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1914-18 War

Formation Headquarters

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Title: General Staff, Headquarters 5th
Australian Division

May 1917



AWM4-1/50/15PART9

General Staff - Out.

Midnight 14/15 May

To.

Midnight 15/16 May

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

Prefix Code m. Words Charge
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.
Date
At m. Service. From
To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 1st Anzac
7th Division
11th Division

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
* G.S. 101 15

Morning	report	AAA	In	return
for	gas	shelling	of	NOREUIL
we	had	gas	shells	into
RILLICOURT	at	V 25	at	10 15
pm.	AAA	shelling	gas	shelling
of	artillery	in	NOREUIL	valley
continued	during	night	AAA	at
3 am.	enemy.	artillery	commenced	shelling
NOREUIL	valley	and	BULLECOURT	sector
AAA	at	4.0 am	enemy	barage
blast	on	our	left	brigade
front	in	HINDENBURG	LIVE	AAA
in	our	artillery	opened	on
SOS	line	on	left	sect.
in	reference	to	see	plans
AAA	at	4 15 am	enemy	artillery
shelled	our	artillery	dropped	to

From
Place
Time

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TO { (2)

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
*

slow	rate	searching	valley	in
V	30	a	AAA	No
attack	made	by	enemy	AAA
quiet	night	on	night	brigade
front	addressed	1st	Anzac	repeated
7th	own	11th	Division	1st
quiet	Division			

From 5th Anzac Division
Place
Time 5.25 am

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No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date
					At	m.	
					To		
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO { 1st Amzac

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* GS 77	15		

Correction	to	morning	report	AAA
an	attack	on	N.E	Salient
U. 29. 6	was	made	about	4.0 am.
AAA	germans	got	in	and
held	about	30	yards	each
side	of	point	of	Salient
AAA	bombing	operations	undertaken	to
Eject	them	AAA	about	8.20
am	germans	reported	massing	in
U. 24.	AAA	artillery	lined	on
thus	as	will	as	banage
fire	would	Salient	AAA	situation
in	Salient	not	clear	but
our	steel	helmets	seen	my own and
04:2 AAA	communication	with	front	line
difficult				

From	5th Aust Bwn.
Place	
Time	9.30 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
Censor. (Z) *Curran*
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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date
					At	m.	
					To		
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO { 1st Amzac
7th Division

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* GS 78	15		

Continuation	GS.	77	AAA	Position
in	HINDENBURG	line	now	restored
and	enemy	completely	ejected	AAA
estimated	150	enemy	accounted	for
in	our	trenches	AAA	attack
was	made	after	heavy	ammunition
fire	which	wrecked	our	trench
and	drove	survivors	out	AAA
Continuation	attack	made	by	companies
flanks	covered	by	Stokes	mortars
AAA	our	artillery	banage	probably
prevented	enemy	escape	AAA	addressed
1st Amzac	repeated	7th	division	

and got on to supports

From	5th Aust Bwn
Place	
Time	11.15 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
Censor. (Z) *Curran*
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"A" Form.
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Army Form 0.3191
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date
			At			From	
			To			By	
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { 17th Angzac Intelligence

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 4549	15 th		

12th Coy 91st Regiment Sturm
~~Brigade~~ identified from pocket book
 German killed this morning

From	5 th Aust SW
Place	
Time	1.50 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
 (Z) *S. H. ...*
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form 0.3191
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date
			At			From	
			To			By	
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { 12th Angzac Intelligence

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 45/80	15 th		

Further identification established from this
 morning attack from papers and
 identification pieces 12th
 Battalion 91st RIR 31st Battalion 12th Regt

From	5 th Aust SW
Place	
Time	7.49 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
 (Z) *...*
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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"A" Form.
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ARMY FORM 2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Date.....
Priority			Sent		Service.	From.....
At.....m.			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { 1st ANZAC CORPS 7th + 48th Div
" " I 1st + 2nd Ansb. Div
CRA (2nd Ansb Div)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1926/159	15		

Afternoon report aaaa Hostile
artillery very quiet aaaa Very
little shelling during afternoon on
our front aaaa Left Bde now
state that 250 enemy accounted
for killed in attack this morning.
aaa Add 1st ANZAC Corps report
1st ANZAC Intelligence, CRA, 7th
+ 48th Div and 1st + 2nd Ansb.
Divs.

From	Place	Time
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z) CPZ Mayside for
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

ARMY FORM 2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Date.....
Priority			Sent		Service.	From.....
At.....m.			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { 1st Anzac 48th Div 2nd Ansb
1st Anzac I 7th Div CRA
1st Anzac HQ 1st Ansb

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1926/169	15		

Evening Report	AAA	Enemy	artillery
Very quiet	AAA	intermittent	
Shelling of	front	line	and
Railway	embankment.	AAA	address
1st Anzac repeated	Intelligence	heavy	
artillery	48th	division	7th Division
1st	and	2nd	and
Cher			

From	Place	Time
5th Ansb	5th	7.55
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z) Latham
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

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Artillery

Midnight 14/15 May
to
Midnight 15/16 May

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
(in pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	in	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Service.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			From.....
At..... m.			To.....			
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
			By.....			

TO { 5th Aust. Div G.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 271	15/5	-	

Reference the emplacement of two 2in. T.M's. to deal with hostile minefields at U23d 30.35 and U23d 8.3 AAA

The 2M. officer was detailed to visit the GOC 14th A.I. Bde. for instructions AAA The GOC. stated that he intended to use Stokes mortars first and that in event of their failing he would use the 2in. T.M's. AAA The 2M. officer is keeping in close touch and is awaiting further orders.

From: Left Sector Arty.

Place: 1.20 pm.

Time: 1.20 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) C. Caloveggi

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H. W. & V. Ld. (E) 818.
 for CRA

8th Inf Bdz

Midnight 14/15 May

to

Midnight 15/16 May

1917.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *AK* Code *61* Words *61*
 Received *9/15* Sent, or sent out *9/15* Office Stamp
 From *143 Bde* At *11* m.
 By *143 Bde* To *143 Bde*
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions *3 apps*
 Handed in at *4:50* m. Received *4:58* m.



TO *Tools ADV*
143 Bde *143 Bde*

*Sender's Number *Gm 120* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation quiet, aa enemy appears
 to be trying to range
 on front line with 77mm
 guns at 8 pm daa
 this failure and bad shooting
 with pigeon bombs seems to
 indicate ignorance of our position
 aa heavy gunfire on left
 all night daa wind NW
 light repeat with Bole and
143rd Bde

FROM *acid*
 PLACE & TIME *4:40 am*

"C" Form Army Form C. 2128. (In books of 100)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *AK* Code *22* Words *22*
 Received *9/15* Sent, or sent out *9/15* Office Stamp
 From *143 Bde* At *11* m.
 By *143 Bde* To *143 Bde*
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions *3 addresses*
 Handed in at *9:15* m. Received *11:26* m.



