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GLISY.	1918. July	1.	a.m.			
			5.15.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Intermittent light shelling of front line system.		
		10.0.	G.O.C. visited 31st French Corps H.Q. at DURY.			
			G.O.C. present at Canadian Corps Sports at LINCQUES.			
			2nd Aust. Div. G.S. Circular Memo. No. 60. issued.	...		
			Narrative of operations of 2nd Aust. Div. during June, 1918. (G.3/202) issued.	...		
			Disposition Map of Coys. in "A" Division Sector (S/43) issued.	...		
			2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 199 issued.	...		
			2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 200 issued.	...		
			5.20.	p.m.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Our 'planes active bombing and machine gunning enemy lines.	
			5.30.	2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued (NO. 158).	...	
			a.m.	" " " Location List (G.410) "	...	
			2.	5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet.	
		6.0.		G.S.O.I. visited 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q.		
		10.0.		G.O.C. visited 37th French Div. H.Q.		
		p.m.				
		2.0.		Army Commander visited D.H.Q.		
		3.45.		Representative parade of units of 2nd Aust. Div. held at LAMOTTE for Prime Minister of Australia Hon. W. M. HUGHES and Minister for the Navy, Hon. J. COOK, both of whom gave a short address referring to the Repatriation Scheme.		
				G.O.C., A.I.F., Aust. Corps Commander, and G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div., were present at parade.		
		5.30.		G.O.C. discussed forthcoming operations with G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. at D.H.Q.		
				Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery normal.		
				2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued (No. 159).	...	
				2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.426) issued.	...	
	2nd Aust. Div. Instructions for the Defensive No. 39 issued.	...				
	2nd Aust. Div. Instructions for the Defensive No. 40 issued.	...				
	8.0.	6th A.I.Bde. relieved 5th A.I.Bde. in Left sector of Div. front.				
3.	a.m.					
	5.0.	Morning report. Situation normal. Hostile artillery normal.				
	5.30.	G.S.O.I. visited 25th Bn. front line system in Right Bde. sector.	...			
	11.0.	G.O.C. present at transport inspection of 9th A.I.Bde. north-east of RIVERY.				

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GLISY.	1918. July,	p.m.			
		2.45.	Corps Commander visited D.H.Q.		
		3.	4.0.	G.O.C. visited 6th and 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q., 21st and 23rd Bn. H.Q. and front line/system of 6th A.I.Bde. and portions of 4th and 7th A.I.Bdes.	
		5.0.	Evening report. Situation quiet.		
				2nd Aust. Div. Instructions for the Defensive No. 41 issued.	App. 12
				2nd Aust. Div. Instructions No. 1 under 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 200 issued.	App. 13
			5.30.	2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 160) issued.	App. 14
			10.0.	6th A.I.Bde. established at Battle H.Q. O.24.C.1.2.	
		4.	a.m.	6th A.I.Bde. came under command of 4th Aust. Div. at midnight 3rd/4th July and carried out an operation against VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL village, which was a complete success. Tanks also took part. 7th A.I.Bde. in conjunction with operation of 4th Aust. Div. advanced line which now runs (Sheet 62.D.) P.25.b.2.0., South across main road to P.25.d.35.25. (strong post), from there 75 yards further south there is a bombing block, from there to original front line at P.31.a.5.7.	
			4.20.	Left Bn., Right Bde., report all objectives taken and being consolidated. Casualties light. Large No. of enemy dead.	
			4.40.	6th A.I.Bde. report prisoners now over 50.	
			5.2.	6th A.I.Bde. reported on objective. Prisoners over 100.	
			6.53.	G.O.C. sent congratulatory wire to G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde.	
			6.53.	6th A.I.Bde. report 3 Off. 90 O.Rs. prisoners passed through Bde. H.Q.	
			7.45.	6th A.I.Bde. report over 24 M.Gs. captured. Estimated casualties 1 Off. killed, 5 Off. 75 O.Rs. wounded.	
			8.5.	7th A.I.Bde. report prisoners so far 5 N.C.Os. 24 O.Rs. Situation quiet.	
			9.35.	7th A.I.Bde. report prisoners so far sent down by 25th Bn. 13 N.C.Os. and 77 O.Rs.	
			10.10.	6th A.I.Bde. report prisoners so far 3 Off. 200 O.Rs. including 32 wounded through dressing station and 37 unwounded through 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q.	
			10.45.	7th A.I.Bde. report 25th Bn. casualties 1 Off. 18 O.Rs. killed, 2 Off. 61 O.Rs. wounded.	
			9.30	G.O.C. visited 6th and 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. and M.D.S., St.ACHEUL, and C.C.S., CROUY. 7th A.I.Bde. preliminary report on operations. Prisoners 90. O.Rs. passed through Bde. H.Q. 5 M.Gs. captured. No. of enemy killed, actually counted, 40. Casualties up to 12 noon, killed 1 Off. 20 O.Rs. wounded 4 Off. 53 O.Rs., missing 14 O.Rs.	

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GLISY.	1918. July, 4.		6th A.I.Bde. preliminary report on operations. Prisoners 4 Off. ²³ 1 O.Rs., 25 M.Gs., 1 anti tank gun, 1 medium and 1 light minenwerfer captured. Casualties up to 12 noon, killed 1 Off. 16 O.Rs. wounded 6 Off., 101 O.Rs. Line runs from P.25.b.3.0. to P.26.a.00.15. - P.26.b.0.7. - P.21.c.00.33. - P.21.c.5.9., thence to Bde. on left.		
		p.m. 3.0.	G.O.C., 37th French division, visited D.H.Q.	App. 15	
		5.30.	2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 161) issued.		
		6.0.	G.S.O.I. visited 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q.		
		9.30.	17th Bn. moved up to position of Reserve Bn. to 6th A.I.Bde.		
		a.m. 5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Moderate retaliation of enemy artillery and M.G. fire. Prisoner captured.		
		5.0.	G.S.O.I. visited new front line of 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. B.G.G.S. Corps visited D.H.Q.		
		p.m. 3.15.	2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 201 issued. 31st French Corps Commander visited D.H.Q.	App. 16	
		5.0.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Hostile artillery quiet. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 162) issued.	App. 17	
		6.		During night of 5th/6th July, posts were pushed out to approximate line P.25.d.25.35. - P.26.c.05.75. - P.26.b.5.5. - P.26.b.9.7. - P.21.c.3.4. - P.21.c.5.9. - One wounded prisoner captured.	
		a.m. 5.0.	Morning report. Sneezing gas and H.E. on Left Bde. old front line. General scattered shelling of front and support systems.		
		10.0.	G.O.C. inspected transport of 7th A.I.Bde.		
		11.30.	Enemy post engaged by rifle grenades. One man of 21st Bn. went out to examine post and returned with 1 Acting Officer and 12 O.Rs. prisoners.		
		p.m. 3.30.	G.S.O.III. returned to duty at D.H.Q. from 7th A.I.Bde. Corps Commander visited D.H.Q.		
		6.0.	G.O.C. present at football match between 5th A.I.Bde. and 5th French Div. at SANS-en-AMIENOIS.		
		5.15.	Evening report. Situation very quiet.		
		5.30.	2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 163) issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.496) issued.	App. 18 App. 19	

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GLISY.	1918. July, 7.	a.m. 5.0. 8. 4.55. 8.0. 5.30. 10.0. 12 noon. p.m. 12.18. 3.30. 5.0.	<p>5th A.I.Bde. relieved 6th A.I.Bde. in Left Bde. sector of Div. front.</p> <p>G.S.O.I. visited front line system of 27th Bn.</p> <p>Morning report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery inactive during night.</p> <p>G.S.O.II. returned from leave.</p> <p>G.O.C. visited 4th Aust. Div. H.Q. to meet French Prime Minister M. CLEMENCEAU, who thanked the Australians for the good work they had done.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.7) issued. </p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Instructions for the Defensive No. 42 issued. </p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No. 164 issued. </p> <p>Evening report. Situation quiet. Slight shelling P.20.d., P.13.c. and O.18.d. during the morning, and O.32.a. during the afternoon. E.A. normal, T.Ms. and M.Gs. inactive. Gas shelling nil. Captures 1 O.R.</p> <p>Fine hot afternoon.</p> <p>Morning report. Situation quiet. Eastern edge VILLERS BRETONNEUX fired on with periodical bursts of 10.5 cm. U.1. and U.7. shelled with gas and H.E. about 2.40am. Some scattered shelling over left Bde. front, M.Gs. normal.</p> <p>Fine hot morning.</p> <p>G.S.O.I. with French Liaison Officer and Chief of Staff, 37th French Div., visited right flank of Div. sector to arrange flank defence and international posts.</p> <p>G.S.O.III. and D.I.O. visited Divisional O.Ps.</p> <p>2 strong patrols of 27th Bn., 7th A.I.Bde. went forward in enemy F.L. and occupied same from O.36.b.9.1. to P.31.b.3.9. - 8 enemy were killed and 13 captured with 1 heavy M.G. - our casualties were nil.</p> <p>G.O.C. visited 21st Bn. transport lines to inspect captured trophies.</p> <p>Same two patrols moved from O.36.d.95.99. in S.W. direction, and cleared and occupied enemy trench from P.31.c.05.95. to O.36.d.5.4. - 4 prisoners and 1 light M.G. captured.</p> <p>Our casualties nil.</p> <p>M.G.G.S., 4th Army, visited D.H.Q.</p> <p>Evening report. Situation quiet. Some slight shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX with gas and H.E. Trains seen on line in Q.33.a. and W.8.a. Transport on road in P.36.d. Prisoners last 24 hours 17 O.Rs.</p>	<p>App. 20</p> <p>App. 21</p> <p>App. 22</p>

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GLISY.	1918. July	p.m.	Hot overcast afternoon, some rain during evening.	
		8.	6.15. Six E.A. flying low over D.H.Q., driven off by A.A. fire.	
			7.30. Aust. Corps advise "Battle Stations practice."	
			8.30. Res. Bde. and M.G. Bn. advised "Battle Stations Practice."	
			10.13. Res. Bde. and M.G. Bn. reported in battle positions.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 165) issued.	
			Preliminary report of operations of 6th A.I. Bde. on 4:7:18.	
			a.m. Report on minor operation of 7th A.I. Bde. on 8:7:18	
		9.	12.30. Aust. Corps advise "Normal Dispositions" be resumed. <i>6th A.I. Bde. 2/6 in July</i>	
			4.50. Morning report. Quiet night. Artillery normal. 5 O.Rs. captured in O.36.d. Identification 97 I.R.	
			Fine morning, overcast and cool.	
			During night Left Bde. established posts at P.25.d.85.45., P.26.c.80.45., P.26.d.20.45., P.26.d.4.7., P.26.d.8.8. occupied continuous trench from latter post to our line at P.26.b.55.50. No opposition as no enemy seen. One medium M.W., 2 M.Gs. one rangefinder and quantity stores and ammunition captured in trench. Corps and Flank Divs. advised.	
			4.45. G.S.O.II. accompanied by "G" Trainee visited Left Bde. front area and Bde. H.Q.	
			11.30. G.O.C. visited H.Q. of Bdes. in line.	
			p.m.	
	6.0.	A patrol of Right Bn., Right Bde. entered enemy trench at U.6.a.85.20. and we now occupy enemy trench from railway to as far south as old British tank at U.5.b.8.3. Patrols are reconnoitring MONUMENT WOOD. Enemy resistance vigorous. 10 O.Rs. killed and number ran away. Captures 2 light M.Gs., two granatenwerfer, one four ft. periscope. Our casualties, one killed one wounded. Three Vickers guns now in position in captured trench.		
	2.0.	G.O.C. visited H.Q. of Reserve Bde.		
	5.15.	Evening report. Situation quiet. During afternoon enemy 10.5 cm. Bty. at Q.26.b.5.5. registered on our front line in P.21.c. and P.27.a. Prisoners last 24 hours. 5 O.Rs., material 1 medium M.W., 2 M.Gs. 1 rangefinder.		
	7.30.	Right Bn., Right Bde. report our patrols held up in MONUMENT WOOD by snipers and M.G. fire. Patrols in touch with enemy but have instructions not to become heavily engaged. Right Bn. now connecting up from tank at U.5.b.7.2. to international post at U.5.c.9.8. Further attempts to advance our line probably be made early in morning.		
		Showery afternoon and evening.		

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GLISY.	1918. July	a.m.	<p>Fine morning. Cold wind.</p> <p>5.15. G.S.O.II. and D.I.O. visited front line of Right Bde. and also Bn. and Bde. H.Q.</p> <p>10.30. G.O.C. inspected transport of 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.</p> <p>Noon. Considerable transport movement reported in area opposite Div.</p> <p>p.m.</p> <p>3.0. G.O.C., G.S.O.I. and C.R.A. visited Corps H.Q. and attended Conference with representatives of Tanks and R.A.F. Afterwards visiting 3rd Aust. Div. H.Q.</p> <p>5.0. Evening report. Situation unchanged. Hostile artillery unusually inactive. M.Gs., T.Ms. and E.A. inactive. Prisoners nil.</p> <p>Fine evening but overcast. Much cooler.</p> <p>Report on minor operation near MONUMENT WOOD on 9th July.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 168) issued.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.55) issued.</p>	<p>App. 31</p> <p>App. 32</p> <p>App. 33</p>
		a.m.	<p>5.0. Morning report. Very quiet night. Occasional bursts of enemy artillery on our front line. E.A. nil. Fine sunny morning.</p> <p>5.0. G.S.O.I. and G.S.O.III. visited front area of Left Bde. D.H.Q. Clerks, batmen, etc. have been organised into two platoons and are to be trained as fighting unit, under command G.S.O.II. First parade held during day.</p> <p>p.m.</p> <p>5.20. Evening report. Situation quiet. 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. H.E. on U.5. central and U.6.a.4.7., and occasional 15 cm. on O.36.b.8.0. At 9.25am., 11.7am. and 11.55am. 9.2 gun fired several rds. from railway at W.2.d.8.7. and then disappeared behind BAYONVILLERS. 2.40pm. large gun camouflaged by smoke screen fired from north of RAT WOOD P.24.b. 1pm. 4 or 5 small trains, one with 10 covered trucks moving south in W.7. and W.8. 2.5pm. smoke observed from train moving south along line through W.1.central, on to main line.</p> <p>Fine evening.</p>	
			<p>10.15. Left Bde. reports large dump set on fire by our artillery. Movement of small parties of men, about 70 in all into WIENCOURT about 7pm.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence summary (No. 169) issued.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.65) issued.</p>	<p>App. 34</p> <p>App. 35</p>

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GLISY.	1918. July, 13.	a.m.		
		5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet and unchanged. Lightscattered shelling of forward areas. E.A. slightly active. 2 prisoners 4th Coy. 18th I.R., 41st Inf. Div. captured about 2am. in P.31.d. Prisoners lost their way carrying rations up to the front line. Stated that 41st Div. relieved 108th Div. 4 days ago. Probable order of battle N. to S. 152 I.R., 18 I.R. 148 I.R. Second Bn. in support, third Bn. in Reserve. All 4 coys. of 1st Bn. in line. Coy. strengths 2 Officers, 80 - 90 O.Rs. and 7 Light M. Guns.	
		10.0.	Message from 37th French Div. "2 prisoners 26th R.I.R. 109th Div. captured on North edge of BOIS de HANGARD this morning state that their shell hole positions in U.10. have been evacuated since the Australian advance at MONUMENT WOOD on the 9th July. Order of Battle 109 Div. N. to S., 2nd GRENADIERS, 26th R.I.R. 376 I.R."	
			Fine during morning, showery during afternoon.	
		p.m.	G.S.O.II. and D.I.O. visited 5th A.I.Bde. line Bn. H.Q. during morning.	
		3.0.	During afternoon G.O.C. and Staff 2nd Aust. Div. attended football match between 3rd Zouaves Regt. (37th French Div.) and a mixed team from 2nd Aust. Div.	
		5.0.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Light shelling of O.27., O.29., O.36. E.A. nil. Occasional foot and transport traffic along roads V.6.a. b. and d.	
		9.0.	5th A.I.Bde. 9.15pm. reported "8pm. - 9.10pm. approx. 200 men in parties of 20 each seen moving along BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road in direction WIENCOURT. Artillery engaged."	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 170) issued.	App.36
			2nd Aust. Div. Instructions for the Defensive No. 43 issued...	App.37
			2nd Aust. Div. G.24/1/370 - Notes on 41st German Inf. Div. - issued. ...	App.38
			2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 202 issued. ...	App.39
	14.	a.m.		
		5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery light and scattered. E.A. Nil.	
		8.0.	5th A.I.Bde. reported capture of 1 prisoner belonging to 55th I.R., 13th Div. in P.27.a. between 6am. and 7am. On examination prisoner stated he was attached to 265 Pigeon loft at 13th Div. H.Q., CAPPY, and lost his way coming up to the left line Coy. of 15th I.R. this morning, and wandered into our lines. Gives probable order of battle N. to S. 55 I.R. 13 I.R. 15 I.R.	
		8.30.	Weather fine with light intermittent showers.	
		9.0.	G.S.O.II. left to attend Staff Officers Course at G.H.Q. M.Gun school, CAMIERS, from 14th to 30th instant. G.S.O.III. acting as G.S.O.II. G.S.O.III. and D.I.O. visited Bde. Schools and Nucleus Bns.	

