C.4.c.

At 10.45 p.m. a bell was heard ringing in the

Lieut.

for Major.-G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind S. or S.W. 15 m.p.h. increasing to 30 m.p.h. from W. or N.W. Overcast and wet at first. Squally showers with fair intervals later. Cold becoming mild. Fair or good visibility. Temperature 40 rising to 50 or 55.
Note. Milder weather is now probable.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 145. - 19th. April, 1917.
(from 6 a.m. 18th. April to 6 a.m. 19th. April, 1917).

NOTE:- THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS. Our artillery between 12 and 1 p.m. and at 4 p.m.
ARTILLERY. registered on enemy trenches in C.4.d.
 At 4.30 p.m., 18-prs. fired 20 rounds on enemy front
 and support lines in I.11.c.
 During the day 4.5 hows. fired 22 rounds on enemy
 support lines in U.15.d.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium Trench Mortars fired 40 rounds on enemy wire
 and parapet about U.15.a.70.75. - Much damage was done.
 Light Trench Mortars fired on snipers posts and
 earthworks at C.29.a.8.7., C.29.c.90.35., and I.5.d.25.55.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns fired on LA HONGRIE FARM (I.11.d.9.1.),
 Railway in I.11.b. and I.12.c., working party at U.28.c.60.15., and
 SUGAR REFINERY at U.17.d.65.35.

LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns fired generally on enemy parapet and
 wire during night and dispersed working parties in I.11.a., I.5.c. and
 d., and U.15.b.

PATROLS. Right Section.
 NO MAN'S LAND reported in very muddy condition.
 Enemy trenches in I.17.a., appeared to be well manned.
Centre Section.
 Enemy heard working in several places in front line.
Left Section.
 Tram lines in U.8.b. were heard carrying frequent
 traffic. A wiring party located at U.15.b.35.50. was dispersed.

DEFENCES. ... General repairing work was done along the front.
 Wire was put out in C.10.b., U.15.b., and U.15.d.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. Enemy artillery fired. -
ARTILLERY.

32	rounds	10.5 cm.	front and support lines	I.10.d.
29	"	10.5 cm.	... do. ...	C.23.a. & c.
8	"	10.5 cm.	... do. ...	C.9.b.
25	"	7.7 cm.	... do. ...	C.4.a. & c.
29	"	7.7 cm.	... do. ...	U.15.c.
30	"	7.7 cm.	... do. ...	U.8.a., c & d.

The enemy appeared to be registering our front
 trenches in these localities.

ENEMY TRENCH MORTARS. 20 rounds fell about front trenches in C.29.a.
 & c.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns shewed marked increase in activity on
 Right Sector, but were very quiet in Centre and Left.
 Many rifle grenades and pineapples were fired into
 NO MAN'S LAND during the night on Right Sector.

OBSERVATION. Work was observed being done on trench at C.17.c.75.95
 and timber and iron were being carried to this place.
 New earth observed at U.8.b.2.2., U.8.b.70.57.
 An O.P. is suspected in GRAND HAIE FARM (U.23.b.0.6).
 Enemy dugout was located at U.28.d.08.20.

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FORECAST. Noon to Noon. - Wind light and variable but probably mainly West and South. Overcast and misty, probably becoming bright. Poor or indifferent visibility. Milder. Temperature 45 to 55.

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Machine guns were fired on LA HONORABLE FARM (I.I.5.2.1.) during the night and dispersed working parties in I.I.5.2.1. and I.I.5.2.2. Machine guns were fired on LA HONORABLE FARM (I.I.5.2.1.) during the night and dispersed working parties in I.I.5.2.1. and I.I.5.2.2.

General repairing work was done along the front. Wire was put out in I.I.5.2.1., I.I.5.2.2., and I.I.5.2.3.

Enemy trench in I.I.5.2.1. appeared to be well defended. No sign of activity in very sandy conditions.

Left Section. Heavy work was done in several places in front line. Trench lines in I.I.5.2.1. were being carried forward. A working party located at U.I.5.2.3. was dispersed.

Right Section. The enemy appeared to be retreating our front trenches in these localities.

30 rounds killed about front trenches in I.I.5.2.1.

Machine guns showed marked increase in activity on front section, but were very quiet in Centre and Left. Many rifle grenades and grenades were fired into NO MAN'S LAND during the night on Right Section.

Work was observed being done on trench at I.I.5.2.3. and timber and iron were being carried to this place. New earth covered at U.I.5.2.3., U.I.5.2.4., U.I.5.2.5. and U.I.5.2.6. as suggested in CHARD HALL FARM (U.I.5.2.6.) Enemy report was located at U.I.5.2.6.

3rd. Inf. Division. (I.I.5.2.1.)

1st. Lt. for 1st. Coy. I.I.5.2.1.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 146.....20th April, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 19th April to 6 a.m. 20th April, 1917).

NOTE.- NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery dispersed working parties at C.23.c.85.25. and C.17.a.55.18.

At 3.30 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 60 rounds covering fire for Trench Mortars on enemy lines in I.11.a. and c. and C.29.a. and c; and 90 rounds were fired in retaliation on Minenwerfer positions in C.29. and J.1.a. and d.

In retaliation for enemy shelling our Artillery fired 9 rounds on trenches in C.4.a. and U.22.a., and during night 20 rounds on front and support trenches in I.5.d.

Howitzers fired 20 rounds on enemy trench at I.5.b.13.48, 5 rounds on roads and trenches in C.12.b., and 58 rounds on Cross Roads at U.23.a.87.96.

TRENCH MORTARS. Heavy Trench Mortars fired 8 rounds on trench at C.17.a.9.0. with effect, and drew heavy retaliation.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 22 rounds on enemy wire and parapet at I.11.c.93.85. and I.5.b.13.48.; 40 rounds on trenches at C.29.c.4.9. and C.29.a.80.65.; and 40 rounds on enemy wire at U.8.d.9.7. and U.15.a.40.75.

Light Trench Mortars fired 15 rounds on enemy earthworks at C.29.c.85.70., 20 rounds on front line at I.5.d.25.55., and 50 rounds on ULSTER Support (U.15.a.65.92.).