TO *Tools ADV*

*Sender's Number *Gm 40* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation report aa enemy
 artillery inactive aa wind
 NW safe aa all quiet
 on our front

1426/174

FROM *acid*
 PLACE & TIME *4:50 pm*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... (In books of 100.)

Prefix *MIP* Code *38* Words *90* Received *9P* Sent, or sent out *9P* Office Stamp *AMERICA*

From *GP* At *AVEN* To *GP* By *GP*

Charges to collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *GP* Office *GP* m. Received *9:26* m.

TO *Tools adv. 1926/180*

*Sender's Number *SM 41* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

supr reports that By observation of enemy gun fire it is quite definite that battery is situated in a bunch of trees to west of QUEANT aaa this position has compass bearing 76 degrees and range estimated at 1500 to 2000 yards from C12A8025 aaa estimates map reference of battery to be along line from 57C D1249 running to D1283 aaa enemy machine gun located at compass bearing 37 degrees and about 1200 yards from C12A8025 either in or just in front of enemy line

FROM *acid 8:15*

PLACE & TIME

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... (In books of 100.)

Prefix *MIP* Code *38* Words *90* Received *9P* Sent, or sent out *9P* Office Stamp *AVEN 15 V.17*

From *GP* At *AVEN* To *GP* By *GP*

Charges to collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at *GP* Office *GP* m. Received *9:26* m.

TO *Tools advanced*

*Sender's Number *SM 43* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

enemy MG fire from QUEANT and apparently D14 Central opened by one of our planes which flew over enemy line at 8:30 pm aaa No AA shelve aaa situat very quiet

1926/187

FROM *acid*

PLACE & TIME *9 pm*

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army form C. 1249

FORM

*See by
CRA*

15/5/17




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"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 139

Army Form C. 2128.
(In books of 100.)

Prefix <u>AB</u>	Code <u>EW</u>	Words <u>8</u>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
Charges to collect			From <u>[Signature]</u>	At <u>[Signature]</u>	
Service Instructions <u>[Signature]</u>			By <u>[Signature]</u>	To <u>[Signature]</u>	
Handed in at <u>[Signature]</u>			Office <u>[Signature]</u>	m. Received <u>[Signature]</u>	m.

TO Loob (ado)

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
<u>B1144</u>	<u>15</u>		AAA
<u>Wind dangerous</u>			
<u>1924/188</u>			
<u>Acid</u>			

FROM Acid

PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (B 8188) Wt. w. 7496-M857 250,000 Pads. 1/17 H & S (E489.) Forms/C.21233.

1st Infantry Brigade

Midnight 14/15 May.

to
Midnight 15/16 May.

"C" Form

Army Form U. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *M* Code *21* Words *65* Received *bn* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From *bn* At.....m. Office Stamp
 By *b* To.....m. Office Stamp
 By.....m. Office Stamp
 Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *5th Aus Div*

*Sender's Number *821* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Enemy artillery active throughout the night several ear shells were fired into NOREUIL at 4 am enemy opened a heavy barrage along our front immediately afterwards three red flares were fired by the enemy from approx U.30.A with results our artillery opened up on the SOS line and situation otherwise unchanged

FROM *14th A.I. Bde*
 PLACE & TIME

"C" Form

(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *M* Code *21* Words *8* Received *bn* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From *bn* At.....m. Office Stamp
 By *b* To.....m. Office Stamp
 By.....m. Office Stamp
 Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *5th Aus Div*

*Sender's Number *X 18* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Enemy continuously shelling bunker was in 129C and C5A also railway in 65A and C5B enemy artillery has been very quiet along our front line trenches during the day and wind light westerly

** Continuously*

FROM *14th A.I. Bde*
 PLACE & TIME *6 pm*

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5th Army

Midnight 14/15 May

to

Midnight 15/16 May

1917.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... 33

Prefix *Sm* Code *156* Words *156*
 Received From *and* Sent, or sent out At *10 25* m. Office Stamp *ARMY*
 By *AW* To *AYER/SV.17*
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *Car* Office *10 25* m. Received *11 30* m.

TO *5 Ans Down Adva*

*Sender's Number *4748* Day of Month *15-5* In reply to Number *AAA*

Morning report *aaa* Between *3*
am and *4 am* *our*
 battery positions were shelled with
 gas shell also barrage fire
 on front and support line
 system *aaa* Enemy attack developed
 on *BULLCOURT* from *NE* and
SW *aaa* *SW* attack held
 up at *our* strong point
 at *U27B-82* *aaa* attack from
NE also unsuccessful and one
 hostile aeroplane destroyed yesterday *aaa*
NICKELS fort *aaa* Enemy aggressive
 near *GILLEMONT* farm and drove
 in a post British counter
 attack re-established post *aaa* *COPPER*
 reports quiet night *aaa* *Admiralty*

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

"C" Form Army Form C. 2123. (In books of 100.)
 MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... 33

Prefix..... Code..... Words.....
 Received From *and* Sent, or sent out At.....m. Office Stamp *AYER/SV.17*
 By *AW* To.....
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at..... Office *10 25* m. Received *11 30* m.

TO *(2) 5 Ans Down Adva*

*Sender's Number *4748* Day of Month *15-5* In reply to Number *AAA*

report *naval* forces destroyed *zeppelin*
122 in *North* *Sea* yesterday
aaa *Naval* forces also carried
 out very heavy bombardment of
 important area at *ZEBRUGGE* in
 cooperation with *naval* *avi* service
aaa *nine* enemy aeroplanes destroyed
aaa *one* *British* machine missing
 and *one* in *Holland*

FROM *Fifth Army - 9. 30am*
 PLACE & TIME


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"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message *145*

Army Form C. 2123.
 (In books of 100.)

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
From <i>UUR</i>			At.....m.		
By <i>RH</i>			To.....		
By.....			By.....		
Charges to collect			Handed in at..... Office <i>9-17</i> m. Received.....m.		
Service Instructions.					

TO *5 Aust div advd 19/26/1918*

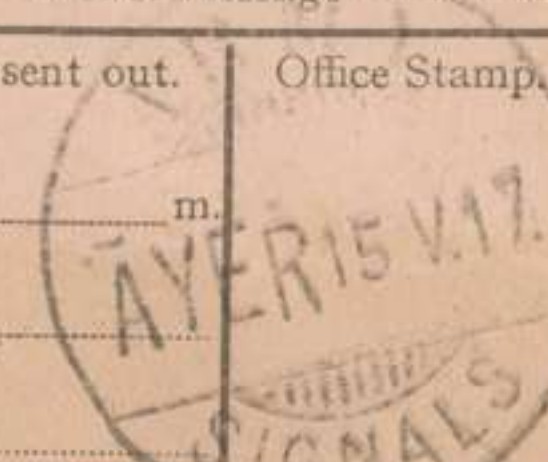
*Sender's Number <i>9762</i>	Day of Month <i>15</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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Evening report: aaaa Enemy attacked
 HINDENBURE SUPPORT line at U23d
 on HIRSTS front at 4
 am this morning under cover
 of heavy trench mortar fire
 aaaa Enemy occupied trenches but
 was completely ejected by counter
 attack leaving about 230 killed
 and wounded in trenches aaaa
 simultaneously with this attack enemy
 massed in U22b but was
 dispersed by artillery and mg
 fire aaaa Later a second
 attack was made NE corner
 of BULLECOURT aaaa This was
 dispersed by artillery rifle and
 mg fire aaaa as result

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message *145*

Army Form C. 2123.
 (In books of 100.)