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GLISY.	1918. July, 14.	p.m. 5.0. 5.30. 7.30. 7.55. 8.50. 9.40. 10.0. a.m. 15. 5.0. 6.0. p.m. 2.30	<p>Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy shelling normal. E.A. nil.</p> <p>Right Bde. reports that parties from 26th Bn. occupy junction of SYRIA and STAMBOUL TRENCHES in U.5.d. and eastwards along SYRIA TRENCH to U.6.central, and are establishing posts from U.6.central to railway about O.36.d.8.0.</p> <p>Message from 7th A.I.Bde. "2 prisoners captured SYRIA TRENCH U.5.d. Identification 1st Bn. 148 I.R., 41st Div.</p> <p>Message to Aust. Corps, 37th French Div., 3rd Aust. Div., C.R.A. "Right Bde. now hold SYRIA TRENCH from its junction with STAMBOUL TRENCH as far east as U.6.c.2.8., and have established posts from U.6.c.2.8. just North of trench which here is shallow to U.6.central. Fighting in progress vicinity U.5.d.75.65. 2 Prisoners 1st Bn. 148 I.R. captured at U.5.d.9.8.</p> <p>Message from 7th Bde. "This afternoon fighting patrol from 26th Bn. encountered enemy post at U.5.d.8.8. containing 11 Germans. Bombing fight ensued and 2 Germans captured, 5 killed and 4 wounded, who escaped. We have post at U.5.d.7.5., two posts along SYRIA TRENCH and one post U.6.c.4.8. from which point posts will be established to-night through wood to railway about O.36.d.6.0. and one post between our present right flank and international post at approx. U.5.central."</p> <p>Above message was repeated to Aust. Corps, 3rd Aust. Div., 4th Aust. Div., 5th Aust. Div. 37th French Div., C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div., 2nd A.M.G. Bn., C.R.E. 2nd Aust. Div.</p> <p>Message from Left Bde, timed 9.25pm. "At 9pm. transport followed by foot traffic moved from BAYONVILLERS in direction WIENCOURT engaged by our artillery. Transport disorganised and Infantry prevented from leaving outskirts BAYONVILLERS. Similar movement was observed at 9pm. last night." Above message was repeated to Aust. Corps.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.77) issued.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 171) issued.</p> <p>Morning report. Situation quiet. VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O.26. and Left Bn., Right Bde. front lightly shelled. Scattered shelling on Left Bde. front. E.A. nil.</p> <p>G.O.C. and G.S.O.III. visited 5th and 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. and went round front line of 7th A.I.Bde. accompanied by Brigadier and round right Bn. sector of 5th A.I.Bde. Quiet morning. Very little shelling. Fine morning. Sunny and hot.</p> <p>Corps Commander visited Div. Commander.</p>	<p>App. 40</p> <p>App. 41</p>

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GLISY.	1918. July, 15.	p.m.			
		4.0.	G.S.O.I. visited 5th and 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q.		
		5.0.	Intermittent showers throughout the evening and night.		
			German offensive against French commenced this morning, on a 45 miles front astride RHEIMS. Enemy appears to be well held all along the line.		
		5.30.	Evening report. Situation quiet. 0.28.c. and d., 0.27.b. and OCHARD 0.36.b.8.0. lightly shelled with 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. at intervals during day. E.A. inactive. Right Bn. Right Bde. now occupy SYRIA TRENCH from U.5.d.7.6. to U.6.c.4.8., thence line of posts from U.6. central to railway at 0.36.d.8.0. Prisoners last 24 hours 2 O.Rs.		
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence summary No. 172 issued.	App. 42	
			2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.86) issued.	App. 43	
			Report on 7th A.I.Bde. operation at MONUMENT WOOD by 26th Bn. on 14:7:18.	App. 44	
			2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 203 issued.	App. 45	
		a.m.			
		16.	5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet on Div. front. 7th A.I.Bde. reports post established at P.31.d.10.65. A party entered enemy trench P.31.d.7.5. but met with considerable opposition. Casualties 1 Off. 8 Other Ranks. killed, 9 other ranks wounded. Party had to withdraw. 5th A.I.Bde. reports established posts during night on line P.32. central approx. to P.26.d.6.0. Prisoners 1 O.R. 5th Coy. 18th I.R., 41st Div. captured in P.32.a. by 5th A.I.Bde. Could give no really useful information but believes order of battle N. to S. to be 152 I.R. 18 I.R. 148 I.R.	
		9.0.		18 I.R. 148 I.R.	
9.0.		Fine morning, sunny and hot.			
9.30.		Div. Commander accompanied by A.D.C. and French Liaison Officer, attached 2nd Aust. Div. visited 37th French Div. Commander and 31st French Corps Commander to discuss operations to be carried out by 37th French Div. south of MONUMENT WOOD in order to come up into line with 2nd Aust. Div.			
11.0.		Casualties of left Bde. as result of mornings operation amended to read 1 Off. and 5 other ranks wounded, 4 other ranks missing of whom 3 believed killed. For post at P.31.d.3.4. read P.31.d.05.70. Left Bde. new posts P.32.a.9.3., P.32.b.3.6., P.32.b.5.8., P.26.d.7.0. P.26.d.9.2.			
p.m.					
5.0.		Evening report. Situation quiet. At 10am. stretcher bearers busy in P.27.d. carrying wounded to WARFUSEE. At 10.40am. stretcher bearers busy after our artillery shoot on movement reported in P.33. Areas P.25.d., P.26.c. and 0.24.d. shelled with 15 cm. and 7.7 cm. apparently registration. E.A. active at intervals. Prisoners 1 O.R.			

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GLISY.	1918.			
	July			
	16.		2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.96) issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 173) issued. Map locations of units by Coys. as at 16th July.	App. 46 App. 47 App. 48
		a.m.		
	17.	5.0.	Morning report. The following areas were heavily gas shelled:- from 10.10pm. to 10.20pm., 0.25; between 1.10am. and 3.30am. 0.25. and 0.26.; from 1am. to 2.50am. front and support lines of Left Bn. of Right Bde. In minor operation Left Bde. captured three prisoners and 2 M.Gs. and occupied trench from P.27.c.4.4. northwards. Attempted raid on post at U.6.c.5.8. at 3am. was driven off with loss to enemy. Identification prisoners captured 152 I.R., 41st Div. Situation now quiet.	
		9.0.	G.O.C. accompanied by A.D.C. visited transport lines of 5th, 6th 7th Field Ambulances during morning.	
		10.0.	Message to Aust. Corps "Gas shelling night 16th/17th July. 10pm. to 10.20pm. about 150 rds. Mustard and diphosgene on 0.25. 1am. to 2.40am. 0.35. and 0.36. heavily shelled with Mustard and diphosgene. Between 1am. and 2.40am. reserve Bde. (6th A.I.Bde.) reports about 2,500 mustard gas shells on 0.14., 0.15., 0.20, 0.21 and 0.26."	
		p.m.	Fine morning but intermittent showers during afternoon and evening.	
		5.0.	Evening report. Situation quiet on Div. front. P.19. and P.25.b. lightly shelled between 3pm. and 4pm., hostile artillery otherwise quiet. E.A. inactive. 11.30am. to 12 noon considerable movement of individuals in P.28.a., b. and d. At 9am. train unloaded number of white cases at W.13.b.5.5.	
		9.45.	Message to 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. "24th Bn. is placed at disposal 7th A.I.Bde. until further orders. The 2 Coys, 24th Bn., in neighbourhood BLANGY will move to AUBIGNY SYSTEM forthwith. Bn. Commander will get in touch with G.O.C., 7th A.I.Bde. soon as possible. 2 Coys. 2nd Bn. may be moved back to BLANGY. Remainder 22nd Bn. will take over duties of nucleus garrison AUBIGNY System." At 9.45pm. 7th A.I.Bde. under cover of protective artillery barrage commenced an advance east of MONUMENT WOOD ASTRIDE THE RAILWAY.	
	10.0.	'Phone message from 7th A.I.Bde. "Lines from Bn. H.Q. forward all down. Believe everything O.K. Barrage started well to time, well placed, but light. Both Bns. report Inf. got off to time. Enemy M.G. fire from the mound."		
	10.20pm.	Message from 7th A.I.Bde. "Enemy retaliation scattered. Coloured flares going up well to the east of the mound. No flares from enemy's original position."		

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GLISY.	1918. July	p.m.		
	17.	10.59.	Message from 7th A.I.Bde. "Right Bn. appears to be on objective. Not confirmed. SYRIA TRENCH apparently well held by enemy. Attempts being made later to clear it."	
		11.20.	7th A.I.Bde. report 4 prisoners 12th Coy. 148 I.R., 41st Div. captured at U.6.d.0.8. approx. Repeated to Aust. Corps "I" and flank divs.	
		11.37.	Message to Aust. Corps and flank divs. "7th A.I.Bde. report Right Bn. appears to be on objective but not confirmed. SYRIA TRENCH apparently well held by enemy."	
		11.50.	Message to Aust. Corps and flank divs. "7th A.I.Bde. reports right Bn. reports line runs on official objective MOUND inclusive, post held at U.6.c.9.8. Mopping up trench about V.1.a.7.6. in progress. Left Bn. unconfirmed report objective gained. Total prisoners so far reported 5 O.Rs., 148th I.R.	
		a.m.		
	18.	12.30.	Message from 7th A.I.Bde. "Prisoner 8th Coy., 18th I.R. from MOUND, 20 more prisoners passed through of 148 I.R. Latest report Right Bn. holds post SYRIA TRENCH U.6.c.97.80., line runs through U.6.central, road and trench junction V.1.a.60.17. to just east of bridge approx. V.1.b.65.50. Left Bn. situation obscure apparently driven back to trench running from P.31.d.2.0. linking up with half moon trench and P.31.b. and d. which is held for whole length and northern end connected up to P.32.central. Left Bn. still fighting. Repeated Aust. Corps and flank Divs.	Int. Summary (No. 114) issued. ... Location list (G.104) ... Order No 207. ...
		2.5.	7th A.I.Bde. message "Right Coy. of Left Bn. is now in touch with Right Bn. at RAILWAY BRIDGE. Right Bn. captured one 7.7 cm. gun and 2 M.Gs. Number of prisoners reported - 1 Officer and 34 O.Rs." Message repeated Aust. Corps and flank divs.	App. 49. App. 50. App. 51
		3.33.	Message from 7th A.I.Bde. "Line is now reported to run U.6.d.00.80., V.1.a.60.00. to about V.1.b.40.50. then from V.1.b.90.50., P.32.a.15.00., P.32.a.30.40. then roughly to P.32.central, where we are in touch with 5th A.I.Bde. Prisoners so far 1 Officer 5 N.C.Os. and 28 O.Rs. Captures 2 - 7.7 cm. guns and 2 M.Gs. Considerable number Huns killed Right and Left Bns. is reported to be in touch but not quiet clear where. Situation at junction being investigated. Message repeated to Aust. Corps and flank divs.	
		4.30.	From 5th A.I.Bde. "Situation quiet. 3am. to 4am. shelling of O.29.d."	
		6.0.	Message to Aust. Corps and flank divs. "Counter-attack by enemy forced left of Right Bn. to withdraw slightly. Situation at this point obscure but now quiet."	
		10.15.	Message to Aust. Corps and flank divs. "Our line now runs U.6.d.00.80., V.1.a.60.10., V.1.b.5.5.,	

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GLISY.	1918. July 18.		<p>V.1.b.9.6., P.32.c.0.0., P.32.c.3.2., P.32.c.2.8., P.32.a.99.29., where both brigades are in touch. Prisoners unwounded - 1 Off. 8 N.C.Os. 45 Privates. Captures 2 - 7.7 cm. guns and 2 M.Gs. so far reported.</p> <p>Message to Aust. Corps 'I' and flank divs. "Unwounded prisoners, 2 N.C.Os. and 8 men of 8th Coy. 18th I.R., one Officer of 5th Coy. 148 I.R., 5 N.C.Os. and 31 men of 2nd M.G. Coy. and 11th Coy. 148th I.R., 1 N.C.O. and 4 men of 1st, 2nd, 5th Btys. 1st Abteilung, 79th Field Arty.Regt. Total 1 Officer, 8 N.C.Os. and 43 Privates.</p> <p>12 nm. Message (B.M. No. 4) from 7th A.I.Bde. "Considerable enemy movement observed between 8pm. and 9pm. in V.3. and V.2.b. and d. At 9.5pm. the S.O.S. was sent up North of the railway line and was immediately followed by S.O.S. south of railway line. Very heavy barrage was opened up on V.1.a. and vicinity of MOUND and U.8.central. Line to left Bn. cut almost immediately. Artillery appear to be very effective. Our M.Gs. fired on their S.O.S. lines. S.O.S. barrage was continued as the situation was not clear. Dispositions were made so as to meet a heavy counter-attack. A party of 100 enemy were effectively engaged in V.3.b. with shrapnel and dispersed. French Artillery asked to co-operate which they did. S.O.S. ceased at 9.40pm. after which it was arranged that batteries should stand to and single guns should fire odd bursts of fire on counter preparation areas at irregular times on right Bn. front. Our three left posts were heavily attacked by the enemy who was driven off by our rifle, Lewis, M.G. and Artillery fire. Right Battalion's casualties were remarkably light considering that the enemy barrage was very heavy. Left Bn. is still out of touch but right Bn. report that the situation appears to be quite satisfactory north of railway."</p> <p>p.m. 12.45. Congratulatory message from Army and Corps Commanders repeated to three brigades, M.G. Bn. and C.R.A.</p> <p>10am. Congratulatory wire from Div. Commander to Gen. WISDOM, G.O.C., 7th A.I.Bde.</p> <p>1.50pm. Message from 4th Army re French Counter offensive between MARNE and SOISSONS. Good progress being made.</p> <p>11am. G.O.C. accompanied by A.D.C. visited main dressing station to interview wounded from 7th A.I.Bde.</p> <p>5pm. Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery quiet, desultory shelling of forward area. E.A. active over our lines at 10am. During afternoon Corps Commander accompanied by G.O.C., 4th Aust. Div. and French Delegation about to visit Australia visited G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. and Delegates were introduced to the Divisional Staff. Members of the delegation are Deputy Albert METIN, General PAU, Commandant DANDRE, M. GOUT, Labour Delegate THOMSEN, Private J. BADER, Private Andre SIEGSRIED, Mr. J. T. MEADOWS SMITH.</p> <p>during day weather was fine.</p>	

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GLISY.	1918. July 18.	p.m. 9.20.	G.S.O.III. visited Aust. Corps School near RUE to witness demonstration with new Stokes Mortar charges.	
			Message (B.M. 893) from 5th A.I.Bde. "9.5pm. S.O.S. reported sent up on Right Bde. sector vicinity V.1. Enemy opened heavy barrage about same time on our front line from main road south to railway line - 4.2 and 5.9 with some smoke shells. Considerable movement previously reported W.1. and W.7 forward to V.4. and vicinity of GARD Copse engaged by our artillery with apparently good results."	
			9.40. Message (B.M.2) from 7th A.I.Bde. "Dispositions of Brigade are 26th Bn. and 25th Bn. have each four Coys. in the newly captured ground. 28th Bn. have one Coy. as right flank liaison, two Coys. less two platoons are in old front line, right sector, one Coy. U.4.a., two platoons placed at disposal 26th Bn. to reinforce his left. 27th Bn. two Coys. old front line left sector, one Coy. VILLERS Switch, one Coy. in VILLERS BRETONNEUX garrison. 26th Bn. is intact in AUBIGNY SYSTEM."	
			9.52. Message (B.M.894) from 5th A.I.Bde. - "9.35pm. Right Bn. reports left Coy. reports everything O.K. Cannot hear any rifle or M.G. fire. Quiet on remainder of front. Enemy artillery fire reported lasted for about 5 minutes but lifted and eased considerably when our artillery opened. 9.45pm. O.P. report everything quiet. Enemy shelling VILLERS BRETONNEUX lightly. No flares being fired."	
			9.5. Message to Aust. Corps. - "9.5pm. S.O.S. sent up on Right Bde. front. N. and S. of RAILWAY. Enemy opened heavy barrage about same time on front line from main road south to RAILWAY. 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. with some smoke shell. Considerable movement previously reported in W.1. and W.7. forward to V.4. and d. and vicinity of CARD COPSE in V.3.a. engaged by our artillery with apparently good results.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.127) issued.	App. 52
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 175) issued.	App. 53.
			Brig-General J. PATON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., handed over command of 6th A.I.Bde. to Brig-Gen. ROBERTSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., and proceeded to England en route for Australia.	
			a.m.	
			19.	5.0.
	6.0.	Div. Comdr. and G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. visited front line of 7th A.I.Bde. and whilst observing from the MOUND in V.1.a. and b. Gen. ROSENTHAL was shot in the right arm by an enemy sniper.		