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Guns carried on indirect fire during the night on Cross Roads at RUEILLE de la NOIX (I.17.b.), I.12.d.1.9., and C.12.d.67.4.; Bridge U.17.d.65.35., Huts U.17.d.25.50, and LA TRUIE Farm C.17.a.55.06.

LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns fired on Gaps in enemy wire throughout the night.

SNIPERS. Snipers claim to have hit enemy observers in CENSUS Trench (C.29.a.), CELT Trench (C.23.b.25.40), and INCANDESCENT Trench (I.11.a.).

PATROLS. Enemy was alert and active with Machine Gun fire and bombing in NO MAN'S LAND opposite Right Sector. No enemy patrol found anywhere.

Large enemy wiring party discovered at U.15.b.5.4. was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

DEFENCES. About 100 yards of wire was put up in U.15.a. under cover of Patrols.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery was active against Left Sector front from U.21.d. to U.8.d. About 70 rounds 7.7. c.m. fell in U.21.b., 40 rounds 7.7. c.m. in U.14.b. and U.8.d., 62 rounds 15 and 7.7. c.m. about U.27.b.8.8. and 75 rounds 10.5 and 7.7 c.m. in U.14.b. and U.15.a. and d.

On Right Sector front 38 rounds 15 and 10.5 c.m. and light Minenwerfer fell in C.28.a. and b., 85 rounds 10.5 c.m. and light M.W. in C.28.c. and d. and C.29.a. and c., and 50 rounds 15, 4.5. and 7.7. c.m. in I.10.d. near Heavy Trench Mortar.

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One of our dug-outs in Subsidiary line C.28.4. was destroyed.

Light Minenwerfer and rifle grenades were active on Right Sector. Many Pineapples failed to reach our parapet.

OBSERVATION.

A new dug-out or store is being built at I.5.b.3.5. A Minenwerfer position is suspected at U.15.b.60.51. Working Parties were seen on trenches at C.11.d.95.98 and C.18.b.60.65.

Two small parties with red hose piping walked between C.24.c.5.9. and C.24.d.45.95.

Movement seen about houses D.13.o. and d., and bridge U.17.d.

An enemy observation balloon was up between 4.45 and 5.30 a.m. in DEULEMONT direction.

Enemy battery active during bombardment on April 15th has been located from Right Bde. O.P. at D.19.a.45.30. (Air Photograph No.42B750 confirms this).

During day 50 men passed along road in rear of these pits.

Between 12.30 and 1.45 a.m., on red lights being fired near FACTORY Farm (U.16.o.) short bursts of Machine Gun fire followed

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Lieut. I.C.
for Lieut-Colonel.-G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind N.W. or N. 15 m.p.h. Probably becoming N.E. later. Fair. Mild. Morning mist. Afternoon visibility fair. Temperature to-day 55, to-night 40, to-morrow 60.
NOTE. Spell of fair mild spring weather likely.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 147.....21st April, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 20th April, to 6 a.m. 21st April, 1917).

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired 60 rounds on enemy front and support lines in C.17.a. and c., and E.29.a. and c., covering Trench Mortar fire, 22 rounds on screen and sandbags in C.17.a.6.6., 36 rounds retaliation against enemy works C.23.b., and Minenwerfer positions C.17.b.

30 rounds on roads in C.12.b.

20 rounds on Minenwerfer active at C.17.a.5.3., and C.17.a.40.35. The results appeared very effective.

20 rounds retaliation on enemy support lines U.28.a.

164 rounds were fired in registration by 18-pdrs. on new zero lines, and howitzers registered on SEPTIEME Barn, Cross Roads, U.4.a.4.7.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium. T.M's fired 60 rounds on enemy wire and parapet C.17.a.65.10, and C.29.c.65.60. Effect appeared good, and an ammunition dump near latter point was blown up.

Light. T.M's fired 20 rounds on trenches and Snipers Post with good results at I.5.b.50.25.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns carried out indirect fire on road junctions in I.18.a., C.30 central and at LA BASSE VILLE (U.17.d.).

LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns fired throughout the night on enemy wire and parapet. Enemy wiring parties were dispersed at I.5.b.3.0.

SNIPERS. Snipers claimed a hit in CENTRAL Trench (C.29.a.).

PATROLS. Patrols were out as usual and found no enemy movement in NO MAN'S LAND. Enemy trenches in I.17.a. were well manned.

Working Party was heard in front line in I.17.a. and U.15.d. (near FACTORY Farm).

ENEMY OPERATIONS. Enemy Artillery was less active. No shells larger than 7.7 c.m. were fired on Right Sector, and about 130 of these fell about front trenches between C.16.d. and C.29.c.

A few rounds fell in ARMENTIERES (C.26.a.).

In Centre Sector 25 10.5 c.m. shells were fired at support trenches in C.4.a. and C.10.a. About 55 15 c.m. shells were fired on road between DESPIERRE and RESERVE Farms (C.3.c. and d.).

In Left Sector enemy Artillery was confined mainly to eastern and south-eastern edges of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, and 107 rounds, mostly 10.5 c.m. fell in this vicinity. A few rounds of 10.5 and 7.7 were fired on front and support lines between SEAFORTH and ANTON'S Farms (U.8.d., 14.b.). About 35 rounds 15 c.m. fell in ST. YVES district (U.15.c.).

Enemy Minenwerfer, both heavy and light, were active against Right Sector in retaliation for our own T.M's.

OBSERVATION. An enemy battery was located about U.5.a.1.8. by flashes and silenced by Heavy Artillery. (Confirmed).

At 9.30 a.m. a party was working on gun emplacement at I.13.a.03.70 (previously reported battery position).

Batteries at D.19.a.45.30., D.19.d.20.32., and D.25.a.55.95., were observed firing (all previously reported).

Much movement was observed about these positions.

Machine Gun was located at I.17.a.18.42.

Snipers' Posts were located at I.11.a.60.70., and

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Light Minenwerfer Emplacement was located at I.11.a.60.45.

A good gap in enemy wire exists at C.29.a.50.65.

A cookhouse is suspected near the building at U.16.c.50.65.

The usual horse transport was seen between GRAND HAIE

Farm and Sugar Refinery (U.23.a., U.17.d.).