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
From <i>UUR</i>			At.....m.		
By <i>RH</i>			To.....		
By.....			By.....		
Charges to collect			Handed in at..... Office <i>9-17</i> m. Received.....m.		
Service Instructions.					

TO *2 5 Aust Div*

*Sender's Number <i>9762</i>	Day of Month <i>15</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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result of attack from SW
 and west of BULLECOURT our
 posts driven back about 100
 yards and line now runs
 along road in U22b to
 strong point at U27B89 thence
 south to Crossroads U27B75 thence
 to strong point U27B82 aaaa
 Situation at 2:15 pm quiet
 except for desultory gas shelling
 by enemy aaaa Rest of
 Army front quiet all day
 aaaa Prisoners through Corps Cages
 last 24 hours 3 OK
 unwounded aaaa NICKELS situation
 unchanged aaaa COPPERS front MONCHY FAYPOUX
 and ROEUX heavily shelled today

FROM
 PLACE & TIME *Fifth Army, 8.30 pm*

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1st Anzac I N

Midnight 14/15 May

to

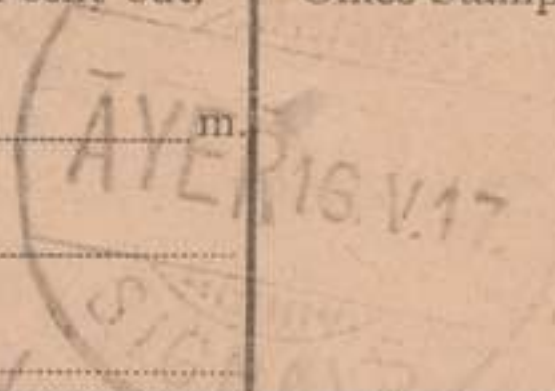
Midnight 15/16 May

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 2

Prefix <u>Sm mka</u>	Code <u>4</u>	Words <u>4</u>	Received. <u>ack</u>	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect			From <u>RS</u>	At <u>12.50</u> m.	
Service Instructions.			By <u>RS</u>	To	
Handed in at <u>ack</u>			Office <u>12.50</u> m.	Received <u>12.55</u> m.	

TO 5 Aus Div

Sender's Number <u>67H</u>	Day of Month <u>15.5</u>	In reply to Number <u>9304</u>	AAA
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~~THE~~ wires begins aaa following enemy posts on your front with mgs were located at 7 from this evening by aeroplane reconnaissance U.22.A.43 U.22.A.95.40 U.22.B.95 U.23.C.70.95 U.23.D.25.90 aaa Ends aaa

14th Bde CRP informed

FROM	<u>Adv 1/ Angac 0040</u>
PLACE & TIME	

* This line should be erased if not required.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *11* Code *138* Words *138* Received *auke* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp. *15 11*
 From *auke* At *6 45* m.
 Charges to collect By *ls* To.....
 Service Instructions, *priority* By.....
 Handed in at *auke* Office *6 45* m. Received..... m.

TO *5th Aus. Div.*

*Sender's Number *25* Day of Month *15/5* In reply to Number *AAA*

Morning Report aaa Right
reports quiet night aha night
and reserve groups of ARETHUSA
relieved by groups of SYLVIA
aaa left down reports in
return for gas shelling an
NOREUIL we fired gas shells
into RIENCOURT at 10 25
10 15 pm aaa enemy gas
shelling of artillery in NOREUIL
VALLEY continued during night aaa
at 3 am enemy artillery
commenced shelling NOREUIL valley
AND BULLECOURT sector aaa at
4 0 am enemy barrage placed
on our left brigade front
in HINDENBURG line aaa our

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... Words..... Received *auke* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 From..... At..... m.
 Charges to collect By..... To.....
 Service Instructions, By.....
 Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO *11*

*Sender's Number..... Day of Month..... In reply to Number *AAA*

Artillery opened on SOS lines
on left sector in response
to red flares aaa at
11 15 am enemy artillery slackened
our artillery dropped to slow
rate searching valley in U30 D
aaa to attack made by
enemy aaa quiet night in
Right Brigade front

FROM
 PLACE & TIME

Adv - 1st auz ac
6 20 am

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"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

Prefix *in 20* Code *68* Words *68*

Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
From <i>488</i>	At.....m.	
By <i>RH</i>	To.....	
	By.....	

Charges to collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at *AKC* Office *419* m. Received *419* m.

TO *5 Aus div*

*Sender's Number <i>2/60</i>	Day of Month <i>15/5</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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<i>5th</i>	<i>Army report</i>	<i>begins</i>	<i>aaa</i>
<i>from</i>	<i>third</i>	<i>army</i>	<i>air report</i>
<i>4.15</i>	<i>pm.</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>number</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>horsed</i>	<i>wagons</i>	<i>moving south</i>
<i>west</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>ECOURT ST</i>	<i>QUENTIN</i>
<i>road</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>about</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>transport</i>	<i>stationery</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>village</i>
<i>considerable</i>	<i>rolling</i>	<i>stock</i>	<i>outside petrol</i>
<i>store</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>ECOURT ST</i>	<i>QUENTIN</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>ends</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>addsd</i>
<i>5th</i>	<i>Aus</i>	<i>divn</i>	<i>48th</i>
<i>1st</i>	<i>Anzac</i>	<i>Sta.</i>	<i>reptd</i>

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FROM *1st Anzac cadod*

PLACE & TIME *112" 2115*

* This line should be erased if not required.
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7 Division
(Left)

Midnight 14/15 May

to

Midnight 15/16 May

FORM
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....
(In books of 100.)

Prefix *BB* Code *W.P.* Words *76* Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 Charges to collect From *W.P.* At *7:30* m.
 By *W.P.* To *5th Aust Div*
 Service Instructions, *Priority*
 Handed in at *7/9* Office *5-3* m. Received *8:20* m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number *GC 729* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation *2 pm* *aaa* only change to line reported in *GC 721* is that we have established post at *U27B8.9* *aaa* Prisoner states orders were issued that *BULLECOURT* had to be recaptured and old front line reoccupied and consolidated attacking troops were to be relieved tonight *aaa* at *2.15* situation was reported quiet by enemy sending over few gas shells *aaa* added *5 Corps* rptd all concerned

FROM *7th Div*
PLACE & TIME *3.0 pm*



FORM
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....
(In books of 100.)