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	July	a.m.		
	19.	10.30.	General ROSENTHAL evacuated to No. 3 A.G.H., ABEEVILLE. Brig-Gen. WISDOM, G.O.C., 7th A.I.Bde., assumed Temporary Command of 2nd Aust. Div. during absence of General ROSENTHAL.	
		10.45.	Congratulatory wire from General BIRDWOOD "Heartiest congratulations to all 2nd Aust. Div. concerned. There is no end to your successes which I trust will continue to the end."	
		noon.	Fine morning, sunny and hot.	
		p.m.		
		5.0.	Location of our posts north of the RAILWAY:- V.1.b.8.8., P.31.d.65.25., P.32.c.0.3., P.31.d.95.70., P.32.c.20.95., P.32.a.35.05., P.32.a.55.15.	
		5.0.	Evening report. Quiet desultory shelling of forward area, 4.2" H.E. and shrapnel. E.A. moderately active. Our 'planes destroyed 2 hostile balloons between 12.30pm. and 2pm. Sniping active on both sides. Recount of booty by 7th A.I.Bde. as result of operations of 17th/18th instant gives 4 heavy M.Gs. and 11 L.M.Guns in addition to material already reported.	
			Amendment No. 1 to Instructions for the Defensive No. 42 issued.	App. 54
			Report on 7th A.I.Bde. operation on night 17th/18th July issued.	App. 55
			2nd Aust. Div. Location List (No. G.138) issued.	App. 56
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. (No. 176)....	App. 57
		a.m.		
	20.	5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Hostile artillery slightly active during night on forward areas. 3.55am. E.A. dropped several bombs forward area, Right Bde. 6th A.I.Bde. relieved 7th A.I.Bde. in right sub-sector of Div. front, command passing at 2.45am.	
		3.0.	7th A.I.Bde. moved back into reserve with H.Q. at GLISY.	
		5.0.	G.S.O.III. accompanied by "G" Learner and French Liaison Officer attached to Div. visited 6th A.I.Bde. front.	
		noon.	Fine sunny morning. During afternoon and evening intermittent sharp showers.	
			G.S.O.I. visited 5th and 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q.	
			G.S.O.III. visited H.Q. 129th American Inf. Regt. to arrange details re attachment of officers and N.C.Os. from this Div. to the American Regt.	
		p.m.		
		5.0.	Evening report. Situation quiet on Div. front. Hostile artillery inactive. Low flying E.A. nil. Prisoners nil.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 177) issued.	App. 58

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GLISY.	1918. July 21.	a.m. 5.0.	Morning report. Situation quiet. E.A. Nil. Light shelling of support lines in VILLERS BRETONNEUX U.35. and U.5. G.S.O.I. visited 5th A.I.Bde. Sector with Bde. Major. G.O.C. visited Corps Commander.	
		noon. 3pm. 5pm.	Fine warm sunny day. G.S.O.I. and G.S.O.III. visited H.Q. 3rd Aust. Div. at BUSSY. Evening report. Situation quiet. Slight shelling of O.35.d., P.31., O.36.b., E.A. nil. captures nil.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.161) issued.	App.59
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 178) issued. ...	App.60
			2nd Aust. Div. Instructions for the Defensive No. 44 issued. ...	App.61
	22.	a.m. 5.0.	Morning report. During night Right Bn. (23rd) bombed down STAMBOUL TRENCH and established block at U.5.d.70.45. where post is being held by ourselves, and the French. Another party bombed from V.l.a.6.l. to V.l.c.3.7., where blocks have been established, the enemy fled and 3 M.Gs. captured. MONUMENT WOOD shelled from 4am. to 4.15am. P.31. and O.36.b. and d. shelled at intervals during night. E.A. active, bombs being dropped during night near VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Result of enterprise 5 prisoners 148 I.R. (normal) and 4 M.Gs.	
			8.55. p.m. 3.0. 5.15.	Narrative of minor operation executed by 6th A.I.Bde. and referred to in morning report issued. 1st Amendment to Instructions for the Defensive No. 44 issued. ... Instructions for the Defensive No. 45 issued. ... 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 179) issued. ... G.S.O.III. reported to 5th A.I.Bde. to relieve B.M. 5th A.I.Bde. temporarily attached to 65th American Bde. "G" Staff Trainee reported from temporary attached to 5th A.I.Bde. to D.H.Q. in relief G.S.O.III. G.S.O.I. with French Liaison officer visited the Chef d'Etat Major 37th French Div. Brig-Gen WISDOM visited G.O.C. in hospital, ABBEVILLE. Enemy balloon destroyed by our aircraft to north of MARCELCAVE at 7.35am. Kite Balloon brought down by E.A. at approx. O.22. at 2.20pm. Evening report. Between 8am. and 10am. 50 - 5.9s. fell in O.25.c. from direction BAYONVILLERS, some falling within 50 yds. of bridge at O.25.c.8.4. At 7.35am. enemy balloon N. of

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GLISY.	1918. July	22.	MARCELCAVE destroyed by our 'planes. At 2.15pm. E.A. destroyed balloon near CORBIE. Scattered shelling of support lines and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Slight E.A. activity.		
		a.m. 23. 5.0	Morning report. Between 10.5 pm. and 2.10am. VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O.29. and O.35. heavily shelled with GREEN and YELLOW CROSS gas, estimated 7,000 rounds. No wind and a strong concentration of gas on whole surrounding area. 2.25am. support line in P.25. lightly gassed with GREEN CROSS and Lachrymatory. From 1.57am. whole area lightly shelled with 77's., 4.2's. and 5.9 H.E. increasing in intensity between 2am. and 2.30am. on support lines of Left of Right Bde. Some bombing and M.G. fire from enemy in Right Bde. Sector. Our artillery retaliated and all quiet now. 3am. wind 10 m.p.h. clearing gas away. German tank in Right Bde. area successfully removed by our tanks. SYRIA TRENCH now cleared and connected to V.l.c.4.6.		
			6.25 p.m. 3.0	G.S.O.I. visited line with G.O.C., Right Bde. G.O.C., Brig-Gen. WISDOM, visited G.O.C. in hospital, ABBEVILLE, in afternoon. Right Bn., Right Bde., (23rd Bn.) report patrol encounter with enemy post at V.l.c.8.9. Our casualties 2 O.Rs. wounded by M.G. fire. One wounded German from yesterday's encounter brought in. Identification 148 I.R. (normal). Left Bn. (22nd) Right Bde., report enemy seen burying his dead in front of post P.31.d. at 8.30am. Presumed casualties through shoots during bombardment last night. Right Bn. (23) report seeing considerable movement of infantry advancing from MARCELCAVE towards the French line. N.B. French advised. Movement dealt with by our artillery and French. Location List of units as at 6am. 24th July, 1918, issued. Secret Maps S.46. dated 22:7:18 - (disposition of Right and Left Brigades by Companies) issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. (No. 180) ...	App.66 App.67 App.68
			5.5	Evening report. Situation quiet. 1pm. slight shelling of O.36. from MARCELCAVE. 2.30pm. to 3pm. support line south of railway heavily shelled, scattered shelling of Left Bde. Sector. E.A. nil. Motor transport on road X.22.d. and R.19.d. at 1.35pm. and 2.15pm. respectively.	
			a.m. 24. 5.0	Morning report. Situation quiet. Slight shelling of areas. 20 - 5.9's. in U.5.d. at 1.20am. Several gas shells O.25.c.6.4. at 4.5am. M.Gs. below usual activity.	
			5.0	"G" Trainee visited Right Bde. front during morning.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY.	1918.			
	July			
	26.	a.m.	Morning report. Quiet night. Light scattered shelling over forward area. M.Gs. inactive.	
		10.36.	Wire received from 6th A.I.Bde. "Embargo on movement through village is now withdrawn."	
		9.30.	G.O.C. and G.S.O.I. discussed with the Brigade Commander, 65th American Bde., Regtl. Commander, 129th Regt. and Nos. 2 and 3 Bn. Commanders, the details required to carry out the scheme as laid down in 2nd Div Order No. 205 - reference the attachment of units of 65th American Bde. to this division. This took place at D.H.Q.	
		10.0.	G.S.O.I. took the 2 Bn. Commanders of the American Bns. to Brigades to whom they were to be attached so that the G.O.C., Brigades, could go into further detail in connection with the attachment, i.e. the Bde. details of the scheme.	
		p.m.		
		3.0.	G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Div., Major-Gen. J. GELLIBRAND, C.B., D.S.O., visited G.O.C.	
		4.30.	G.S.O.I. visited the Chef d'Etat Major 37th French Div.	
		5.0.	Evening report. 11.30am. 18-pdrs. engaged movement at P.33. and P.34. 11.5am, 20 rds. 10.5 cm. VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 2.30pm. 13 rds. 15 cm. on U.5.b. and c., and 4 rds. 21 cm. on V.1.a. 4pm. 15 cm. on P.32.a. Individual movement throughout day at V.9.b., W.7.b., P.36.c., P.34.b. Our 'planes active. E.A. Nil.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 183) issued.	App. 75.
			2nd Aust. Div. Location list issued. (G.201) ...	App. 76
			2nd Aust. Div. letter G.26/682 of 26th July, reference "Attachment of American Regt." issued.	App. 77
			2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 205 - American Regt. Attached - issued. ...	App. 78
	27.	a.m.		
		5.10.	Morning report. Short Bursts of artillery fire on O.36., and O.23. during night and intermittent shelling of left of right Bde. between 9 and 11pm. Prisoner belonging to 1st Coy., 152nd Regt. 41st Div. captured in P.27.	
		p.m.	Wet day except for few brief intervals.	
		3.30.	Army Commander visited D.H.Q.	
		5.0.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Slight shelling during morning on O.29.; O.23., P.26., O.22.d., O.24.a., D.31. slightly shelled during afternoon. E.A. nil. M.Gs. and T.Ns. inactive. Visibility poor. Captures for last 24 hours 1 O.R.	
		11.0.	G.S.O.II. rejoined division from course at G.H.Q. M.G. School, CAMIERS.	
			2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence summary (No. 184) issued. ...	App. 79

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY.	1918. July 28.	a.m. 4.30 6.0. p.m. 3.0. 5.0.	<p>Morning report. Situation quiet. Scattered shelling of forward areas between 9.30pm. and 10.30pm. E.A. dropped approx. 20 bombs neighbourhood VILLERS BRETONNEUX and 0.32. back areas also bombed about lam. 3.45am. enemy artillery again more active. 10.30pm. double GREEN flares observed, no apparent action following them.</p> <p>Fine morning.</p> <p>G.S.O.I. and Staff officer from G.H.Q. visited forward area.</p> <p>Army Commander visited VILLERS BRETONNEUX accompanied by Div. Commander.</p> <p>Evening report. Between 10am. and noon 4.2s. on P.26.d., P.21.a. 0.23. Afternoon, light scattered shelling of forward areas, normal hostile movement on forward and rear areas. Stretcher bearers in V.5.a., V.4.b. between 1.20 and 1.40pm. 9.30am. two E.A. over our lines, E.A. otherwise inactive.</p> <p>Fine overcast evening.</p> <p>During night about 800 men employed on burying cable in forward area.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 185) issued.</p>	App.80
	29.	a.m. 5.0. 9.0. 10.0. p.m. 5.5.	<p>Morning report. Situation quiet. At 9.45pm. light barrage 4.2s. and 77 mm. on 0.36. and P.31. At 10.20pm. medium barrage of 5.9s. and 4.2s. on Left Bde. front line. Scattered shelling MONUMENT WOOD and VILLERS BRETONNEUX.</p> <p>Fine sunny morning.</p> <p>G.O.C. and G.S.O.II. attended tank demonstration at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.</p> <p>One Bn., 7th A.I.Bde. practiced attack in conjunction with tanks of 5th Tank Bde.</p> <p>Evening report. Situation quiet. Scattered shelling over 0.25.c., 0.31.a., N030.c. and T.36.a, by 10 cm. gun during day. E.A. T.Ms. and M.G. activity nil. Visibility poor.</p> <p>Fine evening, overcast.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div: Intelligence Summary (No. 186) issued.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div Location List (G.222) issued.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div: G.32/765 issued.</p> <p>"A" Division, Aust. Corps - Defence Scheme, issued.</p> <p>During night gas concentrations put down on valley running N.E. through WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT.</p>	App.81 App.82 App.83 App.84

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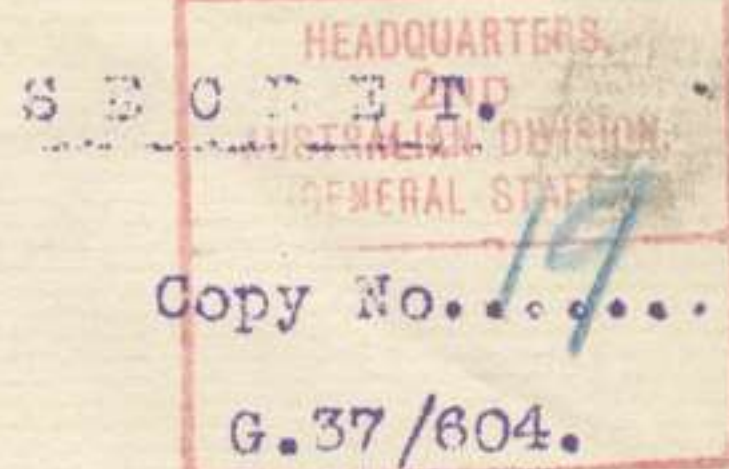
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY.	1918. July, 30.	a.m. 5.0.	Morning report. situation quiet throughout night both Bde. fronts. Enemy reply to our Artillery shoots light and scattered. Hot morning. 7.0. G.S.O.II. and D.I.O. visited Bn. H.Q. of Right Bde. and H.Q. of Bde. in line. p.m. 1.0. G.O.C., 3rd Canadian Div. and G.S.O.I. visited D.H.Q. 5.0. Evening report. Situation very quiet. Artillery, E.A. T.Ms. and M.G. activity nil. Captures nil. Visibility poor. Hot evening. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued. (No. 187).	App. 85
	31.	a.m. 5.0.	Morning report. Quiet night. Few rounds gas shell in O.35.c. and V.5.a. otherwise nothing to report. 10.0. G.O.C., C.R.A., and G.S.O.I. attended conference at Corps H.Q. p.m. 4.0. G.S.O.I. visited Bde. H.Q. 4.50. Evening report. Situation quiet. Scattered hostile shelling. 1.45pm. 5.9s. on O.22., O.23., 2.15pm. 10 rds. 5.9s. per minute on P.31.d. 2pm. - 2.15pm. 10 rds. 5.9s. per minute on P.31.d. E.A. Nil. Fine hot evening. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (No. 188) issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Location List (G.234) issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 206 issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 207 issued. <i>Statement of personnel sent to schools during month.</i> <i>Narrative of Operations of 2nd Aust. Div. for month of July, 1918.</i>	App. 86 App. 87 App. 88 App. 89 App. 90. App. 91.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
1st July, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 60.S.O.S. Signals.

1. Beginning at 12 noon, 2nd July, the "S.O.S. Signal" on the 4th Army front will be a rifle grenade bursting into three GREEN lights one over another.
2. "Q" of the Division will arrange to issue to C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division, 20, and to each of the 5th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes., 75 of the above signals.
3. All S.O.S. Signals now in use will be collected for return after 2nd July, under arrangements to be made by "Q" of Division.
4. Acknowledge.

C. H. Miles
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Second Australian Division.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS OF SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION DURING JUNE, '18.

Ref. Map: Sheets 62.D. and 57.D. 1/40,000.

1. At the ~~beginning~~^{end} of ~~June~~^{May} the Division was in "C" Divisional Sector of the Australian Corps front, holding the line from K.19.c.0.0. (2,000 yards North of BAILLY LAURETTES) to K.19.b.5.0. (2,000 yards North of VILLE-sur-ANCHE) a distance of 5,500 yards in a direct line.

The front was being held by two brigades, 5th A.I.Bde. on the right and 7th A.I.Bde. on the left, with the 6th A.I.Bde. in divisional reserve.

2. The Artillery covering the divisional front consisted of 6 F.A. Brigades under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. Four of these brigades were divided into two groups of two brigades each, each group covering an infantry brigade front; one brigade was superimposed and one mobile.

3. A proposal was put forward to carry out an operation on the right brigade front so as to occupy the ridge then held by the enemy, an average advance of 600 yards on a front of about 3,200 yards. This would improve our position and deny observation to the enemy.

4. On this being approved it was decided that the operation would be carried out by the 7th A.I.Bde. This brigade was therefore relieved in the left brigade sub-sector on the night 31st May/1st June by the 6th A.I.Bde., and in turn relieved the 5th A.I.Bde. in the right brigade sub-sector on the night 5th/6th June.

5. On the night 4th/5th June the divisional front was extended to the South as far as J.30.c.9.9., the extra portion of the line being taken over from the 4th Aust. Div. The division then held the whole of the front from which the attack was to be launched.

6. The operation was carried out by the 7th A.I.Bde. on the evening of the 10th June and was completely successful, our new line running from K.25.c.0.5. to join our old front line at K.13.b.2.8., an average advance of 600 yards on a front of 3,200 yards.