Two new screens are visible in enemy's lines S. of PETIT DOUVE Farm, and there is a dump of wire and revetting frames at U.8.b.18.23

AIRCRAFT. At 10:30 a.m. an enemy aeroplane fired a machine gun on our front line trenches in C.29.c. Between 4 and 7.30 p.m. four enemy avroplanes repeated this performance on trenches about I.5.central.

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Lieut.-I.C.
for Lieut-Colonel.-G.S.
Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind between N.W. and N.E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Light at night. Overcast and hazy, gradually clearing with improving visibility. Mild.
Note.- Weather continuing fair probably for some days. Temperature Day, 55 to 60, Night 40 to 45.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 148.....22nd April, 1917.(from 6 a.m. 21st April, to 6 a.m. 22nd April, 1917).NOTE. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our 18-pdrs. fired on the following targets:-
Active Minenwerfer at I.11.d.68.99 (silenced), and
I.4.b.35.47. (registered).
Dug-outs at I.5.d. 105.10., C.23.b.37.68 (effective).
Cook-houses at C.17.a.95.28. (direct hits) and
I.10.b.6.2.
Forked roads at LA HOULETTE (D.13.a.) and building at C.24.c.50.48 were registered with balloon observation.
Howitzers engaged tramway at D.19.c.77.90 with aeroplane observation, but fired only two rounds owing to mist.
Snipers Post at U.21.b.75.60.- partly destroyed.
Retaliatory fire by 18-pdrs. was directed on enemy trenches, Works in I.5.d., C.29.a., C.23.c., and C.4.d. and by howitzers on road from U.23.c.85.95. to U.29.b.60.23.
Covering fire of 25 rounds by 18-pdrs. for Trench mortars was directed on enemy trenches in I.11.c.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Heavy Trench Mortars fired 10 rounds on enemy's works at I.11.c.88.68.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 20 rounds on enemy

fire at I.11.a.58.40. and 20 rounds on wire and parapet with good results at U.9.c.05.5a.

Light Trench Mortars with 35 rounds destroyed

suspected Machine Gun position in BIRDCAGE (U.21.b.).

MACHINE GUNS.

Fired (indirect) on road in I.6.a. and d., forked roads C.30. central, and C.24.c.95.55., tramway in C.30.b. and communication trenches in C.22.d.

VEVIE GUNS.

Fired throughout the night on enemy's wire and parapet.

Fired throughout the night on enemy's wire and

SNIPERS.

Snipers shot a man in I.5.b. and saw him carried away, and broke an enemy periscope at C.10.b.50.30.

PATROLS.

On Right Sector Machine Gun and Rifle fire still considerable at night.

Working Parties in C.29.a., C.23.c., C.17.c. and I.15.b. were located and dispersed.

On Left Sector A Patrol found the body of one of the enemy in NO MAN'S LAND about U.15.d.6.7. He was probably wounded on preceding night. Identity disc shows he belongs to 5th Bavarian R.I.R. 1st Company (normal).

A patrol opposite U.22.c.1.2. found some enemy enamelled telephone wire running across NO MAN'S LAND to shell holes in our wire.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy Artillery was mainly active on the back areas of Left Sector.

About 284 rounds of 15 c.m. shell were fired at a heavy battery in B.18.a.

About 34 rounds of 10.5. and 777c.m. fell in U.8.d., 70 rounds of 7.7. c.m. in C.7.c. and 80 rounds of 10.5 and 7.7. c.m. in I.10.c. (last in retaliation for our T.M. Shoot).

A few rounds of 7.7 and some Minenwerfer fell near trenches in C.28 and C.29.

Minenwerfer and Rifle Grenades were active all along the Left and Right Sector fronts.

OBSERVATION.

Dug-outs are visible at:-

C.29.a.6.4. (15 men came out of it).

C.24.c.60.25. (being repaired).

U.3.c.8.2. (SCHNITZEL Farm) Concrete.

Minenwerfer were located firing from C.29.b.15. and U.8.b.10.95. (confirmed).

C.P. is suspected in a tree at C.5.a.15.35.

Aircraft guns were firing from about C.12.a.10.55. One of our rounds fell very near them.

At 6.10 p.m. 12 men entered CEMETERY DRIVE at C.18.b.7.6.

A sentry was on duty in front of houses at C.24.c.50.12.

Transport was loaded at the house at J.8.a.05.15.

Traffic was observed on roads at D.19.a.45.30, D.3.c, D.2.b.95.60 and C.24.d.58.48.

Between 3.30 and 4.15 p.m. 15 men measuring the ground with tape at C.10.b.85.20 were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

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Lieut.

for Lieut.-Col. G.S.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N. or N.E. 15 to 25 m.p.h. but less at night and light on low ground. Fair and mainly bright. Good visibility. Temperature rising gradually but cold at night. Temperature day 50 to 55, night 35 to 40. Note. Fair weather continuing some days.

CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 149.....23rd April, 1917.(from 6 a.m. 22nd April, to 6 a.m. 23rd April, 1917).NOTE.- THIS SUMMARY NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

RAID. At 12.35 a.m. enemy commenced a heavy bombardment of our front and support lines between I.11.a. and C.29.c. Our Artillery replied to S.O.S. Signal at 12.38 a.m. An enemy party of 50 was discovered in NO MAN'S LAND, but was caught by Lewis Gun fire from our trenches in C.29.c. and I.5.a., and did not reach our lines. A patrol subsequently failed to find any trace of enemy. Enemy bombardment appeared to cease on the firing of a light which burst into one Red, one Yellow, and one Green light.

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on the following targets:-
 C.18.d.12.40, Cook-house.
 D.7.c., FME. DU GRAND VERQUIN. - Much movement about here.

C.17.a.75.80, Screen and Sandbags. - Works demolished.
 C.18.c.80.23., Dump - Registered.

C.23.b.3.7., Emplacement & dugout. - Registered.

C.17.b.18.16., Heavy Minenwerfer active. - Fire effective and Minenwerfer silenced.

C.4.a.80.34. - Working Parties dispersed.

U.22.a.00.60., M.G. and Snipers post. - Direct hits.

U.21.b.7.6., Light Minenwerfer active. - Direct hits.