Prefix *BB* Code *W.P.* Words *37* Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.
 Charges to collect From *W.P.* At *5:15* m.
 By *W.P.* To *5th Aust Div*
 Service Instructions,
 Handed in at *7/9* Office *5-3* m. Received *8:20* m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number *GC 730* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation *aaa* Hostile artillery fairly quiet *aaa* nothing further to report on situation in *BULLECOURT* since my *GC 729* *aaa* added *5 Corps* rptd *5th* *Aus* *Div* *58* and *52* *Dws*

FROM *7th Div*
PLACE & TIME *5.15 Pm*



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G151

1926/182

Vth Corps. 62nd Divn. 5th Aust. Div. 58th Divn.

G.C.731. 15. AAA.

Situation report aas During day intermittent hostile artillery fire on BULLESCOURT - otherwise quiet.

Large party of enemy bearing white flag was seen leaving HENDECOURT and coming towards BULLESCOURT this afternoon, all available artillery was turned on.

Following further details regarding action this morning have been obtained. Enemy attacked front held by the 173rd and 91st Infantry Brigades simultaneously with an attack on the 5th Australian Divisional front. The attack on 7th Divisional front was carried out by at least two fresh Battalions of the Guard Fusiliers brought up specially for the purpose. The attack on the 173rd Infantry Brigade was made from the FACTORY, and collapsed under accurate barrage. Portions of enemy succeeded in approaching the front line - They were dispersed and two machine guns captured, many enemy being killed.

The attack on 91st Infantry Brigade front first developed on North East, in conjunction with that on 173rd Brigade. This was driven off and enemy was seen retiring in disorder at 8-55 a.m. Enemy's attack from direction of CRUCIFIX met with more success and succeeded in driving in our advanced troops on the line U.27.b.3.8. to U.27.d.7.1., where our left flank was exposed. Battalion holding this sector was rallied and counter-attacked the enemy and succeeded in occupying the line U.27.b.8.5. to U.27.b.8.9. On our extreme left the enemy developed strong bombing attack from U.27.b.8.2. which succeeded in driving back our troops about 100 yards to our strong point at U.27.b.8.2., which held up the enemy causing him many casualties.

The line now held runs from U.27.b.8.2. to U.27.b.8.6.- U.27.b.8.9., thence North East along road to U.22.d.0.2.

Patrols have been pushed out from this line.

During course of his attack enemy appeared to have suffered severely.

6/35 7th Divn. p.m.

W

Lt-Col. G.S.

"C" FORM (In books of 100)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *Am* Code *grw* Words *72*
 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From *Arb* At.....m.
 By *W. M.* To.....
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *7:10 p.m.* Office *7:10 p.m.* Received *7:30 p.m.*



TO *5th Aus Divn*

*Sender's Number *6-136* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Warning order aaa The 195th
Inf Bde will be prepared
to relieve the 173rd Inf
Bde in the sector esp
of BULLECOURT on the
night 18/19th may aaa 173rd
Inf Bde on relief will
concentrate in camp G-12C and
D and will be divisional
reserve AAA Acknowledged
and 173rd Inf Bde 195th
Inf Bde report Fifth Corps
5th Aus Divn and Q
aaa

G/15/189

FROM *5th Divn*
 PLACE & TIME *7. P.m.*

"C" FORM (In books of 100)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *Am* Code *grw* Words *72*
 Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From *Arb* At.....m.
 By *W. M.* To.....
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *10:55 p.m.* Office *10:55 p.m.* Received *11:15 p.m.*

TO *5th Aus Divn*

*Sender's Number *6-136* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

During the day we have
gained ground in BULLECOURT and
practically reoccupied our original position
by means of active patrolling
supported by local counter attacks
aaa Our line at 6
pm ran as follows aaa
W.22.C.7.2 U27.4.6.7. U27.4.7.5 U22.C.2.2.
U21.d.9.2 U21.d.7.2 U27.6.7.9 U27.6.8.2
aaa above locations report practically
confirmed by last contact aeroplane patrol
tonight which also reported seeing
large numbers of german dead
in village aaaa Hostile sniping
not so active as during
morning aaa Patrol still out
in village aaa added 5th

FROM *Corps report 62 Div 5th Aus Divn & 58 Div*
 PLACE & TIME *7th Div 10.55 pm*

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11th (Right) Div.

Midnight 14/15 May

to

Midnight 15/16 May.

"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

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Prefix *42* Code *42* Words *42*

Received *Pure* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.

From *Pure* At.....m.

Charges to collect By *Wanna* To.....

Service Instructions *Priority* By.....

Handed in at *JK* Office *6-5-4* m. Received *6-5-4* m.

TO *5th Anst Div Adv*

*Sender's Number *4400* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

<i>morning report</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>night</i>
<i>aaa</i>	<i>wind sw</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>right</i>
<i>and reserve</i>	<i>grouses of</i>	<i>(ARETHUSA)</i>	
<i>relieved by</i>	<i>grouses of</i>	<i>STLVIA</i>	
<i>aaa</i>	<i>addsd</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>anzac corps</i>
<i>advd</i>	<i>reptd</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Anst Divn</i>
<i>5th</i>	<i>anst</i>	<i>Divn</i>	<i>advd</i>
<i>20th</i>	<i>Divn</i>		<i>and</i>
			<i>(ARETHUSA)</i>

FROM *11th Divn*

PLACE & TIME *5:30 am*

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48th Division

Midnight 14/15 May

to

Midnight 15/16 May

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *sm* Code *21* Words *21*
 Received
 From *AURC*
 Sent, or sent out
 At m.
 By *Hansen*
 To



Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *ydh* Office *4/15* m. Received *8-17* m.

TO *5 Aus Div*

*Sender's Number *414* Day of Month *15* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation quiet	aaa	Added	Advanced
anzac Corps	reptd	5 th	anst
Div and	20 th	Div	
			<i>1926/173</i>

FROM *48 Div*
 PLACE & TIME *4-40 pm*

* This line should be erased if not required.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *sm* Code *46* Words *46*
 Received.
 From *AURC*
 Sent, or sent out
 At m.
 By *Hansen*
 To



Charges to collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at *YdH* Office *8/16* m. Received *8-17* m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number *419* Day of Month *13* In reply to Number *AAA*

Nothing of importance to add to evening report aaa some hostile activity of 4.2 cm and 74 mm on LOUVERVAL during the afternoon aaa added adv 1st anzac corps reptd 5th anst Div and 20 Div

FROM *48 Div*
 PLACE & TIME *8 pm*

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lot 18 D...