A report on this operation was forwarded to Aust. Corps under cover of this office G.3/195 of 14th June, 1918.

7. From this time up to the date of handing over all efforts were concentrated on consolidating the position won.

8. The division (less Artillery) was relieved by the 5th Aust. Div. between the 14th and 16th June, the 7th A.I.Bde. being relieved by the 6th A.I.Bde. on the night 14th/15th June, and the 6th A.I.Bde. by the 15th A.I.Bde. on the night 15th/16th June. Command was handed over at 10 a.m. on the 16th June to the G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. and B.H.Q. moved to COLBY.

The 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery stayed in the line under the G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div.

9. On relief the division passed into Corps Reserve with brigade groups disposed as follows :-

- 5th A.I.Bde. group - CARON - RIVERY area.
- 6th A.I.Bde. group - QUENHIN area.
- 7th A.I.Bde. group - ALLONVILLE area.

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10. During the period the division was in Corps reserve units were re-organised and re-equipped and training was carried out.

11. The Division (less Artillery) relieved the 3rd Aust. Div. in "A" Divisional Sector of the Australian Corps front between the 27th and 29th June, the 7th A.I.Bde. relieving the 11th A.I.Bde. in the right brigade sub-sector on the night 27th/28th June and the 5th A.I.Bde. relieving the 9th A.I.Bde. in the left brigade sub-sector on the night 28th/29th June; the 6th A.I.Bde. relieved the reserve brigade on the 28th June.

D.H.Q. moved to GLISY on the 29th June and command was taken over from the G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Div. at 10 a.m. that day.

12. The Artillery covering the divisional front consists of 6 Field Artillery Brigades under the command of the C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div. Four of these brigades are divided into two groups of two brigades each, one brigade is superimposed and one mobile.

13. The front taken over extends from U.S. central on the right to P.20.a.2.0. on the left, a distance of about 4,000 yards. The main feature in the divisional area is the village of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX with the BOIS d'AQUENNE and BOIS L'ABBE behind it.

14. The front is held by two brigades, 7th on the right and 5th on the left, with the 6th in divisional reserve. The right brigade sub-sector includes the whole of the village of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX and thus comprises two thirds of the divisional front; this is held by two battalions in the line and two in support, one North and one South of the wood. The left brigade sub-sector is held by one battalion in the line, one in support and two in reserve. The reserve brigade is disposed about the BLANGY and GLISY systems with a nucleus garrison of two companies in the AUBIGNY system.

15. The division on our right is the 37th French Division, and as our right is thus the junction between the British and the French it is specially strongly held by ourselves and the French both by infantry and machine guns disposed in depth.

16. On taking over the sector the defences were found to be in good order, the most urgent work required being to complete the wiring and the joining up of some of the posts in the front line; this was taken in hand at once.

There is a large programme of dug-out construction, both for headquarters, machine gun positions and accommodation, and this is being carried on.

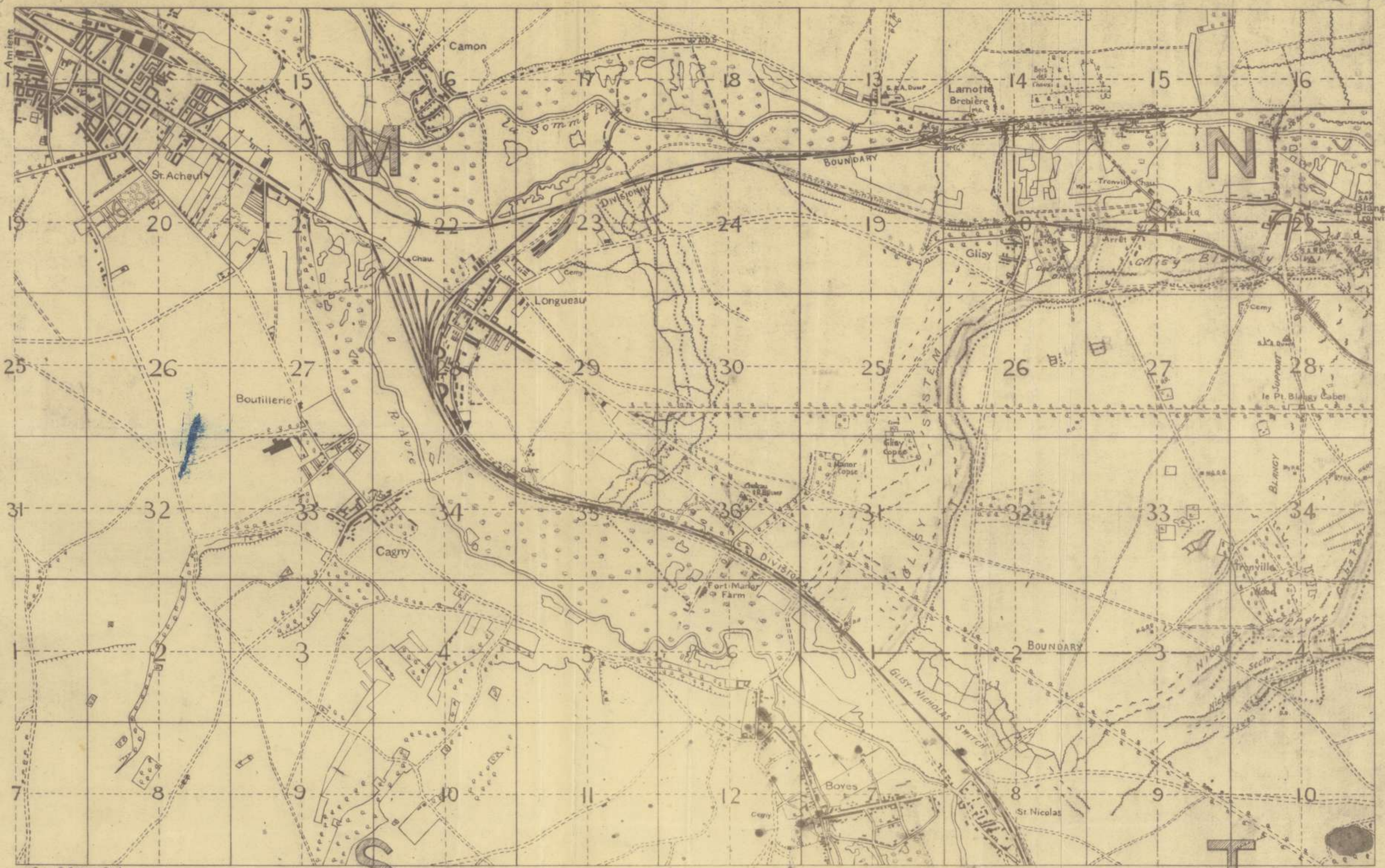
17. During the month of June the Division captured the following prisoners and war material :-

- 5 officers.
- 338 o.r.
- 39 machine guns.
- 2 Minenwerfer
- 3 granatenwerfer
- 1 grenade rifle
- 1 range finder.

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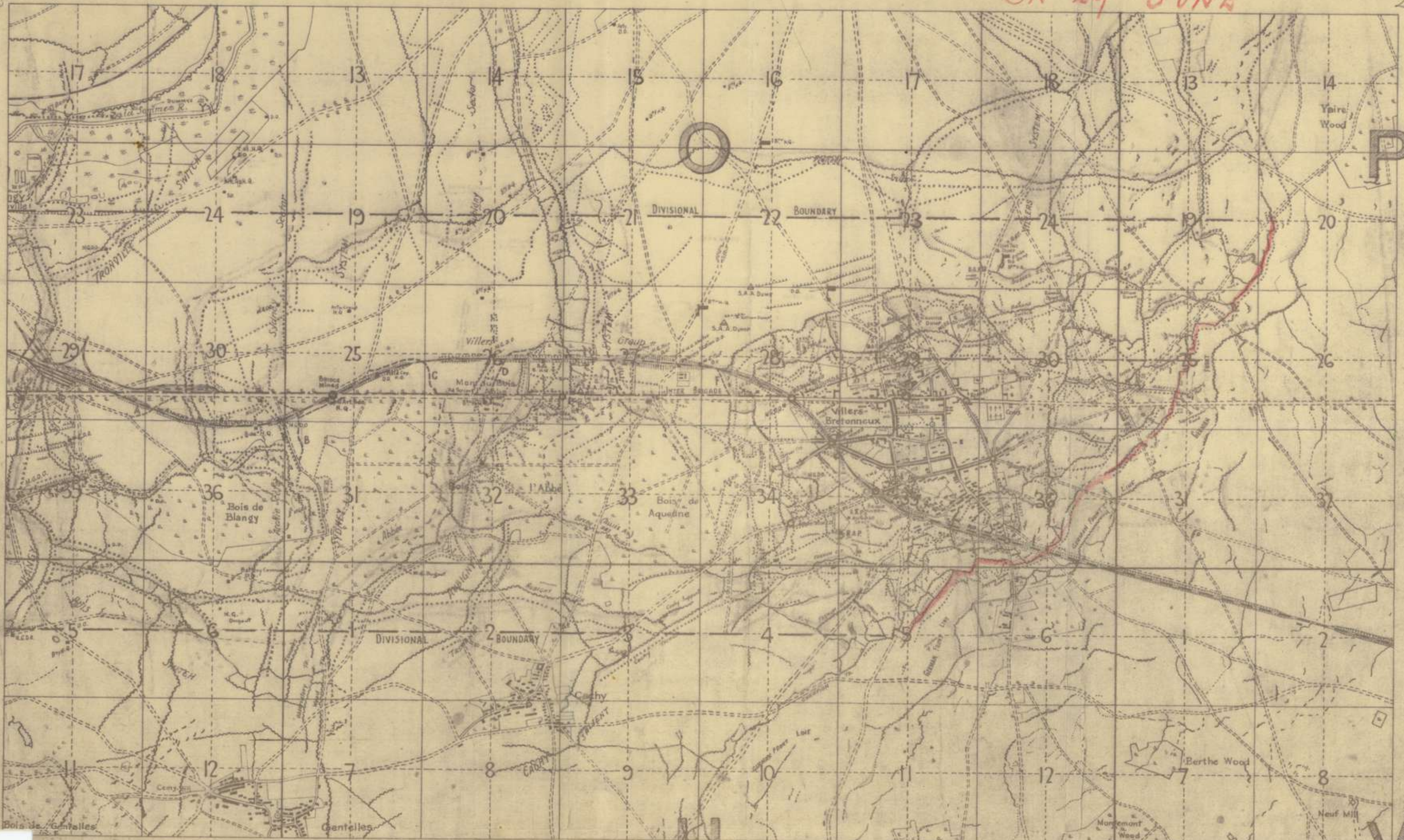
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APPENDIX 2A

LINE TAKEN OVER FROM 3RD AUST DIV.
ON 29TH JUNE

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LEGEND

Defensive Trenches	thus	-----
Communication		~~~~~
Post Strong points etc.		non
Barbed wire	see this list	-----
Roads mined	thus	-----
Bridges mined	thus	-----
Anti-tank surface charge	thus	-----
Emergency Tracks	thus	-----

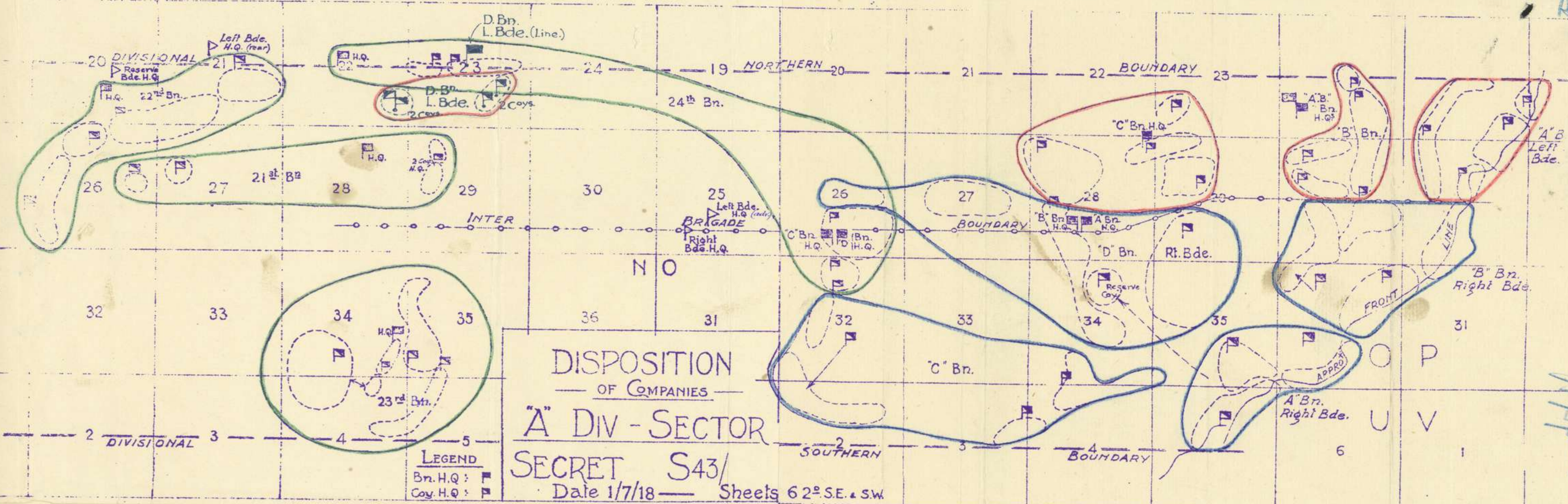
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DISPOSITION
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"A" DIV - SECTOR
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LEGEND
Bn. H.Q. : [Symbol]
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APPENDIX

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 199.

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Headquarters,
1st July, 1918.Reference Map - Sheets 62D. S.W. and S.E. -
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1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Left Brigade sub-sector of the divisional front on the night 2nd/3rd July, 1918.

2. Details will be arranged direct between the Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. Command will pass on completion of relief, which will be notified by wire to D.H.Q.

4. On being relieved the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the duties of the Reserve Brigade.

5. Acknowledge.

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12.	2nd Aust. Div. Train.
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14.	A.P.M.
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25.	4th Aust. Division.
26.	5th Aust. Division.
27.	37th FRENCH Division.
28.	French Liaison Officer, attached 2nd Aust. Div.
29.	3rd Squad., A.F.C.
30.	8th Tank Bn.
31.	Platoon, Corps Cyclist Bn.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 200.

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Reference Maps -
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Headquarters,
 1st July, 1918.

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified, an attack is to be carried out by the 4th Australian Division with a view to the capture of the spur running from the main VILLERS - BRETONNEUX plateau at P.25.central, about 1,000 yards East of VAIRE and HAMEL Woods, East of HAMEL to the present front line at the South-east end of BOUZENCOURT.
2. (a) For this operation the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 2 Bns.) is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Div., and will be used to capture the objectives on the 2nd Aust. Div. front.
- (b) The 6th Aust. M. G. Coy. will work in co-operation with the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 The C.O., 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn., in conjunction with the C.O., 4th Aust. M. G. Bn., and in co-operation with the G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., will arrange for the necessary machine gun barrages to cover the operation of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- (c) The 6th Field Coy. Engineers will work with the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- (d) From the divisional artillery covering the 2nd Aust. Div. front, the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Div., will detail three brigades to support the operation of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. These three F.A. Brigades will be placed under the orders of the C.R.A., 4th Aust. Div.
- (e) The A.D.M.S., 2nd Aust. Div., will make the necessary arrangements for the evacuation of wounded from the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. front.
3. (a) The two remaining F.A. Brigades of the divisional artillery covering the 2nd Aust. Div. front will prolong the barrage covering the attack as far South as the railway in O.36.d. Fifty percent of the guns will form a creeping barrage to move forward in co-operation with the attack barrage, the remaining fifty percent keeping on the start line. Fire will cease at zero plus 30 minutes.
- (b) Under cover of this barrage the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will push forward their line on the Left from our front line at about P.25.c.7.0. through P.25.d.2.4. to join up with the Right of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. at approximately P.25.b.2.0., the point of junction being arranged mutually between the Brigade Commanders concerned.
4. Acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 5.30 p.m., 30:6:18, to 5.30 p.m., 1:7:1918.

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

1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

18 Pdrs. 395 rds. on movement in V.14.c., dump in V.8.d., O.P. at U.6.a.45.30., trenches in P.31.a. and b., railway line in V.1. and V.2., O.P. at V.1.b.0.8., dugouts in V.1.b., H.Q. in V.1.d., trench in V.1.a., M.Gs in U.6.b., V.10.a., V.16.a., V.4.b. - harassing fire during the afternoon and evening of 30th inst. 181 rds. registration and calibration.

1270 rds. harassing fire during night on enemy roads, approaches, dumps, defences, and centres of activity in V.1., V.6.b., V.2.b., U.6.b., V.7.a., P.31., P.32., P.33., P.26., P.27., P.28., P.22. and P.23.