Houses at I.18.b.4.1., and I.18.a.65.98, and LA HUTTE Farm (D.26.a.40.75.) were engaged by howitzers, with aeroplane and balloon observation.

In covering fire for Trench Mortars, our Artillery fired 30 rounds on enemy lines in C.17.a. and c. Retaliatory fire (101 rounds) was directed on enemy works in I.5., I.11.a., and C.29.c. and d.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 30 rounds on enemy

wire at C.17.a.65.10. with good effect. Enemy retaliation was heavy, and one of our emplacements was destroyed, and a T.M. buried. On Left Sector Trench Mortars ranged on enemy front line in U.8.d., and fired 26 rounds into it during the night.

MACHINE GUNS.

Fired on roads - Traffic centres in rear of enemy's lines during the night.

LEWIS GUNS.

Fired on enemy wire and parapet and dispersed an enemy working party in U.15.b.

PATROLS.

Patrols on Left Sector met small enemy patrols at 10.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m., which withdrew at once. An enemy patrol about U.22.c.1.2. retired after some bombing with one of our patrols.

DEFENCES.

General repairs were effected, and 60 yards of new wire were erected about BROKEN TREE House (U.15.b.).

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Apart from the attempted raid, enemy Artillery activity was chiefly marked by counter-battery work on 18-pdr. positions in T.24.c. About 350 rounds 15 c.m. were fired with aeroplane observation. One gun and pit were badly damaged. On the Right Sector the enemy

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fired during the day about 268 rounds of 10.5, and 7.7 c.m. shell, and Minenwerfer, on the area which he attempted to raid during the night.

MINING. Sounds of tunnelling were again heard about U.21.d.98.35. At U.8.b.18.33. sandbags filled with earth, and empty, suggest a mine shaft near by.

OBSERVATION. Dug-outs have been located at U.28.d.0.9., C.4.a.9.5. and U.28.c.70.37;

During enemy bombardment in the night flashes of enemy batteries were observed from C.27.a.4.7. at bearings of 95 deg., 110 deg., 116 deg., and 118 deg., (T.B.).

At 10 p.m. a searchlight was active at a bearing of 52 deg. (T.B.) from the same point.

Heavy metal was heard being carried in enemy front line at U.28.a.6.3. It was heard to hit against sides of the trench in transit.

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for Lieut-Colonel.- G. S.
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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h. probably decreasing later and changing to East. Very light at night between BOUVIONY and KEMMEL. Fair. Bright and dry air. Good visibility but gradually deteriorating. Cold night. Temperature Day 50 to 55, night 35 to 40.

Note.- Fair weather probably continuing some days. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 30.43 inches. Unsteady. At 100 metres 30.08 inches.

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CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 150.....24th April, 1917.(from 6 a.m. 23rd April, to 6 a.m. 24th April, 1917.)NOTE.- THIS SUMMARY NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. 57 rounds were directed against targets at C.12.a.7.4., C.12.b.5.7., C.12.b.95.00., and D.25.a.65.83 with balloon observation. Results in all cases satisfactory.

15 rounds fired with aeroplane observation on Cross roads at D.25.b.2.6. in registration. 30 rounds fired by 18-pdrs. to verify registration.

20 rounds of 4.5 howitzer fired on enemy trenches at U.16.d. with good results.

Target at U.29.b.19.68 was engaged with balloon observation. Results satisfactory.

Two enemy working parties opposite PLOEGSTEERT Sector were dispersed during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium Trench Mortars fired 80 rounds on enemy wire and parapet at U.15.d.92.03. and U.22.c.24.40. Effect very good. Retaliation heavy as shown in enemy Artillery operations below.

Light Trench Mortars. 30 rounds were fired with good results on enemy screen and dugout at C.29.a.35.15.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire was carried out on DURIEZ FARM (C.5.d.9.) and road junctions at C.17.a.65.10 and C.17.a.40.35.

LEWIS GUNS. Lewis guns dispersed 3 enemy working parties during night.

SNIPERS. Snipers claim one hit in HOUPLINES Sector.

PATROLS. Patrols on L'EPINETTE (I.11.c. and I.17.a.) Sector report considerable movement in enemy lines during night. Motor transport wagons and trollies could be heard making trips to and from the front line.

Trains were heard to come to about enemy support lines and return at intervals of about 40 minutes.

Much laughing, talking and whistling could be heard in enemy lines at this point.

Ten patrols operated in HOUPLINES Sector during night.

Twelve patrols worked in front of PLOEGSTEERT - ST. VES Sector during night. Sounds of activity were again heard in enemy front line near MESSINES Road.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Artillery exceptionally quiet in HOUPLINES Sector. 30 rounds 15 c.m. fell in vicinity of I.8.a.7.1.

34 rounds 10.5 c.m. fell in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES and HOUPLINES.

10 rounds of 77 m.m. were directed against our trenches in I.10.b. and C.23.a., and subsidiary line in C.28.a. Enemy Artillery very active north of River LYS. Hostile fire was here confined chiefly to counter-battery work and shelling of back areas.

140 rounds of 5.9 were directed against our battery position at U.25.a.65.24. The ranging for this being done by hostile aeroplane.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY (CONT.).

220 rounds 10.5 c.m. directed against gun pits in B.12.a. Two pits were hit and haystack set on fire.
133 rounds of 15 c.m. fell in U.25.b.
20 rounds 15 c.m. fell in vicinity of U.25.c.

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150 rounds of 15 c.m. and 10.5 c.m., and 77 m.m. fell in U.15.a., b and d., and U.21.a. and d.

A few rounds of 10.5 c.m. fell in vicinity of LAWRENCE FARM (U.27.c.45.70) GUNNERS FARM (C.2.d.25.18.) and LANCASHIRE SUPPORT FARM (U.27.b.20.10).

Our trenches in U.15.a., b. and d., and U.21.a. and d. were apparently registered by the enemy during the day.

10 rounds 10.5 c.m. and 15 rounds 77 m.m. being fired.

Registration of ST. YVES AVENUE with 10.5. c.m. and 77 m.m. apparently registered, 80 rounds being fired.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns and rifle fire quieter than usual. It is noticed that in HOUPLINES Sector most of enemy Machine Guns fire from their Support Trenches.