C. R. A.

lot ~~18~~ ~~19~~ ~~20~~

4th Div.

lot Anyam. Capt 1

48th Div.

lot 21

2nd

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Handwritten signature

General Staff Out

Midnight 15/16 May

to

Midnight 16/17 May.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date
			At			From	
			To			By	
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { 14th Inf 13th Dec
21st Coy - 13th Dec - 13th Dec

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 916/01	16 th		

Enemy planes located following enemy
machine gun posts at 7 pm
~~14th Inf~~ on 15th night AAA
U. 23 d. 25. 90, U 23 c 70. 95,
U 22 b. 9. 5, U 22 a 95 40,
U 22 a. 4. 3 AAA addressed
14th Inf 13th Dec repeat CRA

From	5 th Aust Coy
Place	1. 10 am
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *W. King Major*
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date
			At			From	
			To			By	
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { 1st Avn Coy 48th Div CRA
1st Avn Coy I 7th Div
1st Avn Coy II 1st Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1626/01	16 th		

Morning report AAA Enemy artillery
Quiet AAA occasional shelling of
Railway embankment AAA Patrol
Captured 1 German officer and
2 OR wounded 1 stretcher
Bearer unwounded ~~at~~ near the
Sunken Rd in U 23 d after
a small bomb fight AAA
addressed 1st Avn Coy repeat Intelligence
Heavy artillery 48th Div 7th Div
1st Aust Div and CRA

From	5 th Aust Coy
Place	
Time	5:15 AM

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.
			At			Date
			To			From
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO { 1st Auspac 48th Div CRA
1st Auspac I 7th Div
1st Auspact 1st Aust Div

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*1626/10 ✓	16		

Amended morning report AAA Prisoners
taken this morning are the
result of small bombing attacks
made by the enemy on
one of our wireless parties
working on OB 2 in U 23d
from the Sunkers Rd AAA
wireless party reports enemy holding
the Sunkers road fairly strongly
AAA addressed 1st Auspac repeated Intelligence
Heavy Artillery 48th Division 7th Division
1st Aust Div and CRA

From	5 th Aust Div
Place	
Time	5:30 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
(Z) *Sattumma*
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.
			At			Date
			To			From
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO { Intelligence
48th Division
7th Division

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*1939/177	16		

for con letter IR Intelligence by
wireless captured in U 23d AAA
addressed 1st Auspac I repeated
48th Div and 7th Divisions

From	5 th Aust Div
Place	
Time	7:55 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
(Z) *Sattumma*
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message _____

Prefix _____	Code _____	m. _____	Words _____	Charge _____	This message is on a/c of: _____	Reed. at _____ m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. _____						Service. _____
Sent _____			At _____ m.			From _____
To _____			By _____			(Signature of "Franking Officer.") _____

TO { 1st Ausac 4⁵⁴ AM CRA
 1st Ausac I 5⁵⁴ AM
 1st Ausac Ra 1st Aust on

Sender's Number. *1624/194 Day of Month 16th In reply to Number _____ A A A

Afternoon report AAA Situation quiet
 AAA high intermittent shelling
 of front line and railway
 embankment AAA addressed 1st Ausac
 repeated intelligence and heard shells
 4⁵⁴ and 5⁵⁴ Dursow
 1st Aust BN and CRA

From 5th Aust BN
 Place _____
 Time 4 40 PM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Saltzman
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message _____

Prefix _____	Code _____	m. _____	Words _____	Charge _____	This message is on a/c of: _____	Reed. at _____ m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. _____						Service. _____
Sent _____			At _____ m.			From _____
To _____			By _____			(Signature of "Franking Officer.") _____

TO { 1st Ausac 4⁵⁴ AM CRA
 1st Ausac I 5⁵⁴ AM
 1st Ausac Ra 1st Aust on

Sender's Number. *1624/205 Day of Month 16th In reply to Number _____ A A A

Evening Report AAA at 6.15 PM
 reports were received of enemy
 movement about the factory and
 the bunker road in U23d
 soon after evening shells
 OG 2 and railway embankment
 AAA own artillery hit some
 4.55 into the bunker road
 in U23d and searched valleys
 either side of Ponscourt and
 the Heavers neutralized hostile batteries
 AAA at 6.40 am a lot of
 rifle and machine gun fire
 in U22C+D at 6.48 am SOS signal
 seen to go up near
 Ponscourt AAA 7.45 PM situation quiet
 on this Dursow front but
 shelling was heard in Ponscourt

From shelling was heard in Ponscourt
 Place _____
 Time 8 PM 5th Aust BN

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Saltzman
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Artillery

Midnight 15/16 May

to

Midnight 16/17 May.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message.....

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.
.....			At		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From
.....			To			By
.....			By			

TO { CRA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G/4/208	16		

Forecast	wind	between	N.N.E	and
N.N.W	about	15	mph	aaa
overcast	and	dull	with	some
rain	or	dizzle	aaa	slight
mist	aaa	cloudy	later	aaa
visibility	poor.			

From	5 - Aust Gen
Place	
Time	11.30 pm
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
Censor.	(Z) <i>Cum gratia</i>
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

8th Inf Bde.

Midnight 15/16 May

to

Midnight 16/17 May.

"C" Form Army Form C. 2128. (In books of 100.)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix <i>Im</i> Code <i>18</i> Words <i>18</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect	From <i>RBS</i>	At <i>10/5</i> m.	
Service Instructions.	By <i>RBS</i>	To	
		By	

Handed in at *12:50* m. Office *12:50* m. Received *12:70* m.

TO *Tools*

*Sender's Number <i>5620</i>	Day of Month <i>16th</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*Absolute quiet on our front
aaa Few flares towards Buller's
aaa Wind dangerous*

FROM *Acid*
PLACE & TIME

"C" Form Army Form C. 2128. (In books of 100.)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix <i>Im</i> Code <i>37</i> Words <i>37</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect	From <i>HFB</i>	At	
Service Instructions.	By <i>RW</i>	To	
		By	

Handed in at *5:15* m. Office *5:15* m. Received *5:17* m.

TO *Tools adv*

*Sender's Number <i>32110</i>	Day of Month <i>16</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*Situation quiet aaa Enemy artillery
very light aaa machine gun
fire nil aaa few enemy
flares aaa Wind north aaa
Repld 143rd Inf Bde and
14th Aust Inf Bde*

FROM *Acid 5:30pm*
PLACE & TIME

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"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 75

Army Form C. 2128.
(In books of 100.)

Prefix <u>Bm</u>	Code <u>DR</u>	Words <u>16</u>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect			From <u>HFB</u>	At <u>16/5</u>	<u>Ayer</u> <u>16/5</u>
Service Instructions.			By <u>HFB</u>	To	
Handed in at <u>HFB</u>			Office <u>27th</u>	Received <u>27th</u>	

TO Boals
Advanced

*Sender's Number <u>Bm 50</u>	Day of Month <u>16th</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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Wind from	10	degrees	E
of true	N	2	pm

FROM Acid
PLACE & TIME

"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 107

(In books of 100.)

Prefix <u>M</u>	Code <u>DR</u>	Words <u>14</u>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect			From <u>HFB</u>	At <u>16/5</u>	<u>Ayer</u> <u>16/5</u>
Service Instructions.			By <u>HFB</u>	To	
Handed in at <u>HFB</u>			Office <u>4 10th</u>	Received <u>4 16th</u>	

TO Boals

*Sender's Number <u>Bm 53</u>	Day of Month <u>16</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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Wind	15	degrees	E
true	North	at	4 15
			of pm

FROM Acid
PLACE & TIME

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"C" Form

Army Form C. 2128.
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... 118

Prefix..... Code..... Words..... p s d	Received From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect		Service Instructions.	