2086 rds. from 3.40 a.m. to 3.55 a.m. searching fire on enemy's lines opposite the Divisional front in P.31., P.32., P.33., V.1.a. and b., V.2.a. and b., V.3.a. and b., P.20., 21., 26. and 27. Other targets engaged were trench at P.22.a.21.52., suspected H.Q. at P.22.b.8.5., and P.30.c.55.40., active hostile battery at P.16.d.95.15. and MARCELOAVE Station by a forward section of 18 pdrs. 200 rds. were fired on Eastern and Northern approaches to LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE.

4.5" Hows. 302 rds. during the day on the following targets :-
 Movement in V.7.b. and V.1.b., strong point at V.1.b.98.58., ration dump at P.33.b.25.15., Cross Roads in P.21.d. and P.27.d., and road junction in V.3.d. 250 rds. on P.26.b., U.6.b., dugouts in V.2.a. and P.27.d., dump at P.33.b.25.15., tracks in P.32.b., P.33.a. and P.32.a. - harassing fire during the night. 48 rds. NC and 10 rds. BX on road junction in P.21.d. and battery areas in P.24.b. 160 rds. BX, 24 rds. BS, and 28 rds. NC on P.33.a., from U.6.c.85.86. to U.6.d.00.90., and selected targets in P.20. and P.26., from 3.40 a.m. to 3.55 a.m. 70 rds. on MARCELOAVE Station and approaches leading to WARFUSEE ABANCOURT and battery position at P.22.d.3.9.

(b) Trench Mortars.

U.6.a. M.T.Ms. fired 41 rounds on buildings in

(c) Machine Guns.

The following targets were engaged:-
 P.14.d., roads, 1000 rds.; P.20.b., roads and tracks, 1000 rds.; P.27.a., tracks, 1000 rds.; P.27.c., tracks, 1000 rds.; U.5.d.70.30. to U.6.c.55.25., roads and tracks, 3000 rds.; U.12.b., tracks, 3000 rds.; U.6.b.65.50., tracks, 1500 rds.; U.6.b.65.50. to O.3.d.70.00., tracks, 1500 rds.

(d) Aircraft.

Very active. No aerial encounters took place.

(e) Patrols.

Left Sector. Reconnaissance patrol left P.25.b.25.40. moving E.S.E. for 100 yards. They encountered M.G. fire and bombs, and flares were fired from a point due N. of the patrol position. Another party patrolled N.M.L. in P.20.c.

Right Sector. An enemy patrol of 4 was encountered at O.36.c.9.1. and dispersed with bombs and L.G. fire. A standing patrol watched the orchard at O.36.b.8.2. in which working activity was observed - character unknown.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

A further slight decrease in hostile fire is reported, one instance of gas shelling being observed. H.V. guns were again inactive during the period. Shelling report hereunder.

From 3 to 5 p.m. and again from 6 to 7 p.m. O.9.c. was lightly shelled by 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. Hows. firing from the direction of WARFUSEE ABANCOURT - approximately 55 rds. From 3 to 6 p.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm. fell in O.35.a. and b. At 10 p.m. 20 rds. 15 cm. were directed against roads and tracks in O.27.a. - harassing fire. From 10.15 p.m. to 11 p.m. was heavily shelled by 10.5 cm. Hows. firing H.E. and gas - approx. 150 rds. At 10.40 p.m. 50 rds. 15 cm. fell in O.35.a. and O.36.c. and at 12.40 a.m. 50 rds. from Hows. of the same calibre were directed against the CACHY trench system. At 1 a.m. and again at 5.10 a.m. 30 rds. on each occasion, fell in U.3.a. from T.B. (Sound) 102 from U.2.b.9.2. Other areas shelled were battery areas in O.20.,

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY (continued).

40 rds. 15 cm., O.10.a., 20 rds. 10.5 cm., O.15.b., 70 rds. 15 cm. and P.19.c. 25 rds. 10.5 cm.

11.40 a.m. flashes of a 77 mm. gun shelling O.21.c. were observed 101° T.B. from O.29.d.95.10. Flashes of hostile guns were also observed 185° T.B. from O.30.b.3.0. (15 cm. How. shelling O.30.b.). 84° T.B. from O.29.b.4.1., area shelled O.21.d.2.8., and 90° Grid bearing from P.19.c.1.9., area shelled O.10.a.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Quiet.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Bombs and flares thrown on patrol from a post situated near P.25.b.45.45.
Machine Guns. Patrol fired on from P.25.b.80.25. Bursts of fire from O.36.b.7.0., P.25.d.20.25. and P.25.d.20.20. are recorded.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive during daylight. At 8 p.m. a low flying plane crossed our lines but withdrew on approach of ours. At 5.40 a.m. 2 low flying E.A. were driven off by A.A. fire.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 4.40 p.m. and at 8.40 p.m. 2 G.S. wagons passed along road in W.2.d. towards GUILLAUCOURT. 6.30 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. two small parties moved in P.27.a. and b. At 6.50 p.m. 22 men walked along track in P.22.d. disappearing at P.22.b. At 7.15 p.m. 80 men on road in W.2.d. going towards GUILLAUCOURT.
10. MISCELLANEOUS.
At 4 p.m. on 30th June a small ammunition dump exploded on the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE ABANCOURT road - caused by our artillery fire.
Visibility - indifferent.

Belknap Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m., 1st July, 1918.

<u>DIVISIONAL H.Q.</u>	- - N.20.d. 7. 4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
<u>2nd Aust. Div. Arty.H.Q.</u>	ST.GRATIEN.	Maire.	Under 5th Aust. Div.
4th A.F.A. Bde.	- D.13.d.55.75.	In Line.	do.
5th do.	- J. 1.c. 5. 1.	In line.	do.
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	- H. 6.b. 7. 6.	In line.	do.
<u>3rd Aust. D. Art. H.Q.</u>	GLISY.		Dugouts.
7th A.F.A. Bde.	- O.25.b.00.85.)		Right Group.
8th do.	- N.24.b. 2. 6.)		
86th Army Bde.R.F.A.	N.22.c. 2. 7.)		Left Group.
23rd do.	- N.18.d. 8. 5.)		
179th do.	- N.18.d. 7. 5.		Superimposed Bde.
14th do.	- O.13.c. 3. 9.		Reserve Bde.
3rd Aust. D.A.C.	- N.14.c. 5. 5.		
3rd A.D.T.M.O.	- N.24.b. 2. 7.		
<u>5th Aust. Inf. Bde.H.Q.</u>	(O.25.c.8. 4.	Adv.	<u>Line Left Sector.</u>
	(TRONVILLE Chat.	Rear.	
17th Battalion.	- O.24.c. 3. 3.	LINE.	
18th do.	- O.24.c. 3. 3.	Support.	
19th do.	- N.23.a. 9. 1.	Reserve.	
20th do.	- O.28.b. 8. 8.	Reserve.	
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	- O.22.a. 7. 7.	LINE.	
5A Nucleus Bn.	- RIVERY.		
Transport Lines.	- M.17.b. and M.18.a.		
<u>6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	N.20.d. 2. 8.	GLISY.	<u>Reserve Bde.</u>
21st Battalion.	- N.28.b. 3. 5.	(Transport Lines)	N.14.c.3.2.
22nd do.	- GLISY.	GLISY System.	
23rd do.	- N.34.d.8.5.	Transport Lines	N.13.b.9.5.
24th do.	- N.22.a.9.0.	do.	M.18.d.central.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	- N.14.d.4.7.	do.	N.13.c.3.5.
6A Nucleus Bn.	- N.14.d.7.7.		
<u>7th Aust. Inf. Bde.H.Q.</u>	O.25.c.5.3.		<u>Line Right Sector.</u>
25th Battalion.	- O.28.c.8.5.		<u>Line Left.</u>
26th do.	- O.28.c.8.5.		Line Right.
27th do.	- O.26.c.9.3.		Support Left.
28th do.	- O.26.c.9.3.		Support Right.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	- O.27.c.10.45.		LINE.
7A Nucleus Bn.	- N. 7.a.6.8.		
<u>2nd A.M.G. Battalion</u>	- GLISY Chateau.		(Rear H.Q., N.13.d.15.65.).
5th A.M.G. Coy.	- O.28.b.48.20.		Line Left Sector.
6th do.	- N.30.d.80.00.		Line Centre Sector.
7th do.	- O.27.c.10.33.		Line Right Sector.
22nd do.	- N.13.d.50.70.		Reserve.
Rear H.Q., all Coys.	N.13.d.05.60.		LA MOTTE.
Transport Lines.	- M.18.a. and b.		
<u>C.R.E.</u>	- GLISY.		
5th Field Coy. A.E.	N.23.central.	Transport Lines	N.23.central.
6th do.	- N.22.a.9.2.	Transport Lines	N.14.d.9.8.
7th do.	- O.25.d.3.7.	Transport Lines	N.13.d.3.7.
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	N.23.a.1.1.	Transport Lines	N.13.c.8.8.

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A.D.M.S. - GLISY.
 5th Aust. Field Amb. - M. 5.c.2.5.
 6th do. - ST.AUCHEL. M.D.S. (AMIENS).
 7th do. - M.26.d.1.3. A.D.S.
 4th Aust. Sant. Sect. CAGNY. 8 Rue Mallet.

2nd Aust. Div. Train H.Q. G.11.d.4.0.
 15th Coy. A.A.S.O. - M.16.b.4.7.
 16th do. - M.9.d.8.6.
 17th do. - M.4.a.4.4.
 20th do. - H.15.a.central.

Miscellaneous.

Paymaster. - GLISY.
 D.A.D.V.S. - GLISY.
 A.P.M. - GLISY.
 D.G.O. - GLISY.
 Div. Bomb Officer. - M.2.b.4.2.
 Mob. Vet. Section. - M.9.e.9.8.
 Div. Salvage Coy. - N.20.d.10.45.
 D.A.D.C.S. - H.1.e.1.3. Bois de Mai.
 No. 2 Aust. M. T. Coy. SALEUX.
 Div. Reinfts. Camp. - BERTEAUCOURT-les-Dames. (LENS Sheet B.6.).
 Div. Staging Camp. - M.10.d.6.2.
 Div. Canteen. - CAMON.

Attached Troops.

Troop, 13th A.L.H. - N.20.b.4.2.
 Platoon,
 Aust. Corps Cyclist Bn. N.20.b.4.0.

M. F. Denning Lt.
 for
 Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,
 30th June, 1918.

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From 5.30 p.m. 1st to 5.30 p.m. 2nd July 1918.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

18 pdrs. - 175 rds. registrations and calibration. 103 rds. on suspected O.P. at V.1.b.0.8., H.Q. V.2.c.0.5. and V.1.d.7.6., dug-out at V.7.a.4.5. 75 rds. during the evening on movement in V.8. and V.14. 68 rds. on ammunition dumps in V.8. and at V.14.b.2.8. - a large explosion was caused in each instance. 83 rds. on roads and approaches in vicinity of MARCELCAVE, V.10., V.4.d., V.14.a. and c., and V.7.b. - harassing fire by a forward gun. 1373 rds. on enemy roads approaches, dumps and centres of activity in U.6.b and c., V.1.a., b, and c., P.31., 32., and 33., P.20.c and d., P.21., 22., 25., and 26., P.27. and 28., P.29.a. and P.33a and b. 48 rds. on battery position in P.22.b., H.Q. in P.21., target in P.23.b., and M.G. at P.25.d.9.3. From 3.40 a.m. to 5.55 a.m. 1934 rds. were fired on enemy lines opposite the Divisional front. 200 rds on tracks in P.24. and P.30.

4.5" Hows. - 152 rds. were fired on movement in V.14.b. - dispersed; buildings at V.10.c.7.7. - damaged; ration dump at P.33.b.25.10., hostile battery position at P.29.b.9.2. 205 rds. harassing fire on MARCELCAVE., P.32.c.8 H.Q. at V.2.c.00.95., Strong point at V.2.a.4.4. 356 rds. gas shell on living trenches, dumps and H.Q. in P.21.b., P.22.a., P.27.b., and V.3.d., dumps at P.21.b.95.20., and P.27.b.50.15., and selected targets in P.21. and P.22.

Other targets engaged by 4.5" Hows. were - battery positions in P.22.d and P.23.b., WARFUSEE ABANCOURT, and MARCELCAVE Station. During a shoot on the latter target a dump was set on fire.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.T.Ms fired 20 rds. on M.W. position at O.36.d.81.72., and 31 rds. on MONUMENT in U.6.a.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged - P.26.d., roads and tracks 2000 rds; P.32.a. roads and tracks, 2000 rds; U.12.b., roads and tracks, 3000 rds; U.6.c.46.27., cross roads, 1500 rds; U.6.b.5.0. to U.6.b.6.5., tracks, 3000 rds.

(d) Aerial Activity. Active bombing by day and night, and machine gunning available targets. No encounters were observed.

(e) Patrols. Right Sector. Was reconnoitred continuously during darkness. At 11 p.m. a patrol opened with L.G. fire on enemy posts in vicinity of P.25.d.2.3., firing 6 magazines, and throwing bombs.

Left Sector. A patrol ^{bombed} supposed position in vicinity of P.20.c.5.4.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

During the period under review the enemy's artillery has shown little activity. Shelling has been mainly of a harassing nature and well distributed over the Divisional front. H.V.guns were again inactive. The main features were as follows. - At 4 p.m. our forward trench system on the Right Bde. front was lightly shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. from the direction of LA MOTTE and MARCELCAVE, approx. 100 rds.H.E. From 9.40 p.m. to 11.40 p.m. approx. 100 rds. 10.5 cm Blue Cross were directed against O.27.b. At 10.5 p.m. 80 rds. 10.5 cm. and 7.7 cm fell in O.16.b. Other areas shelled were - O.24, 24 rds. 77 mm; D.10.c., 20 rds 10.5 cm; and BOIS d'ACQUENNE, 20 rds 10.5 cm, while VILLERS BRETONNEUX received attention from 10.5 cm Hows. during the early hours of the morning. Fire during the day was light.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Quiet.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Works and wire. Patrol reports a party wiring in O.36.d. central.
- (b) Machine Guns. Patrols were fired on by a M.G. at approx. P.20.c.3.5., and by two in vicinity of P.25.d.2.3.
- (c) Defences. Enemy post discovered at P.25.d.35.35.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Active, but prevented from patrolling our forward area by A.A. fire. At 9.45 p.m. six bombs dropped on O.29.d.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

At 5.10 p.m. a horse and vehicle moved E. along road in W.1.b. and W.2.g.; at 6.25 p.m. a G.S. wagon on road in W.17.a. and c. moved towards BAYONVILLERS.

At 5.15 p.m. small parties of men were seen gathering crops in P.35.b. At 7 p.m. and 7.10 p.m. small parties moved in P.29.a. At 8 p.m. 10 men without rifles, in parties of two wearing WHITE circles on their back, moved in same area.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

At midnight a searchlight shon steadily in a westerly direction on a magnetic bearing of 90° from U.1.b.4.8., presumably a beacon for aircraft. During our harassing fire a great number of single and double RED and GREEN flares were fired, but no subsequent action could be identified. One RED bursting into a double RED fired from the front line and repeated back brought down a light barrage.

Visibility good during late afternoon.

Collingus Capt
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

On night 1st/2nd July, the Division on our right captured a prisoner of the 26th I.R. (normal) and on June 30th/July 1st, Left Division secured a prisoner of 202nd R.I.R. (normal).

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m., 3rd July, 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G.410):-

<u>5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	-	N.20.d.2.8.	GLISY.	<u>Reserve Brigade.</u>
17th Battalion.	-	N.34.d.8.5.		
18th do.	-	N.28.b.3.5.		
19th do.	-	N.23.a.9.1.		
20th do.	-	N.20.d.1.4.		
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	N.14.d.4.7.		
<u>6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	-	0.25.c.8.4.	{ Adv. } LINE, Left Sector.	
21st Battalion.	-	TRONVILLE Chat.	{ Rear }.	
22nd Battalion.	-	0.24.c.3.3.	LINE, Left.	
23rd Battalion.	-	0.28.b.8.8.	Transport Lines. N.14.c.3.2.	
24th Battalion.	-	0.24.c.3.3.	Support.	
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	N.22.a.9.0.	Transport Lines. N.13.b.9.5.	
	-	0.22.a.7.6.	LINE, Right.	
	-		Transport Lines. M.18.d.central.	
	-		Reserve.	
	-		Transport Lines. N.13.c.3.5.	
	-		LINE.	

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Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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G.32/716.Headquarters,
2nd July, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 39.Demolitions.

1. Reference "Instructions for the Defensive No. 36," the following tables attached hereto show the units responsible for actual demolition and for orders for demolition of places at which preparations have been made for demolition of roads and bridges in "A" Divisional area:-

Table "A" - Road demolitions.
Table "B" - Bridges.
Table "C" - Railway carrying bridges.

2. The bridges known as "VILLERS 2, 3 and D" in VILLERS - BRETONNEUX will be prepared for demolition to the extent that charges will be put in place without leads and fuzes.

These bridges are not to be destroyed in the event of successful local attack on VILLERS - BRETONNEUX, but only under definite orders from Divisional Headquarters.