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY.

Much movement was again observed on road at D.19.a.45.30.

During afternoon dense clouds of smoke were observed rising at intervals in direction of GOURCOING.

A 15 c.m. battery located at U.30.d.73.41. was active throughout the day.

Much train activity observed near PERENCHIES, TAIHAPE, in rear of QUESNOY and towards TOURCOING.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Working party and new screens observed in D.7.b. 10 men seen working on road D.8.a.1.9.

Strong M.G. Emplacement definitely located at C.29.c.66.59.

Working parties at U.15.b.55.20. and U.15.a.67.85 were dispersed by our Artillery.

Gap was cut in enemy wire at U.22.c.20.63.

AIRCRAFT.

Aeroplanes very active during day.

Two enemy aeroplanes were over PLOEGSTEERT Sector during morning apparently spotting for enemy artillery.

At 11.30 p.m. an aeroplane crossed lines in HOUPLINES Sector going towards LILLE.

Visibility throughout day good.

[Signature]

Captain.
for Lieut-Colonel.-G.S.

FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N.E. or North 10 to 15 m.p.h.

Probably light at night. Fair. Bright. Dry air.

Fair visibility. Temperature day 55 to 60, night

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 151.....25th April, 1917.

(From 6 a.m. 24th April to 6 a.m. 25th April, 1917).

NOTE. THIS SUMMARY NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our heavy howitzers fired 50 rounds on hostile battery at J.14.d.1.8. Fire was effective, and direct hits were obtained on building at house near by. A fire was caused and burned for some time.

Our artillery fired 190 rounds on roads in I.12.b. and c., A.17.b., J.7.a., and J.1.d., where considerable movement was reported.

Howitzers fired in retaliation 20 rounds on enemy support line from U.22.c.72.05. to U.22.c.53.45.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium Trench Mortars fired 55 rounds on enemy's wire and parapet at U.9.c.0.6. Effect good and considerable damage was done to enemy's works.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns fired on dumps and traffic centres in rear of enemy's roads.

LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns fired on gaps in enemy wire. An enemy working party at U.22.c.25.75. was dispersed at 10.30 p.m.

SNIPERS. Snipers silenced an enemy Sniper at C.10.b.7.1. Two enemy periscopes were smashed in U.28.a.

PATROLS. Patrols were out as usual and reported enemy line exceptionally quiet.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy Artillery was very active, especially on ARMENTIERES Asylum region (I.2.a.) and PLOEGSTBERT (C.1.a.). About 205 rounds of 15 c.m. fell in I.2.a. fired from a bearing 122 deg.(T.B.) from C.27.a.4.7. - direction D.19. In PLOEGSTBERT Sector enemy Artillery fired 300 rounds of 10.5 c.m., searching fire, into C.1.a. About 165 rounds of same calibre were directed against one of our howitzer batteries in C.1.a. by balloon observation. Camouflage of one gun pit was burnt, and 106 rounds of ammunition destroyed. Some of these rounds were fired from direction U.6.b. Other features of enemy shelling were:-

70	rounds	15 c.m.	in T.30.a. and c.
58	"	15 and 10.5 c.m.	in U.21.b. and d.
70	"	7.7 c.m.	in U.15.d.
95	"	10.5 and 7.7 c.m.	in U.27 (apparently from battery in D.5.d.)
65	"	7.7 c.m.	in U.8.a.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy Machine Guns were active on communication trenches of Left Sector.

AIRCRAFT. Four enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines at 5.45 a.m. At 11.30 a.m. an enemy aeroplane was brought down in flames near HOUPLINES, in NO MAN'S LAND. Three enemy aeroplanes were seen to rise about D.27 Central at 2.25 p.m. Observation balloons were noted at 75 deg., 30 min. 141 deg., and 41 deg.(T.B.) from C.27.a.4.7.

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OBSERVATION.

about 0.36. and U.6.
(U.9.c.) at 3.0 p.m.

Three 4-gun batteries were observed firing from

A Minenwerfer was firing from vicinity AVENUE Farm

House at J.1.c.30.15. is used as an O.R.
Men left a large dugout at C.30.d.65.15.

Two trains were seen at 11.0 a.m. proceeding in
direction MESSINES from WARNETON.

J.1.c.15.90.

Twelve men were apparently playing football at

There has been an unusually large number of civilians
moving about behind enemy lines opposite L'EPINETTE (I.5.) during last
few days.

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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N.E. or N. 10 to 15 m.p.h.
Light at night. Fair becoming bright. Fair
visibility. Temperature day 50 to 55, night
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Note.- Fair weather likely to hold for some
days.

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CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 152.....26th April, 1917.(from 6 a.m. 25th April, to 6 a.m. 26th April, 1917).NOTE.- THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.U.15.b.70.32.,
and U.9.a.1.1.Our Artillery registered on targets at I.11.d.9.1.,
U.15.b.21.78, C.11.c.45.90., I.6.b.9.9., J.1.b.8.9.Active Minenwerfer were silenced at C.4.b.16.60.,
U.15.b.70.32., U.15.b.21.78., and U.16.c.10.65.Howitzers fired 15 rounds on Anti-Aircraft gun
in action at W.24.c.5.5. A hostile battery definitely located at
I.30.d.75.40. was registered by balloon observation.About 30 rounds were fired on a train of 3 trucks
seen on light railway from U.5.b.8.1. to U.5.b.7.5. There appeared to
be a gun on the end truck.TRENCH MORTARS.Medium Trench Mortars fired 38 rounds with
effect on enemy wire and parapet at U.22.c.20.65.MACHINE GUNS.Machine Guns carried out indirect fire on enemy
traffic centres and roads.LEWIS GUNS.Lewis Guns fired on gaps in enemy wire. An
enemy working party was dispersed at U.22.c.20.65.PATROLS.Two of the enemy seen during the night near
IRISH AVENUE (C.17.c.) were attacked by one of our Sentries, who bayoneted
one. The other, after firing a few shots, and throwing a bomb ran away.
The wounded man died shortly afterwards. His shoulder strap showed he
belonged to 2 Company, 9th Bavarian Inf. Regiment. (Normal).Our Patrols were out as usual. On the Left
Sector a patrol met an enemy party in U.15.b. near enemy wire. Two or
three of the enemy were wounded by Lewis Gun fire. Enemy Machine Gun
fire prevented our capturing them.ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.Enemy Artillery fired about 130 rounds of 10.5 c.m
7.7 c.m. and Minenwerfer generally over trenches in Right and Centre
Sectors.In Left Sector 182 shells of all calibres, and
Minenwerfer, were fired at various points in LE GHEER region (U.21.d.,
U.27.b.). About 52 rounds 7.7. c.m. and Minenwerfer fell near ST. YVES
(U.15.c.), and 40 rounds 7.7. c.m. in U.8.a. and c.Enemy Minenwerfer showed marked increase of
activity generally along the Divisional Front.Enemy working parties were observed at -
C.23.b.15.60. (dispersed by Artillery).C.16.c. (ULTRA Trench and Support),
from 10.0 p.m. to 3.0 a.m.