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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Situation report area enemy
artillery very light left
sector area machine gun
fire nil wind NE report
flank sides

FROM
PLACE & TIME

Acad
5 km

"C" Form

Army Form C. 2128.
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... 119

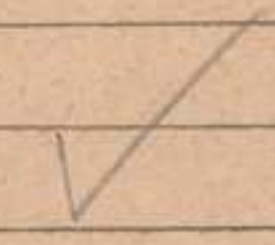
Prefix..... Code..... Words..... p s d	Received From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp. AYERIG. V. 17. SIGNALS
Charges to collect		Service Instructions.	

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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30th On relief completed



FROM
PLACE & TIME

Acad

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APPENDIX F

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Report of patrol of which Officer has not returned yet

A patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 10 O.R. was sent out to ascertain whether the enemy held his line strongly or otherwise. This patrol left our centre Coy. at 2.45 am. Patrol went along the right side of ~~the~~ HIRONDELLE Valley, then crossed a small wire obstacle about 250 yards from our line. About 500 to 600 yards from our line, they were challenged and threw some bombs at once at the enemy. He retaliated and scattered the patrol. 4 of our men were wounded. Everyone got back except the officer, 2/Lt THOMASON, who has not yet returned. Some of the men say they saw him making towards our lines. They consider that there were about 40 Germans there. There was no wire. They were pursued with rifle fire as they came back. The men think that it was a strong point they met. Patrol was moving in "T" formation.

2nd Aust. Inf. Battn.

If officer returns, his report will be forwarded later.

McCree

16/5/17

Major.
Brigade Major 8th Austz Inf. Bde.

14 Infantry Brigade

Midnight 15/16 May

To

Midnight 16/17 May

Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 6

Army Form O. 2128.
(In books of 100.)

Prefix *Imca* Code *39* Words *39*
 Received *4/19* Sent, or sent out *4/19* Office Stamp
 From *RH* At *5* m.
 By *RH* To
 By
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *4/19* Office *587* m. Received *570* m.

AYERIS. V17.
SIGNALS

TO

5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number *10* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation normal *aaa* Enemy artillery
 less active along our front
aaa Occasional shelling of railway
 cutting in *CS rd* from direction
 of *QUEANT* *aaa* Enemy ~~artillery~~
 abnormall quiet *aaa* Wind very
 light variable

FROM
PLACE & TIME

Block

"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 121

(In books of 100.)

Prefix *Imca* Code *39* Words *39*
 Received *4/19* Sent, or sent out *4/19* Office Stamp
 From *RH* At *5* m.
 By *RH* To
 By
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *4/19* Office *587* m. Received *570* m.

TO

5 Aust Div

*Sender's Number *19* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation along our front very
 quiet *aaa* very little artillery
 activity during the day *aaa*
 Our snipers very active firing
 on isolated movement between *RIENCOURT*
AND HENDECOURT *aaa* Wind *NNE*

FROM
PLACE & TIME

14th a. I Bde

APPENDIX F.

Fifth Anniversary

Midnight 15/16 May

to

Midnight 16/17 May

1917

"C" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *sm* Code *2HS* Words *100*
 Received. From *40RO* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 At *1426* m. m.
 By *Godwin*
 To
 By
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at *EAR* Office *942A* Received *10 20A* m.

TO *5 ans Divn Advd*

Sender's Number *GMS66* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

morning report aaa HIRST reports situation quiet a small bombing fight in U.23.D resulted in the capture of one German officer and three OR during yesterday BLYTHE regained most of the ground lost in BULLECOURT aaa last night new posts were established west of village at U.27.48.4 and 7th aaa enemy snipers were active during night but artillery quiet NICKEL reports situation unchanged aaa COPPER reports no change but enemy put down a heavy barrage near ROEUX early this morning PLATINUM discharged a large quantity

FROM
PLACE & TIME

"C" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix Code Words Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
 From At m.
 By To
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at Office m. Received *10 20A* m.

TO *(2)*

Sender's Number *GMS66* Day of Month In reply to Number *AAA*

of gas yesterday against HULLUCK and BOIS HUGO

FROM
PLACE & TIME *Fifth Army a am*

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *mm* Code *JHS* Words *78* Received. *AVRB* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *VERIS 177*

From *AVRB* At *9.15* m. m. *10.15* m.

Charges to collect By *Radwin* To

Service Instructions. By

Handed in at *EAR* Office *9.15* m. Received *10.15* m.

TO *5th ans Div Advd*

Sender's Number *9778* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Evening report aaa Situation unchanged
 aaa Area between ECOUST and
 BULLECOURT shelled by long range
 guns otherwise shelling below normal
 aaa Prisoners last 24 hours
 2 OR aaa NICKEL'S front
 quiet and unchanged aaa COPPERS
 front aaa Enemy attacked north
 of ROEUX - and occupied CEMETERY
 and CHEMICAL WORKS aaa British
 counter attack reoccupied lost trenches
 aaa 50 prisoners captured and
 enemy losses in killed reported ^{very}
 heavy

Jy 36/220

FROM *Fifth Army*
 PLACE & TIME *a. 15 hr*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *2B* Code *KK* Words *34* Received. *AVRB* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *STYNG'S*

From *AVRB* At *10.50* m. m. *11.15* m.

Charges to collect By *Radwin* To

Service Instructions. By *Priority*

Handed in at *EAR* Office *10.50* m. Received *11.15* m.

TO *5th ans Div Advd*

Sender's Number *9780* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Forecast Wind between NNE and
 NNW about 15 MPH aaa
 Overcast and dull with some
 rain or drizzle aaa slight
 mist aaa Cloudy later aaa
 Visibility poor aaa

*Sent to CMA
CWS*

FROM *Fifth Army*
 PLACE & TIME *10.20 hr*

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Midnight

15/16 may

to

midnight

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A FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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(in pads of 100).
No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... m. Words Charge

Office of Origin and Service Instructions: *This message is on a/c of:*

**PRIORITY WIRTS to
Fifth Army, XV. &
V Corps: DA to
remainder
(Sd.) A. A. SCOTT.**

Sent..... Service.

At..... m.

To.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at..... m.

Date.....

From.....

By.....

TO { **Fifth Army: XV Corps: V Corps: B.G., H.A.: 1st,
2nd, 5th Aust. Divs.: 11th, 48th Divs.: Corps Htd.
Troops: 3rd Squadron, F.G.: First ANZAC Corps:**

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.

* **G 78** **16/5** **AAA**

Morning report **aaa** Situation quiet **aaa**

left div. reports occasional shelling of railway
embankment and the capture by aviring party near
the sunken road in U.23.d after a small bomb fight
of one officer and two or. wounded and one
stretcher-bearer unwounded

From **Adv. First ANZAC:**

Place

Time **0600**

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor. Signature of addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

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(In books of 100). No. of Message..... **76**

Prefix..... Code..... Words..... Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

sm BB 49 *awrc* *210p* *2-10p*

From..... At..... m.

