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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 31st January - to - 6 a.m. 1st February 1918.

NOTE. Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Throughout the period all Batteries were actively engaged in harassing enemy traffic routes, trenches and strong points in accordance with recent intelligence.

Owing to unfavourable weather conditions, pre-arranged gas shoots were cancelled, H.E. being substituted, and the following points subjected to intermittent bursts of intense fire: THE GIANT, SPUD AND BOMB FARMS, FORT BUILDINGS, COPSE FARM, POLL HOUSE, LAW AND PILL FARMS, dugout at P.13.d.58.66. and O.30.b.75.60., and cross roads at O.24.c.80.02., P.19.d.40.72., P.19.b.05.35., and P.25.d.50.95.

At 11 a.m. our 18 pdrs. dispersed a hostile working party at O.36.a.

Heavy T.M.'s. expended 20 rounds of 6" bombs on enemy trench system and strong points from U.6.c.4.6. to U.6.c.6.6.

Patrols. Liaison patrols between posts and units on flanks maintained connection throughout the night.

A patrol of 1 M.C.O. and 6 men left O.23.a.5.9. and proceeded due E., when about 200 yards beyond our wire an enemy working party was heard, but enemy could not be located owing to fog.

All/patrols report no enemy movement heard.

Owing to dense fog advanced listening posts pushed along front, but they have nothing to report.

A patrol moved out from O.29.c.3.6. to O.29.d.2.9. then to O.29.b.3.2. then to O.29.b.1.7. and returned to O.29.a.3.4. Excepting for the ground 80 yards in front of our line N.M.L. is in a good condition. Patrol was fired on from O.29.b.5.2. by M.G.'s.

Machine Guns. Harassing fire on enemy tracks carried out during the night L.T.M.'s. Our T.M.'s fired on THE TWINS O.11.d.9.2., THE GIANT O.12.c.3.7.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

A. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Hostile artillery was very quiet on whole front during the period.

A few gas shells were fired on RAVINE WOOD in O.10.b. during early morning.

B. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet.

Minenwerfer. Between 10.15 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. enemy heavy Minenwerfers were active, firing from vicinity of KINGSCLERE on our front line at G.5.b.7.8. No damage done.

C. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy .G. at RIFLE FARM O.23.d.1.9. in action throughout the night from 8 p.m.

Another M.G. fired occasionally from about O.29.b.5.2. (see patrol report)

D. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 7 a.m. one enemy aeroplane attempted to cross our line but was driven off by A.A. Guns and M.G. fire.

E. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. No observation possible.

F. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy fired very few flares during the night opposite both brigade fronts.

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ANNEX No. 2 TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SUMMARY 2nd Feby.

Examination of two prisoners of the 4th Co. 163rd I.P., 17th Res. Div. captured at 28 0.35.a. at 6.45 a.m. 2nd February 1918.

1. IDENTIFICATION. Both of the 4th Co., 163rd I.R., 17th Res. Div. One of the 1918 class, joined the 163rd I.R. last June from BEVERLOO; the other was doing colour service on the outbreak of war, was mobilised on the 4th August, but was sent back owing to heart weakness in September 1914, and since then had been with the 59th Landsturm Bn from the westphalian Corps district. In the beginning of November 1917 he had been combed out as fit again for front line duty and joined the 163rd I.R. on the 1st January 1918.
2. METHOD OF CAPTURE. Prisoners left their shell hole in the outpost line this morning to go back for charcoal and rations. They lost direction and wandered in a South Westerly direction till captured by one of our posts.
3. RELIEF of the 8th DIVISION. According to prisoners statements, confirmed by their diaries and letters (see below), the 163rd I.R. relieved the 72nd I.R. in line on the night 31st Jan./1st Feb. about 11 p.m. without casualties. The machine gun companies were probably relieved last night 1st/2nd Feb., as prisoners spoke ^{then} with gunners when on their way back.
4. ORDER OF BATTLE. The 163rd I.R. on the left flank of the 17th Res. Divisional sector; the 162nd I.R. is thought to be immediately north of it. The 226th R.I.R. of the 49th Res. Div. is immediately south of it (see letter below).
Note: It is important to remember that the line of the WANBEEK (through 28 0.30.c.d. & 25.c.) is the boundary between the 163rd I.R. and the 226th R.I.R., the 17th Res. and 49th Res. Divs., the WYTSCHAETE Group and the LILLE Group, the FOURTH Army and the SIXTH Army.
5. DISPOSITIONS. Thought that all four companies of the 1st Bn. were in line, but the whereabouts of the 2nd and 3rd Bns. were not known.
6. OUTPOST POSITION. Prisoners having only come forward into the outpost line about 2 a.m. last night from the "readiness position" (trenches in 0.30.a.) could not give exact locations. The outpost position described as a line of fortified shell holes provided with small elephant shelters. Height and width about 4' each. Two N.C.O's. and about 10 men were in the shelter, which was not nearly large enough. A light M.G. and crew were in a hole on the left. The shelters were protected by a low breast work about 2' high.
7. RELIEFS. Company expected relief after 4 days (on night 4th/5th Feby.) and thought it would then go back to MENIN to rest for a days. The next tour of duty would then be 4 days front line, 4 days support, and only 4 days in rest.
8. ENEMY INTENTIONS. No expectations of any attack being made either against us or by us in this sector. The Feldwebel had definitely said that they were going into a quiet sector (after being twice in line at POLDERHOEF. Chateau last December). Outgoing machine gunners had asserted that the condition of the ground would prevent us from attacking.
9. MORALE good. Rations good, and outgoing men were well satisfied. Bread 500 gms. daily (about 1 lb.)

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ANNEXE TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 2nd FEB. 1918.

EXTRACTS from diary of prisoner of 4th Coy. 163 I.R.

24th June 1917. In the field; joined 4th Coy. 163 I.R.

16th Sept. 5 a.m. English Gas attack. 50 men killed or gassed.

16th Sept. Gas poisoned - in hospital.

29th Sept. to 14th Oct. In convalescent home.

30th Oct. Evacuated from hospital (after leave)

17th Novr. Journey to FLANDERS.

2nd Decr. (In line at POLDERHOEK). With the ration party. English attack on our line beaten back.

3rd Decr. 21 men came back out of 70.

28th Decr. Came to COURTRAI.

Jany. 1918. Rest. Training (Specially with M.G.'s.)

6th Jany. Went to see uncle in TOURCOING. (Note: This notice combined with the letter below helps to locate the 228th R.I.R. on 6th Jany.)

10th Jany. Evening went to the Pictures.

29th Jany. Rest.

30th Jany. After 2 p.m. left COURTRAI, 4 p.m. arrived MENIN.

31st Jany. 10 p.m. Moved up into line.

Translation of letter written by the same prisoner but not yet posted at the time of capture:-

MENIN 31st Jany. 1918.

Dear Uncle, Just to tell you we are now in MENIN and also are to go into line here. From what I have heard the 228th lies on our left, so that you ought to be somewhere in the neighbourhood too, seeing that the 228th (the Uncle's Regiment) belongs to the same formation (i.e. the 49th Res. Div.). Do write and tell me where you are.

We are going up into line to-day, and remain 4 days in front, then we come back for 8 days rest here in MENIN.

The Sector we are going to is said to be a quiet one.

Do write soon. For the rest, I am still well and hope the same of you, with greetings from your nephew R.

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from 6 a.m. 1st February - to - 6 a.m. 2nd February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Throughout the period all batteries were engaged in harassing enemy communications, trenches, cross roads and strong points, located from recent intelligence.

Special attention was paid to the following points:- GUARD, LAW, PILL, COPSE and BOMB Farms, hostile dump at O.18.d.14.12, dugouts at P.13.a.62.22, footbridge over YFRES-COMINES CANAL at P.13.a.85.32, ESPERANCE CABT. and PONT MALHET. A number of gas shells were expended in a systematic bombardment of O.30.d.80.80, O.30.d.28.17, F.25.a.60.15.

Heavy T.M.'s. Our H.T.M.'s. carried out destructive shoots on following points:- BANG and WHIZZ Farms (O.17.b. and O.17.d.) and FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.b), 17 rounds being expended.

10 rounds were fired on WASP and WAA Farms (O.23.b and O.23.d) with good effect.

L.T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s. engaged the following points:- O.35.b.6.6. and O.35.b.6.3, 80 rounds being fired. Searching fire was directed on Minenwerfer firing from about O.12.c.4.0.

Patrols. Liaison patrols between posts and units on flanks maintained throughout the night.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. left O.29.c.3.6. at 10 p.m. returning at 11.45 p.m. at O.29.a.2.6. They penetrated NO MAN'S LAND to a depth of 500 yards; from O.29.a.3.0 to O.29.a.3.3. the ground is marshy.

Patrol of 1 Officer and 11 O.R. left O.23.c.3.1. at 9.57 p.m. and returned at 11.50 p.m. Patrol report ground near WANBEEK very wet and shell torn. No enemy were seen or heard.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Two prisoners of 4th Company 163rd I.R. 17th Reserve Divn. were captured about 28, O.35.a. at 6.45 a.m. this morning. The 17 Res. Divn. relieved the 8th Division on the night 31st Jany./1st Feb. 1918.

Interrogation of these prisoners appears as an annexe to this Summary.

3. ORDER OF BATTLE. (probable) from N to S :-
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| 76 R.I.R.) | |
| 162 I.R.) | 17 Res. Div. |
| 163 I.R.) | |
| 226 R.I.R.) | 49 Res. Div. |

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Activity was again much below normal. A few 4.2" shells were fired on support line in O.15. between 2.30 and 3 p.m.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE very quiet. Between 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. at O.35.d.9.5. a few of the enemy were seen waving their hands apparently attempting to fraternize. They were fired on and disappeared.

Minenwerfer. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. a few shells were fired on our front line posts in O.17.c.

From 10.45 a.m. to noon enemy H.T.M.'s fired 15 rounds on front line right sector from vicinity of KINGSCLERE.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire in front of WAA Farm (O.23.d) is reported to be weak and not a great obstacle.

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ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. A M.G. was reported by patrol at 0.29.b.60.85. M.G.'s were located at Pill-box at 0.23.b.21.80, 0.23.b.6.9. A M.G. was located firing from about 0.29.b.2.6.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Beyond attempt to fraternize very little enemy movement was seen.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Heavy fog prevented good observation. Enemy fired very few flares during the night opposite both brigade fronts.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 2nd February - to - 6 a.m. 3rd February 1918.

NOTE. Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Known enemy communications, trenches, and centres of recent activity were kept under intermittent bursts of fire throughout the period.

The following points were included in a pre-arranged programme, and subjected to concentrated bombardment:- THE GIANT (O.12.e), dugouts at O.12.d.22.68., O.18.d.65.86., and P.13.d.55.65., TWINS (O.11.d.)

LAW (O.24.a), PILL (O.24.a), SQUARE (O.30.b) and PILLEGRETT (O.24.a) FARLS, ESPERANCE CABT. (O.36.b) and PONT MALHET (P.31.b).

All pre-arranged gas shoots were cancelled owing to unfavourable weather conditions, H.E. being substituted in area shoots on to O.36. and P.31.

At 11 p.m. "W" Sound Ranging Section located active hostile trench mortars at O.36.d.78.43 and 62.30 and a special programme having been arranged by the MESSINES GROUP, this was successfully put into operation, resulting in the complete silencing of enemy activity in the above area. Other trench mortars at U.12.b.3.9. were also dealt with during the day.

H.T.M.'s. Our Heavy T.M.'s. bombarded new concrete work in WAM FARM (O.23.d.) at 10.30 p.m. with 9.45" bombs, but owing to prevailing fog results could not be ascertained. (See also below).

Patrols. Our patrols were active during the night and report as follows:-

- (1) NO MAN'S LAND very boggy, 200 yards from our forward posts in O.35.d.
- (2) Enemy party of six seen at about U.6.a.3.3. dispersed with L.G. fire.
- (3) Working party heard at THE TWINS (O.11.d). Sounds of handling galvanised iron and of shovel work were heard.

Machine Guns. Our M.G.'s. fired throughout the night on the following targets:- O.24.a.50.25., O.24.c.50.35., O.30.d.06.00., road through O.36.a. Ammunition expended 5,900 rounds.

L.T.M.'s. At midnight 20 rounds were fired on FLY BUILDINGS. At 2 a.m. a T.M. was taken forward to our wire and fired 10 rounds on M.G. at O.17.b.9.6.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ENEMY ARTILLERY. Enemy shelling showed an increase. A 4.2" battery fired a number of rounds on PIONEER LANE and track leading to Post 3.O.17. from direction of HOUTHEN. VERNE ROAD and WALL FARM were also shelled during the morning. At noon several rounds of 77 mm. were placed along the post lines on the extreme left of the sector. About 80 4.2" were sent over during the day on area O.11.a. central. Light shelling of 4.2s. and 77 mm's. lasting 10 minutes on our front and support lines in O.17. and O.16. this morning at 4.30 a.m.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Much more active during last 24 hours. Snipers. Enemy snipers fired at any movement made on our Right Sector.

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Trench Mortars. Light and Heavy T.K.'s firing from KIWI, KINGSCLERE were very active during the 24 hours. Enemy put up very heavy barrage on our extreme Right Coy. at 4.45 a.m. to 5 a.m. with H. and M. M!W s., then continued to shell intermittently with H.M.W.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G.'s were more active during last night sweeping tracks and supports. Fired heavily on our aeroplanes during day.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire. In front of post at U.11.b.5.7. found damaged by H.T.M. fire (patrol).
 New wire reported at O.29.b.1.4. (patrol).
 Wire in front of WAM FARM is in three rows. The first is 150 yards from the FARM is low and 2 feet wide, there is 70 yards between the first and second row, which is similar to first row. The third row is 30 yards from the FARM, it is 3 feet high 6 feet wide, in good repair, and runs down to WAMBEEK.
 A trip wire was found about 15 yards in front 3 depths of concertina wire at O.12.c.2.7.
Machine Guns. A M.G. firing from about O.23.d.65.40 (patrol).
 At O.11.d.5.3. - active - confirmed by patrol.
 Active from about O.12.c.35.70.

7. HOSTILE AREIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy balloon up from 4.25 p.m. to 5 p.m. on a true bearing 128° from U.4.b.72.46.
 Enemy planes were over our lines from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. flying high, and were turned back by our A.A. gun fire

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Observation fair.
Enemy Flares. Large quantity of flares were again used by enemy especially opposite the Right of Divisional Front.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 3rd February - to - 6 a.m. 4th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS. Our artillery was chiefly confined to harassing enemy communications, traffic routes and other centres of recent enemy activity. Special concentrations of fire was put down on following points, intermittently throughout the period:- Dugouts at P.7.a.80.33., LAKE FARM, LAKE FAR, track junctions at P.19.d.00.52, 0.30.d.26.15 and V.1.d.40.40., machine gun positions at 0.29.b.65.20., U.6.d.15.90., U.6.a.30.80 and buildings at V.1.b.20.35. Between 5.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. shoots were carried out on 0.36. and 0.35., and gas bombardments put down on Pill-boxes at U.6.d.20.35., buildings at V.1.b.70.25 and cross roads at V.1.d.40.40. H.T.M's. 25 rounds of 9.45" bombs were expended by H.T.M. Batteries in destructive shoots on RIFLE, BEEK and PUMP FARMS (0.23.d, 0.29.b, 0.12.b) with good effect, direct hits being obtained and quantity of bricks and concrete blocks were observed in the air. Medium T.M's. fired 50 rounds 6" bombs on enemy trench system and S.P's. from 0.36.c.4.4. to 0.36.c.3.5. and THE TWINS (0.11.c) with good effect. Machine Guns. Our M.G's fired on following targets; 7,500 rounds being expended:- 0.30.c.95.50., 0.24.c., 0.24.a., U.12.b.40.25., 0.24.b., 0.24.d.40.16. L.T.M's. At 11.35 p.m. our L.T.M's fired 30 rounds on 0.36.c.3.5. and 0.36.c.4.4. Patrols. Liaison patrols between posts and units on flank maintained through/ the night. Our patrols report as follows: an enemy patrol was heard on the road at 0.11.d.85.40. An enemy working party was seen about U.5.d.8.8. they were dispersed by L.G. fire. NO MAN'S LAND near CINEMA ROAD is very muddy and heavy going. NO MAN'S LAND at 0.35.a.95.30 is at least a foot deep in mud. Sounds of talking and laughing were heard coming from about 0.29.b.1.3.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. ENEMY ARTILLERY. Between 10 a.m. and noon enemy : shelled vicinity of STEIGNAST FARM (U.5.a.) with 4.2" H.E. and 0.34.central with about 20 5.9's. BUG FARM (0.16.c.), VERNE ROAD (0.16.) and WALL FARM (0.23.a.2.5.) were shelled with 77 mm's from the direction of HOUTHEM. Wood in 0.11.a. was shelled at intervals during period. During the night a few 77 mm's were fired on front line in 0.11.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy active during period. Snipers. Enemy snipers were active on our Left Sector also on Right Battalion Right Sector. Machine Guns. Enemy M.G's were not so active. Short bursts at long intervals swept our roads and tracks.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine Guns Two M.G's were located firing from BEEK FARM and 0.24.b.central. Strong Point Enemy S.P. located at 0.35.d.75.75. (patrol)

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7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes made several attempts to cross our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At dusk wagons and transport were heard about the vicinity of WARNETON Church. Great deal of movement was seen between LAKE FARM to Fill-box at 0.24.d.38.12 then in N. direction.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility fair. At 10.15 p.m. a green flare bursting into two was fired from RIFLE FARM, no action followed. At 6 p.m. smoke was seen rising about 0.35.b.6.5. Previous to minenwerfer barrage on Right Company at 4.45 a.m. mentioned in previous summary, three clusters of range lights were sent up by enemy.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 4th February - to - 6 a.m. 5th February 1918.