3. Acknowledge.

C. G. Miles

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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TABLE "A" - ROAD CRATERS.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for	
		Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition.
T.	N.24.a.8.5.	2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	2nd Aust. Division.
Tl.	N.24.a.7.2.	do.	do.
XB.	N.19.d.8.6.	do.	do.
XF.	O.27.c.0.3.	do.	Right Brigade.
XG.	O.34.d.3.7.	do.	do.

TABLE "B."

Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

The following conventional terms have been used:-

F.A. = Field Artillery.
T. = Tanks.

Location.	Name.	Description.	To Carry.	Responsibility for	
				Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition.
<u>BLANGY GROUP.</u>					
N.17.c.6.3.	BLANGY	1. Trestle bridge and track over river.	F.A.	2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	2nd Aust. Division.
N.16.c.6.2.	"	2. Trestle bridge and track over river.	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.8.4.	"	5. Tow-path over spill-way (existing) 3 small spans.	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.7.4.	"	6. Trestle over lock (new).	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.5.4.	"	7. Tow-path over stream (existing) light reinforced concrete bridge (150' long carrying tow-path).	F.A.	do.	do.
N.15.c.2.4.	"	8. Road over river (new) 2/16' Mk. II 2/21' 6" Mk. II.	T.	do.	do.
<u>GLISY GROUP.</u>					
N.14.c.8.3.	GLISY	2. Road over river 84' trestle girder bridge and slab road.	T.	do.	do.
<u>VILLERS GROUP.</u>					
0.36.c.4.3.	VILLERS	1. Road over rail (existing).	T.	do.	Right Brigade.
0.34.b.9.8.	"	2. Road over rail (existing).	T.	do.	2nd Aus. Div.
0.28.d.3.4.	"	3. Road over rail (existing).	T.	do.	do.
0.25.c.7.4.	"	4. Road over rail (existing).	-	do.	Right Bd.
0.35.a.5.i.	"	D. Rail over road.	-	do.	2nd Aust Division.

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Tables prepared for the following conventional terms have been used:-

TABLE "O" RAILWAY CARRYING BRIDGES.

Serial No.	Location.	Responsibility for	
		Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition
C.	N.13.d.9.1.	263 Railway Coy. R.E.	2nd Aust. Division.
H.	N.20.central.	do.	do.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
2nd July, 1918.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 40.

Tanks.

1. "B" Company, 8th Tank Battalion, situated at N.32. central is co-operating with "A" Division.
2. Its assembly position is the Wood in N.34.c.
3. Its role will be:-
 - (a) If hostile tanks appear South of BOIS L'ABBE to at once attack and engage them.
 - (b) To co-operate in any counter-attack North or South of BOIS L'ABBE by the Reserve Brigade of "A" Division.
 - (c) If the Reserve Brigade of "A" Division does not counter-attack South of BOIS L'ABBE, this company will be prepared to operate independently South of BOIS L'ABBE, but the attack should be timed with any counter-attack delivered North of BOIS L'ABBE.
 - (d) Two Male tanks of this Company will be retained ready for immediate action at short notice. In the event of necessity these two tanks will be moved forward at any time that may be ordered by the G.O.C., "A" Division.
4. Orders for the employment of these tanks would normally be issued by D.H.Q. through H.Q., 8th Tank Bn. (situated at BLANGY - TRONVILLE), but in case of emergency orders would be issued by D.H.Q. direct to the Company.
5. Co-operation between tanks and infantry will be arranged between the Infantry Commanders on the spot and the officers in command of tanks.
6. Acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,

3rd July, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 41.Policy of Defence.

1. The front line held by the Division in front of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX is to be maintained as the main line of defence. Every effort is to be made to maintain it, and it is to be regained if temporarily lost.

2. The Divisional Sector is divided into two main zones of defence, the Forward zone and the Second zone.

The Forward zone includes all works of defence East of the AUBIGNY system (exclusive) and is divided into three main lines, - Front line, Support line and Reserve line; also various communication trenches most of which are organised as switch lines, the main ones being the FRENCH Communication Trench and PINE APPLE Switch. For the closer defence of VILLERS BRETONNEUX six KEEPS have been constructed in this village, lettered "A" to "F."

The Second zone consists of two main systems, the Corps system (AUBIGNY system and its support) and the Army system (BLANGY system), also various switch lines, the main ones being -

AUBIGNY - BOIS Switch - NICHOLAS Sector, and
GLISY - BLANGY and TRONVILLE Switches,

both of which are sited to face an attack from a South-easterly direction.

3. The Division is responsible for the organisation of the Forward zone and for the construction of all works of defence therein. Work in the Second zone is a Corps responsibility.

4. The Divisional Sector is divided into two Brigade Sub-sectors, the inter-brigade boundary running from P.25.central, to O.29.central, to crossing over railway at O.28.d.3.4., thence West along the North side of the main AMIENS road.

5. The village of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX is situated in the Right Brigade sub-sector, and this brigade is responsible for its defence; this includes garrisoning KEEPS "A," "B," "C" and "D" - KEEP "E" will be garrisoned by the M. G. Bn. and KEEP "F" by the Left Brigade.

6. Brigades in the line are responsible for the defence of the whole of the forward zone within their brigade sub-sectors. This includes protection of their own flanks. They will provide nucleus garrisons for the reserve line of the forward zone.

7. The main line of resistance of the French Division on our Right is the CACHY Switch. The Right Brigade will therefore be prepared to form a defensive flank from our front line back to CACHY Switch. Special liaison arrangements have been made for the protection of the point of junction of ourselves with the FRENCH as shown in "Instructions for the Defensive No. 38.

8. Should the enemy succeed in effecting a lodgment in any portion of our front line an immediate counter-attack will be undertaken by Battalion or Brigade Reserves with the object of driving him out.

9. In the event of this immediate counter-attack not succeeding, a deliberate counter-attack will be undertaken under orders from D.H.Q. It will be some hours before this can be launched; it will be carried out with artillery support and may be preceded by a bombardment. Tanks are available to assist *if required.*

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10. The Reserve Brigade will maintain a nucleus garrison of two companies in the AUBIGNY system (Corps system of the Second zone), and will be prepared to man this system if required or to continue any flank protection from the AUBIGNY to the BLANGY system.

11. The normal role of the reserve brigade will be to carry out any deliberate counter-attack under orders from D.H.Q. either on the front of the division or on its immediate flanks.

12. In the event of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX falling temporarily into the hands of the enemy our counter-attack will probably be made in one of the following ways:-

- (a) In a South-easterly direction both sides of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX, approximate assembly positions for which will be O.16. and O.17., O.21. and O.27.
- (b) In an Easterly direction, approximate assembly position for which will be the general line of the CACHY - FOUILLOY road.
- (c) By attacks made from North-west and South-west of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX and converging East of the village, approximate assembly positions for which will be O.16. and O.17. O.32. and U.2.

13. The BLANGY system (Army system of the Second zone) has a nucleus garrison provided by a brigade of the reserve division. Normally the Army system will be manned by the reserve division and by engineer units employed by Corps.

One or more brigades of the reserve division may be employed to assist in a deliberate counter-attack carried out under orders of D.H.Q.

14. The Field Artillery covering the divisional front consists of six brigades. Four are emplaced for normal work and are divided into two groups of two brigades each; one is superimposed and one mobile.

One Heavy Artillery Brigade is affiliated to the division. The Brigade Commander keeps in close touch with the C.R.A., who informs him of the requirements of the division.

15. One Field Company is allotted for work in co-operation with each Brigade in the line. In the event of attack it will report to the Brigadier for instructions.

The remaining Field Company works directly under the orders of the C.R.E. In the event of attack it will be prepared to act under the orders of the G.O.C., Reserve Brigade.

Field Companies will not be used for fighting purposes except in cases of emergency.

16. The Pioneer Battalion will not normally be employed for counter-attack unless the situation is critical, but if necessary may be required to reinforce or hold any portion of the forward defences when ordered by D.H.Q.

17. Three Machine Gun Companies are emplaced in the forward zone and are divided into two groups, one allotted to each brigade in the line.

The fourth company is held as a mobile reserve and will be employed under orders from D.H.Q. In case of attack it may be allotted to the reserve brigade.

18. One troop Light Horse and one platoon Cyclist are attached to the division. They will be prepared to move forward to assist either flank of the division, or they may be employed on communication duties or as guides.

19. Acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
3rd July, 1918.

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 1, ISSUED UNDER 2ND AUST. DIV. ORDER No. 200.
-----1. Artillery.

Reference para. 3 (a) -

Barrage map is attached (7th Aust. Inf. Bde. only). The Start line is shown in GREEN and the final Protective Barrage and S.O.S. line in DOTTED YELLOW.

The whole of the 18-pdr. Barrage will open on the Start line at zero hour. Where the Start line and Protective Barrage line coincide 50% of the guns will remain as a Standing Barrage; at zero plus 4 minutes the whole of the remainder will advance due East in lifts of 100 yards every 3 minutes for 400 yards, where they will remain for 5 minutes and then drop back 100 yards every 2 minutes to the Protective Barrage line. They will cease fire at zero plus 40 minutes at which time ordinary harassing fire will be continued with.

Rates of fire -

Zero to zero plus 13 mins. - 3 rds. per gun per minute.
Zero plus 13 to zero plus 40 - 2 rds. per gun per minute.

One round Smoke shell per 18-pdr. will be fired at zero hour.

Two 4.5" How. batteries will put up a smoke barrage from P.26.c.O.O. to P.22.c.O.O. from zero to zero plus 123 minutes.

2. Synchronisation.

An Officer will leave D.H.Q. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the afternoon before zero to synchronise watches with the C.R.A., 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. and 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 5.30 p.m. 2nd to 5.30 p.m. 3rd July, 1918.No. 160.

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

1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. 36 rds. registration. 390 rds. were fired on the following targets:- Trenches in U.6.b. and d. and V.1.c. and U.6.g. and d., road junction in U.6.b., dugouts in V.1.b., M.Gs. in U.6.b. and c., Cross Roads in V.8.c., support trenches in P.31., movement in V.14.a. and b., V.7.b. and V.19.c. - harassing fire during day. 80 rds. were fired by forward guns on selected targets and roads on the East of MARCELCAVE. 300 rds. on WARFUSEE ABANCOURT Road in P.26.c. and MARCELCAVE - harassing fire by forward 18-pdrs. during the night. 1420 rds. on enemy roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional Front - harassing fire between 9 p.m. and 3.20 a.m. 156 rds. by a forward 18-pdr. battery on P.23.b. and d. From 3.40 a.m. to 3.55 a.m. 980 rds. were fired on enemy's lines.

4.5" Hows. 100 rds. were fired on dump at P.33.b.25.10. and road junction in V.3.d. 330 rds. on trenches in P.31.b., traffic centres in P.34., railway in V.1. and V.3., trenches in U.6.b., and MARCELCAVE and approaches to the village. 130 rds. NC. gas shell on copse in V.3.a., traffic centre in P.34.c. and selected targets in P.32.a., b. and d.

(b) Trench Mortars. Right Bde. L.T.Ms. fired 50 rounds on enemy posts in MONUMENT WOOD.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- U.6.b., tracks and roads, 3000 rds.; U.6.c., cross roads, 2,500 rds.; P.2.b. and c. cross roads, 2,000 rds.; P.32.a., roads and tracks, 2,000 rds.; P.21.c., roads and tracks, 1,000 rds.; P.20.d., tracks and trench, 1,000 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active throughout the period; night flying was also carried out.

(e) Patrols.

Right Bde. A patrol moved to within 30 yards of the building at U.6.a.6.8., from which fire was directed, two M.Gs. also sweeping the crops behind the patrol. Movement was observed in the building. A continuous line is reported round the building with trip wires in front. Enemy M.G. posts are reported at U.6.a.7.8. and U.6.a.25.90.

Left Bde. Standing and reconnoitring patrols had nothing to report.

(f) Snipers. One of the enemy was accounted for at P.25.d.3.5.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. During the night, scattered shelling of our forward areas; during the day, slight harassing fire on forward areas. No counter battery work or H.V. shelling took place during the period. 120 rds. BLUE Cross fell in O.30.a. and c. and O.35.b. at 9.50 p.m. The valley in O.23. and main road in O.27. received slight attention. Other areas receiving attention during the period were: O.30.c. and d.; O.34.a. and b. (100 rounds), P.25.c., O.36. and VILLERS - BRISTONNEUX (300 rounds), O.17., O.10.c., O.15.b., O.10., O.17.b., O.24.c. and O.27. a. and b.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Trench Mortars. Inactive.

Machine Guns. Bursts of fire are reported from O.36.d.8.9.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive. A few E.A. attempting to cross our lines were driven off by A.A. fire.

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8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement in V.8. and V.14. during the day was engaged by our 18-pdrs. From 6.50 to 8 a.m. small parties were observed in P.22.c. and d. At 8 a.m. movement was observed in the vicinity of the Cemetery near WARFUSEE. Continuous movement of transport was noticed in W.2.a. b. and c. during the early morning. Individual movement was noticed during the day in P.23., P.24., P.27 and P.29. At noon Smoke was reported coming from an engine travelling towards LANOTTE EN SANCTE

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility indifferent.

At 9.50 p.m. a large fire started in MARCELCAVE, apparently caused by our artillery. This was evidently a moderately large ammunition dump and three explosions occurred about 11.45 p.m. The fire burnt throughout the night.

It is interesting to note that since the 24th June no less than nine ammunition dumps have been exploded by our artillery opposite the Divisional front.

M. S. Wainwright
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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

SITUATION, JULY 1ST AND NIGHT 1ST/2ND JULY.

With reference to the successful operation carried out yesterday (1st) S.E. of EOUZINCOURT, later details show that our Left Corps captured 13 unwounded, 12 wounded prisoners and 4 machine guns. In addition, 40 Germans were killed. The enemy opened his barrage within 5 minutes of zero. He carried out his counter attack with the 11 En., 122nd Fus. Regt., 2 hours after our attack commenced. It is not yet known what regiments carried out the three attempts to regain the ground lost by him, which were made last night. These attempts were all defeated. (I.S. 1916)

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 161.

From 5.30 p.m. 3rd to 5.30 p.m., 4th July, 1918.

Note. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

In co-operation with the Division on our left, we advanced our front to a line running approx. through P.20.d. and P.26.a., the Right Edge capturing the enemy S.P. at P.25.d.35.25.

(a) Artillery.

18 pdrs. 263 rds. registration and calibration. 140 rds. on movement in V.14.a. and d., V.7.b. and P.27. 38 rds. were fired on enemy ammunition dump in V.8. and enemy works in V.14.b and c. 70 rds. on roads East of MARCELCAVE - harassing fire by forward 18 pdrs. 1660 rds. on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps, defences and centres of activity opposite the Divisional front - harassing fire during the night; increased harassing fire being brought to bear from 3.2 a.m. to 3.10 a.m. Approx. 20,000 rds. shrap. H.E. and smoke were expended on enemy's lines whilst carrying out barrage covering infantry attack at 3.10 a.m. During the day parties of the enemy and other favourable targets reported by F.O.Os. and contact patrol machines were effectively engaged.

4.5" Hows. 46 rds. registration. 43 rds. were fired on traffic centres in V.1.a. and P.34.c. 59 rds. on movement in V.14.b and battery areas in P.35.a. 100 rds. harassing fire during the day on selected targets in V.2.b. and P.33.b. 220 rds. on enemy's lines opposite the Divisional front - harassing fire during the night. 2731 rds. smoke shell fired at 3.10 a.m. whilst creating smoke barrage in conjunction with the infantry attack. 60 rds. M.C. gas shell on large party of the enemy at P.21.d.8.6. This party was completely broken up. Strong points in P.26.b. and P.27.c. were fired on with good results.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 3.10 a.m. 102 rds. M.T.M. were fired on enemy trenches in MONUMENT WOOD (U.6.a.).

(c) Machine Guns. Barrage programme was fired by right and left groups from 3.10 a.m. to 3.55 a.m. At 4.30 a.m. S.O.S. fired in response to signal.

Left Group. At 6.35 a.m. on aeroplane information, two batteries engaged enemy concentration in P.21.b & d. - 78,000 rds. expended.

Right Group. Special targets engaged were - U.6.c. Cross Roads., 1500 rds., U.6.c.55.25. - U.5.d.70.30., 3000 rds. S.A.A. expended 44,560 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Our 'planes very active and dominant on the front during the operation.

(e) Patrols. Reconnaissance patrols covered front until 2.45 a.m. Nothing special to report.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - 137 I.R.; 15 I.R.; 59 Res. F.A.R. 58 F.A.R.4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

During the night enemy artillery was moderately active on our forward areas in the vicinity of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX and our trench system on the Eastern outskirts of the town, while light shelling by 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. Hows. of BOIS AQUENNE, O.23., O.28.b. and d., O.27.a. b. and c., T.6., U.4. and 5., O.30. and P.25. was also reported.

In reply to our operations at 3.10 a.m. the enemy put down a weak barrage on our forward trench system. His fire was erratic and almost entirely confined to our front line trenches; practically no Counter Battery work being carried out.

At 5 a.m. his fire had considerably slackened and at 6 a.m., except for desultory shelling of forward areas, our front was again comparatively quiet.

During the day the enemy's fire has been of a harassing nature mainly directed against our forward areas and newly captured territory in P.20. and P.25.