Charges to collect By..... To.....

Service Instructions. By.....

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO *goc 5th Austr Div*

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number

4100 *16/5* *AAA*

The following from General Burdett (Major Leck)

Please convey to the OC 1
and all ranks of the
54th Batta my congratulations on
the excellent work they did
in repelling with such heavy
loss to the enemy the
determined counter attack on our
positions yesterday morning *aaa* Ends.

74/205

*5 Sect. 56
deputy wounded
and others of the 14th Bde
+ the Squadron of the 5th who assisted*

FROM *1st Anzac Corps*

PLACE & TIME *1400*

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Army Form C. 2123.
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 114

Prefix *Sm* Code *248* Words *8*
 Received. From *anac* Sent, or sent out. At *aya* Office Stamp. *16/5*
 Charges to collect By *nmom* To
 Service Instructions. By *1426/211*

Handed in at *anac* Office *444* m. Received *4:50* m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number *104* Day of Month *16/5* In reply to Number *AAA*

message from *5* corps timed
3.50 pm begins *aaa* RUTH
 reports *2.10 pm* patrols from
143rd Bde reached point *U22C85*
 and report *FACTORY* held by
 enemy and trench in front
 of *RIENCOURT* occupied by enemy
aaa it is thought that
BOVIS TRENCH is unoccupied by
 enemy *aaa* patrols have been
 ordered to verify this *aaa*
 situation in west portion of
BULLECOURT is still obscure *aaa*
 ends *aaa* addsd *5th* *anac*
Div rept'd *Bgha*

FROM *Advanced 1st Anzac*
 PLACE & TIME *4.45 pm*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 157

Prefix *Sm* Code *248* Words *97*
 Received. From *anac* Sent, or sent out. At *aya* Office Stamp. *16/5*
 Charges to collect By *RIS* To
 Service Instructions. By

Handed in at *anac* Office *722* m. Received *7.35* pm

TO *5th Aust Div*

*Sender's Number *5117* Day of Month *16/5* In reply to Number *AAA*

Message from *Fifth Corps* timed
6.15 pm begins *ana* Centre
 bde report small parties of
 enemy infantry with machine guns
 hold *BOVIS TRENCH* the *CRUCIFIX*
 and sector of *Og1* south of
BULLECOURT about *U27B.42* *aaa* No further
 news of patrols of Right bde
aaa Left bde report no result.
 of patrols sent out enemy appears
 to still hold *HINDENBURG LINE* WEST
 of *BULLECOURT* in strength *aaa* Hostile
 snipers and machine guns active against
 our patrols all along *HINDENBURG LINE*
 west of *BULLECOURT* *aaa* Ends
1426/218

FROM *Advanced 1st Anzac*
 PLACE & TIME *7.25 pm*

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"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121 (in pads of 100). No. of Message

Prefix Code m. Words Charge Office of Origin and Service Instructions. PRIORITY WIRES to Fifth Army, XV and V Corps: DR. to remainder (Sd.) J. McCall

TO Fifth Army: XV Corps: V Corps: B.G., H.A.: 1st, 2nd, 5th Aust Divs.: 11th, 48th Div.: Corps Mounted Troops: 3rd Squadron R.F.C.: First ANZAC Corps:

Sender's Number: * G 121 Day of Month: 16/5 In reply to Number: AAA

Evening report aaa Right div. reports LOUVERVAL lightly shelled with 4.2 during afternoon aaa Left div. reports at 6.15 pm. enemy movements reported about FACTORY at U.22.b.18 and sunken road in U.23.d aaa Soon after enemy shelled OG2 at rly. embankment. aaa Our arty. put some 4.5's into the sunken road in U.23.d and searched valleys either side of RIENCOURT and our heavies neutralised hostile batteries aaa At 6.40 pm. a lot of rifle and mg. fire heard from U.22.c and d aaa At 6.48 SOS signal seen to go up near BULLECOURT aaa 7.45 pm. situation quiet on div. front but shelling heard in direction of BULLECOURT

From Adv. First ANZAC: Place Time 2110 (Z) (Sd.) J. McCall Captain

* This line should be erased if not required. 750,000. W 2186-M309. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

58th Division (Left)

Midnight 15/16 May

to

Midnight 16/17 May.

Prefix *20* Code *Ch* Words *19* Received *USD* Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From *USD* At.....m. *AYER 16 V. 17.*
 By *B* To.....m.
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at..... Office *2:10* m. Received.....m.

TO *5th ans Div*

*Sender's Number *136* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Situation report aaa enemy snipers active during night aaa otherwise quiet night aaa enemys Reply to our artillery fire very light aaa nothing to report otherwise aaa Addd 5 Corps sept 62nd Divon 5th ans Div and 58th Divon

FROM *7th Divon*
 PLACE & TIME *5 am*

Prefix *20* Code *2Ba* Words *34* Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 From.....m. *AYER 16 V. 17.*
 By.....m. To.....m.
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.

Handed in at..... Office *10:10* m. Received *10:45* m.

TO *5th ans Div*

*Sender's Number *1001* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Command of sector handed over at 10 am at which hour adv Div HQ closed at MORY and opens at COURCELLES at 11 am

FROM *7th Divon*
 PLACE & TIME *10:5*

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"C" Form Army Form C. 2128. (In books of 100.)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *AM* Code *LS* Words *25*
 Received From *USP* Sent, or sent out At.....m.
 By *APD* To.....
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at..... Office *10:45 am* Received *11:25 am*



TO *Pamela*

*Sender's Number *143* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Relief of ALICE by RUTH
Complete and how established advanced
DHQ and addressed BLYTHE repeated
143 NORA and PAMELA

FROM *RUTH*
 PLACE & TIME *10:30 am*

"C" Form Army Form C. 2128. (In books of 100.)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix *AM* Code *LS* Words *68*
 Received From *NSR* Sent, or sent out At.....m.
 By *ave* To.....
 Charges to collect
 Service Instructions.
 Handed in at..... Office *4:45 pm* Received *5:15 pm*

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TO *Fifth Aus Div*

*Sender's Number *4157* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA*

Evening report and patrols of CLAUD report small parties of enemy on bank with machine guns hold BOVIS trench the CRUCIFIX and portion of O.C. 1. south of BULLEFONT about U. 27. 6. 4-2 and no further news yet regarding progress of BERNARD along E portion of BOVIS trench and address 5th Corps repeated 5th Aus Div 6 2nd Div CRA and

FROM *5th Div*
 PLACE & TIME *4:40 pm*

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *Im* Code *CA 110* Words *110*

Received. *eye* Sent, or sent out. *RA* Office Stamp. *AMERIS V17*

From *eye* At *5* m. *10*

By *RA* To _____

Charges to collect _____

Service Instructions. _____

Handed in at *10hr* Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO *5 Aus Div*

*Sender's Number *9158* Day of Month *16th* In reply to Number _____ AAA

Reference my *9136* of yesterday
 relief of *BERNARD* by *LEONARD*
 is postponed for the present
 and *LEONARD* retd *5th* Corps
 and *LEONARD* retd *5th* Aust div and "O"

FROM *5th Div 5pm*

PLACE & TIME _____

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *13* Code *DA 99* Words *99*

Received. *eye* Sent, or sent out. *RA* Office Stamp. *AMERIS V17*

From *eye* At _____ m.