NOTE Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery. Throughout the period our batteries were active. Intermittent bursts of intense fire were directed against the following centres of enemy activity :- THE GIANT (O.12.c), THE TWINS (O.11.d.), COPSE FARM (O.18.d.), BOMB FARM (O.18.c.), FORT BUILDINGS (O.18.d.), LAKE FARM (O.24.e.), dump at O.24.c.90.00, enemy work from U. 6.a.60.25 to O.36.c.65.00 and CROSS ROADS at O.24.d.32.60., O.29.d.32.60 and P.25^a.86.30.
- In anticipation of enemy relief an increased intensity of harassing fire was directed on to tracks and strong points in O.24.c. and d., O.30., P.19.c and d. between the hours of 6.25 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- At 4 p.m. a number of rounds of gas shell were expended on to ESPERANCE CABARAT O.36.b. and vicinity.
- Trench Mortars. Our H.T.M.'s. fired 8 rounds of 9.45" bombs in checking registration of THE TWINS. 101 rounds of 6" bombs were expended by our Medium Trench Mortars in very satisfactory destructive shoots on to the following points:- U.6.c.5.5., O.36.c.30.50., BANG FARM (O.17.b.), THE TWINS (O.11.d) and enemy S.P. at O.18.a.30.97. Direct hits on the latter and THE TWINS threw up a quantity of timber and iron.
- L.T.M.'s. 70 rounds were fired on a M.G. reported position at O.24.b.1.2; during the shoot a flash of a M.G. was observed at O.29.b.1.4. This was engaged and silenced. 10 rounds were fired on suspected M.G. in vicinity of O.17.b.8.2.
- Machine Guns. Our M.G.'s. carried out increased fire on enemy tracks and posts in anticipation of a relief. 8,750 rounds were fired on following tracks, cross roads and S.P.'s.:- O.24.b.38.15, O.30.d.7.2., O.30.b.00.35, O.36.a.45.25., O.24.e.20.45, U.12.b.40.25.
- Patrols. The regular liaison patrols were sent out, in addition patrols report as follows :- An enemy working party was heard on wire opposite our post at O.35.d.3.8., also near O.23.d.0.3 near WAM FARM O.23.d. Road from O.11.d.6.8. to O.11.d.2.3 is well defined, slightly sunken in places, and covered with water filled shell holes. An enemy party was heard moving at O.11.d.7.5. They made a great deal of noise.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Between 4.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. a number of 4.2's were fired on OOSTTAVERNE WOOD O.14.d., and again at 11.50 p.m. and 1.50 a.m. WALL FARM O.23.a and RIDGE FARM O.16.d. were occasionally shelled with 4.2's throughout the period. STEIGNAST FARM U.5.a. was lightly shelled. 4.p.m. to 4.30 p.m. enemy fired 50 5.9's into O.21.b.5.5. from direction of WERVICQ. Between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. vicinity O.34. central/wth 20 4.2" shrapnel and 10.77m.m. H.E. ^{was shelled}
5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Active opposite right sector right battalion front, elsewhere quiet. Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns were more active firing on our tracks between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Trench Mortars. Light and Heavy T.M.'s. from KIWI FARM O.36.c. and KINGSCLERE FARM U.6.b. fired about 50 rounds on to our front line in right sector. Hostile battery was observed firing on T.B. 87° 35 from O.26.d.10.75 at 12.50 p.m.

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From 8 a.m. 23 February 1918 - 2 -

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 3.15 p.m. 3 enemy planes flew over our lines at a high altitude. They were driven off by A.A. fire.

At 10 a.m. 3 balloons were up at T.B. 1820, 1290, 1070 from 0.21.d.75.85. They were hauled down at 10.50 a.m. From 2 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. enemy balloon up at T.B. 1290 from 0.21.d.75.85.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Two men were seen to leave BOMB FARM 0.18.c. and disappear through wire at 0.18.d.1.9.

One of the enemy was seen to leave POLL HOUSE 0.18.a. and disappear at PAT FARM 0.18.b. Movement and smoke seen at 0.24.c.67.10. Continued movement seen round LAKE FARM and pill box in the vicinity.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. An enemy heliograph was observed signalling from the direction of HOUTHEN.

Train was seen moving in N. direction on T.B. of 770 from 0.20.d.05.10.

At 6 p.m. on our planes crossing enemy lines, searchlights were opened up from the direction of COMINES. Visibility fair.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

... 10 rounds were fired on a M.G. reported position at ... during the shoot a flash of a M.G. was observed at ... This was engaged and allowed. 10 rounds were fired ... in vicinity of 0.17.b.8.2. ... M.G.'s. ... increased fire on enemy ... 8.750 rounds were fired on following tracks, cross roads and 8.7's. 0.24.d.38.18, 0.30.d.7.8., 0.30.d.00.35, 0.35.a.45.35., 0.34.c.80.45, U.12.d.40.25. The regular liaison parties were sent out, in addition ... An enemy working party was heard on wire opposite our post at 0.35.d.3.8., also near 0.25.d.0.3 near WAM FARM 0.25.d. Road from 0.11.d.8.8. to 0.11.d.3.3 is well defined, slightly sunken in places, and covered with water filled shell holes. An enemy party was heard moving at 0.11.d.7.8. They made a great deal of noise.

... IDENTIFICATIONS. ... HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Between 4.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. a number of 4.2's were fired on GOSTAVIERNE WOOD 0.14.d., and again at 11.50 p.m. and 1.50 a.m. WAIL FARM 0.23.a. and RIDGE FARM 0.18.d. were occasionally shelled with 4.2's throughout the period. STEINER FARM U.S.a. was lightly shelled. 4.2's into 0.21.d.5.2. from 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. enemy fired 30 4.2's into 0.21.d.5.2. from direction of WERVICQ. ... between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. ... 4.2's shrapnel and 10.75mm H.E. ... ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Active opposite right sector right battalion front. ... ENEMY DEFENCES. French mortars, light and heavy T.W.'s. from RWI FARM 0.35.c. and ... hostile battery was observed firing on T.B. 57.35 from 0.28.d.10.75 at 12.30 p.m.

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From 6 a.m. 5th February - to - 6 a.m. 6th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. General searching and harassing fire maintained throughout the period on enemy centres of activity and bursts of fire were put down on cross roads and tracks. On right sector area searches were carried out, including gas shells in the vicinity of P.31.d.30.70., U.12.b.40.80. and on road P.31.c.15.45 to V.1.a.70.25.

L.T.M's. At 9.30 p.m. our L.T.M's. fired 80 rounds on O.23.d.1.8. 50 rounds were fired on vicinity of O.23.d.0.3. suspected M.G. position and 20 rounds on WHIZ FARM (O.17.d.7.8) and M.G. position in vicinity of FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.b.65.95).

Machine Guns. Harassing fire was maintained on enemy S.P's. and communications.

Patrols. Liaison between posts and flank units maintained throughout the night. Patrols report as follows:- Enemy party were heard at O.35.b.5.0. NO MAN'S LAND in front of WALL FARM (O.23.a) is in a wet and boggy condition. Enemy were heard talking and hammering at O.35.b.8.0.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. During the period enemy's artillery was less active. About 10 a.m. 16 4.2's. were fired in O.10.b. At 5 a.m. a few rounds of 77 mm were fired on front line in O.11. The DOUVE VALLEY and STEIGNAST FARM (U.5.a) were shelled at intervals with 4.2's. Between 9.45 p.m. and 10 p.m. 15 rounds of 4.2 Gas shells fell in vicinity of O.22.c.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. Minenwerfer firing from KINGSCLERE (U.6.b) were active at intervals. Two minenwerfer were active on left sector firing from WHIZ (O.17.d) and PUMP FARMS (O.12.b). M.G's. were active on right sector right battalion and fired heavily on our aeroplanes during the day.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy M.G's. were located approximately O.36.a.3.3., O.11.d.35.52. New work was observed at LAKE FARM (O.24.c).

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 10.30 a.m. 6 E.A. flew high over our right sector. At 2.10 p.m. 3 E.A. crossed our lines, they were driven off by A.A. fire.

Balloons. Between 10.45 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. 3 enemy balloons were up at T.B's. 95°, 129°, 61° from O.21.d.75.85.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Slight movement was observed at Pill-box O.24.c.4.3. near LAKE FARM. 2 men were seen at O.30.d.00.65 SALMON FARM. At 5.45 p.m. 3 of the enemy ran into BEE FARM (O.23.b). 6 men were seen to enter Pill-box at O.17.d.2.1. In O.24.a and O.24.c. continued movement was seen.

MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility fair. At 2.20 p.m. train was observed moving in Northerly direction into COMINES T.B. 120° from O.21.d.75.85. At 6.30 p.m. enemy searchlight was observed flashing from direction of HOUTHEM. A considerable number of white flares were sent up from enemy's trench system in O.18. during the night.

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for Lieut-Colonel, General Staff.
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 6th February - to - 6 a.m. 7th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery. During the night intermittent searching and sweeping fire on enemy tracks and communications was continued, and occupied strong points and centres of activity were intermittently shelled with bursts of fire at irregular intervals. PUMP FARM 0.12.b., THE TWINS 0.11.d., PAT FARM 0.18.b. and PILLEGREMS 0.24.a. were intermittently searched; also concrete dugouts at 0.12.d.21.70, d.27.73, d.35.76, d.37.76., at 0.18.d.86.46 and machine gun positions at 0.18.a.30.90. During the day registrations were checked and hostile working party moving at P.31.b.7.8. engaged. Trench Mortars. At 12.30 a.m. 6" Mortars engaged minenwerfer positions at 0.36.c.5.5 and U.6.c.0.3. Between 6.45 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. 9.45" M.T.M. carried out a bombardment of WAM FARM 0.23.d.10.25. with very effective result; many bricks and debris observed in the air. L.T.M.'s. 60 rounds were fired on enemy post and M.G. at 0.29.a.9.2. 60 rounds were fired on the following points :-M.G. positions in the vicinity of FLY BUILDINGS 0.25.b. and BANG FARM 0.17.b. Machine Guns. Our machine guns were active throughout the period. 6.900 were fired on following targets :- 0.24.c.50.35., 0.30.d.20.70, 0.23.d.8.8., 0.24.c.20.45., V.7.a.45.80. Patrols. Beyond the regular liaison patrols following is reported:- NO MAN'S LAND in front of WHIZ FARM 0.17.d. is in bad condition, in places knee deep in mud. NO MAN'S LAND on south side of HUNS WALK from 0.35.d.40.60 to 0.35.d.50.55 is impassable on account of water. NO MAN'S LAND near MILITARY ROAD in 0.35.a. is almost impassable as the ground is badly cut up, and shell holes filled with water. A working party was heard hammering in stakes in direction of 0.24.c.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Prisoner, a Corporal of 162nd I.R. 1st M.G. Co. was captured this morning in 0.23. (normal). Examination of this prisoner forms an annexe to this Summary.
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery less active. STEIGNAST FARM U.5.a. was again shelled intermittently throughout the day. DELBSKE FARM 0.10.b. and area in front of it, THE RAVINE 0.10.d., RAVINE WOOD 0.10.c. and area behind ROSE WOOD 0.16.a. were lightly shelled during the period with 4.2's.
5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Except for minenwerfer activity, enemy very quiet. Posts No. 3 in 0.17. and 6 in 0.23. were fired on by minenwerfer at 11 a.m.; about 20 rounds being fired. At 8 a.m. several PINEAPPLES were fired in the vicinity of WALL FARM 0.23.a. At 7.30 a.m. 11 rounds of light minenwerfer fell near GAPAARD fired from KIWI FARM 0.36.c. At 8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. enemy bombarded posts at 0.35.d.5.3. with Heavy minenwerfer. Flash from two guns was observed at about 0.36.c.7.6. in rear of a line of trees along Eastern side of KIWI FARM 0.36.c. Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns were fairly active between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. Later only occasional bursts.

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6. ENEMY D. FENCES. Enemy machine guns were located at 0.29.d.4.4., 0.29.b.15.35., 0.29.b.05.45.
Two Heavy Minenwerfer were located approximately 0.36.c.7.6.
Ground observers report that wire in front of WHIZ FARM 0.17.d. is at least 8' to 10' thick, and very strong.
New Work was observed at WAM FARM 0.23.d.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy plane flew over out front line at 4.15 p.m. flying at a high altitude emitting a great deal of smoke apparently signals which were answered by two bright lights in HOUTHEN. When the smoke signals stopped, the lights went out.
At 2.30 p.m. enemy plane crossed our lines flying high.
BALLOON. Between 2.48 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. enemy balloon was up on T.B. 58° from 0.20.d.05.10.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 2 p.m. much movement seen at PILL BOX 0.24.c.54.17, also along road 0.23.d.9.9 to 0.30.d.2.7.
2.30 p.m. 4 men seen at 0.36.b.26.20.
4 p.m. one of the enemy in full marching order was seen to enter in sap at U.6.c.8.0. He was fired on and believed to have been hit.
10. MISCELLANEOUS. 9.40 a.m. train observed going south from COMINES.
At 10.11 a.m. clouds of smoke rising from North end of COMINES.
Very few enemy flares were used during the night.
Visibility fair.

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for
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ANNEXE TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Examination of prisoner (a Corporal)
of 1st M.G. Co. 162nd I.n. captured
in O.23.d. 7th February 1918).

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1. PERSONAL DETAILS. Prisoner is an active soldier of the 1917 class. He is a Pole, living in West Prussia. He is extremely willing to give information, but has probably the national characteristic of exaggeration strongly developed and his statements should be accepted with reserve, pending further confirmation. He is a Company Gas Corporal.
2. HOW CAPTURED. Prisoner's company relieved the company in the line last night. Prisoner got separated from his fellows and was slightly intoxicated by an excessive rum ration. He wandered about and after a while was grazed by a bullet and finally came into our lines near WAM FARM. He had wandered South of his Sector.
3. ORDER OF BATTLE. Prisoner only knows that his Regiment was the centre Regiment of the 17th Reserve Division, and does not know which regiments were north and south of him.
4. METHOD OF HOLDING THE LINE. The line is held on the six-company system. Four companies hold the front line with an outpost line in front, two companies are in support and the remaining six companies are in rest. There are two M.G. companies forward (24 guns), and the infantry have four L.M.G's. per company, and by the 15th of this month will have six. There are 12 Heavy M.G's. in, and 100 - 150 metres behind, the front line, and another 12 in support. One group of the Stosstrupp is attached to the forward batteries for the nightly patrols, which obtain information about our posts and M.G's. Patrols consist of 6 men and a leader.
5. REST BILLETS. Each unit has its own rest billets and they are not handed over to the relieving unit as heretofore. The 1st M.G. Co. is at COUCOU. Units of the 1st Battalion at VIERWELTEN (QUATRE MONDES) and the other units are billeted in the buildings on the western edge of MENIN, when in rest.
6. RELIEFS. On the night of 5th/6th February, the 2nd Battalion was relieved by the 1st. Six days are passed in the front line, six in support and six in rest.
7. MACHINE GUNS. The Machine Gun Companies bring indirect fire to bear on our approaches, cross-roads etc., and on to our front line, when German patrols are not out. Every M.G. Zug is in a concrete dugout which has a concrete emplacement on either side for the sledges of the two guns. Prisoner's Zug was for A.A. work, but only one of the two guns was left on the stand during the night, the other being used for ordinary purposes.
8. BACK AREAS. Between WERVICQ and MENIN nearly every house has a huge concrete dugout behind it for M.G's. The Feldwebel and Corporals of the resting M.G. Coy had to reconnoitre these in case they had to occupy them, if we attacked. They are camouflaged but appear on the latest photographs. Belgian civilians are engaged on the construction which is still proceeding. These dugouts are of an area of about 24 square metres and hold 40 men.

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9. ROUTE TO POST. Prisoner's Coy. marched from COUCOU, via WERVICQ passing through the market place, to HOUTHEM. The M.G.'s. went on wagons.
10. AIRCRAFT. They were instructed in shooting at hostile aeroplanes with M.G.'s.
11. HEADQUARTERS.
 (a) WYTSCHAETE GROUP COURTRAI
 (b) 17th Res. Div. WEVELGHEM
12. NAMES OF OFFICERS. 1st M.G. Co. - Lieut. BULLER
 1st Battn. - Major DZEOBECK
 165 I.R. - Major HANS
 Brigade - OBEROT von WEDER
 Division - General Major MUTIUS
13. RATIONS are not so good as with us. The bread ration is 750 grammes. The submarines are no longer expected to starve England, but it is hoped that they embarrass the military situation by necessitating the withdrawal of ships for purely civilian purposes.
14. MISCELLANEOUS.
 (a) Prisoner denies that COURTRAI is very full of troops.
 (b) The Germans are told that the Australians and three special British Regiments always kill their prisoners.
 (c) The Hauxatic Cross and Iron Cross are awarded according to seniority in the Regiment and not for bravery. Prisoner has both but attaches no value to either.

ANNEX TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Examination of prisoner (a I/Cpl.) of the 5th Coy., 163 I.R., 17 Res. Division, captured in O.29.a.25.75. 8th Feby. 1918)

1. PERSONAL DETAILS. Prisoner belongs to 1914 class and has been fighting since the beginning of the war. He joined his present Regiment in January of this year after recovery from wounds in GERMANY. His moral is excellent: he will give very little information and is evidently intensely patriotic and proud of the German Army.
2. METHOD OF CAPTURE. Prisoner was accompanying a newly promoted officer on a patrol. All new officers have apparently to go once on a patrol, though it is unusual for them to go subsequently. They crept under our wire and prisoner was caught up and had to surrender. He does not know what happened to the officer.
3. ORDER OF BATTLE. Prisoner does not know the Order of Battle, but states that his company is on the left of the divisional sector.
4. DISPOSITIONS. Prisoner states that his battalion (the 2nd) has four companies in the line. The order of companies from N. to S. is 7, 5, 6, 8. The companies have two platoons forward with an outpost line 30 yards in front at night, the remaining platoon is with the company Commander some 600 yards further back. Prisoner will not give any further information on this subject and is unable to give any locations.
5. RELIEFS. The 2nd Bn. relieved the 1st Bn. on the night of the 4th/5th February. Prisoner thinks the period in the line will be 8 to 10 days (doubtful).
6. REST BILLETS. When in rest his battalion was at BISEGHEM for training. They moved to MENIN on 1st February and were billeted in the KLOSTER STRASSE. He states that the 3rd battalion were in HALLUIN and were still there when his battalion came into the line.
7. NAMES OF OFFICERS.

O.C. 5th Coy.	Lieut. HANSEN.
O.C. 2nd Bn.	HAUPTMANN von HAMMERSTEIN
O.C. 163 I.R.	OBERST Lieut. von SIECH.
8. GAS. When with 394 I.R. prisoner's company was gassed near VERDUN on 19th/20th August 1917. They had about 20 casualties. Prisoner confirms the recall of all rubber masks while they were at BISEGHEM, and the substitution of leather ones, and attributes the change to the superiority of the latter.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 7th February - to - 6 a.m. 8th February 1918.