Between 10 and 10.20 a.m., 200 BLUE Cross gas shells fell in O.23.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Very active during the night on O.36. and U.4.a.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Active behind own lines on evening of 3rd. 12 battle planes patrolled our new position at midday, but were ^{driven off} by our planes. One E.A. was driven down in flames in front of CACHY at 7.10 p.m. 3rd.

8. MOVEMENT, ETC.

Slight movement observed between 7.15 p.m. and 9.20 p.m. in U.11.a. and d. and U.6.d. Since our consolidation, little enemy movement has been visible.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Visibility, good.

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ANNEXE.

Identifications obtained by our Right Brigado included 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Coys. 137 I.R., 2nd M.G.K., 15 I.R.; 1st, 2nd Bns., 15 I.R. 1st Battery, 59th Res. F.A.R., 77th Res. Div.

Order of Battle as obtained from the above, runs - North to South -

- 13th I.R. } 13th Div.
- 15th I.R. }
- 137 I.R. } 108 Div.
- 265 R.I.R. }

INFORMATION REGARDING 108TH DIVISION.

The 108 Inf. Div. is still in line in the WARFUSEE - MARCELCAVE Sector.

Dispositions.

The 137 I.R. has one Battalion in line, of which two Coys. (10th and 11th) are North of the VILLERS - BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE road and the 9th Coy. south of it, the 265th R.I.R. being South of this again. The 12th Coy. is some 200 metres to the rear. The support Bn. is about a kilometre behind the front line and the reserve Bn. is in a gully known as the ROMER MULDE behind LAMOTTE EN SANTIERRE. ... (P.S.).

Strengths.

All the Coys. of the 3rd Bn. appear to be very weak, the 12th Coy. having 50 - 60 O.Rs. and the 9th Coy. only 32 O.Rs. (P.S.).

Reliefs.

The IIIrd Bn. relieved the IInd Bn. in line, on the night 3rd/4th June. The 108th Div. is expecting to be relieved very soon, but by whom and when is not known. ... (P.S.).

Food.

Troops in the front line (137 I.R) get no hot food. Field kitchens come up the main WARFUSEE - VILLERS BRETONNEUX road, generally between 11 and 11.30 p.m. It depends upon our shelling how far they come. ... (P.S.).

Losses.

Losses during our attack are admitted to have been heavy. The 108 Div. according to several N.C.Os. is now very weak. (P.S.).

Information concerning 13th Division.....

INFORMATION CONCERNING 13th DIVISION.

The 13th Division, which was last reported in reserve near ROYE, came into line on the night 2nd/3rd June, relieving the 77th Res. Div. (P.S.)

Dispositions of 15th I.R. The 2nd Bn. had 7th and 8th Coys. in line and 5th and 6th in Support.

The 1st Bn. echeloned in depth to the rear.

The IIIrd Bn. was generally stated to be at VAUVILLERS, though one prisoner stated it was at MERICOURT ... (P.S.)

Strength of 2nd M.G.K., 15th I.R. 12 M.Gs. '08, 1 Officer and 110 - 120 O.Rs. ... (P.S.)

Intentions. The 13th Div. was to come into line for position warfare (P.S.)

Reinforcements. A Sergt. Major of the 2nd M.G.K. stated that he left the 213th Div. in ROUMANIA on the 26th April, all men under 35 years of age having been combed out from the army of occupation. These men were drafted together in a depot and left ROUMANIA for BEVERLOO about May 13th. From BEVERLOO the Sergt. Major then proceeded to MONMÉDY, finally joining the 13th Div., with a number of others at VAUVILLERS on the 29th June, ... (P.S.)

59th Res. F.A.R. This Regt., which forms the Div. Artillery of the 77th Res. Div. was to follow its Division into rest to-night (4th/5th inst.) being relieved by the 58th F.A.R. (Div. Arty. of 13th Div.). (P.S.)

Movements of 77th Res. Div. The 77th Res. Div. is stated to have moved back to MERICOURT sur SOMME; whether it is going still further back is not known. ... (P.S.)

FRENCH COMMUNIQUE. 4 p.m., 4:7:18.

North of MONTDIDIER, between the MONTDIDIER and the OISE and on the right bank of the MEUSE, the French carried out several raids and brought back prisoners. Yesterday at 10.30 a.m. French troops attacked the enemy trenches between the OISE and the AISNE, West of OUTRECHES, on a front of 2 kilometres and advanced about 300 metres. In the evening a renewed attack, launched in the same place between OUTRECHES and MOULIN-sous-TOUVENT, at the moment when the enemy was preparing to counter-attack, gave us further acquisitions of ground. The total advance of the French which extended over a front of 5 kilometres, amounts to 1,200 metres in depth. The number of prisoners captured during these operations totals 1,086, including 18 Officers, One French Battalion captured more than 300 prisoners.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.-2nd Aust Div. I.S. 161.SITUATION JULY 2nd and NIGHT 2/4th INST.

After a heavy bombardment commencing at 9.30 p.m. yesterday the enemy attacked and succeeded in occupying our new line S.E. of BOUZIN COURT from W.15.d.6.0. to about W.21.b.7.3. From this point to W.21.6.0. the situation is obscure, but it is believed that the enemy is also occupying this portion of the line. (I.S.197).

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ENEMY FORCES.

243rd DIV. A document indicates that the 478 I.R. has arrived in line, and may be reinforcing the 3rd NAVAL DIV. This Regt. was known to be resting in MONTAUBAN area.

77th DIV. A letter dated 25th June states the 332nd I.R. expected to take part in the coming attack. (I.S.197).

SMOKE SHELL FOR GERMAN FIELD GUNS.

Smoke shell are now being issued to German Field Guns. Specimen of these are required for examination. (I.S.197).

GERMAN ARTILLERY TACTICS.

The experiences of the French in the attack of the 12th June, between the AISNE and the FORET de RETZ, bring out certain points of interest in the hostile shelling: -

(a) Counter-battery work included a lavish use of 7.7 cm H.E. shell with instantaneous fuze, to inflict casualties on personnel. This proved fairly successful. There was the usual heavy gas shelling, but no Yellow Cross shell were employed.

(b) Destructive fire was very accurate, but only began an hour before the attack, and was insufficiently distributed. It was of too short duration to have much moral effect, and the accuracy of the fire on various points rendered the intervening stretches comparatively safe. Consequently, the garrison of the forward system, which was very thin, held, did not suffer much from the bombardment. Shelling was heavier on the support line than on the front line. Gas shell were largely used on the forward system, but no Yellow Cross shell were employed.

(c) Harassing fire was intense on selected points, but showed no elasticity or variation; consequently, as soon as the lie of the fire was observed, the French reserves were able to take up their positions almost without loss. One battalion did so without any casualties, another with only three. The targets subjected to harassing fire were ravines, Cross roads, and villages, and points reported by aerial or ground observation to be occupied by troops. Shelling on the latter was generally inaccurate and unsuccessful.

(d) The Creeping Barrage was too fast for the infantry and was already well past the French defensive lines when the time came to repel the assault. It was very heavy, but of insufficient depth, and consequently incapable of neutralising the machine guns of successive lines simultaneously. As a barrage, however dense, it could not be expected to destroy the defences of the whole zone attacked, and it lost its value as a protection to the infantry once the latter had been left behind.

The Creeping barrage began only at the support line. It caused comparatively few casualties among the troops under cover. The best cover was afforded by short lengths of narrow, deep trench. (I.S.197)

DIV. ON OUR LEFT reports :-

Prisoners captured 33 officers, 1061 o.rs unwounded to 3 p.m. In addition about 100 wounded evacuated through C.C.S. 12 Light, 2 Medium T.Ms., 1 77 gun captured.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 201.

Copy No. 25

Headquarters,
5th July, 1918.Reference Maps -
Sheets 62D. S.W. & S.E. - 1/20,000.

1. The 5th A.I.Bde. will relieve the 6th A.I.Bde. in the left brigade subsector of "A" Divisional front on the night 6th/7th July, 1918.

2. At the same time the inter-brigade boundary will be altered to run from P.25.d.5.3. along South side of road to cross-roads P.25.e.0.3. to O.30.b.6.0., thence as before, the 5th A.I.Bde. taking over from the 7th A.I.Bde. this extra portion of the front.

3. Details will be arranged direct between the Brigade Commanders concerned.

4. Command will pass on completion of relief which will be notified by wire to D.H.Q.

5. On being relieved the 6th A.I.Bde. will take over the duties of the Reserve Brigade.

6. Acknowledge. (5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. only).

C. G. Miles
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 5.30 p.m. 4th to 5.30 p.m., 5th July, 1918.

No. 162.

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

1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. 920 rds. harassing fire on enemy defences and movement observed during the afternoon. 200 rds. were fired on selected targets in V.16.a., V.11.d., V.14.a. and b. and on roads East of MARCELCAVE - harassing fire by forward 18-pdrs. 181 rds. on parties of the enemy in fields in P.32. and enemy troops proceeding towards the front line at 8.30 p.m. 1160 rds. were fired in reply to S.O.S. signals. 670 rds. harassing fire during night on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional front. 560 rds. on enemy's lines, searching Eastwards to a depth of 1500 yards.

4.5" Hows. 200 rds. on roads and tracks in P.22.b., P.33.a. and c., and V.1.a. and b. - harassing fire during the evening. 40 rds. on strong point at P.26.a.1.4. 488 rds. in answer to S.O.S. signal at 9.30 p.m. 444 rds. BNC. and BCG. gas shell on selected targets in P.32.b. and c., P.33.a. b. and d., V.2.a. and b., V.1.b., V.3.d., and P.28.d.

(b) Trench Mortars. Left Bde. L.T.Ms. engaged targets in P.26.b.5.5. Left Group.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- P.32.a. and c., roads and tracks, P.26.a., road junction and tracks, P.22.a., roads and tracks. At 9.45 p.m. an S.O.S. barrage was requested by Left Bde. and was immediately put down by all guns. A protective barrage was put down from 9.50 p.m. to 10.20 p.m. and from 2.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. - S.A.A. expended 82,000 rds.

Right Group. Targets engaged - U.6.c.15.75. to U.11.b.90.50, road, 3000 rds. U.6.c. cross roads 1500 rds. A protective barrage was put down from 9.50 p.m. to 10.20 p.m. ("Y" Battery quickened barrage for last 10 minutes) from 2.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. - S.A.A. expended, 48,750 rds. - Total S.A.A. expenditure 130,750 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Our 'planes were very active and maintained their superiority over the enemy throughout the period.

(e) Patrols.

Right Bde. No movement was detected on the Right. A patrol moving from P.25.d.30.25. reconnoitred the trench running South from this point. It was found to be in good condition and unoccupied as far as P.31.b.25.70., where the bodies of 10 Germans, including one officer, were found.

Left Bde. Reconnoitring patrols noticed no movement on the Right. During the afternoon an officer examined the enemy system in P.26.b.5.5. and found it evacuated. A wounded German officer and man were brought back. At 11.30 p.m. this system was again reconnoitred and found to be occupied.

(f) Snipers. Right Bde. 33 certain hits are claimed.
Left Bde. 21 certain hits are claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 10th Coy., 137 I.R. - Normal - (Prisoner 5th July).

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. There was considerable activity during the night, principally on the forward areas. During the day the forward areas and newly won positions again received attention. O.30.d., O.35., O.36., Valley in O.25., VILLERS LINE, P.19.b., P.20.b., P.25.a. received attention.

200 rounds YELLOW Cross, GREEN Cross and BLUE Cross fell near O.36.a.6.1. from 9.30 p.m. to midnight. From 9.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. a barrage of mixed gas and H.E. of various calibres, was put down in O.25.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Not aggressive, though naturally were active after our attack.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Work and Wire. Trench in P.21.b.3.5. was found to be unoccupied.
- (b) Machine Guns. Active during the night.
- (c) Flares. A number of single RED flares went up opposite the Right Bn. of the Left Bde. but no action followed.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. There was great activity during the day, and a great deal of bombing activity during the night.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. 5.15 p.m. 40 men in batches of 6 or 7 came from WARFUSEE, disappearing at trees P.29.b.0.5. 5.30 p.m. about 30 limbers seen moving on road in Q.25.a. and disappeared at P.30.d. Our artillery were informed and fired on them. 5.40 p.m. 3 wagons disappeared at P.24.a. 6 to 8 p.m. considerable individual movement P.29.b.0.5. During the morning several individuals were observed about trench system P.21.b.7-5. Horse transport moved between MARCELCAVE and LAMOTTE at intervals and from P.30.b. towards Q.19.c. Parties of infantry moving in the rear areas were very effectively dispersed by our artillery, the shooting of which on fleeting targets was extremely accurate. Small parties were seen moving near trenches in P.32.d.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. The total captures by the Aust. Corps to 9 a.m. on 5th July amounted to 40 Officers, 1,467 O.Rs.

M. P. Druinght
for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (I.S.198).

13th Division.

The 13th Div. relieved the 77th Res. Div. about 1st July. It is a Div. of good quality. During 1915, the WESTPHALIANS distinguished themselves by excellent work on defences and fought tenaciously on all occasions. At VERDUN and on the SOMME too, the Div. acquitted itself well. Both in 1916 and 1917, however, the desertions were not infrequent, these being mostly on the part of POLES and ALSATIANS, who are found in fairly large numbers in the Div. The Div. received a smashing blow on the ALLETTE in October, 1917, and the drafts required to bring it up to strength again have not yet been put to the test. It is therefore not possible to estimate the value of the Div. at the present movement.

The 13th Div. is commanded by Lieut-Gen. Von BORRIES.

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

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

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

LATER. An Officer states he believes counter-attacks will be impossible, on to the weakness of Divs. in the line, and the lack of reserves in rear of this front. This Officer states that a big offensive will take place at the middle of the month, in the YPRES salient, and Northwards from ALBEE but that no attack beyond strong raids will be undertaken between the SC and the LUCE. The above statements can be considered reliable as far as the veracity of the officer is concerned.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 5.30 p.m. 5th to 5.30 p.m., 6th July, 1918.

No. 163.

Note. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

Posts were reconnoitred during the afternoon under cover of active sniping and at night our line was advanced to a depth of approx. 200 yards. In the course of the operation enemy resistance was overcome by bombing, and one wounded prisoner was captured. After dawn, in cleaning up trench at P.26.b.8.4., five enemy were killed and a M.G. captured. At 11 a.m. on 6th 13 enemy were captured by our patrols at approx. P.26.b.9.4.

The Left Bn. of Right Bde. established without opposition two advanced posts to conform with movement on the left.

(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. 37 rds. registration. 300 rds. on selected targets in V.1.a., P.31.c., U.6.b., P.32. and P.33. - harassing fire during evening of 5th instant. 100 rds. were fired on movement in V.14.d., V.7., and V.8., whilst engaging these fleeting opportunities an explosion was caused in the latter square, apparently an ammunition dump. 315 rds. were fired on enemy troops reported to be massing in P.28. and P.34. at 9.50 p.m. 350 rds. were fired in reply to an S.O.S. signal at 10.45 p.m. It was afterwards verified that this rocket had been sent up by the enemy. 1263 rds. were fired at 10.15 p.m. and 3.5 a.m. Each shoot was of 10 minutes duration. 1086 rds. harassing fire during the night on the following areas:- P.31., P.32. and P.33., V.1.a. and b., V.2.a. and U.6.b. 2600 rds. by 18-pdrs. of Left Group - harassing fire on enemy roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite their front,

4.5" Hows. 30 rds. were fired with good effect on movement observed in P.34.a. during day. 100 rds. H.E. and 100 rds. gas shell were fired on enemy troops reported massing in P.28. and P.34. 180 rds. H.E. and 140 rds. gas shell at 10.15 p.m. and 3.5 a.m. 73 rds. H.E. and 170 rds. gas shell on selected targets in P.31.d., P.32.d. and P.29.c. and dump in P.22.d. 107 rds. H.E. were fired at 10.45 p.m.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.T.Ms. fired 14 rds. on target U.6.a.40.20. and 10 rds. on U.6.a.50.90. L.T.Ms. - Left Bde. - ranged for local operation as above, but were not required. Right Bde. - Stokes fired 10 rds. on M.G. position at U.6.a.6.8.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- P.32.a.45.90. to P.26.d.30.05., tracks, 7000 rds.; U.6.b., tracks, 3,000 rds.; U.11.a., tracks, 3,000 rds.; U.6.c., cross roads, 1,500 rds.; P.27.a. and b., trench and tracks, 4,000 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Active throughout day patrolling enemy forward area.

(e) Patrols. Active on Left Bde. front throughout the night. On Right Bde. a L.G. patrol left O.36.d.0.4. and found suspected M.G. post at O.36.d.25.20. unoccupied. An active M.G. located at O.36.d.23.13. was bombed

Another party moved down old German line from P.25.d.4.2. establishing posts.

(f) Snipers. Left Bde. Snipers were very active and advancing from our line they secured a fine field of fire. 289 shots were fired and 9 definite hits were observed. Crops obscured the observation of many results. Two-thirds of the targets were 800 - 1500 yards distant.