By *RA* To _____

Charges to collect _____

Service Instructions. _____

Handed in at *10hr* Office _____ m. Received _____ m.

TO *5 Aus div*

*Sender's Number _____ Day of Month _____ In reply to Number _____ AAA

The following pigeon message received
 here at *4.45* pm from
CURL V2893010 to *CLAUD* dated *16/5/17*
 timed *2.0* pm begins as a
CURL holds eastern half *BULLECOURT*
 from *V22C6010* in sector of
 circle formed by roads through
V2769090 to *V2766020* 3 corps
 in line one in reserve
 in *V2809080* to *V2806040* by
 hq *V2873010* aaaa shelling continuous
 but not heavy aaaa sniping
 very active aaaa enemy still
 hold strong point and trenches
 on north of right bank
 casualties about 4 per cent
 communication bad ends

FROM *Signals 5th Aus div*

PLACE & TIME *Rear 5.10 pm*

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"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100).
No. of Message 145

Prefix <u>Sp</u>	Code <u>1KR/69</u>	Words <u>69</u>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect			From <u>AYU</u>	At _____ m.	<u>AYU</u> <u>16/5</u>
Service Instructions <u>Priority</u>			By <u>RH</u>	To _____	
Handed in at <u>Corps</u>			Office <u>051</u> m.	Received <u>16P</u> m.	
TO <u>5 Aus div</u>					
*Sender's Number <u>9161</u>	Day of Month <u>16</u>	In reply to Number		AAA	
Situation report aaa no enemy activity other than light shelling of our front and support lines and railway embankment aaa occasional sniping aaa movement of single men and small parties between HENDECOURT and FACTORY U22 & cutting U22 & U3 also from HENDECOURT to HENDECOURT chateau aaa our dispositions are unchanged aaa addsd 5 Corps reptd 62nd div 5 Aus div <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><u>1926/215</u></div>					
FROM	<u>58th Div 630 pm</u>				
PLACE & TIME					

"C" Form.

(In books of 100).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *AM LNH* Code *185* Words *f s d.* Received. *By 6* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp. *AMERICAN*

From *6* At *m.* To *6* By *6*

Charges to collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at *11:40* Office *11:40* m. Received *12:20* m.

TO *5th Aus Div*

*Sender's Number *9171* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number *AAA 6*

17th Inf Bde

CLAVD will attack *O.G.I S.*

of *BULLECOURT* and *CRUCIFIX* strong

point tomorrow morning the *17th*

inst at *2* am *aaa*

Barrage will open on objective

at *Zero* and will remain

there until *Zero plus two*

minutes when it will lift.

FROM

PLACE & TIME

"C" Form.

(In books of 100).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix Code Words Received. From *6* Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

At *m.* To *6* By *6*

Charges to collect

Service Instructions.

Handed in at Office m. Received *12:16* m.

TO *(2)*

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number *AAA*

to point *U.21.D25.30* and trench

running NW from that point

road *U.21.D30.30* to *U.21.D.4.6* and

trench running NW from latter

point *aaa* This protective barrage

will remain on until *Zero*

plus *1* hour *aaa 6 2nd*

Div artillery will assist by

placing barrage at *Zero* on

FROM

PLACE & TIME

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"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
		f s d.	From <i>Cape</i>	At _____ m.	
Charges to collect			By <i>W. J. Taylor</i>	To _____	
Service Instructions.				By _____	

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received *12.29/2* m.

TO

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*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

<i>Strong point about</i>	<i>U.20.B.42</i>		
<i>This barrage will also remain on</i>			
<i>till zero plus 1 hour</i>			
<i>aaa O.G.1 and CRUCIFIX on</i>			
<i>being captured will be consolidated</i>			
<i>and troops pushed forward to</i>			
<i>road running from U.27.B.75 to</i>			
<i>CRUCIFIX aaa acknowledge aaa address</i>			
<i>CLAUD repta Bernard 5 Corps</i>			
<i>62nd Divn 5th Australian Div</i>			

FROM

58th Div

PLACE & TIME

11:30 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.

48th (Right) Division

Midnight 15/16 May

to

Midnight 16/17 May.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *Im* Code *23* Words *24* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From *AWRC* At *4:45* m. *AYER 16.V.17*

By *RA* To _____ m. Received _____ m.

Charges to collect _____

Service Instructions _____

Handed in at *YDSH* Office *4:45* m. Received _____ m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

Sender's Number *GC13* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number _____ **AAA**

Situation quiet addsd adv 1st

Angere Corps reptd 5 aus

dion and 20.9 dia

FROM *48 Divn 4.45 am*

PLACE & TIME _____

"C" Form.

(In books of 100).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Prefix *23* Code *23* Words *34* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

From *AWRC* At _____ m. *Ayer*

By *Hansen* To _____ m. *16/5*

Charges to collect _____

Service Instructions *Priority*

Handed in at *YDSH* Office *5:30* m. Received *3:46* m.

TO *5th Aust Div*

Sender's Number *GA 23* Day of Month *16* In reply to Number _____ **AAA**

As conditions are likely to

be unfavourable the operation

referred to in 48 Divn

order 192 is postponed and

another date will be notified

5/14/20

FROM *48 Division*

PLACE & TIME *3.20 AM*

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No. of Message 120

Prefix <u>sm</u>	Code <u>DDH 22</u>	Words f s d.	Received From <u>AWAC</u>	Sent, or sent out. At _____ m.	Office Stamp. <u>Ayer</u> <u>10/5</u>
Charges to collect			By <u>Hanson</u>	To _____	
Service Instructions.			By _____		

Handed in at 7dh Office 1506 m. Received 5.5 m.

TO 5th Aust Div

Sender's Number 91524 Day of Month 16 In reply to Number AAA

Situation quiet aaa added
Adva First Anzac Corps
reptd 5 Austln Dwn
and 20 Dwn

FROM 48 Dwn
PLACE & TIME 4.45 P

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No. of Message 167

Prefix <u>sm</u>	Code <u>DDH 26</u>	Words f s d.	Received From <u>AWAC</u>	Sent, or sent out. At _____ m.	Office Stamp. <u>Ayer</u> <u>16/5</u>
Charges to collect			By <u>RIS</u>	To _____	
Service Instructions.			By _____		

Handed in at 7DH Office 829 m. Received 8.40 m.

TO 5th Aust Dwn

Sender's Number 91532 Day of Month 16 In reply to Number AAA

Nothing of importance to add
to evening report aaa LOUVERAL
shelled with 4.2 aaa added
Adva First Anzac Corps reptd
5 Aust Dwn and 20

1926/219

FROM 48 Dwn 8.10 pm
PLACE & TIME

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