NOTE: NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Harassing fire on communications and centres of activity was maintained throughout the night, roads and tracks being intermittently swept and searched. Registration and calibration were carried out during the day.

Tracks round FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b.63.95), RIFLE FARM (0.23.d.15.95) CODE FARM (0.23.d.80.80), M.G. position at 0.23.d.52.69., occupied shell holes at 0.23.d.40.45., and tracks around BEEK FARM (0.29.b.15.95) were swept and searched continuously.

At 8 a.m. small enemy working party at 0.29.d.5.0. were effectively dispersed by our fire. See 4.

H.T.M's. H.T.M's. engaged targets at 0.11.d.95.23., 0.12.c.30.64., 0.18.a.30.96 to verify registrations handed over and were successful.

A Gas bombardment on concrete dug-outs in vicinity of 0.12.d.30.75 was carried out between 8 and 11 p.m.

L.T.M's. 30 rounds were fired on M.G. position at 0.29.d.4.4., 80 rounds were fired with good effect on following targets:- suspected M.G. 0.17.d.55.40., BANG FARM (0.17.b) and THE TWINS (0.11.d)

Machine Guns. Harassing fire was carried out on enemy's communications and S.P's. during the period.

Patrols. Usual liaison patrols were sent out, in addition following is reported :- NO MAN'S LAND in front of FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b) is boggy.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. A prisoner of the 5th Coy. 163rd I.R. was captured at 0.29.a.25.95 at 7.20 a.m. this morning. Examination of prisoner forms an annexe to this Summary.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery very quiet. At 12.40 p.m. vicinity of support line in 0.16 was lightly shelled with 4.2's from the direction of COMINES. VERNE ROAD in 0.16.c and d was occasionally shelled. STEIGNAST FARM (U.5.a) was again lightly shelled.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G's. An enemy M.G. was located at 0.35.b.7.7. Minenwerfer. Minenwerfer was located at about 0.35.b.7.7. 77 mm gun seen in action not far behind enemy lines T.B. of 100° from 0.21.d.75.95 New Work. 2 Pill-boxes at BANG FARM (0.17.b) have been repaired with sandbags.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 3.30 p.m. an enemy working party were seen near Pill-box at 0.30.d.0.5., they were fired on by our artillery. At 8.50 a.m. 3 men left Pill-box at 0.24.c.23.68 in full marching order. At 2 p.m. 8 men seen riding bicycles from 0.30.b.2.4 in a northerly direction. Movement was observed during the day near PAT, MURPHY (0.18.b) and PUMP FARMS (0.12.b). Considerable increase of train movement was observed in rear of enemy lines during the day. Between 9.25 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. the following trains were observed:-

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COMINES - MARGUERITE LINE

3 trains going South
1 train " North.

COMINES - WERVICQ LINE

1 train going towards WERVICQ
4 trains " " COMINES.

HALLUIN - TOURCOING LINE

10 trains going South
4 " " North

MENIN - LEDEGHEM LINE

3 trains going South
1 train " North

Much shunting was observed at WERVICQ Station.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Signals. The following message was read from 0.26.d.1.7 :-
"MILNE Z WISERCT S.J.D. UH WEST 5/5 RD". This message was sent from
a S.E. direction.
Visibility. Fair.

A Foodland Pen
for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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From 8 a.m. 8th February - to 6 a.m. 9th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS

Artillery. In anticipation of enemy local relief on centre of front, a special programme of searching and sweeping fire was fired on tracks, roads and train lines in O.24., O.29., P.19 and P.25.

At intervals throughout the night ORKNEY, OMMELLETTÉ and OTIRA trenches opposite our front were intermittently shelled.

By night a series of group concentrations were carried out against S.P's and cross roads in O.36.b., and harassing fire was maintained on buildings at P.31.d.30.70., P.31.a.45.85., P.31.a.25.50., P.32.c.25.50., P.7.a.75.30., O.12.d.65.85., P.13.b.70.87., P.13.d.55.65 and P.13.c.68.75. Pillbox at O.18.d.65.85 was bombarded with GAS shells. During the morning working parties moving in P.31.b., P.32.c and in vicinity of P.31.b.5.9. were engaged and dispersed.

H.T.M's. 30 rounds of 9.45" bombs were fired on M.G. position at O.17.d.68.10., BANG FARM O.17.b. and GREEN FARM O.17.b.

L.T.M's. 37 rounds were fired on following targets:- Crater at O.17.b.52.10. and enemy posts in vicinity of O.17.d.7.9.

Machine Guns. Harassing fire was kept up during ^{night} the on enemy tracks and strong points. 9,000 rounds were fired on following: O.36.b.17.55 O.24.d.05.20., V.1.c.75.00., O.30.c.95.50., O.30.a.90.00 and O.23.d.8.8.

Patrols. 1 N.C.O, and man left our lines in O.23.c. to search for pack of the N.C.O captured on the 7th February but did not succeed in finding it. Patrols report the following:- Talking was heard in vicinity of O.12.a.33.05. Enemy post O.11.d.90.85 was found to be unoccupied. Concrete dugout at O.23.a.8.0 is much damaged and unoccupied. NO MAN'S LAND in O.23.a. is in a wet and muddy condition.

. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Slight activity throughout the period. At 7.15 a.m. 5 rounds of 4.2's were fired on WALL FARM (O.23.a) from direction of COMINES. Between 11.20 a.m. and 11.35 a.m. 40 77mm fell in DOUVE VALLEY, coming from the right of COMINES. At 8.40 a.m. a gun apparently in HOUTHEM fired on outposts in O.11.c and d.

. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet except for slight M.G. and minenwerfer activity. Minenwerfer. During the early morning the enemy's L.M.W. were active along the right sector.

Machine Guns. Machine Guns were active on our tracks and C.T's. with occasional bursts on front line.

At 3.a.m. an enemy patrol of about 6 men approached listening post 1 in O.17. The post opened fire and enemy disappeared. The ground was searched but no enemy dead could be found.

. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Two M.G's were located at GREEN FARM (O.17.b). Enemy M.G's also located at U.11d.9.4., U.11.b.75.20., O.35.b.0.6. and O.35.d.5.9.

Posts. Post was located at O.23.c.8.2.

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7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. 2 p.m. 4 men seen moving on track at 0.3.a.50.98. 3.50 p.m. 3 men seen at 0.30.c.1.9. Individuals were seen near POLL HOUSE (0.18.a) SPUD FARM and MURPHY FARM in 0.18.b. Movement was seen in vicinity of pill boxes at P.8.a.3.5., P.14.a.90.85., and P.8.a.3.1. The latter place is suspected as a headquarters of some kind. Continued train movement between HOUTHEN and COMINES and WERVICQ and COMINES. At 7.30 a.m. a party of the enemy 4 wagons and 1 motor lorry were observed at FONT MALHET (P.31.b.7.7.), they were dispersed by our artillery fire.

10 MISCELLANEOUS.

Signals. A heliograph was observed signalling 93° T.E. from 0.17.c.25.40. The following message was read from 0.34.b.2.2. T.B. 45°, approximate distance 1,700 yards :- OZ, TMP, ACU. TCU. ACG. EHF. NIP. GWO. EOG. NWO. TEP. SHF. FFF. IKW. AWO. AVO. NHR. NCG. EMB. ARC. NRN - EIN. APH. APP. EOB. SWO. - AHF. NOZ. AFA. SWO. IBF. SFB. SFB. HPH. NLH. DEF. RLH. RLE. UOG. NWO. GHR. TSF. NWO. SRL. IRL. TFF. AFB. TFF. RLH. TUG. KUU. IOU. EHF. RLH. AUU. EHF. RLH. TBW. IHF. ABN. FFF. AHF. IWO. JUNGE.

Smoke. 2.20 p.m. dense smoke cloud was seen lasting 10 minutes moving east of HOUTHEN towards TENBRIELEN. At 11.30 a.m. a large figure 3 was seen to be hanging from WARNETON TOWER. At 8.30 p.m. on our planes crossing enemy lines searchlights and A.A. became active. Between 11.8 p.m. and 11.25 p.m. enemy searchlights were seen flashing from the direction of COMINES.

Flares. Enemy fired a number of flares from a line about 600 yards in rear, and few only from his outpost lines.

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for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.
5th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 9th February - to - 6 a.m. 10th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

I. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Registrations were checked and calibrating continued; general harassing and searching fire was maintained throughout the night. Sweeping of enemy tracks and communications from 0.23.b.40.40 to 0.23.d.30.70 was continued during the afternoon. Sweeping and searching fire was carried out on S.O.S. lines during the night, and centres of activity bombarded at irregular intervals. Following strong points, dugouts and O.P.'s received special attention:- THE GIANT 0.12.c.35.60., PUMP FARM 0.12.b.25.10., THE TWINS 0.11.d.95.35., FORT BUILDINGS 0.18.d.64.90., BOMB FARM 0.18.c.60.95., centre track 0.18.c.68.65., HIGH FARM 0.18.c.25.20., POLL HOUSE 0.18.a.75.50, SPUD FARM 0.18.b.20.88 U.6.c., U.6.d., U.12.b., V.7.a., and U.6.b.

Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. wire cutting was successfully carried out at 0.23.central and 0.23.d.00.90 in front of RIFLE FARM.

Another successful shoot was carried out on enemy wire at U.12.a.30.40 and U.12.a.30.45, two lanes being cut in enemy wire at these points 15 to 20 yards wide.

E.T.M.'s. carried a successful wire cutting shoot at 0.23.d.20.95 in front of RIFLE FARM, some 60 rounds were fired cutting and destroying enemy wire here.

Targets at POLL HOUSE 0.18.a.8.5., THE GIANT 0.12.c.40.70 and LOCK NO.5 0.12.b.40.55 were effectively engaged.

L.T.M.'s. 12 rounds were fired on suspected M.G. position at 0.17.b.80.78. 20 rounds were fired on THE TWINS 0.11.d. and M.G. position 0.12.c.22.62.

At 6 a.m. short bursts of fire were directed on THE TWINS 0.11.d. and THE GIANT 0.12.c. 30 rounds were expended on S.P at 0.23.c.8.2.

Machine Guns. Our M.G.'s carried out the usual harassing fire on enemy tracks.

Patrols Patrols report as follows.- Talking and noise of enemy working party were heard in vicinity of THE GIANT 0.12.c.

NO MAN'S LAND from 0.35.a.8.3. to Military Road 0.35.a. is muddy and difficult to cross; and from 0.35.a.8.3. to 0.35.b.2.0. is in fairly dry condition.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY During the night on left sector enemy artillery more active than usual. WALL FARM 0.23.a., GREEN WOOD 0.17.a. and VERNE ROAD in 0.17.c. were lightly shelled from the direction of HOUTHEN. From 8.45 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. U.5.c.2.5., U.5.b.4.4., and SETPIEME BARN were shelled with 4.2's and a few 77 mm.

ENEMY ATTITUDE more active on right sector right battalion with artillery and minenwerfer.

Minenwerfer fired on our front line in 0.17.c and were also active on right sector coming from vicinity of U.12.c.05.57.

Machine Guns. Intermittent fire throughout the night on our front line post and tracks.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

New work observed in front of THE GIANT 0.12.c.

Machine Guns were located at 0.35.d.5.8. and 0.35.b.0.7. RIFLE FARM 0.23.d. has been damaged by our fire. At 9.45 a.m. gun flashes observed 92° T.B. from 0.20.d.05.10. Between 12 noon and 1.5 p.m. gun flashes were seen 95°, 90° T.B. from 0.20.d.05.10.

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7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 4.20 p.m. E.A. approached our lines but was driven off by A.A. fire.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

At 8.50 a.m. 5 men were seen at Pill-box at 0.30.b.30.35. At 9.15 a.m. two men were seen to come from LAKE FARM 0.24.c., walk in front of OMELLETTE Trench and disappear at 0.24.c.30.05. Movement was seen around SQUARE FARM 0.30.b., BANG FARM 0.17.b., and POLL HOUSE 0.18.a. 3 men were observed repairing a telephone wire at P.18.b. at 10.5 a.m. Party of the enemy were seen working on dump at PONT MALHET P.31.b., they were fired on by our artillery and dispersed.

Train movement.

12.15 p.m. train moving from WERVICQ towards BOUSEBECQUE.
10.40 p.m. " " " " " " MENIN
2 p.m. " " " " " " " in Southerly direction.
2 p.m. 2 trains " " behind TENERIELEN towards WERVICQ.
2 p.m. train " " south from LEBATON 0.15.c.
4.30 p.m. train shunting in MENIN.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility fair.

9.5 a.m. smoke was seen coming out of chimney of a house in 0.32.a.
10 a.m. smoke was seen coming from factory chimney, T.B. 48° from 0.21.d.75.85. At 1.39 p.m. washing was visible outside a house at W.2.a.8.2. It appeared to be large white sheets.
Signals: Every evening about 5.15 p.m. a double white flare is fired opposite right sector left battalion, no action follows. Lamp signalling was observed at 4.50 p.m. on road between WERVICQ and COMINES. About 50 flares mainly white with a few red were fired by the enemy a long way in rear of front line and/direction of LENSELLES, 113° T.3 from 0.20.c.1.7. Between 9.40 p.m. and 9.50 p.m. on our T.M's firing on enemy trenches numerous orange flares and one double red flare was sent up. Enemy's M.G.'s immediately opened fire on our front line.

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From 6 a.m. 10th February - to - 6 a.m. 11th February 1918.

NOTE. Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Wire cutting and bombardment operations continued during the day in preparation for simulated raids on KIWI (0.36.c) and RIFLE FARMS (0.23.d) and enemy systems in U.12.a. These were fired at 10 p.m. in support of raid by Right Flank Division.

At 6.20 a.m. hostile minenwerfer at 0.36.d.1.5. was bombarded with good effect. During the afternoon MIDGE (0.24.a), PILL (0.24.a), BAB (0.23.d), CODE (0.23.d), LAKE (0.24.c) were engaged by our 4.5" Hows.

During the night, bursts of fire were put down on THE GIANT (0.12.c), THE TWINS (0.11.d), SPUD FM. (0.18.b), COPSE FM. (0.18.d) and in vicinity of concrete dugouts at P.7 a.75.30, P.13.c.50.65 (gas) and 0.12.d.50.75. Intermittent fire was also applied to tracks and routes between occupied posts and buildings and roads.

M.T.M.'s. During the day 6" M.T.M. fired 200 rounds on wire in front of RIFLE FM. (0.23.d), reporting it effectively cut. 15 rounds on active enemy minenwerfer at KIWI FM (0.36.c) and M.G. at U.6.c.5.5., with good results.

H.T.M.'s. 9.45" T.M. fired 30 rounds on RIFLE FM. reporting accurate shooting with many direct hits, much material damage being done. In support of "dummy raid" 6" T.M.'s at night fired 15 rounds on RIFLE FM. and 60 rounds in U.6.c.25.70 and KIWI FM; 9.45" H.T.M engaged RIFLE FM. at same time.

L.T.M.'s. At 10 p.m to 10.45 p.m. 50 incendiary shells were fired on following points:- 0.36.c.5.0., and traversed to 0.36.c.1.1., 0.35.d.9.7. and traversed to 0.36.c.3.7. 300 rounds Stokes shells were expended on 0.35.d.9.5. to 0.36.c.1.2, 0.36.c.1.6. to 0.36.c.4.2, 0.36.c.3.6 to 0.36.c.5.2. 80 rounds were fired on RIFLE FM. (0.23.d) and 0.23.d.65.40. The incendiary shells burst well throwing up a big shower of burning phosphorus and causing a thick smoke screen which blew towards enemy's rear. From 10 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. fire was directed on FLY BUILDINGS (0.18.d.)

Patrols. Patrols report as follows:- NO MAN'S LAND near Military Road is still wet and in bad condition. NO MAN'S LAND in front on JUNE FM. (.23.c) is in fair condition. Special patrol examined enemy wire and trenches in front of KIWI FM. (0.36.c) and in vicinity of KIWI Road in 0.36.c and report a good deal of damage has been done. See ϕ for M.G.'s.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY On the right sector in reply to our bombardment enemy retaliated as follows:- 30 rounds 77 H.E. scattered over whole sector for about 50 minutes. Front and support line left centre battalion were heavily shelled with 77mm and 4.2's, 300 shells falling in about 1 hour. Right battalion front and support line was shelled with about 50 4.2's coming from the direction of COMINES. On left sector enemy retaliation was slight, a few 4.2's were fired in 0.16.

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During the period WALL FM. (.23.a) and VERNE Road in 0.17.c. were lightly shelled.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Increased artillery activity during our bombardment other wise quiet.

Minenwerfer. A minenwerfer was active at intervals during the day on GREEN WOOD (0.17.a) coming from direction of POLL HOUSE (0.18.a). Many of the shots fell in the enemy's lines. 2 green flares were used to signify "Lengthen range".

M.G's. During the operation on our right enemy M.G's were active on right sector, elsewhere quiet throughout the period. Opposite right sector enemy fired a great number of flares all through the night.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire. Enemy wire in front of KIWI FM. (0.36.c) is much damaged.

Work. New work appears to be going on at 0.30.a.99.62.

M.G's. M.G. located firing from vicinity of JULY FM. (0.23.d)

Enemy trench system in front of KIWI FM. is much destroyed.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Movement was seen in trench at 0.30.a.8.9., 1 man carrying a huge bundle left Pill-box at 0.24.c.7.1 and entered this trench. 9.50 a.m. 4 men carrying picks and shovels entered trench at 0.24.c.7.1. Continued movement was seen at PONT MALHET (P.31.b)

Train movement

10.35 a.m. train left MENIN moving towards HALLUIN.

11.33 a.m. train shunting between WERVICQ and COMINES.

12.10 p.m. " left HALLUIN moving towards WERVICQ.

12.45 p.m. 2 trains shunting in WERVICQ.

2 p.m. train left HALLUIN moving towards BOUSEBECQUE.

3 p.m. train moving north into BOUSEBECQUE.

10 MISCELLANEOUS. At commencement of our bombardment enemy fired 2 double green flares, repeated back. 10.5 p.m. 2 large reds and 1 golden cluster, 10.10 p.m. 14 double reds and 4 double greens and at 10.50 p.m. many double red flares.

While enemy was shelling WALL FM. between 3 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. the first few rounds fell short, enemy fired double green flares repeated back by 3 relay stations and range was lengthened.

1. OPERATIONS. M.G's. The usual harassing fire was carried out on enemy tracks and roads. From 10 p.m. to 10.45 p.m. M. Guns fired on tracks and trenches in U.12.a and b, 0.36.a and d, 0.23.d.