U.29.a.60.30.

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY.Trains were heard in rear of enemy lines at
10.15 p.m., 10.35 p.m., 11.10 p.m. and 12.20 a.m. Considerable movement
of transport in rear of enemy's lines was noticed at 10.30 p.m. Enemy
fired a considerable number of VERY Lights. At several points in his
front line there were dull explosions, followed by volumes of smoke.P. T. O.Am
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OBSERVATION OF ENEMY.(CONT.)
of J.7. and 8.

Considerable movement was noticed in vicinity

A searchlight was used in front line in U.28. during night. Another searchlight was fired on in C.17.a. by Lewis Guns and rifles and, it is believed, broken.

Between 6 and 7 a.m. 6 small parties of 3 or 4, carrying packs, were seen walking along HUNS WAAK towards MESSINES.

Movement suggesting a relief was observed in C.29.a. at 2.0 p.m. - small parties, some wearing helmets, some peaked caps. Small parties were also seen in U.23.c. walking towards PONT ROUGE and WARNETON.

Minenwerfer flashes were seen about U.15.b.80.53. New earth is visible under camouflage at

U.4.a.2.5.

Enemy were noticed observing with telescopes from dugout at C.23.b.13.70.

At 8.45 a.m. enemy registered his own front line in I.11.c. and I.17.a. with 7.7. c.m. After each of 3 rounds a Very Light bursting into 3 green stars was fired.

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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind N.E. or N. 10 to 15 m.p.h. probably changing to light N.W. or W. and afterwards increasing. Fair. Probably bright. Fair visibility but misty morning. Cool. Temperature to-day 45 to 50, to-night 46, to-morrow 50 to 55.

Note.- Indications slightly less favourable for fair weather continuing after to-morrow.

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CONFIDENTIAL.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 153.....27th April, 1917.(from 6 a.m. 26th April to 6 a.m. 27th April, 1917).NOTE.- THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

targets:-

Our Artillery fired on and registered the following

- U.28.c.7.4. - Cookhouse.
- U.28.d.42.35.- Suspected Coy., H.Q.
- U.16.c.10.65.- Active Minenwerfer.
- U.24.d.8.9. - Hostile Battery.
- C.5.b.50.42. - Suspected M.G. Emplacement.

Enemy working parties were dispersed at U.28.c.80.48. and (at 9.0 p.m.) U.22.e.20.65.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Medium Trench Mortars cut wire effectively at

U.9.c.07.39. and U.15.d.82.55.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine Guns fired on traffic centres and communication trenches in C.11.d., C.5.central, U.23.b., and U.17.d.

LEWIS GUNS.

Lewis Guns fired on enemy parapet and gaps in wire.

PATROLS.

Patrols from Right Brigade report there is no gap in enemy wire opposite E Gap (U.28.c.). Enemy was heard working hard on his front line. Wire opposite BURNT OUT Farm (U.28.a.2.2.) is weak and a dis-used listening post seems to have been re-established there.

Enemy is reported to be working on Sap at U.28.a.35.75 with metal material.

DEFENCES.

General repairs were continued. Wiring was continued in front of centre Left Brigade.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Enemy Artillery was active on our back areas. Several 15 c.m. shells fell near PONT DE NIEPPE Bridge, and one on the Bridge. About 180 rounds of 15 c.m. fell in PLOEGSTEERT region (T.30.a. and U.25.b.) and 24 rounds 10.5 c.m. about OOSTHOVE Farm (C.11.d.).

Near the front line 23 rounds 10.5 c.m. and light Minenwerfer fell in U.27.b. and c., 110 rounds (mainly Minenwerfer) in U.21.b. and d. and U.15.c., and 130 rounds (mostly of 7.7. c.m. H.E.) in U.8.a. and U.7.a. and c.

SNIPERS.

An enemy Sniper was silenced at C.10.b.5.6. by Lewis Gun fire and rifle grenades. Snipers are suspected at C.4.c.50.95. and C.4.d.20.65.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

A Minenwerfer is reported firing from U.28.d.5.9. At 12.15 p.m. 6 flashes from a gun were observed from U.13.d.35.65. in a line 21 deg. R. of MESSINES Church.

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OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

(CONT.) At 12.20 p.m. one of our aeroplanes was brought down in U.S.c. by enemy Anti-Aircraft Guns. At 12.30 p.m. an enemy observation balloon was brought down in flames.

At 4.10 p.m. large clouds of smoke, caused apparently by an explosion, were observed about U.30.b.12.95.

Movement was noticed about STEIGNAST Farm, HUNS WALK, PETIT HAIE Farm, and SUGAR Refinery.

INTELLIGENCE.

From examination of a blind shell which fell near GRAND RABEQUE Farm (C.S.c.) yesterday, identification has been obtained of the new EKZ Fuze. The shell is the new pattern long 7.7 c.m. shell, pointed steel nose, metal-pencil fuze as described by G.H.Q. Intelligence Ia/31575.

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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind West 15 to 20 m.p.h. probably changing to N.W. later. Lighter at night. Fair but cloudy at first. Brighter intervals likely towards night. Perhaps some drizzle or showers later. Fair visibility but morning mist. Temperature day 50, night 40.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 154.....28th April, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 27th April to 6 a.m. 28th April, 1917).