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From 6 a.m. 11th February - to - 6 a.m. 12th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS

Artillery. On the left sector a special programme of searching fire was performed on enemy tracks, posts between 5.30 and 8 p.m., in anticipation of enemy relief on that sector. Intermittent fire was maintained during the night. During the day hostile parties at LAKE FM. (O.24.c) were shelled and dispersed on two occasions, and later a party at PONT MALHET (P.31.b) was engaged, casualties being caused. Registration was continued and trench bombardments carried out on occupied portions of OMELLETTTE and UNBENT Trenches. At 10.20 p.m. hostile minenwerfer at O.36.a.1.5 was effectively engaged. Bursts of fire were put down in the vicinity of SPUD (O.18.b) TRALEE (O.14.b), PUMP (O.12.b) and SQUARE (O.30.b) FARMS, on dugouts at O.18.a.86.40, O.12.d.80.75, and in O.36.b and d., THE TWINS (O.11.d), THE GIANT (O.12.c), LOCKS 4 and 5. In addition to customary searching fire, lanes cut in wire for previous "dummy raid" were submitted to bursts to interfere with working parties. H.T.M's. Our 9.45" H.T.M. fired 15 rounds on LOCKS and HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU (O.12.a) L.T.M's 33 rounds of Stokes shells were fired on following targets:- O.23.d.25.78, THE GIANT (O.12.c), and O.17.b.80.78 with good effect. M.G's. Harassing fire was carried out on enemy communications and trench systems during the night. 8000 rounds were expended on following points:- O.24.d.0.5, P.31.a., CIRCLE FM., U.6.d.4.3, U.6.d.9.5., O.36.a.20.45., O.30.c. SALMON FM., O.25.d. CODE FM., O.24.a. PILL FM. M.G's. fired at intervals on gaps in enemy wire in front of RIFLE FM. (O.23.d). Patrols. Beyond regular liaison patrols following is reported:- Elements of trenches at U.6.a.2.5. are not occupied and there are no signs of recent occupation.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet.
At 10 a.m. ROSE WOOD (O.16.a) was lightly shelled. WALL FM. (O.23.a) VERNE Road (O.16.c), STEIGNAST FM. were subject to slight shelling during period under review.
Gas Shells. About 50 gas shells fell in ROSE WOOD (O.16.a) between 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

M.G's. On Right Sector Right Battalion front M.G's. opened fire on NO MAN'S LAND and our front line on the slightest noise, at the same time a great number of flares were sent up. Elsewhere on front enemy very quiet. A few minenwerfer bombs fell in U.11.b.5.8. between 8.10 a.m. and 9.25 a.m. coming from direction of CHATEAU (U.12.b).

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Wire in front of enemy post at U.5.d.90.75 is very thick and strong.

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M.G's. located at approximately 0.35.b.0.6 and 0.35.d.75.75.
Minerwerfer position at 0.35.d.8.9. located.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.
 Continued movement around LAKE FM. (.24.c) and SQUARE FM. 0.30.b and QUAD FM (0.30.d).

Train Movement

10.15 a.m. train shunting in HALLUIN
 10.30 a.m. train moving from HALLUIN to MENIN.
 12.12 p.m. train moving from HALLUIN to RONCQ
 1.30 p.m. " " " " " "
 2.35 p.m. " " " TOURCOING to HALLUIN
 2.50 p.m. " " " MENIN to HALLUIN
 3.10 p.m. " shunting in MENIN.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Following message was read from lamp signalling behind enemy lines:-

--- --, . . . - - NXT, TXXANCG, CHF, . . M.W.O GEEG - OHH MOV

ZHE ABN GHF HWO X PRAG . . . - T.

White star spray was sent up left of WARNETON, no apparent result.

At 11.10 p.m. enemy fired 4 flares which burst into clusters of yellow stars.

Visibility. fair.

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From 6 a.m. 12th February -to- 6 a.m. 13th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery Bursts of fire were put down on enemy M.G. positions and strong points at irregular intervals throughout the night as follows M.G. position at Q.23.b.8.8., RIFLE FM. (O.23.d), track O.23.b.60.71 to O.24.a.60.60., M.G. FLY BUILDINGS O.23.b.60.90, O.23.b.40.30, O.23.d.83.98, O.23.d.05.37, O.23.d.05.25, O.23.d.50.03, track from O.23.b.70.70 - O.30.d.50.98, O.24.c.30.60, road O.24.c.60.20, O.24.c and O.24.d, LOCK No.5 O.12.b., MURPHY FM. O.18.b., centres of activity O.18.d and b, dugouts P.13.d, COPSE FM. O.18.d, THE GIANT O.12.c and THE TWINS O.11.d.

Tracks and roads O.29.d, O.30.c, O.24.c, O.30.b, O.29.b and O.23.b and O.24.d, O.36.a and c, P.31.d and U.12.b. searched at irregular intervals throughout the night in order to catch enemy carrying parties. Registrations were carried out during the day and at 5 p.m. an enemy party at LAKE FM. (O.24.c) were engaged, result unknown.

H.T.M's. At 6 a.m. our H.T.M.B. engaged targets at WAM FM.(O.23.d) two direct hits were secured. At 8.30 a.m. 9 rounds were put over on BEEK FM. (O.29.b), five direct hits were secured on FM. and surrounding trenches.

Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. BANG FM. (O.17.b) and Pill-box at O.18.a.3.9. were engaged by our M.T.M.B. much timber was thrown into air and several direct hits obtained on each target.

L.T.M's. Our L.T.M's fired 20 rounds on enemy works at O.36.c.45.00, 20 rounds on enemy post at WHIZ FM. (O.17.d), 25 rounds on THE GIANT (O.12.c) and 10 rounds on enemy M.G. position in vicinity of O.23.central.

M.G's. Harassing fire was carried out, and in addition 9,500 rounds were fired on the following targets:- O.24.d.05.20, vicinity of LAKE FM. (O.24.c), road junction O.36.a.40.20, CODE FM. (O.23.d) and O.36.d.95.50.

Patrols. Liaison patrols between posts and flank units were maintained throughout the night. In addition patrols report as follows:- Sounds of hammering on stakes as if wiring was going on was heard in front of THE TWINS (O.11.d). NO MAN'S LAND in front of GREEN FM. (O.17.b) is impassable, owing to wet and shell torn ground.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet with the exception of scattered shells. During the period the following were lightly shelled:-STEIGNAST FM. (U.5.a), TORREKEN FM. (O.20.d, WALL FM (O.23.a), front line in O.11.b and d. and MESSINES .

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE Quiet along whole sector. Minenwerfer. One Minenwerfer was active on Right Battalion Left Sector during the morning. M.G's. Occasional bursts were fired on our front system and tracks.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES WAM and BEEK FMS. (O.23.a, O.29.b) and trenches in vicinity have been

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damaged by our fire.

Wire. Wire from 0.29.a.90.20 to 0.29.a.90.35 is thick and strong.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 3 p.m. enemy plane flew high over our lines. It was driven off by A.A. fire.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Following movement was noticed during the period:- 2 men at 0.24.c.80.05, 2 men near pill-box 0.36.a.3.2, 3 of the enemy left 0.23.d.8.8. they walked down to 0.30.b.30.35 and disappeared. Continued movement was seen at PONT MALHET (P.31.b)

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility poor owing to mist. At 4.45 p.m. a plane without identification marks crossed our lines three times and was not fired on by either side.

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From 6 a.m. 13th February - to - 6 a.m. 14th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Minor bombardments were carried out on enemy track junctions concrete dugouts, strong points and centres of activity at irregular intervals throughout the night. Bursts of fire were put down on RIFLE FM. (0.23.d), CODE FM. (0.23.d), LAKE FM. (0.24.c), trench and track junction 0.24.a.32.42, SQUARE FM. (0.30.b), track through wire at 0.18.d.15.45, PAT FM. (0.11.b), THE GIANT (0.12.c), THE TWINS (0.11.d), concrete dugouts at P.7.a.75.32 and M.G. positions 0.23.d.05.25 and 0.23.d.50.02. Between 3.15 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. enemy working parties at LOCK 4 P.13.a. were engaged and successfully dispersed.

At 10 a.m. large enemy working party at PONT MALHET (P.31.b) were successfully dispersed. Other enemy parties observed around LAKE FM. (0.24.c) and track from 0.23.b.60.70 to 0.24.a.60.60 were engaged and dispersed.

H.T.M.s. At 5.30 p.m. 8 rounds were fired on Pill-boxes in front of FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b) with good effect, 15 rounds were fired on KIWI FM. (0.36.c) and CODE FM. (0.23.d)

L.T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s fired on the following targets:- 35 rounds in vicinity of WAM FM. (0.23.d), 20 rounds on active M.G. approximately 0.36.c. KIWI FM. and silenced it, 15 rounds on FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b), 25 rounds on 0.12.c.25.63 and 20 rounds on THE TWINS (0.11.d)

M.G.'s. The usual harassing fire was carried out on enemy roads, tracks and trench systems in addition 9,400 rounds were fired on following:- vicinity of LAKE FM. (0.24.c), 0.36.d.20.60, 0.36.c.5.8, 0.24.c.70.00, vicinity of BAB FM. (0.23.d), 0.36.d.2.2, U.6.c.4.3 and U.12.b.10.90.

Patrols. Beyond the regular liaison patrols the following is reported:- GREEN FM. (0.17.b) is occupied by the enemy. Two enemy patrols were seen strength about 10 and 6 at about 0.35.b.30.55 and 0.23.c.8.8. NO MAN'S LAND in front of MARCH and JUNE FMS. (0.23.c) is in bad condition. Much noise was heard in enemy lines about 0.35.d.80.95.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery quiet.

The following places received slight attention:- front line in 0.11.b, Wood in 0.11.a, WALL FM. (0.23.a), GREEN WOOD (0.17.a) and WYRSCHAETE.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy very alert opposite Right centre Battalion, Right sector. On our patrols approaching enemy wire many flares were fired and M.G.'s. became active, elsewhere along sector very quiet.

P.G.'s. Periodical bursts of fire were directed on our tracks during the night.

Minenwerfer. A few Minenwerfer bombs fell in 0.11.b.5.8; 10 rounds fell in front of WALL FM. (0.23.a)

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire. Enemy wire on each side of Military Road (0.35.b) is thick and stands 2'6" high.

M.G.'s. M.G. was located at GREEN FM. (0.17.b).

Minenwerfer located firing from approximately 0.24.c.3.4.

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7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

The following movement was seen during the day:- 3 men entered Pill-box at FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.b), 15 men seen working at O.36.b.4.3. A great deal of movement observed at LAKE FM.(O.24.c) and PONT MALLET (P.31.b).

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Between 9.45 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. smoke was observed at U.6.b.8.6. and O.23.d.4.6.

Fewer flares were fired by enemy during the night.
Visibility. Poor owing to mist.

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From 6 a.m. 14th February -to- 6 a.m. 15th February 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. In anticipation of enemy relief on the night 14th/15th our Right Group carried out area shoots on U.6.d, V.1.b and V.1.d and bursts of fire were put over roads, tracks and centres of activity. In addition other centres of activity, trench tracks, tram lines, M.G. positions, organized shell holes and strong points were subjected to bursts of fire at irregular intervals throughout the night. Principle areas fired on being Track 0.23.b.60.70 to 0.24.a.60.60, tram line 0.24.d. to limit of range, RIFLE FM. and CODE FM. (0.23.d), LAKE FM. (0.24.c), SQUARE FM. (0.30.b), OMELETTE TRENCH 0.24.a and c; organized shell holes in 0.29.b, 0.29.d, 0.23.d and M. in 0.23.d.10.70, 0.23.d.05.38, SFUD FM. (0.18.b), THE GIANT (0.12.c) and THE TWINS (0.11.d)

Registrations were continued and a hostile working party observed near PONT MALHET (P.31.b) were successfully engaged and dispersed. At 12 midnight 30 rounds of Gas were put over on concrete dugouts at 0.18.d.65.40.

H.T.M's. Between 6.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. BANG and GREEN FMS. (0.17.b) and WHIZ FM (0.17.d) were fired on with very good effect.

About 20 rounds were fired between 3 to 4 p.m. on pill-box 0.18.d.25 This was most successful, one side and part of the top of pill-box blown away. Several direct hits were also obtained on THE TWINS (0.11.d).

At 8.10 p.m. minenwerfer firing from U.6.c.40.40 was neutralised by our fire.

12.25 a.m. M.G. active at U.6.c.50.50 was fired on and immediately silenced.

L.T.M's. Our L.T.M's fired on the following targets:- THE GIANT (0.12.c), 15 rounds on FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b), 30 rounds on enemy working party at about 0.35.b.6.5 and dispersed them.

M.G's. Following targets were fired on during the night; 15,500 rounds were expended - Enemy tracks, roads, trench systems, and 0.29.b.05.70, 0.29.b.00.30., vicinity of LAKE FM. (0.24.c), enfilade fire on OTIRA TRENCH in 0.36.b.2.6 and Cross roads 0.36.b.2.6.

Patrols. Liaison between posts and flank units was maintained during the night and further patrols report the following:- talking was heard at approximately U.6.a.35.10, NO MAN'S LAND in front of GUARD FM. (0.29.d) is in fair condition and front of MARCH FM. (0.23.c) is a mass of shell holes filled with water. Sounds of enemy working were heard in vicinity of THE TWINS (0.11.d)

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery was quieter than usual. 0.22.b, 0.22.c, SEPTIEME BARN (U.4.a), WALL FM. (0.23.a), ROSE WOOD (0.16.a), RAVINE WOOD (0.10.a) and support line in 0.16 were lightly shelled at different intervals during the period under review.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy quiet with the exception of slight minenwerfer activity.

M.G's. Our tracks were subjected to the usual fire. At about 9 p.m. heavy M.G. fire was directed on vicinity of WALL FM. (0.23.a) lasting about 5 minutes.

Minenwerfer bombs fell in 0.35.c.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

M.G.'s. located at about 0.35.b.65.35. 3 M.G.'s were active from THE TWINS (0.11.d)

Minerwerfer located firing from WEIZ FM.(0.17.d), KIWI FM.(0.36.c), ANGLE FM (0.36.a) and U.6.c.40.40.

Wire. from U.6.a.2.3 to U.6.a.20.15 enemy wire is strong with trip wire about 5 yards in front.

An enemy O.P. is suspected in tree at 0.23.b.6.4. Pill-box at 0.18.d.9.5. has been damaged by our artillery fire.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Following movement was observed:- 9.43 a.m. 2 men at 0.24.c.80.05, 2 men with field glasses were seen in vicinity of BAB FM.(0.23.d). Individuals near ROLL HOUSE (0.18.a). Smoke was seen coming from pill box at 0.30.d.1.6. Continued movement at POINT ALHET (P.31.b)

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Signals. At 5.15 a.m. enemy sent up 12 single orange flares in vicinity of 0.18.c, no apparent action was taken. During our T.M. firing, 4 flares fired from ROLL HOUSE (0.18.a) seemed to bring artillery retaliation. Enemy white flares were used intermittently during the night.

Visibility. Poor.

Signalling from 5.15 to 5.30 p.m. with a large lamp was observed in the direction of COMINES.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 15th February - to - 6 a.m. 16th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS

Artillery. Minor bombardments were carried out, registrations checked and bursts of fire put down on enemy roads, tracks, and centres of activity at irregular intervals throughout the night.

Track junction 0.23.b.62.70 along track to 0.24.a.60.60, RIFLE FM. (0.23.d). Tracks and organized shell holes 0.24.central, tracks and junction round PILL FM. (0.24.a). LAKE FM. (0.24.o), BOW FM. (0.30.a) PARTYUTJE FM. (0.24.d), SQUARE FM. (0.30.b), roads 0.36.a to P.31.a, U.6.c. to U.12.b. Cross roads V.1.d. Pill-boxes U.6.d.20.35, Buildings V.1.b.70.25, LOCK No.4 P.13.a, THE GIANT and tracks in vicinity 0.12.c, HIGH FM. and BOMB FM (0.13.c), COPSE FM. (0.18.d) and machine guns U.6.d.30.80 received special attention. Shoots were carried out on 0.30.b, tracks round GUARD FM. (0.29.d), 0.36.a to 0.36.d., 0.35.b. to 0.29.d, to N and S Grid lines between 0.35. and 0.36.

Between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. a very successful shoot was carried out on enemy wire - 0.36.a.15.50 - some 130 rounds being fired with effective results.

Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. some 90 rounds were fired on concrete buildings vicinity of ANGLE FM. (0.36.a)

At 11.30 p.m. 50 rounds of gas shell were fired on COPSE FM. (0.18.d).

D.T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s fired on following targets: 30 rounds on enemy post at 0.35.b.6.5, 30 rounds were fired on vicinity of RIFLE FM. (0.23.d) and 30 rounds on enemy's lines from 0.23.c.2.8 to 0.23.d.30.25.

M.G.'s. Our M.G.'s were active throughout the period firing on enemy tracks and forward posts, 4000 rounds being expended and 6000 rounds were fired on following targets: BOW FM. (0.30.a), 0.23.d, CODE FM., 0.30.d.05.80 and 0.24.c.50.35.

Patrols. Usual liaison patrols were sent out, in addition patrols report the following: enemy working party was heard at about 0.29.d.3. Laughing and talking could plainly be heard in vicinity of RIFLE FM. (0.23.d). Working party was heard in vicinity of BEE FM. (0.23.b). MARCH (0.23.e), JACK and Jill FM. (0.23.c) were found to be unoccupied.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Slightly increased. Following were lightly shelled. STEIGNAST FM. (U.5.a), VERNE Road in 0.16.d, OUSTAVERNE WOOD (0.14.d), DELBSKE FM. (0.12.b) and front line in 0.11.b, 0.17.a, 0.17.c.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Slight increase in enemy artillery and T.M. activity.

Minenwerfer. 20 m.w. bombs fell in U.5.d.2.5. from direction of RIFLE FM. (0.36.c), 20 rounds fell in vicinity of the DOUVE VALLEY.

At 3.30 a.m. minenwerfer fired on our outpost line left sector.

M.G.'s. Long bursts of fire was directed on our outpost line and tracks at intervals.