NOTE.- THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS. Gas was released from our trenches at head of ST. IVES Avenue at 12.33 a.m. The wind was favourable. After the discharge there was a noticeable absence of VERY lights, Rifle and Machine Gun fire from enemy trenches on this part of the front.

While the gas was being released horns and bugles were blown from enemy lines, and VERY Lights bursting into 3 and 4 green lights were fired.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired —
46 rounds on active Minenwerfer at U.16.c.10.65., U.15.b.70.32., and U.15.b.21.78.
33 rounds on strong point at U.22.a.00.55. Six direct hits were obtained, much damage was done, and a dug-out constructed of concrete and steel rails was exposed.

85 rounds on O.Ps. at C.5.b.53.43., and U.29.b.18.66.—
Many direct hits.

In retaliation for hostile shelling 60 rounds were fired on Minenwerfer positions in U.16.c. and U.15.b.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium Trench Mortars fired 40 rounds on enemy wire and parapet at U.15.b.6.3.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns fired on enemy roads and tramway centres during the night.

LEWIS GUNS. Lewis guns fired on gaps in enemy wire.

PATROLS. Patrols reported no sign of the enemy in NO MAN'S LAND. A Special Patrol endeavoured to enter enemy's trenches near FACTORY Farm but was prevented by wire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy Artillery was quieter. The firing was confined chiefly to Minenwerfer and 7.7 c.m. which were scattered over our front and support lines along the entire front. A few 15 and 10.5 c.m. H.E. were also fired. About 300 rounds were fired in all.

At 11.35 p.m. green lights went up from enemy front opposite Division on our Left, and a considerable enemy bombardment began and lasted about 15 minutes. The bombardment worked into our Left Sector as far as U.14.b.

Enemy was very quiet all day on Right Brigade front.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Work is in progress at U.22.c.25.65.— large timber and iron girders being used.

U.28.a., opposite BURNT OUT Farm — planks.

C.5.d.2.9. —digging.

Enemy wire in front of C Gap (C.4.d.) is weak in several places, and being strengthened.

The flashes of 3 heavy guns have been observed for the last three days at about V.14.c.05.15.

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FORECAST.

Noon to noon. Wind Westerly 15 to 20 m.p.h. but less at night. Cloudy with bright intervals. Perhaps slight showers or drizzle. Morning mist. Fair visibility. Milder. Temperature Day 55 to 60, Night 45.

T.C.

Our Artillery fired 45 rounds on enemy positions at U.S. 10.55. 35 rounds on enemy point at U.S. 10.55. Six direct hits were obtained. Much damage was done, and a dug-out destroyed. 55 rounds on O.S. at U.S. 10.55. and U.S. 10.55. In retaliation for hostile shelling 30 rounds were fired on enemy positions in U.S. 10.55. and U.S. 10.55. Machine Guns fired on enemy roads and tramway centres. Hostile guns fired on gaps in enemy wire. Patrols reported no sign of the enemy in 30 MAR. A Special Patrol endeavored to enter enemy's trenches near WATSON but was prevented by wire. Enemy Artillery was quiet. The firing was confined to U.S. 10.55 and U.S. 10.55. A few 15 and 10.55 a.m. Hostile also fired. About 300 rounds were fired in all. At 11.35 a.m. green lights went up from enemy front. Hostile Division on our left, and a considerable enemy bombardment was and lasted about 15 minutes. The bombardment worked into our left sector as far as U.S. 10.55. Enemy was very quiet all day on Night Brigade front. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. Work is in progress at U.S. 10.55. Large timber and iron girders being used. U.S. 10.55. opposite BURNT OUT Farm - 10.55. U.S. 10.55. - 10.55. Heavy fire in front of O Gap (O.S. 10.55) in work in several places, and being strengthened. The flashes of 5 heavy guns have been observed for the last three days at about U.S. 10.55.

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Gas was discharged at 12.30 a.m. along the Divisional front, and from portions of the old Divisional front on each side of the River LYS. The wind was favourable, being W.S.W. Special Patrols were sent out subsequently to endeavour to enter enemy lines.

One Patrol aimed at entering FRELINGHEN by bridge (C.11.c), but lost direction and crossed unnecessarily 4 large ditches, some of which they had to swim. The patrol reached within 150 yards of the bridge, but then returned owing to shortness of time. They report FRELINGHEN extraordinarily silent and deserted - no Sentries near bridge and no Machine Gun or Rifle fire.

Farther North, opposite LE GHEER (U.22.c.) and ULRICA Sap (U.15.a.) enemy appeared not to be taken by surprise, and his response to the gas cloud with rifle and machine gun fire was immediate. His Artillery bombardment followed shortly afterwards. The signals used were green flares bursting with 3 green lights; also red flares single and double. Our Patrols report they were unable to enter enemy trenches, which were manned, and were obliged by enemy fire to desist from hand cutting of enemy wire.

The wire at ULRICA Sap is in three systems. The two outer systems are cut, but the innermost system is intact.

ARTILLERY.

Our Artillery fired on targets at:-
 U.29.c.60.85., suspected Headquarters and O.P.
 U.29.b.40.45., chimney stack, O.P.
 U.28.b.04.16., active Minenwerfer.
 Enemy trenches in U.28.b.
 Enemy trenches in U.8.d.9.c. (retaliation).
 A carrying party was dispersed at C.4.d.7.2.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Nil.

MACHINE GUNS.
his front lines.

Machine guns fired on enemy traffic routes behind

SNIPERS.

A Sniper in Right Sector hit an enemy periscope, upon which a cap was hoisted on a bayonet above enemy parapet.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy Artillery was quieter than usual. About 64 rounds of 10.5 and 7.7. c.m. fell in U.15.d. and U.21.a. and b; 37 rounds 10.5 c.m. in U.13.a.; and 36 rounds 10.5 and 7.7. c.m. in U.8.a.

SNIPERS & RIFLE GRENADIERS, were also very quiet.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Flashes of hostile batteries were seen -
 From U.13.a.75.21., T.B. 50 deg. (10 a.m.), 10.5 c.m. battery.
 From Post Office U.15.d., T.B. 52 deg. (5 p.m.) and 77 deg. (11.30 p.m.).