On our H.T.M.'s firing on enemy trenches at 0.36.c.00.15 10 of them left the trench and took up positions in NO MAN'S LAND, when T.M. fire ceased enemy rushed back, they were fired on by our M.G.'s.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Posts. Post located at approximately O.35.b.5.4. A snipers posts is situated at U.6.a.30.30.
 M.G.'s located at about U.6.a.1.3. and BEE FM. (O.23.a)
 Minnowwerfer located at BEE FM. (O.23.a), O.29.d.20.75.
 Wire. Enemy wire in U.6.a.25.28 to U.6.a.25.40 is strong and consists of 1 row consisting with thick row of entanglement 3 yards in rear. Wire in front of JULY FM. (O.23.d) is very strong and extends to WAM FM O.23.d.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At 5 p.m. one enemy plane patrolled enemy lines for about 10 minutes, it was engaged by our A.A. guns and did not cross our lines.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

The following movement was observed: Individuals seen at FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.b), LAKE FM. (O.24.c) and BEE FM. (O.23.a).

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Visibility poor.
 Lamp signalling was observed in buildings in COMINES and WERVICQ.
 Gas alarm was heard in the enemy lines at 7 p.m.
 Gun flashes were observed south of WERVICQ T.B. 25° from O.19.b.6.3.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 16th February -to- 6 a.m. 17th February 1918.

1. OPERATIONS

Artillery. On the Centre Group front a special programme of fire was carried out on enemy roads, tracks and centres of activity in O.24, O.30, P.19.a and c and P.25.a and c, between 6 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. and again from 2 a.m. till 4.30 a.m., in anticipation of enemy relief on that sector. In addition area shoots were carried out on tram tracks in P.31.b in vicinity of PONT MALHET, U.12.a.50.00 U.6.c.47.30, V.1.c.00.04, U.12.d.95.35, P.31.b.20.80, P.31.b.20.50. Throughout the day enemy working parties observed at LAKE FM.(O.24.c) RIFLE FM.(O.23.d), PARTYUTJE FM.(O.24.d), SQUARE FM.(O.30.b), PONT MALHET (P.31.b), WHIZ FM.(O.17.d), BANG FM.(O.17.b), FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.b) and GREEN FM.(O.17.b) were successfully dispersed, believed casualties inflicted.

Between 9.5 p.m. and midnight in retaliation of enemy T.M. fire from U.12.b.40.90, KIVI FM.(O.36.c), O.36.c.85.75., our artillery opened fire on these points and successfully silenced enemy fire. MEDIUM T.M.'s. Between 9.10 p.m. and 9.17 p.m. minenwerfer firing from U.6.c.70.40 and O.36.c.70.50 were engaged and successfully silenced by our H.T.M.B. Again between 10.15 p.m. and 10.20 p.m. minenwerfer firing from U.6.c.70.40 and O.36.c.70.50 were engaged and immediately silenced.

HEAVY T.M.'s. H.T.M.'s fired on JULY FM.(O.23.d) between 2 p.m. and 2.4: p.m. with very successful results, direct hits being obtained and concrete and bricks thrown into the air. Some very effective shooting was also carried out between 1.50 p.m. and 2.20 p.m. on the TWINS(O.1) and pill-box O.18.a.50.90.

LIGHT T.M.'s. The following targets were engaged: 10 rounds on to WHIZ FM. (O.17.d), 10 rounds on suspected V.G. at GREEN FM.(O.17.b) M.G.'s. Harassing fire was carried out on enemy trench systems, tracks, roads and pill-boxes, 3000 rounds being expended and 7000 rounds were fired on following targets: vicinity of LAKE FM.(O.24.c) O.30.d.22.10, O.24.c.65.04, O.23.d.90.95 and enemy trench system P.13.a.0.4 and O.24.a.80.10.

Patrols. Liaison between posts and flank units was maintained throughout the night. In addition patrols report. Talking was heard at about O.35.b.6.1. Working party was heard in vicinity of BEEK FM.(O.29.a) Post at O.17.b.3.7 was found to be unoccupied.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet. Following areas were subjected to light shelling. GAFAARD (O.35.c), STEIGMAST FM. (U.5.a), O.22.a and b, ROSE WOOD (O.16.a), VERNE Road in O.16.d, O.16.a and c.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but on the alert. M.G.'s. Enemy M.G.'s were less active. Minenwerfer were active on right sector, the following were shelled: O.35.a.8.1, O.35.a.5.5, WALL FM (O.23.a), front line from O.35.a.9.2 to O.35.a.6.7. On right sector front line O.17.b and d were subject to light fire which was silenced by our artillery.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

M.G. located at 0.35.b.0.6.

Minenwerfer located firing from WASP FM.(0.23.b), minenwerfer at KIWI FM ANGLE (0.36.a) were again active.

Wire from JULY FM.(0.23.d) to WAM FM.(0.23.d)(reported yesterday) is 3 ft high. Wire in front of GIANT (0.12.c) is thick and strong.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Active. At 11.30 a.m. enemy plane was driven down by our sirmen and fell in direction of BAILLEUL. Between 2.50 and 3.30 p.m. enemy plane flew low over our lines. It was a two seater tractor with large white "A" on fusilage. Top and bottom planes were painted with neutral colours. It dropped several light signals as if directing artillery fire. It was engaged by our Vickers and Lewis Guns and Stokes Mortars. Enemy balloons up at 76°, 104°, 88°, 132° T.B. from 0.20.c.05.65.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Movement observed in HOUTHEM, vicinity of 0.24.central, pill-box 0.24.d.6 and continued movement at FONTAINE L'HET (P.31.b)

Train movement.

10.30 a.m.	train moving north into COMINES.
10.55 a.m.	" " south towards LINSSELLES.
11.5 a.m.	" left COMINES moving south.
2.5 p.m.	" moving from HALLUIN to RONCO.
2.15 p.m.	" " GHELUWE to MENIN.
2.35 p.m.	2 trains shunting in MENIN.
3.15 p.m.	train moving south from RONCO.
4.10 p.m.	train shunting in HALLUIN
4.13 p.m.	" moving south of RONCO
4.20 p.m.	" shunting in ERVICQ.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Following message was read from lamp signalling behind enemy lines on left sector. KUA NGL III NBV GEF AGV B MEK NBV PGL NGL..... NGL
BUN B'MCC NBV GZG..... OZG B GHE NTL A-1 MHNG HB LEK NEK B BLL B
NHB

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 17th February -to- 6 a.m. 18th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS

Artillery. During the day wire cutting was carried out at O.23.c. 90.40 to O.23.d.03.40 and also at O.35.d.75.30 shooting being reported as effective. Movement was reported again at LAKE FM. O.24.c.60.42 at 2.30 p.m., and this target was bombarded. WAM FM. O.23.d.05.20 and SQUARE FM.(O.30.b.53.15 were also engaged in the afternoon.

At night, in anticipation of enemy local relief on Left Group front a programme of fire was carried out between 5.40 p.m. and 5 a.m. THE GIANT (O.12.c) and vicinity, THE TWINS (O.11.d), POLL HOUSE (O.16.a), COPSE FM.(O.16.d), SPUD FM.(O.16.b), FLY BUILDINGS (O.16.d), PAT FM.(O.16.b) and BOMB FM.(O.16.c) were engaged with bursts of fire and track junctions and bridges in the relief area swept at irregular intervals. Gas bombardments were also put down on COPSE, PAT and BOMB FMS and on FORT BUILDINGS throughout the night.

Known paths through enemy wire at O.16.d.15.45 and O.16.d.16.68 (to BOMB FM) were also searched.

WAM FM(O.23.d), FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.b) and THE TWINS (O.11.d) were engaged at 9.45 p.m.

T.M. positions at U.12.b.4.9 and O.36.d.1.5 and M.G. position at O.24.d.9.4 were bombarded at night reported effective.

H.T.M's. 9.45" H.T.M. engaged WAM FM (O.23.d) reporting one direct hit. RIFLE FM.(O.23.d) was bombarded later, effective shooting being reported, brick and cement being thrown up.

" M.T.M. out wire at O.25.d.02.42, shooting reported effective. Also engaged JULY FM.(O.23.d), 30 rounds being fired, two direct hits.

L.T.M's. L.T.M's fired on the following targets: 40 rounds on FIVE FM.(O.36.c), 27 rounds in vicinity of THIS FM.(O.17.d), 12 rounds were fired at enemy low flying aeroplane.

M.G's. Our M.G's were active, 16,000 rounds were expended. Harassing fire was carried out on enemy cross roads, tracks and gaps in wire and following targets: O.36.b.20.50, O.30.d.20.70, O.24.d.65.20, O.30.b.25.96, O.24.c.50.40 and enemy low flying aeroplane was heavily engaged.

Patrols. Usual liaison patrols were sent out, in addition patrols report: NO MAN'S LAND in vicinity of WAMBECK is very swampy. Enemy heard talking at RIFLE FM.(O.23.d). 9 of the enemy were seen to come out of pill-box in front of FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.c). A buzzer was distinctly heard in vicinity of THE TWINS (O.11.d). GREEN FM.(O.17.b) was found to be unoccupied. Patrolling was difficult owing to the noise on the frozen ground.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Increased activity on right sector elsewhere quiet. The following areas were lightly shelled. MANCHESTER STREET in O.22.c, O.33.a and b, ROSE WOOD (O.16.a) and O.21.b. Enemy fired shrapnel at our captive balloons.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Active on Right sector.
 Minenwerfers. Enemy shelled whole of right centre Battalion front line with minenwerfers. These contained gas which smelt like rum. WALL, BEE and W-SP FMS. were shelled with M.W bombs 0.23.a, 0.23.b.
 M.G's. Enemy M.G's fired on our tracks and front line at intervals throughout the night.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES.
 Minenwerfers. Position suspected in C.18.d. H.M.W. located 138° T.B. from U.5.k.2.8.
 M.G's located at U.11.b.80.84. Working party seen erecting wire at 0.35.d.70.99 (patrol). Sounds of work going on was heard at BEE Fm.(0.23.b) (patrol).
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.
 At 9.55 a.m. 6 enemy planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire. Between 10 a.m. and 12.20 p.m. enemy plane flew low over our forward sector.
 During the day balloons were up at 112°, 102°, 130° T.B. from 0.20.c.05.05.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.
 Following movement was observed: 2 men entered LAKE FM.(0.24.c). 2 men walking along road at P.33.a.2.c, disappeared at 7.27.c.0.1. Individuals at SQUARE FM.(0.30.b) and QUAD FM.(0.30.d), POLL HOUSE (0.18.a). Several of the enemy were seen firing A.A. M.G's in the open at 0.24.c.6.6. Movement was again noticed at HOUTHEM.
10. MISCELLANEOUS.
 Signalling was noticed between COMINES and MERVICQ at 1.30 p.m. Few flares were used by the enemy during the night.
 Visibility fair.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 18th February -to- 6 a.m. 19th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS

Artillery. Calibrations were checked during the morning and some registrations carried out for instructional purposes for junior officers. Between 2.45 and 4 p.m. wire cutting was carried out at 0.23.c.90.40 to 0.23.c.02.40, also at 0.29.c.9.4. with satisfactory results. Active T.M.'s at 0.36.a.80.65, U.6.d.62.04, V.1.d.50.52, 0.56.c.85.75, firing at irregular intervals throughout the night were effectively silenced.

At 5.50 a.m. traffic on CINEMA ROAD (0.36.a and b) reported by infantry were effectively engaged.

H.T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.B. effectively engaged minenwerfers between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. at U.6.c.90.55, 0.36.c.80.55 and 0.36.c, vicinity of PINE FM. (0.36.c), enemy ceased fire immediately we opened up. At 9 p.m. H.T.M.B. fired 21 rounds on active minenwerfers at PINE FM. (0.36.c) and 6 rounds again at 9.10 p.m. Enemy fire ceased at once.

Between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. 10 rounds of 9.45" bombs were put over on WHIZ FM. -observation was difficult but all bombs were heard to burst.

Artillery.

About 10.15 p.m. gun flashes observed 30° 30' right of COMINES CHURCH P.34.d.55.50 measured from 0.53.c.4.4 engaged by our 18-pr. and 4.5" Hows. and successfully silenced.

L.T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s. fired on following targets: 20 rounds on GUARD FM. (0.29.d), 12 rounds on suspected M.G. position 0.29.d.45, 34.40 rounds on BEEK FM. (0.29.b), 16 rounds on RIFLE FM. (0.23.d) and 30 rounds on FLY BUILDINGS (0.25.b).

M.G.'s. 4000 rounds were fired on 0.24.a PILL FM., 0.30.b.00.55, 0.36.a.40.25, 0.36.b.20.60. Enemy low flying plane heavily engaged. 5500 rounds were fired on enemy roads, tracks and trench systems during the night.

Patrols. Liaison between posts and flank units was maintained throughout the night; other patrols report: A large enemy party were heard between THE GIANT (0.12.c) and THE PINE (0.11.d). Talking could be heard at GUARD FM. (0.29.d). Wheeled traffic was heard close behind enemy line on right sector. Much movement and talking was heard at WAVE and JULY FMS. (0.23.d)

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet.

The following areas were subjected to light shelling: 0.21.a and b, 0.11.a, 0.22.a and b, WALL FM. (0.23.a), STEIGNAST FM. (U.5.a)

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Minenwerfers. Enemy minenwerfers and M.G.'s were more active. At 7.40 p.m. and again at 3.10 a.m. Enemy minenwerfers put down barrage on our front line in 0.17.c.

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U.5.b.8.5. was shelled with M. bombs from direction of KINGSCIERE FM (U.6.b). WALL FM.(O.23.a) was also shelled. Minenwerfers fired at our aeroplanes. L.M.W. located at Pill-box O.36.a.2.3.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G's were active from the GIANT, TWINS and FLY BUILDINGS O.12.c, O.11.d, O.23.b. A.A. Machine guns were located firing from P.19.c. M.G. located at MIDGE FM. (O.24.a). Minenwerfers were again active from KINGSCIERE, BEE and WASP FMS. O.25.b and U.6.b.

Post. Enemy post at O.11.d.9.8 is unoccupied (patrol). Hammering was heard at THE TWINS (O.11.d).

Snipers were active from O.23.d central and BEE FM.(O.23.b).

Wire at O.35.d.80.70 is much damaged.

7. 'OSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.' An enemy plane of same type as reported on 17/2/18th at low altitude over our lines during the morning. It was heavily engaged by Vickers M.G's and Stokes Mortars.

2 E.A. were over our lines at 11.5 a.m. and fired flares over O.17.. At 6.15 p.m. E.A. crossed our lines and dropped bombs in our back areas, two were dropped in N.30. sheet 28. Bombs were dropped near our battery positions but no damage done. Balloons up on T.B. 65° 84° from O.20.d.05.10.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Following movement was observed: 2 men at O.24.c.80.05. 2 men went into LAKE FM.(O.24.c). 2 men seen at SQUARE FM.(O.30.b). An observer was seen at BAB FM.(O.23.d). 8 men seen at TRIO FM.(O.18.d). 2 trains were seen travelling south from COMINES.

MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility fair,

At 1.30 a.m. ^{on} our L.T.M's firing on enemy lines much shouting was heard. Enemy fired double red flares which was followed by Minenwerfer and M.G. fire. At 5 p.m. on 16th inst. one of our left group batteries fired on two enemy observers outside BAB FM.(O.23.d). They were hit and seen to fall.

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There is an interval of 50 metres between each wave.
No. 1 wave with 1 Light machine gun goes to the first objective.
No. 2 wave with two Light machine guns goes to the second objective.
No. 3 wave with no Light machine guns goes to the second objective.
No. 4 with heavy machine guns goes to the second objective.
When the other waves have occupied the second line the first wave also joins them.

17. INTENTIONS. Nothing is known of offensive measures here and one prisoner says that the officers have no idea where the offensive is to be launched.
SCISSONS or LENS are hazarded as probable sectors.

18. MISCELLANEOUS. Leather masks are substituted for rubber ones as the latter wear out, owing to the shortage of rubber. The western trench line running through Q.23 is stated to be about 1 metre deep and two metres broad, the eastern line is said to be only traced. No work is in progress on either.
Prisoners know nothing about German tanks or new gas.

ANNEXE TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SUMMARY, 20th Feby. 1918.

REPORT ON THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF 7 PRISONERS OF THE 10th Co. 162 I.R. 17 Reserve Division, CAPTURED ON NIGHT OF 19th FEBRUARY at WHIZ FARM, O.17.d.7.8.

1. PARTICULARS. Prisoners consist of 1 Corporal, 2 Lance-Corporals and four privates. They are of poor physique and low intelligence. All are willing to give information and the general moral is extremely bad, the men for the most part belonging to the 1918 class. Several are HOLSTEINERS, one at least of Danish descent, and one a Lorrainer of French origin. The information obtained from these men is considered fairly reliable, but should be accepted with reserve, pending further confirmation; this applies particularly to the locations and the routes to the trenches.
2. METHOD OF CAPTURE. Prisoners were captured by an offensive patrol which left our lines to secure an identification.
3. ORDER OF BATTLE. (From North to South). 76 R.I.R. 162 I.R., 163 I.R. (normal).
4. DISPOSITIONS. The 162 I.R. has adopted the six-company system of holding the line, the six forward companies being apparently grouped under one battalion staff (K.T.K.), the six resting companies under another (R.T.K.). The B.T.K. (Support battalion headquarters) is therefore eliminated. There are four companies in the front line, the order from north to south being at present 9, 10, 11, 12. Two companies of the II Battalion are in support in concrete dugouts at HOUTHEM, and the remaining six companies are in rest in the vicinity of COUCOU (Q.18.). The machine gun company is distributed between HOUTHEM and the front line, there being also Medium T.M.'s in the same locality.
5. METHOD OF HOLDING THE LINE IN 10th Co.
 - (i) 1st Line. One platoon of two groups with two light machine guns and one officer (in all some 26 men) in a concrete dugout and two shelters of galvanized iron at WHIZ FARM. There is one "granatenwerfer '16" with this platoon manned by one N.C.O. and two other ranks, which is handed over on relief. Prisoners state that it was never used in order to avoid retaliation. A duckboard track (See A.P. 3.B.A.181 Q.5.ii.18) leads to
 - (ii) 2nd Line. The company Stoss trupp consisting of one group, probably in the concrete dugout at O.18.c.70.68 (BOMB FARM). The Stoss trupp remains here as long as the company is in the front line. The first line platoon on the other hand is relieved by one of the third line platoons every three days. Such a relief was due tonight.
 - (iii) 3rd Line. Two platoons and one or two light M.G.'s with the Company Commander. Exact location could not be determined, but these troops are disposed in concrete dugouts.
6. HEADQUARTERS.
 - (a) Front line battalion H.Q. (K.T.K.) P.20.a.15.05.
 - (b) Resting battalion H.Q. (R.T.K.) Q.29.a.99.53 (probable)
 - (c) Regimental H.Q. GATTEM FARM Q.29.a.(probable).
 - (d) Divisional H.Q. Said to be at WEVELGHEM.
7. REST BILLETS
 - (a) 10th Co. when in rest was billeted probably in the huts at Q.23.b. 54.04.
 - (b) Regimental Stoss trupp at QUATRE MOUWES.
 - (c) Before coming into the line, when the Division was at rest, the III Battalion was quartered at LAUWE, II at MARKE, I at WALLE. The 163 I.R. was in COURTRAI and the 76 R.I.R. at WEVELGHEM.

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8. OTHER LOCATIONS.

- (a) The Pioneer Park is said to be at HOUTHEM, but prisoner is not certain of this.
- (b) Some of the 9th Co. are stated to be in the concrete dugouts at Q.17.d.85.92.
- (c) One prisoner had a brother in 352 I.R. which he states is at FONTAINE.

9. ROUTE TO POSTS

QUATRE MONDE - WERWICQ road, (past WERWICQ church and the cemetery in Q.25.a.), thence probably along the GODSHUIS-KOERENTJE road and thence to CHAPELLE LANEY (P.20.), through HOUTHEM along the road in P.19.c. and d.

10. RELIEFS.

The III Battalion relieved the II Battalion on the night of the 17/18th February, Six days are spent in the line, six in support, followed by six days in rest for two companies, 12 days in rest for the other two.

It is rumoured that the 17th Res.Division is to be relieved between the 4th and 8th March, probably by the 8th Division. The 17th Res. Division will then go into rest for a month at GHENT or BRUGES.

11. RATIONS.

The Field Kitchens come up nightly to the K.T.K. at P.20.a.15.05. At present these arrive between 8 and 6.30 p.m.; during the former tour however they came up about 11 p.m. The food is carried thence by ration carriers to the front line.

12. PATROLS The Regimental Stoss trupp came up from QUATRE MONDE to carry out a patrol on the night of the 18th/19th February. The patrol went out opposite the front of the 12th Co. and had to secure an identification as the Division had ordered a prisoner to be taken by the 21st February, apparently in order to secure a specimen of a new English gas mask. The O.C. Company announced/ of 7.50 or 8 marks to anyone who could bring one in.
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13. LIGHT SIGNALS AND PASS WORD.

- (a) Light Signals (expire tonight)
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| i. Green | Barrage fire |
| ii. Red | Annihilating fire |
| iii. Yellow | Lengthen range. |
- (b) Pass Word. (To change tonight.) UKRAINE.

14. COMPANY STRENGTH. (a) Rifle 59 men
(b) Ration 130 men.

No casualties have been incurred since the company was in this sector.

15. OFFICERS' NAMES.
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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| O.C. 10th Co. | Leut. SCHOLLER |
| III Bn. | Oberleut. HELLMUT |
| Regiment | Major HAUS |
| Brigade | Oberst WERDER |
| G.O.C. Division | General Major von MUTIUS. |

16. TRAINING WHILE IN REST. While training at LAUWE the following new exercise was constantly practised, it is said with a view to offensive operations. The company was divided into four platoons which go forward in four waves not all together as previously.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 19th February -to- 6 a.m. 20th February 1918.

NOTE. Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our left group supported by Heavy Artillery and two batteries of Centre Brigade carried out a successful shoot on WHIZ FM.(0.17.d), HIGH FM, BOMB FM and track centres 0.18.c. and dugouts vicinity of FLY BUILDINGS(0.23.b), 0.17.d. Between 9. and 9.15 p.m. in support of minor enterprise carried out by our Left Group Battalion on WHIZ FM.(0.17.d). This proved successful, no retaliation being offered by enemy.

Our Right Group supported by two batteries of Centre Group carried out a minor operation on enemy's lines 0.35.d.9.5. to 0.35.d.85.75 to 0.35.b.75.00 to 0.35.b.60.15 and 0.36.c. vicinity of STIRA Trench and ANGLE FM.(0.36.a) and also on KIWI FM. and vicinity.

On night of 18th enemy Trench Mortars in vicinity of THE TWINS (0.11.d), POLL HOUSE (0.18.a) and BANG FM.(0.17.b) were engaged and silenced.

Between 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. some sixty odd rounds fired on BEEK FM.(0.29.b) and M.G. positions 0.24.a.

Calibrations were checked and registrations were carried out throughout the day for instructional purposes and the testing of 106 Fuzes. At 11.25 p.m. a burst of fire was put over on WHIZ FM.(0.17.d) by the HOLLEBEKE Group. MESSINES Group also put over a burst of fire on the gap in wire 0.35.d.80.70 at 11.10 p.m.

Bursts of fire were also fired on road 0.35.a and b at 6.35 a.m. Between 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. some 90 rounds were put on enemy wire at 0.35.d.80.70 approximately with very good results. Some rounds were fired on ESPERANCE CBT. 0.35.b at 9.40 p.m. and between 5.45 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Road U.6.c. to U.12.b and V.1.d.47.50 to V.1.d.78.70.

H.T.M.'s. Our H.T.M.'s registered S.O.S. lines in front of WHIZ FM. on 18th instant with good results. Between 6.30 a.m. and 7.15 a.m. dugouts at BANG FM.(0.17.b), WHIZ FM.(0.17.d) and FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b) were fired on, direct hits being obtained and timber and concrete thrown in the air. At 7 p.m. some rounds were fired on wire in front of WHIZ FM.(0.17.d) with good effect.

M.T.M.'s. Our M.T.M.'s engaged active Minenwerfers at 0.36.c.85.75, vicinity of KIWI FM.(0.36.c) and M.G.'s at U.6.c.65.75.

L.T.M.'s. 140 rounds were fired on FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b) and vicinity. 50 rounds fired on WASP FM.(0.23.a) and 80 rounds on KIWI FM.(0.36.c) and vicinity.

M.G.'s. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night. Low flying B.A. was engaged; 6000 rounds were fired on following targets: 0.24.d.05.20, LAKE FM.(0.24.c), EEL FM.(0.24.c), 0.36.a.25.50 and 6000 rounds were expended on enemy trench systems and communications.

Patrols. A fighting patrol of 1 Officer and 28 O.R. carried out a minor enterprise against enemy strong points in vicinity of WHIZ FM.(0.17.d). Seven prisoners were secured, and all our men returned.

Patrols report the following: Working party again heard between THE TWINS and THE GIANT (0.11.d), 0.12.c., working party heard between JULY and RIFLE FMS.(0.23.d).

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2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 7 prisoners of 10th Company 162nd I.R. 17th Reserve Division captured in 0.17.d.65.80 (normal) Interrogation of these prisoners forms annexe to this Summary. Order of Battle of Regiments, 17th Reserve Division-North to South-76, 162, 163 - normal (Prisoners' statements.
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet. During the period under review the following areas were lightly shelled: 0.35.c, 0.34.d., WALL FM.(0.23. front line in 0.17.c. On our artillery opening at 9 p.m. enemy artillery replied very feebly on front line with 77 mm and 4.2's and ceased fired at 9.40 p.m.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy M.G's and Minenwerfers were active on front line between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Otherwise quiet.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. S.P's. Strong point located under construction at 0.35.d.8.8. Enemy wire on either side of CINEMA Road 0.35.d. is about 7 yards wide. Minenwerfers were again active from ANGLE and BEE FMS. 0.36.a and 0.23.b.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. E.A. active during the day. At 12.20 p.m. an enemy plane was driven down in flames by our airmen and fell on Left Divisional front. At 1.50 p.m. 4 E.A. were over our lines and dropped 2 signals in 0.16.d.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. 4 men were seen near BAB FM.(0.23.d). Movement was seen at intervals in trench 0.23.d.3.7. 8 men in full marching order were seen to leave FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b). Train was seen at 12.28 p.m. moving from WERVICQ to COMINES.
10. MISCELLANEOUS. At 9.20 p.m. ^{on} a number of single and double red flares being fired enemy artillery opened fire At 9.35 p.m. 4 double red flares were sent up and repeated laterally along the line, enemy guns ceased fire. On Right Sector enemy fired a number of flares which burst into two greens and 2 reds, no apparent action followed.

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REPORT ON MINOR ENTERPRISE CARRIED OUT BY THE 54th BATTALION A.I.F.
ON THE NIGHT OF 19th FEBRUARY, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP - HOUTHEM - 1/10,000

1. On the 16th February instructions were received from the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade ordering a minor enterprise to be carried out by the 54th Battalion on GREEN FARM (O.17.b.4.4.) On the evening of the 17th inst, a reconnoitring patrol, consisting of the Battalion Intelligence Officer (Lieut. H.E.G. STAPLES M.M.), the officer commanding the party (Lieut. A.G. BATES D.C.M.) and 6 e/Ranks of the party penetrated GREEN FARM and found that it was not occupied by the enemy. Identifications being imperative another objective had to be chosen. This was decided at a conference held at the 54th Battalion Headquarters at 10. a.m. 18th inst. The conference was attended by the G.O.C. 14th A.I. Brigade, the officer Commanding HOLLEBEKE Artillery Group and 54th Battalion Headquarters staff. WHIZ FARM was chosen as an objective, and all arrangements were made relative to the enterprise.

2. ARRANGEMENTS AND DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) WHIZ FARM, the objective named, being a series of enemy strong points extending over a frontage of about 100 yards, the actual point of entry for the party was left to the discretion of the Officer Commanding. A personal reconnaissance on the part of the Commander on the night 18/19th February determined that the trenches or shelters shown immediately south of WHIZ FARM (as per aerial photograph) would be the main objective.
- (b) It was decided that the number of the party would be 1 officer and 20 O/Ranks.
- (c) It was arranged that the party would leave S.P.2.O.17. at 8.15 p.m. and be assembled in a line of old trenches (O.17.d.15.90 to O.17.d.30.60) by 8.45 p.m. At ZERO the party was to move forward under the protection of the artillery barrage and at ZERO plus two minutes to rush the objective, the artillery barrage having lifted to targets further in rear. The HOLLEBEKE Artillery Group arranged at ZERO, to open fire on WHIZ FARM, FLY BUILDINGS, HIGH FARM, BANG FARM, and THE TWINS. At ZERO plus two minutes the barrage was to lift from WHIZ FARM and be distributed on targets further in rear. Meanwhile the Heavy Bombardment and Counter Battery Groups were to deal with enemy defences and guns.

3. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

- (a) Everything went as per programme until the assembly point was reached. A light mist by this time having enveloped the front the O.C. Party decided to get as far forward as possible under cover of this mist before ZERO. This resulted in the party being 20 yards from the enemy wire at ZERO. At ZERO (9 p.m.) the artillery barrage opened and the party pushed through the enemy's first line of entanglements. At ZERO plus two minutes the second line of entanglements was passed and the party rushed the first system of posts and dugouts.
- (b) No enemy was met with in the first two dugouts. Bombs were thrown into these and sentries posted at the entrances. A third and large dugout was then rushed and the O.C. Party arrived just as a Boche came to the entrance. Lieut. Bates was fired on and missed by the man, whom he shot. The garrison showed signs of resisting until Pte. White of Battalion Headquarters Intelligence Section, a German speaker, called on them in German to surrender; this they did, leaving their arms, in accordance with Pte. White's instructions in the dugout. The object of the enterprise being attained, Lieut. Bates decided to withdraw with his prisoners, who numbered seven. 1 of the party was detailed to each prisoner, the remainder of the party covered their retirement until the guard wire was reached, when the whole party made all haste to PIONEER LANE. The guard wire was reached on the return journey at ZERO plus ten minutes.

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- (c) ARTILLERY ACTION. This was admirably timed and carried out, and was so accurate that Lieut. Bates reports that his party were operating directly under the shrapnel bursts and within 40 yards of the H.E. bursts. The shooting was remarkably accurate. The success of the Scheme was due, in a large measure, to the artillery support - Field, Heavy and Counter Battery.
- (d) ENEMY ACTION. No enemy action commenced until ZERO plus five minutes, when four posts (S.P.2.) 17 particularly) were heavily bombarded with minenwerfer, 7.7's and 4.2's. Machine guns also opened up over the whole front, but fired high and affected the rear area rather than the forward posts. No casualties were suffered by the party.

4. INFORMATION OBTAINED.

The enemy held the front on similar lines to the system adopted by us. The prisoners, who belong to the 162nd Regiment (17th Division) only having been in this sector 2 days, do not know where the main defensive position is. The WHIZ FARM garrison consists of 4 or 5 dugouts or concrete shelters, each containing from 3 to 7 men. The locality is strongly wired with 2 bands of wire. This is, however, in constant need of repair, as a result of our 9.45 H.T.M. activity.

5. RESULT OF RAID.

The result of the enterprise was to capture 7 of the enemy and inflict a number of casualties. Two of the enemy were known to have been killed and 1 officer severely wounded; it is possible that the casualties sustained by the enemy were even heavier than this. The success of the enterprise was due to:-

1. Good leadership.
2. An enthusiastic and carefully chosen raiding party (volunteers).
3. Previous reconnaissance by the whole party of the locality to be raided.
4. The inclusion of a German speaker in the raiding personnel.
5. Last, but not least, splendid artillery co-operation.

(sgd) D.M. McCONAGHY Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 54th Battalion, A. I. F.

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NOTE:-

At 11.25 p.m. a burst of fire was put over on WHIZ FARM by the HOLLEBEKE Group in order to catch any working party employed in repairing the damage.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 20th February -to- 6 a.m. 21st February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OPERATIONS

Artillery. Our Artillery were quiet during the period, owing to the poor visibility; beyond customary registrations and shoot on wire at 0.35.d. no firing was done during the day.

At 6.10 a.m. a burst of fire was put down in the vicinity of of Dump at P.31.b.5.9. At 5.30 p.m. hostile ... firing from THE TWINS (0.11.d) was bombarded, this target was again engaged at 5.45 a.m. Between 9 and 10.30 p.m. the vicinity of 0.36.b.20.50 was intermittently searched.

F.T.'s . fired 116 rounds on hostile minenwerfer emplacements and on enemy posts and strong points during the night, engaging positions previously registered. Points bombarded were:- RIFLE FM. (0.23.d), JULY FM. (0.23.d), THE GIANT (0.12.c), THE TWINS (0.11.d), KIWI (0.36.c), strong points at U.6.c.5.5 and 0.35.d.80.80 and active hostile minenwerfers at KIWI FM. (0.36.c).

L.T.'s. A number of rounds were fired on enemy trench systems during the period.

G's. 9000 rounds were expended on harassing fire on enemy roads and tracks; other targets, FILLEGRENS FM. (0.24.a) and 0.18.d.5.3. (dugouts)

Patrols. Report on minor enterprise carried out by Left Brigade on night 19th/20th February 1918 accompanies this Summary.

Usual liaison patrols were sent out, in addition patrols report as follows:- NO MAN'S LAND in front of THE GIANT (0.12.c) and THE TWINS (0.11.d) is very wet and muddy. The whole of NO MAN'S LAND in Right Battalion sector Right Brigade was patrolled and no enemy were seen or heard. NO MAN'S LAND on North side of HUNS AIA (0.35.d) is impassable owing to the extremely boggy state of the ground. 3 new stick bombs were found in shell hole at approximately 0.29.a.7.2. NO MAN'S LAND in Left Battalion sector Right Brigade was patrolled and thoroughly searched, no enemy were seen or heard.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. On right sector enemy artillery was much less active than usual. Between 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. 0.24.a and b was lightly shelled with 5.9's.

On Left sector more active. Between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. ONRAET WOOD was shelled with 5.9's 100 rounds of 9.2's fell in 0.20.a.b and d coming from 108° T.B. from 0.13.b.41.82

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet except for artillery on Left sector during morning.
Minenwerfers very quiet.
M.G.'s. Occasional bursts were fired on VERNE ROAD (0.16) and GREENWOOD (0.17.a).
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire. WHIZ FR. (0.17.d) is protected by 2 belts of low wire 15 yards apart one on either side of the hedge at 0.17.d.6.8. this wire is continuous but does not form serious obstacle. Enemy wire at 0.17.d.5.4. is not continuous and is mainly concertina.
Pill-Boxes. Some yards beyond wire at 0.17.d.7.4. are two pill-box shelters presumably M.G. positions, they have been occupied recently 10 yards further back there are two cement dugouts totally below surface of ground and are occupied, 30 yards in rear is a large Pill Crater at 0.17.b.55.10 is unoccupied and shows no signs of recent occupation.
Minenwerfer located firing from DATUM HOUSE (0.36.b).
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 6.45 a.m. on 20th instant enemy motor transport heard in vicinity of WARNETON.
 8 a.m. 3 men moving between LAIE FR. (0.24.c) and PARTYNTJE F. (0.24.d).
 11 a.m. 4 men between LAIE and ELL FMS. (0.24.c). 7 a.m. 1 man was seen to leave trench approximately at 0.35.b.4.5., he was fired on and disappeared.
10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility poor owing to mist.
 9.10 p.m to 9.25 p.m. enemy were signalling with lamp from HOUTHEM.
 At 12.20 a.m. a single red and single green flare was fired by the enemy, no apparent action followed. Double red and double green were also fired.

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ISCELLANEOUS.

Signalling was seen at 6.45 a.m. in the direction of COMINES.

A number of chain flares (white) were sent up by the enemy at 6.30 p.m. also a great number of golden lights were sent up.

Aeroplanes were up at the time.

At 2.18 a.m. a green flare was fired and enemy artillery activity increased.

A large fire was seen in COMINES during our artillery fire.

Smoke was seen at MALLET FM. (P.25.d).

Visibility good.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 21st February -to- 6 a.m. 22nd February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front-line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS

Artillery. Calibrations were checked, registrations continued and instructional shoots carried out throughout the day. Many enemy working parties and moving targets were successfully engaged throughout the period and bursts of fire put over on reported M.G. and Linenwerfer positions near Fill-box 0.30.d.15.95, 0.24.c.5.4, 0.56.a.80.65 and 0.36.c.11.1 FM.

At 8.30 a.m. working parties observed near SQUARE FM.(0.30.b) and P.25.central were successfully dispersed.

Between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. working parties at 0.36.b.4.6, 0.36.a.8.9 and wiring party at P.25.a were fired on and dispersed.