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OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY (CONT.).

Enemy working parties were seen at -
U.17.c.4.2., 10.15 a.m., filling sandbags.
U.28.a.4.5., 12 noon, baling trench.
C.5.d.2.0., 12.15 p.m., digging.

At 6.25 p.m. two Officers, (possibly observed with a dog, left ruins at C.4.d.75.40. and walked in direction of LES ECDUSSES. They crossed bridge at U.30.b.2.3. and went on towards UESMO at U.28.a.75.10. and U.28.b.1.0.
Smoke was seen rising from enemy trenches

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FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind light West to S.W. probably becoming variable. Bright and warm. Indifferent visibility. Morning mist. Risk of thunderstorms. Temperature day 60 to 65, night 45 to 50.

T.C.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 156.....30th April, 1917.

(from 6 a.m. 29th April, to 6 a.m. 30th April, 1917).

NOTE.- THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

AID.

About 4.15 a.m. the enemy opened a heavy bombardment of our lines from U.28.a. northwards to U.8. At 4.22 a.m. a raiding party, protected by smoke bombs, came over in 3 waves, and entered our trenches at two unoccupied places, U.15.d.38.90 and U.15.d.55.70. A Lewis Gun Team in the vicinity fought its gun till it jammed, and then retired. Enemy did not penetrate beyond front line, and were expelled by bomb and bayonet attack, leaving 2 dead in our trenches, and several more in NO MAN'S LAND. Enemy fire ceased about 5.25 a.m.

The dead were men of 5th Bavarian R.I.R. (normal). They belonged to IIBm(5th Company).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired throughout the raid in reply to enemy bombardment which was heavy and protracted. Subsequent to the Raid, between 5.40 and 5.45 a.m. our Artillery directed searching fire against enemy support and communication trenches in U.16.d. Our Artillery fired altogether 4,425 rounds.

Our Artillery fired during the period on targets at - U.28.d.60.35., suspected Anti-Tank gun emplacement → registered.

U.23.c.9.9., suspected O.P. — direct hits.

U.24.c.40.10., guns in action, response to aeroplane zone call.

Enemy trenches U.21.b., 22.c., 16., c, retaliation.

TRENCH MORTARS.
U.15.a.7.6.

Medium Trench Mortars dispersed enemy working party

PATROLS.

Patrols were out during the night and located enemy working parties at U.28.a.4.4., U.15.a.7.6., and U.8.d.8.3., and they were dispersed by Lewis Gun and T.M. fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the day enemy artillery fired about 280 rounds (evidently registering) on our trenches in U.21.d., U.15.d., and U.8. These rounds were of all calibres - 15, 10.5. and 7.7. c.m. shells and Minenwerfer.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

A concrete dug-out has been located at U.22.c.32.45. Flashes of hostile batteries were observed from U.15.a.75.21. at 58 deg. T.B.

From 4.15 to 4.30 p.m. two lights were observed from the same place apparently signalling to each other, T.B. were 82 deg. and 92 deg. respectively.

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Lieut.- I.C.
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Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to noon. Wind light and variable but mainly between N.W. and N.E. Fair and warm. Indifferent visibility. Morning mist. Temperature day 70, night 45 to 50. Note.- Spell of fair quite warm weather likely. Barometer this morning at M.S.L. 30.06 in. Rising. At 100 metres 29.70 inches.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.157.....1st May, 1917.
(from 6 a.m. 30th April to 6 a.m. 1st May, 1917).

NOTE.- THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired 14 rounds on a suspected enemy cookhouse at U.29.c.46.92. where smoke was seen rising.

During the night 20 rounds were fired on road PONT ROUGE to SUGAR REFINERY (U.23., U.17.), and 10 rounds on HUNS WALK (U.4.a. and b.).

MACHINE GUNS. Machine Guns fired on enemy communication routes.

LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns fired on enemy wire and parapet, especially opposite U.15.d. and U.21.b. where working parties were heard.

SNIPERS. Several enemy periscopes were broken by Snipers.

PATROLS. Patrols in earlier part of the evening were prevented by bright moonlight, but went out after midnight. Great transport activity was reported in FRELINGHIEN, with sounds of steel rails being unloaded. Lamp Signalling was also seen.

Continuous pick and shovel work and hammering was heard in U.22.c. and U.28.a.

Much transport movement was heard on road in U.28.b. and d.

The dead body of one of enemy killed in the ^{road} ~~road~~ on previous night was brought in. He was apparently till recently in the 4th Bav.Landw. I.R; when killed belonged to 5 Bav. R.I.R.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile artillery showed little activity. About 50 rounds of 15 c.m. fell near Cross Roads, T.23.b.7.1. Some of these were lachrymatory gas shells.

12 rounds of 10.5 c.m. fell in U.14.a. All of these emitted a dense cloud of yellowish smoke.

At 6 a.m. 237 rounds, chiefly 10.5 c.m. were fired at portion of one of our batteries, T.24.a.4.6. Ranging was carried out with aeroplane observation.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Flashes of hostile batteries were observed from U.13.a.73.40. at -

7.30 p.m., T.B. 58 deg.

9.0 p.m., T.B. 48 deg. (10.5 c.m.).

At 11.15 p.m. 2 searchlights were observed in direction LA BASSE VILLE.

Towards evening a party of 200 of the enemy in full marshing order was seen well behind enemy lines opposite U.15.d.

At 6.30 p.m. ground mist on Right Brigade Sector rose and drifted towards enemy lines. Great excitement apparently followed with sounds of gongs. Possibly the mist was mistaken for gas.

AIRCRAFT.

At 8.55 a.m. an enemy aeroplane was brought down in flames by one of ours South of River LYS. At 6.30 p.m. an enemy kite balloon, direction MESSINES, fell in flames.

J.W. (initials)

Lieut. I.C.

for Lieut-Colonel.-G.S.

Third Australian Division.

FORECAST. Noon to Noon. Wind N.E. 15 to 20 m.p.h. but light at night. Fine and warm. Morning visibility indifferent, afternoon fair. Slight mist early. Temperature day 70, night 45.

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