Also at 9.26 a.m. enemy working party at P.31.b.85.70, vicinity of PONT BLANCH, small party at 0.18.d.70.90 and at 12.30 p.m. hostile party observed working under camouflage in P.19.a. were successfully fired on, some casualties being inflicted.

Between 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. some 70 rounds were put over on enemy wire at 0.35.d.78.76 with very good results.

At 4 p.m. 3 rounds of Smoke Shells were fired on TRUNE FM.(P.19.c) for instructional purposes.

H.T.M.'s. Active Linenwerfer in vicinity of HILL FM.(0.36.a)

Between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. was engaged and successfully silenced by our H.T.M. fire.

L.T.M.'s. The following points were engaged by our L.T.M.'s during the period:- THE TWINS (0.11.d), TRIZ FM.(0.17.d) and FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b). 30 rounds were fired on BELL FM.(0.29.b), RIFLE FM.(0.23.d) and BEE FM.(0.23.b).

M.G.'s. 3500 rounds were fired on enemy tracks and posts and on hostile aircraft and 3000 rounds were expended on following targets:- junction of trench and road 0.24.c.77.05, trenches 0.24.c.5.2, tracks in vicinity of HILL FM.(0.36.c), cross roads 0.36.b.2.6.

Patrols. Liaison patrols were sent out during the night. Further patrols report talking was heard in vicinity of GREEN FM.(0.17.b).

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Sounds of an enemy working party were heard near THE TWINS (0.11.d).
An enemy patrol of 7 men were seen in 0.17.d.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Inactive. The following areas were shelled lightly during the period under review:- 0.35.d, 0.33.a and c, 0.32.d, GREEN WOOD (0.17.a), 0.11.b. and d.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but on the alert. Machine Guns fired on our tracks at intervals.
Minenwerfers fired on GREEN WOOD (0.17.a) during the night.
Sniper was active from Pill-box at 0.17.b.90.75.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Pill-boxes at GREEN FM. in 0.17.b. were found to be unoccupied (patrol).
Minenwerfer located firing from RIDGE FM. (0.24.a).
M.G.'s. An A.A. machine gun was located firing from POLL HOUSE (0.18.a)
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At intervals during the day enemy planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire.
Balloons were up on T.S. 81° and 101° from 0.20.c.05.65.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 10.30 a.m. during bombardment by our heavies men were seen running from Pill-boxes near PUDDING Trench in P.8.a. Isolated movement was observed, in sap at 0.12.c.50.20, SQUIRE FM. (0.30.b), ESPERANCE CABT. (0.36.b) and EUREKA FM. (V.1.a).
Train movement.
9.25 a.m. train shunting in Q.27.
9.25 a.m. train moving south from SERVICE.
12 noon " " towards SERVICE in Q.9.a.
12.25 p.m. " " LINSSELLES from BOUSEBECQUE.
2.20 p.m. " shunting in LINSSELLES.
3.30 p.m. " moving N.W. through W.21.
From 11 a.m. to 12 noon train movement observed in TENBRIELEN Station
At 3.40 p.m. 2 trains of 12 trucks each on light gauge railway following close on each other were seen at W.21.a. . . travelling towards LE BLATON.

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17. INTENTIONS The 17th Res. Division expects to be relieved at the end of this month (1 prisoner gives Feb. 28th) by the Division it originally relieved. It will then go to BEVERLOO for further training.

Prisoners have no knowledge of an offensive in this sector, but consider that there will be one near CAMBRAI in March.

18. TRAINING. Men at BEVELGHEM in rest, previous to coming into this sector, only ordinary training was undertaken. One prisoner had heard of the new offensive training but could not describe it, and thought it was being chiefly applied to Divisions fresh from RUSSIA, training in the rear of the front.

19. MISCELLANEOUS. (a) Civilians. There are very few civilians in MENIN, a few more in H. LLUIN. The former town has been much damaged by bombs.

(b) Concrete dugouts. One prisoner had seen now concrete dugouts under construction near ENVIC, from the small gauge railway while on the way to the front. They were camouflaged.

(c) MENIN-CO. INES railway. The old railway has apparently been denuded of its rails.



ANNEXE TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 23rd Feby. 1918

Preliminary Report on Examination of two prisoners of 9th Coy. 163rd I.R., 17th Reserve Division captured this morning in O.23.c.5.8.

1. PARTICULARS. Prisoners belong to the 1885 (landstur.) and 1914 classes respectively. They are of indifferent physique and moral and quite willing to give information. Their statements are however in several cases conflicting and must be accepted with reserve pending further confirmation.
2. METHOD OF CAPTURE. Prisoners were detailed by this Company Commander to approach our fire in order to locate the positions of our posts. They came up to one of our listening posts and surrendered when challenged.
3. ORDER OF BATTLE. Prisoners are certain that the 162 I.R. is north of their Regiment, and suggest that the 70 R.I.R. is south, and that their Regiment is the centre of the Division, but this is unlikely.
4. DISPOSITIONS. The two echelon system is still in vogue in the Regiment. The II Battalion is in the line with all four companies forward in the following order from north to south- 9,10,11,12. The 9th Coy. has 1 platoon of 2 groups and 2 L.M.G's in BAB FM. (O.23.b). (Bayernsasz), 1 platoon of 2 groups and 1 L.M.G. in PILLEGREMS FM. and the Coy. Sturmtrupp, to which one prisoner belonged by day in PILLEGREMS FM. and by night in the open some 100 metres to the north of BAB FM. (Bayernsasz). Each platoon has a bomb thrower. Opinions differ as to the existence of a 3rd platoon, the more reliable prisoner says it does not exist, the other that it is also in PILLEGREMS FM. The two support Coys. are under the orders of the front line battalion staff (K.T.K). One Coy. has a group in concrete dugout at P.19.c.12.54 (Sachserhof), another in a concrete group 200 m. south, the rest being disposed in the shelters in the neighbourhood. The other Coy. lies somewhere south of the ~~HOTENZOLLERISCHER~~ road in P.19.c., O.24.d) *Hotenzollernstrasse*. The remaining six Coys. are in MENIN.
5. HEADQUARTERS (i) of 9th Coy. in a small concrete dugout at about D.24.c.99.95. (ii) Of front line battalion, said to be in a concrete dugout 50 metres north of the HOUTHEM Road. in P.19.c. and about 200 metres from the Cemetery.

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One prisoner however states that it has been moved further back.

5. OTHER LOCATIONS. ^(a) Concrete dugout at PELLEGRENS FM. which is probably in the farm building itself though the prisoner insists that it is 200 metres north of the road. This concrete block-house has 7 partitions of about 7 metres each in length. Of these four are occupied the rest being destroyed by shell fire.
- (b) Pioneer Park is somewhere on the eastern side of the canal and south of HOUTHEM; perhaps about P.20.d.5.2.
- (c) Theatre at MENIN. Corner house in KONIGSSTRASSE, probably at R.14.a.2.3.
- (d) Parade Ground in MENIN. Square at R.14.c.2.3.
- (e) Soldiers' House and Billet of 1st and 2nd Battalions. Monastery at R.14.c.6.2.
- (f) Officers Mess at R.14.c.6.1.
- (g) Billet of 3rd Battalion in buildings on northern side of the road at R.20.d.3.3.
6. OTHER UNITS SEEN IN MENIN. 31st R.I.R. and 86th R.I.R. (18th Res. Div.), (one prisoner says all units of the Division) which arrived some 8 days ago. According to one prisoner the 18th Res. Div. has relieved the Division which includes the 257, later corrected 357 I.R. or R.I.R. The 225th R.I.R. (49th Res. Div.) was also in MENIN last Wednesday week and is said to be on the point of being relieved.
7. BOUNDARY. The Regimental boundary between 162 and 163 I.R.'s. is the road at BAB FARL (Bayernsasz). The 9th Coy. sector extends some 50 m. south of this point.
8. ROUTE TO FRONT. The 9th Coy. left their billets in HALLUIN and proceeded by the town tramway and later light steam railway to MERVIC, SUD, keeping near the south bank of the LYS. The River is crossed probably by the bridge in P.36.a. They then proceeded along the GODSEINS-KOENIGTVE road, and from this point the route can only be conjectured, as neither prisoner can accurately describe it. The canal was crossed possibly at the bridge at P.27.d.10.18, the company turning northwards at P.32.b.48.95 towards ST ROU KERRUG, but leaving the HOUTHEM Road soon after crossing the ~~WALLEM~~. A field path was then followed, which brought them

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From 6 a.m. 22nd February -to- 6 a.m. 23rd February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Owing to the low visibility throughout the period our Artillery were very quiet. Registrations and Instructional shoots for junior officers were continued and calibrations checked. At irregular intervals throughout the night and morning bursts of fire were put over on roads vicinity of JUNE FM. 0.23.c., P.31.c.25.22, P.31.b. (PONT MALHET), P.31.c.40.75, pill-boxes and track in U.6.d., dugouts in 0.36.d.45.35, 0.36.d.25.35. Cross roads 0.36.b. T.M.'s vicinity of KIWI FM. 0.36.c., and road U.12.b.2.8. U.12.b.4.4.

At 8.45 a.m. a working party observed near PONT MALHET P.31.b. were fired on and dispersed.

M.T.M.'s. Between 4.15 and 4.30 p.m. our M.T.M.B. fired 20 rounds on THE TWINS U.11.d. with good effect, several direct hits being observed and wire in front partially destroyed.

L.T.M.'s 69 rounds were fired on U.6.a.3.2 and vicinity 0.35.d.9.9. Cross roads 0.29.b.1.4, WAM FM. (0.23.d), RIFLE FM. (0.23.d) and 30 rounds were fired on FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b).

Enemy M.G.'s. firing from NO MAN'S LAND in 0.17.b. were silenced by L.T.M. fire.

M.G.'s. 9000 rounds were fired on enemy tracks, roads and trench systems and harassing fire kept up during the night.

Patrols. Beyond Liaison patrols the following is reported:-

NO MAN'S LAND in 0.5.b. is in a muddy and shell torn condition but passable. NO MAN'S LAND in 0.23.c is wet and muddy. An enemy patrol of 11 men was seen moving along hedge at 0.17.d.5.7.

IDENTIFICATIONS. 2 prisoners 9th Coy. 163rd I.R. captured at 0.23.c.5.8. (normal).

Interrogation of these prisoners forms annexe to this Summary.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Exceptionally quiet. Following areas received slight attention: 0.23.a, 0.20.b coming from direction of HOUTHEN.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but alert.
Grenaten werfer bombs were fired on U.5.b.
Minenwerfers fired on STEIGNAST FM.(U.5.a).
M.G's. fired on our tracks and front line at intervals.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G's. were active from BANG FM.(0.17.b.)
Minenwerfers suspected at U.6.c.5.8., U.12.a.92.35., U.12.a.80.85.
U.12.a.45.15.
Work. New work appears to be going on in vicinity of BEE FM.(0.23.b)
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 7.40 a.m. enemy plane flew over our front line on left sector and was driven off by A.A. fire.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement was seen at GUARD FM.(0.29.d). 2 officers were seen to leave pill-box at 0.35.b.75.55 and enter pill-box approximately 100 yards south. 3 men working on trench at 0.24.c.7.8. Movement at SQUARE FM.(0.30.b), LAKE FM.(0.24.o) and PAT FM.(0.18.b).
Train movement.
At 2.15 p.m. train left COMINES going South.
10. MISCELLANEOUS.
Smoke was seen rising from Pill-box 0.36.b.3.6 and ANGLE FM.(0.36.a). At 11.45 a.m. smoke as from a burning dump was seen in COMINES.
Visibility fair.

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From 6 a.m. 23rd February -to- 6 a.m. 24th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Moving targets were engaged, and bursts of fire put down on ANGLE FM. (O.36.a), LA BUSSCHE FM. (V.1.b), tracks in U.6.b., O.36.d, and U.C.d. between 10 and 11 p.m., 5.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.

Between 9.30 p.m. and 10.15 p.m. 60 rounds were fired on LAKE FM. (O.24.c). Between 5.15 and 6.30 a.m. movement was observed at PONT HALHET and LAKE FM. (P.31.b and O.24.c), our artillery opened fire and parties were dispersed. At 10 a.m. hostile movement was observed at road junction P.19.a.90.28, this was effectively engaged. Movement was also observed between 1.30 and 3.15 p.m. at P.13.d.70.20 and APPLE FM. (P.19.a), this was effectively engaged.

Registrations and Instructional shoots were again continued and a wire cutting shoot carried out between 2 and 4 p.m. on enemy wire at O.35.d.8.6. with good effect.

Some 60 rounds were fired on new work under construction beneath camouflage near P.19.a.25.50. (Approx.).

H.T.M.'s. Our H.T.M.'s. checked registrations on RIFLE, JULY, WAM, BEE and FLY BUILDINGS (O.23.d & b.) during the morning.

Between 10.45 and 10.50 p.m. active minenwerfers in vicinity of U.6.c.5.5. and KIMI FM. (O.36.c) were fired on and silenced.

L.T.M.'s. The following targets were fired on: (45 rounds) FLY BUILDINGS O.23.b, (20 rounds) THE TWIN O.11.d., (10 rounds) U.6.c.5.8., (15 rounds) JULY FM. (15 rounds) suspected M.G. at O.29.b.2.7. (O.23.d)

M.G.'s. 5000 rounds were fired on enemy posts, tracks and aircraft, 6000 rounds on CODE FM. O.23.d, junction of road and tramway O.24.c.75.08, tracks O.36.c.5.8, road O.30.b.85.98 and cross roads O.36.b.20.60.

Patrols report as follows: On one of our patrols proceeding towards THE GIANT O.12.c, enemy sounded an alarm and the patrol were fired on by M.G. and rifle fire. NO MAN'S LAND in O.17.b is still in a wet and muddy condition. Enemy party were seen at U.11.b.8.9. Crater at O.35.b.2.6 and JUNE FM. O.23.c were found to be unoccupied.

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2. IDENTIFICATIONS. (Doubtful). 330 I.R. 83rd Division. Identified by contact at 0.35.d.9.4. (see ENEMY ATTITUDE below) but requires confirmation. If correct this identification indicates the relief of the 49th Des. Div. by 85 Div. from Russia.
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet throughout the period under review. At irregular intervals scattered rounds fell in vicinity of STEIGNAST FM. U.5.a, GAPAARD 0.35.a, 0.28.c.4.4 and JILO FM. 0.26.b, POLKA EST 0.22.a.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. M.G's. M.G's kept up desultory night firing. Our tracks and roads were periodically swept. Minenwerfers were active from RIFLE and KIVI FMS. 0.23.d, 0.36.c. Patrol At 5.30 a.m. on 23rd instant an enemy patrol was seen at about 0.35.d.9.4. They were fired at by our L.G. post in U.5.b.7.8. and some were seen to be hit. It was too light at this time to go out and investigate. At 4 p.m. and again at 5.15 p.m. the Sergeant in charge of a post at 0.35.d.7.3 observed 2 enemy Red Cross men looking in the direction of the spot where the Germans were seen to fall. He suspected that there were some wounded there and realized that if so they would be removed after dark. Knowing that identifications were urgently required and to avoid identification himself he took off his coat and proceeded unmolested to the spot where he was joined by the German stretcher bearers, one of whom spoke English. Our N.C.O. saw 3 badly wounded men in one shell hole and 2 slightly wounded in another. The German stretcher bearer informed the N.C.O. that one of the wounded men was an officer but was wearing patrol dress. The Sergeant saw 330 on shoulder strap of the stretcher bearer. He returned to our lines without being interfered with.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G's fired from POLL HOUSE 0.18.a, BANG FM. 0.17.b. Minenwerfers. 3 were active from RIFLE FM. 0.23.d. Pill-box at RIFLE FM. is in damaged condition. (patrol). Wire. Enemy wire in U.5.d. is strong and consists of 2 rows of entanglement about 15 feet thick. (patrol). Enemy wire in U.6.a. is strong (patrol). Military road at 0.25.b.2.6. is thickly wired (patrol). Work. New work observed on trench 40 yards west of LAKE FM. 0.24.a. New work is reported in course of construction under camouflage in vicinity of P.19.a.25.50.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes crossed our lines at 8.10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. They were eventually driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire on each occasion.

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At 5 p.m. a few bombs were dropped in vicinity of NEUVE EGLISE.
Enemy balloon was up on T.B. of 95° from U.4.b.12.20.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. APPLE FM.
P.19.a appears to be a centre of activity during the day. 4 men
observed near WAM F. . 0.23.d. Continued movement around LAKE FM.
0.24.c. and SQUARE FM. 0.30.b.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy fired a number of chain flares (white) on
our planes crossing their lines. At 3 p.m. a large explosion
was observed in the vicinity of NEUVICQ. Smoke was seen coming
from PAT FM. 0.18.b. and dugout at 0.18.b.73.05. Green flares
breaking into two lights were fired by the enemy, no apparent
action followed.
Visibility poor.

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From 6 a.m. 24th February - to - 6 a.m. 25th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery. In anticipation of enemy relief our CENTRE Group carried out a special programme of intermittent fire on enemy roads, tracks, and centres of activity in O.23., O.24., O.29. and O.30., OMELETTE TRENCH, PILL FARM, PILIGRENS FARM, LAKE FARM, SQUARE FARM, SALMON FARM, and on occupied dugouts and shell holes. Throughout the day enemy movement and working parties observed in vicinity of PARTYNTJE FARM, PONTILALILET P.31.b., LAKE FARM O.24.c., P.31.a.65.95 and camouflaged dugouts at O.18.c.40.90 were successfully dispersed by Artillery fire. Checking S.O.S. registrations, calibrations, and instructional shoots were also carried out.
- L.T.M.'s. Following targets were fired on :- BEEK FARM O.29.b., WAM FARM O.23.d., Granatenwerfer emplacement at U.6.a.6.4., THE GIANT O.12.c. Working parties reported by patrols in vicinity of WHIZ FARM O.17.d. and WAM FARM O.23.d.
- M.G.'s. In anticipation of relief harassing fire was kept up on enemy tracks, roads, and trench systems and following ^{engaged on} targets :- Tramways O.24.c.65.04., O.36.a.65.20., tracks and roads at LAKE FARM O.24.c., O.36.d.55.35., O.30.d.2.7., cross roads O.36.b.2.6. (44,000 rounds were expended).
- Patrols. Patrols report the following :- Patrol reconnoitred the approach to the small enemy salient at U.5.d.75.20; the position was occupied. Three of the enemy were seen to visit a post at approx. O.29.a.95.35. They stayed for a few minutes and then disappeared at O.29.b.1.5. Enemy wiring party consisting of 50 or 60 men were seen wiring in the vicinity of WHIZ FARM O.17.d. They were fired on by our L.T.M.B. and dispersed. Liaison patrols were maintained during the night.
- No MAN'S LAND on each side of road at O.29.d.9.3. is in fair condition.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS Nil.
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet. On the left Brigade sector during the morning there was an increase in enemy artillery activity. 170 rounds of 5.9" fell in O.14.d. and c., other areas receiving slight attention were ROSE BOOL O.16.a., O.21.b., U.11.a. and SAHIEU FARM O.21.d.



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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy more active during period. Machine Guns were active on our front line and tracks during the night. Minenwerfers fired on front line in 0.35.d, STEIGNAST FM. U.5.a Work. Enemy working parties appear to be working on wire continually at night.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Minenwerfers active from DATUM HO. 0.36.a. . . . , behind KIWI FM. 0.36.c.75.50 and BANG FM. 0.17.b. Wire at 0.29.a.9.3. is thick and strong. New wire has been erected at WAM FM. 0.23.d. 140 yards in front of BEEK FM. 0.23.d there is a thin belt of wire, 40 yards in rear there is a stronger and thicker belt but forms no serious obstacle. Trench at 0.36.c.20.35 and 0.36.c.0.3 are occupied, constant signs of smoke seen. No signs of occupation were seen in BEEK FM. 0.23.d but a post is held south and in rear of FM. . . . (patrol).
(Information obtained from Sergeant who walked out into NO MAN'S LAND yesterday 24/2/13). Signs of new work in trench running from 0.35.d.9.5 to 0.36.c.0.4. Wire in front of this trench consists of 2 irregular belts and is strong. This trench is strongly held 40 or 50 men to 100 yards. Pill-box located at 0.36.c.15.40.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 2.45 p.m. two E.A. approached our lines but were driven off by our airmen. Balloons were up on 97° T.B. from 0.27.d.91.60 and 89° T.B. from 0.23.c.2.4.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 3.15 p.m. 2 officers were seen to enter pill-box at 0.36.a.30.20. Individual movement was seen at WHALE FM. 0.30.d, Pill-boxes at 0.30.d.12.92 and 0.30.b.20.20, 0.30.a.45.90, PAT FM. 0.13.b, MURPHY FM. 0.13.b, HADES FM. 0.13.d, SQUARE FM. 0.30.b.
- Train movement.
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| 1.7 p.m. | train left | ERVICQ | moving towards | HALLUIN |
| 1.10 p.m. | " | MENIN | " | GHELUWE |
| 1.15 p.m. | " | HALLUIN | " | BOUSBECQUE |
| 1.25 p.m. | " | " | " | RONCQ |
| 1.45 p.m. | " | RONCQ | " | MENIN |
| 2 p.m. | " | MENIN | " | HALLUIN |
| 2 p.m. | " | HALLUIN | " | ERVICQ |
10. MISCELLANEOUS. Lamp signalling was seen in HOUTHEM at 6 p.m. Chain flares (white) were again sent up by the enemy on our planes crossing their lines. At 4.20 p.m. flames and smoke were observed rising from ERVICQ.

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in flashes observed at 126°^c, 124°^c T.B. from 0.11.c.5.7, and 92°^c
from 0.16.a.3.c.
visibility Fair during morning, good in afternoon.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 25th February -to- 6 a.m. 26th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our night Corps carried out a special concentration shoot on Minenwerfer emplacements in vicinity of LI I Fm. 0.36.c, DATUM HOUSE 0.36.a, these targets being subjected to heavy annihilating fire between 2.35 and 9.42 p.m. During the day working parties and enemy movement observed near SQUARE FM. 0.30.b, PONT MALLET F.31.b, APPLE FM. F.19.a, Road F.2. a.9.1 and dugouts 0.29.b.61.88 were engaged and successfully dispersed, some casualties being inflicted. Between 11.28 a.m. and 12.50 p.m. a wire cutting shoot was carried out on enemy wire at 0.35.d.8.6. with very good results, lane through wire at this point being widened. In addition S.O.S. and registrations were checked, instructional shoots continued.

H.T.M.'s. H.T.M.'s were quiet during the day, some 30 rounds being fired on 0.36.c ~~W.L.F.M.s~~ and a few rounds on THE TWINS 0.11.d. Kiwi FM

L.T.M.'s. The following targets were engaged: THE GIANT 0.12.c (10 rounds), WAM FM. 0.23.d (15 rounds), BEEK FM. 0.29.b (7 rounds) M.G. at 0.29.b.1.4. (8 rounds).

M.G.'s. 10,500 rounds were expended on the following targets:- 0.24.a.9.2, 0.18.b.5.3, 0.24.c.6.4. tracks and tramways 0.24.c, 0.36.c.5.8, 0.36.b.17.60, 0.30.d.2.7.

Patrols. Patrols report the following: M.G.'s were active from BING FM. 0.17.b and from the direction of THE TWINS 0.11.d. The Rio ZEBBIE in 0.17.a and 0.11 d is almost impassable. A guard wire was seen between RIFLE & JULY FMS. 0.23.d. Enemy wire from RIFLE FM. to BEE FM. (0.23.b) is continuous, 15 feet thick, knee high, old but in good condition. East of this wire there is another belt.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. quiet. Areas 0.16.c and d, 0.22.b, STEIGMAST FA. U.5.a, 0.34.a were lightly shelled.



5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet during period. M.G.'s were active during the night on our tracks and posts. Minenwerfers. 4 shells were fired on old S.P. W.E. corner of GREEN WOOD from the left of THE TWINS 0.11.d. S.P.'s in 0.11. were also fired on. Minenwerfers were active opposite Right Brigade front.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Minenwerfers were active from vicinity of 0.36.a.6. U.12.a.1.6, FILE HOUSE 0.30.a (silenced by artillery) and THE TWINS. Wire is being repaired N. of FLY BUILDINGS 0.17.d. New wire in 2 rows of barbed concertina was seen passing N & S through 0.23.d.15.50 (patrol). Gaps were observed in the wire in the vicinity of U.6.a.2.1 - loose wire being rolled back.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 5 hostile planes crossed our lines at 3.25 p.m. and dropped 5 bombs. Hostile planes were in evidence during the night.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 10.5 a.m. a narrow gauge train was seen at Q.32.c.48.3. travelling towards BOUSSECQUE. At 11 a.m. an officer walked along the parapet of a trench in 0.36 examining the wire; he was fired at and fell into the trench. Movement was noticed at LAKE FM. 0.24.c, pill-box at 0.36.b.75.55, QUAD FM. 0.30.d, pill-box at 0.24.c.46.48, and APPLE FM. P.19.a. A working party was seen at work on FAUTER support trench P.19.a. Enemy wiring party made 2 attempts to work at U.6.a.3.2. but was dispersed by L.G. fire. 2 men inside wire at U.5.d.8.7 were fired on by L.G. and only one was seen to get away. Smoke was observed coming from MURPHY FM. 0.18.b. A great deal of train movement was seen.
- 9.20 a.m. train entered COMINES from WERVICO.
- 9.30 a.m. train travelling North to RONCO.
- 10 a.m. train shunting in HALLUIN
- 10 a.m. train travelling North from RONCO.
- 10 a.m. L. tr in travelling N. through W.27.b.
- 10.10 a.m. Train shunting in BOUSSECQUE.
- 10.17 a.m. train in LINSELLES.
- 10.20 a.m. L train shunting at V.24.b. and d.
- 10.20 a.m. train travelling from RONCO to HALLUIN.
- 10.22 a.m. train travelling from BOUSSECQUE to HALLUIN
- 10.25 a.m. 2 trains in MENIN.
- 10.30 a.m. L train shunting LE BLATOR W.15.c.
- 10.35 a.m. train to MENIN from direction of MOUSCRON



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10.45 a.m. L train to BOUSBECQUE from HALLUIN.
 12 noon L train left COMINES going South
 12.5 p.m. train shunting in WERVICQ SUD.
 1.30 p.m. train shunting in GHELWE
 2.35 p.m. train from RONOQ to HALLUIN
 3.55 p.m. train from RONOQ to HALLUIN
 4.45 p.m. train from HALLUIN to BOUSBECQUE
 4.45 p.m. Train from HALLUIN to RONOQ.
 4.50 p.m. train left MENIN going North.
 4.35 p.m. train from HALLUIN to MENIN.

1. MISCELLANEOUS.

Lamp signalling was seen at 8.40 p.m. on 142° T.B. from
 C.16.c.5.4, on 160° T.B. from D.23.c.2.4. At 4.45 a.m. on
 98.5° G.B. from U.11.b.12.20.

Flares bursting into showers were fired by the enemy while
 our planes were over their lines.

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From 6 a.m. 26th February -to- 6 a.m. 27th February 1918.

NOTE: Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS. A concentrated bombardment was carried out by our Right Group on enemy strong points and wire in 0.35.d.80.85, 0.35.d.95.78, 0.35.d.9.9. between 11 a.m. and 2.40 p.m., and again between 5.15 and 6 p.m.
- Our Centre Group engaged targets on front of their sector throughout the night, bursts of fire being put down at irregular intervals on FILIEGREMS FARM 0.24.a., Pill box and emplacements 0.24.c.85.00. in vicinity.
- At 3.30 p.m. some 18 rounds were put over on suspected enemy Strong Post 0.29.b.10.78; 12 rounds were fired on 0.30.a.50.05 at 11 a.m.
- At 11.30 p.m. enemy working party at 0.12.d.52.15 was engaged, 50 rounds being fired and party successfully dispersed; some casualties believed to have been inflicted as shooting was most effective, direct hits being obtained.
- Between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 60 rounds were fired on hostile movement and works in 0.12.d.9.6, 0.18.c.6.9 and P.19.a.25.50 with effective results.
- Movement was observed during the afternoon in vicinity FARM de la BUSSCHE-V.1.b. and target successfully registered. Registrations and instructional shoots were continued throughout the day.
- H.T.M's. Our M.T.M.B. engaged active MINENBEAFER during the early morning at U.6.c.5.5. and KIWI FARM 0.36.c. shooting being most effective, enemy immediately ceasing fire. A double explosion resulted on our first round on latter target.
- L.T.M's. 20 rounds fired on THE TWINS 0.11.d. and THE GIANT 0.12.c.
- M.G's. 5,000 rounds were fired on the following targets:- LAKE FARM 0.24.c., BOV FARM 0.30.a., junction roads and tramway 0.36.a., 0.24.c.50.35, 0.36.b.20.60; 1,500 rounds were expended in harassing enemy communications.
- Patrols. Usual liaison patrols were maintained during the night. In addition patrols report NO MAN'S LAND in U.5.d. in good condition. Three of the enemy were seen in vicinity of WHIZ FARM 0.17.d., 2 men were seen at THE GIANT 0.12.c.



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Left Battalion of Left Brigade ~~carried out an~~ extensive patrol along the whole of their front in O.11.b. and d. to ascertain the ~~general condition~~ of the ground. The ground passed over was found to be in fair condition and walking was easy, ^{except in} the vicinity of THE TWINS O.11.d. where the ground is most torn by shell fire and is difficult to cross.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 1st Machine Gun Co., 162nd I.R., 17th Res. Div. By papers found on a dead German Corporal in 28 O.23.c.7.5. Latest date (on an unfinished letter) is 4th February 1918. (Normal).
4. ~~HOSTILE ARTILLERY~~ ACTIVITY quieter than usual. Following areas were lightly shelled :- MAHIEU FARM O.21.d., ROOZEBEEK Valley, O.17.c., O.20.b.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE quiet. Sniper was active from O.24.c.25.35. Machine Guns fired on our tracks at intervals. NO MAN'S LAND was swept with M.G. fire during the night. Minenwerfer, H.M.W's. fired on our front posts during the night.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Work going on at O.36.b.50.25, O.36.a.75.55. Minenwerfer was active from DATUM House O.36.a.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 8.45 a.m. two E.A. flew over our front line. At 10.45 a.m. F.A. flew high over U.4. and 5. Both planes were driven off by M.G. and A.A. fire. 1.20 p.m. 6 E.A. patrolled over our front line for 30 minutes at a very high altitude, Balloons up at 600, 650 and 750 T.B. from O.16.d.95.25.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Continued movement observed at SQUARE FARM O.30.b., Pill box at O.30.b.20.05 LAKE FARM O.24.c.
Train Movement.

2.50 p.m.	Engine and tender travelling from COMINES TO WERVICQ.
3.30 p.m.	Light railway engine observed at L BLATON W.15.c.
3.50 p.m.	Train left MENIN for WERVICQ.
3.50 p.m.	Train left LINSELLES travelling towards KALLUM.
4.55 p.m.	Train in MENIN Station.



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10. MISCELLANEOUS. Gun flashes were observed firing at 1180,
1070, and 1090 T.B. from O.18.d.8.8.
On 12 green flares being fired enemy artillery fire was
strengthened.
Lamp signalling was seen from HOUTHEM and COMINES.
Visibility Fair.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

from 6 a.m. 27th February -to- 6 a.m. 28th February 1918.

NOTE. Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our artillery were active throughout the period and successfully engaged enemy trenches, working parties, new works, centres of activity and active minenwerfer positions. Between 2.5 p.m. and 3.55 p.m. bursts of fire were put over on enemy trenches 0.35.b.8.0 to 0.35.d.9.7. and a track cut through wire at 0.55.d.8.6. At irregular intervals throughout the night bursts of fire were put over on UNSERT TRENCH U.6.c. and U.12.a. At 9.50 a.m. working party observed in vicinity of RIFLE FM. 0.36.c.5.5 were successfully engaged and dispersed. Throughout the morning working parties and hostile movement observed in vicinity BAR FM (0.23.d), 0.50.a.95.95, SQUARE FM. 0.30.b, POINT LAURET P.51.b were successfully fired on. At irregular intervals throughout the afternoon and evening enemy working parties at COLLE FM. 0.23.d, 0.30.a.9.7, GUARD FM. 0.29.d, SQUARE FM. 0.50.b, TRUNK FM. P.19.a.60.80, APPLE FM. P.19.a, and TRAIL HOUSE P.13.d. were fired on and successfully dispersed. Shooting was most effective, many direct hits being obtained. Hostile movement, reported by Infantry, in vicinity of 0.17.d. 96.60 (S. of RIFLE FM.) at 11 p.m. was effectively engaged and dispersed. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and again at 9.35 p.m. active minenwerfers in 0.30.a.25.10, U.12.b.68.95 and U.12.b.4.9. were successfully engaged and silenced. Another L.T. firing from POLL HOUSE 0.18.a at 10 a.m. was fired on and immediately ceased fire.

E.T.M.'s. Our E.T.M.'s engaged targets at BANG FM. and wire 0.17.b., THE TWINS 0.11.d and RIFLE FM. 0.25.d, many direct hits being observed on pill-boxes and wire.

L.T.'s. L.T.'s were active throughout the night on left brigade front against usual targets. Battery of right brigade was engaged in constructing emplacements.

M.G.'s. M.G.'s fired on the usual targets on both brigade fronts.

Patrols. Patrols were very active along the whole front.

1. On Right Brigade front. NO MAN'S LAND opposite the small salient at U.5.d.75.22 was found to be wet and slippery owing to the rain then falling. No movement was observed in the salient. An enemy patrol of about 10 men was seen near U.5.d.70.27 by our patrol of 2 men, who retired after firing once.

A patrol of 2 officers and 5 N.C.O.'s of the ^{fight} centre battalion found the ground soft and marshy at 0.35.d.6.6. but its condition improved greatly as they moved forward. There were a few shell holes, and grass was about 4" high.

2. Left Brigade front. Ground at TINY F. (0.17.c) and south of it found to be very wet, and at places under water. A patrol moving along VANNE ROAD/WHIZ Fm.(0.17.d) and reaching a point about 0.17.d.10.85 heard the noise of hammering from the direction of the Far... Pineapples were fired from the same direction. The ground was very sodden. VANNE ROAD is practically obliterated. No movement was seen. A fighting patrol moved out to encounter an enemy patrol which moves nightly in front of WHIZ Fm. From a position in the long grass in front of the old trench at 0.17.d.5.6. three of the enemy were seen approaching from the direction of GREEN Fm.(0.17.b). On our L.T.M. fire opening on WHIZ Fm. the patrol turned eastward. They were ^{not} fired on, the intention being if possible to capture the patrol later.

A patrol of the Left Battalion reports that the ground in front of THE TINS (0.11.d) is much shell torn, with many craters. S. of the TINS the ROCZEBEE is sloppy and marshy. The line of trees running S.E. from 0.11.d.1.9 stands in water about 3' deep, otherwise going in 0.11.d was good and the ground solid.

2. ID NOTIFICATIONS Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery fire somewhat increased. Following areas were shelled: STEIGMAST Fm. (U.5.a), DOUVE VALLEY intermittently, 0.22.a and c, Company Headquarters in U.5.d., 0.20.b, 0.16.c, GREEN OOD (0.17.a)

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. On Right Brigade front general attitude was more active than usual, but still on the defensive. On Left Brigade front enemy fire was slight but he seemed determined to reconnoitre our position by means of small reconnaissance patrols.

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Minenwerfers. slight. M.M. firing from DATUM HOUSE (0.36.c) was neutralised by our M.T.A.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Minenwerfers reported firing from SQUARE FM. (0.30.b), 0.24.a.4.3, 0.30.a.85.95, DATUM HOUSE (0.36.a), FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b)
Wire. Wiring parties observed at 0.30.d.2.2 and heard at U.6.a.2.1.
Post apparently one at 0.23.d.10.35 (men seen).
New Work. New earth observed at 0.36.c.5.2. and one man camouflaging a pill-box.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. A few enemy planes tried to cross our lines but were driven back in all cases.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Near LAKE FM. (0.24.e) 4 men were seen at 9.15 a.m., later between 5.30 and 6 p.m. a good deal of movement was observed, apparently a relief. Our L.G's fired vigorously. A man was seen using field glasses at BAB FM. (0.23.d). At 9.5 a.m. 2 men moved from BAB to BEE FM. carrying what appeared to be a mortar. At 2.15 p.m. three enemy were seen observing our T.M. fire from BAB FM. At 12.15 p.m. 10 men were seen working in rear of COPSE FM. (0.18.d). They were dispersed by artillery fire. Movement at POINT MALHET observed several times throughout the day.
 Train movement slight.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Signalling by lamp again seen from HOUTHEM.

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