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery showed increased activity during the night, apparently on account of our operations. Shelling was mainly directed against our forward areas. No counter battery work of importance was carried out, but a further increase in the use of gas shell during the hours of darkness is noticeable. From 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., O.30. and O.36.a. and b. were heavily shelled by 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. Hows. in short bursts of fire at 10 minute intervals - approx. 400 rds. being fired from the direction of WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT. From 5 to 6.15 p.m. approx. 160 rds. 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. fell on O.29.c. and d., O.34.a. and b. and O.35.a. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE. Between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. a further 100 rds. by 10.5 cm. Hows. were directed against this area. At 11 p.m. our old front line system in P.19. and P.20. was shelled by 10.5 cm. Hows. firing H.E. and BLUE Cross gas shell. From 10.45 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. heavy intermittent shelling of our forward trenches in P.19. and P.25. and O.24., 30., and 36. was reported. From 12.30 a.m. to 4 a.m. short bursts of fire at intervals of 15 minutes were directed against O.30. and O.36. by 10.5 cm. Hows., a small proportion of BLUE Cross Gas shell being fired. Other areas shelled during the night were:- VILLERS - BRETONNEUX, Station in O.35.d., O.36.c., O.17.c., BOIS AQUENNE O.27.b., and O.25.c. and d. During the day the enemy's artillery was less active and shelling was chiefly of a harassing nature directed against our forward areas.

5. **ENEMY ATTITUDE.** Nervous and confused on account of the initiative displayed by our line companies. During operations of Left Bde., two snipers found a German asleep on his post at P.21.d.0.5. He still sleeps.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) **Work and wire.** Wire in O.36.d. is continuous and includes patches of French concertina along the line, but is well hidden in the crops. Large wiring party was seen at work in front of trench running W.S.W. from P.31.b.2.5.

(b) **Machine Guns.** M.Gs. were located at P.26.d.1.8.; O.36.d. 23.13.; O.36.d.42.20.; O.36.d.4.5.; P.31.b.5.2.; P.31.a.7.4.; O.38.d.9.9. A heavy M.G. is suspected at P.21.d.9.7.

(c) **Flares.** Flares were fired from P.27.a.central.

7. **HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.** Slight activity displayed at dawn, otherwise inactive.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Movement was observed in trench at approx. P.26.c.8.6., and at dawn in P.22.d., P.28.b. and d. Usual small groups also in areas P.23. and P.29. Movement at P.26.d.6.7. was dealt with by snipers and L.Gs. At 3.15 p.m. 20 men ran down a trench past P.27.c.4.g. towards the main road.

There appears to be a dump at approx. P.26.c.7.5.

10 MISCELLANEOUS.

During the afternoon of 5th a box of bully beef and biscuits was dropped from a hostile low flying 'plane on to one of our forward posts.

3 M.W. at P.21.c.5.5. were destroyed with Mills bombs, but sniping prevented their salvage.

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Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.BOMBING RAIDS. The following bombs were dropped:-*2nd Aust Div. I.S. 163*

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| (a) By day - | BAYONVILLERS, HARBONNIERES, LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE, ROSIERES, Valley in P.24.b. and d. Valley in Q.18., Dump, shelters and horse lines in wood N.W. PROYART. | } 966
} 25 - lb. |
| (b) By night. | MORCOURT, PROYART, and selected targets E. VILLERS - BRETONNEUX. | } 420
} 25 - lb. |

A total of about 15 tons.

The wood N.W. of PROYART was very thoroughly and accurately bombed; bursts on hou. ses were reported in BAYONVILLERS and MORCOURT. *(I.S. 199)*

ILLNESS.

According to prisoners' statements, the 13th Div., 107th Div. and 43rd Res. Div. all appear to be suffering, to a serious extent, from epidemics. Spanish fever has reduced two companies of the III Bn., 55th I.R., to a very low strength and the I and III Bns. of the 232nd R.I.R. had to be withdrawn from the line owing to sickness, almost certainly of the same nature. In the 43rd Res. Div. typhoid has appeared besides Spanish 'flue', the 8th Coy. having lost 20 men during the last 5 days from this latter malady. *(I.S. 199)*

SUCCESS OF OUR GAS ATTACK.

Prisoners belonging to the 52nd R.I.R. (107th Div.), captured yesterday E. of VILLE-sur-ANCRE, state that a gas attack carried out by us, on the night 23rd/24th June, in K.2. near VILLE-sur-ANCRE, caused heavy casualties to their I Bn. The 4th Coy. suffered 36 casualties, and it was found necessary to relieve the I Bn. by the III Bn. the following evening. *(I.S. 199)*

(NOTE. - A gas attack was delivered by us at the place and on the date stated).

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS.

Troops seen. Some of the prisoners saw several tramloads of troops and a considerable amount of artillery on the line north of CAMBRAI bound for FLANDERS about the beginning of June.

Italy. Many divisions have had the rumour for some time that they are going to Italy to assist the Austrians there.

Training. There is a school for aeroplane contact practice at TEMPLEUX-la-FOSSE.

Reorganisation. Two different prisoners state there is a rumour that the Brigade is to be done away with and divisions are to be increased in number but diminished in strength. To make up for this loss of man power an increase is to be made in the allotment of light machine guns per company.

Combing out. All men on the Eastern front who are fit for general service are being combed out. This is supposed to give a yield of 60,000 from Gen. v. EICHORN'S Group of Armies alone.

Casualties. On the 23rd June the 1st Bn. 52nd R.I.R., suffered very heavy casualties from our gas bombardment, the 4th Coy. having 36 men evacuated. Owing to its losses the battalion had to be relieved after doing ^{only} a four days tour in the line. *(I.S. 182)*

EXTRACTS FROM TRANSLATION OF A CAPTURED GERMAN ORDER:

In case the enemy attack, listening posts should be installed in our own barbed wire entanglements, not more than 60 m. from the post that sends them out, and should enemy patrols succeed in penetrating into our barbed wire entanglements, an alarm shot should be given and repeated to the supports.

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Posts, which if in the possession of the enemy would give him observation over our lines, must be held by day and night. The enemy should not be allowed to obtain a footing in these positions, and quick defensive measures ought to be taken.

Posts, which are in shell holes or in the entanglements, should get accustomed to our machine guns firing over them, as this fire is practised for their protection. (I.S. 182.)

Prisoners captured today (1 Acting-Officer and 12 o.rs of 1 Bn.) were on outpost and think the rest of the Bn. is 800 m. in rear. Remnants of III Bn. are also in the line.

These men were unable to get rations owing to our fire. Morale is very poor, and they seem to have been left without orders.

SUCCESS OF OUR BATTAL
Prisoners belonging to the 22nd Div. (10th Coy.) captured yesterday 2. of 1st Bn. were taken to a gas attack carried out by us on the night 28/12/1918. In the night 28/12/1918, caused heavy casualties to their 1 Bn. The 4th Coy. captured 33 casualties, and it was found necessary to relieve the 1 Bn. by the 111 Bn. the following evening (29/12/1918).
NOTE: A gas attack was delivered by us at the place and on the date stated.

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS
Some of the prisoners saw several trenches of troops and a considerable amount of artillery on the line north of GABRIEL BOULDER. They also saw the position of the 22nd Div. and the 111 Bn. and the 4th Coy. had the troops for some time that they were going to fight to assist the 111 Bn. there.
There is a school for Europeans captured at the front.
Two different prisoners state there is a rumour that the 111 Bn. is to go down away with and divisions are to be transferred in number but detailed in strength. To make up for this loss of men power an increase is to be made in the allotment of light machine guns per company.
All men on the Western Front who are fit for combat are being sent to the 111 Bn. This is supposed to give a yield of 60,000 men. v. RICHARD'S Group of German soldiers.
On the 28th June the 1st Bn. 22nd B.L.E. entered the line. Casualties took our gas headquarters, the 4th Coy. having 70 men captured. Owing to the losses the battalion had to be relieved after about a few days in the line.

EXTRACTS FROM TRANSLATION OF A CAPTURED GERMAN ORDER

In case the enemy attack, machine posts should be installed in our own barbed wire entanglements, not more than 80 m. from the post. That sends them out, and should army patrols succeed in penetrating into our barbed wire entanglements, an alarm shot should be given and reported to the superior.

Ref. Map.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m. 7th July 1918.

<u>DIVISIONAL H.Q.</u>	N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
<u>2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.</u>	ST GRATIEN.	Maire.	Under 5th Aust. Div.
<u>4th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.</u>	- D.13.d.55.75.	In Line.	do
5th do	- J.1.c.5.1.	do	do
<u>2nd Aust. D.A.C., H.Q.</u>	H.6.b.7.6.	do	do
do SAA. Sect.	- M.3.b.3.1.		
<u>3rd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.</u>	N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
<u>8th Bde. A.F.A.</u>	- O.25.b.00.85.) Right Group.	
7th do	- N.24.b.2.6.		
<u>23rd Army Bde. R.F.A.</u>	N.18.d.8.5.) Left Group.	
86th do	- N.18.d.7.5.		
14th do	- O.13.c.3.9.		Superimposed Bde.
<u>3rd Aust. D.A.C.</u>	- N.24.b.2.7.		
<u>3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.</u>	- N.14.c.5.5.		
<u>5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	- O.25.c.8.4.	<u>Line Left Sector.</u>	
<u>17th Battalion.</u>	- O.24.c.1.2.	Support.	
18th do	- O.24.c.3.3.	Line Right.	
19th do	- N.23.a.9.1.		
20th do	- P.19.c.1.2.	Line Left.	
<u>5th A.L.T.M. Bty.</u>	- O.22.a.7.6.	Line.	
5A Nucleus Bn.	- RIVERY.		
Transport Lines.	- M.17.b. and M.18.a.		
<u>6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	- N.20.d.2.8.	GLISY.	<u>Reserve Bde.</u>
<u>21st Battalion.</u>	- N.28.b.3.5.	Transport Lines.	N.14.c.3.2.
22nd do	- O.28.b.8.8.	do	N.13.b.9.5.
23rd do	- N.34.d.8.5.	do	M.18.d.cent.
24th do	- N.22.a.9.0.	do	N.13.c.3.5.
<u>6th A.L.T.M. Bty.</u>	- N.14.d.4.7.		
6A Nucleus Bn.	- N.14.d.7.7.		
<u>7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	- O.25.c.5.3.	<u>Line Right Sector.</u>	
<u>25th Battalion.</u>	- O.26.c.9.3.	Support Left.	
26th do	- O.26.c.9.3.	Support Right.	
27th do	- O.28.c.8.5.	Line Left.	
28th do	- O.28.c.8.5.	Line Right.	
<u>7th A.L.T.M. Bty.</u>	- O.27.c.10.45.	Line.	
7A Nucleus Bn.	- N.7.a.6.8.		
<u>2nd Aust. M.G. Battalion. H.Q.</u>	GLISY.	Chateau. (Rear. N.13.d.15.65).	
<u>5th A.M.G. Coy.</u>	- O.28.b.48.20.	Line Left Sector.	
6th do	- N.30.d.80.00.	Line Centre Sector.	
7th do	- O.27.c.10.33.	Line Right Sector.	
22nd do	- N.13.d.50.70.	Reserve.	
Rear H.Q. all Coys.	- N.13.d.05.60.	LAMOTTE.	
Transport Lines.	- M.18.a and b.		
<u>C.R.E.</u>	- GLISY.	Chateau.	
<u>5th Field Coy. A.E.</u>	N.23.central.	Transport Lines.	N.23.central.
6th do	- N.22.a.9.2.	do	N.14.d.9.8.
7th do	- O.25.d.3.7.	do	N.21.b.80.25.
<u>2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.</u>	N.23.a.1.1.	do	N.13.c.8.8.
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	- GLISY.	Dugouts.	
<u>5th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	M.5.c.2.5.		
6th do	- ST AUCHEL.	M.D.S.	(AMIENS).
7th do	- N.26.d.1.3.	A.D.S.	
<u>4th Aust. San'ty. Sec.</u>	CAGNY.	8 Rue Hallet.	

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 15th Coy.A.A.S.C. - M.9.d.8.6.
 16th do - M.16.b.4.7.
 17th do - M.4.a.4.4.
 20th do - H.15.a.central.

Miscellaneous.

Paymaster. - - GLISY.
 D.A.D.V.S. - - do
 A.P.M. - - do
 D.Gas.Officer. - - do
 D.Bomb.Officer. - - M.2.b.4.2.
 Mov.Vet.Sect. - M.9.a.9.8.
 Div.Salvage Coy. - M.16.a.2.8. Main Dump.
 D.A.D.O.S. - H.1.a.1.3. Bois de Mai.
 No 2. Aust.M.T.Coy. - SALEUX.
 Div.Reinft.Camp. - BERTEAUCOURT-les-Dames. (LENS Sheet B.6.)
 Div.Staging Camp. - M.10.d.6.2.
 Div.Canteen. - M.5.d.1.7.

Attached Troops.

Troop 13th A.L.H. - N.20.b.4.2.
 Platoon, Aust Corps
 Cyclist Bn. - - N.20.b.4.0.

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2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of units at 6 a.m., 8th July, 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G.496):-

19th Battalion.	-	0.28.b.8.8.	(Transport L. - N.13.b.9.5.)
22nd do.	-	0.28.a.1.8.	RESERVE.
6th Field Coy. A.E.		N.23.central.	Transport L. - N.23.central.
5th Field Coy. A.E.		N.22.a.9.2.	do. - N.14.d.9.8.
Div. Burial and Recording Officer.		N.23.a.1.1.	

Location of Units at 6 a.m., 9th July, 1918.

Further changes as under will be complete:-

7th A.M.G. Coy.	-	N.13.d.50.70.	RESERVE.
22nd A.M.G. Coy.	-	0.27.c.10.33.	LINE RIGHT Sector.

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2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,
7th July, 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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G.32/730.

Headquarters,
7th July, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 42.

Reserve Brigade.

1. From this date the dispositions of the reserve brigade will be as follows:-

One battalion in the AUBIGNY system between the railway in O.27. and the Northern divisional boundary. This battalion will be prepared to move forward at short notice to reinforce or counter-attack on either brigade front.

Two companies in the AUBIGNY system as nucleus garrison.

Three battalions (less 2 companies) in the BLANGY system.

2. The normal role of the reserve brigade will be to carry out any deliberate counter-attack under orders from D.H.Q. either on the front of the division or on its immediate flanks.

The reserve brigade may be required to man the AUBIGNY system within this divisional sector or to continue any flank protection from the AUBIGNY to the BLANGY system.

Necessary plans will be prepared and copy forwarded to D.H.Q.

This cancels the instructions contained in 3rd Aust. Div. No. S.G.401/32/103 dated 28th June.

3. Acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 5.30 p.m. 6th to 5.30 p.m., 7th July, 1918.

No 164.

Note. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

18 Pdrs. - 550 rds. on roads, trenches and selected targets in P.31. c and d., and P.33.c., V.10.b., main WARFUSEE - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road and P.26.d. - harassing fire during the day.
 660 rds. harassing fire during night on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps, trenches and centres of activity. 625 rds. were fired whilst carrying out C.P. scheme from 3.15 a.m. to 3.35. a.m.
 17 rds. on movement in V.14.a. - dispersed. 93 rds. on dump in V.8. and railway embankment in V.1. 2,200 rds. were fired by 18 pdrs. of the Left Group whilst carrying out harassing fire in P.27., 28., 22., 32., and 33., and special harassing fire at 3.15.a.m.
 4.5" Hws. 170 rds. on targets V.3.d.5.5., V.1.d.20.55. and P.33. b.25.10. 220 rds. H.E. and 20 rds. gas shell on special harassing fire at 3.15.a.m. 252 rds. H.E., 148 rds. gas on selected targets in P.27.d., P.22., V.3., P.23. and P.28. - harassing fire during the night.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.T.Ms fired ³⁵ rds. on enemy strong point at U.6.a.60.85., and 15 rds. on MONUMENT in U.6.a.

(c) Machine Guns. Tracks and approaches in U.6.b. and c., which are in use by the enemy, were subjected to intermittent harassing fire during the night, 8,000 rds. being expended. Cross Roads at U.6.c.45.25. were fired on - 5,000 rds. expended. Enemy road in P.32.a and c. was enfiladed, and junction of road and track in P.26. d., where enemy movement has been reported, was subjected to 3,500 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active, patrolling and bombing.

(e) Patrols. Right Bde. Protective patrols operated during the night. They had nothing to report.
 Left Bde. Protective patrols had nothing to report. A recon-
 oitring patrol of the Left Bn. located the enemy in an old C.T. at P.21.c.75.45.

(f) Sniping. Right Bde. Two of the enemy were badly wounded at posts in P.27.a. and c., and were seen assisted away. Hostile snipers were completely neutralised, and enemy movement considerably reduced by our sniping.

Left Bde. 10 certain hits are claimed, and a number more casualties are believed to have been caused.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 2nd Coy. 97 I.R. - normal. (Prisoner 7th July)

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

North to South. - 137 I.R.)
 265 R.I.R.) 108 Div. } *2nd Gren. Regt*
 97 I.R.) *109 Div* } (P.S.)

Dispositions. - Ist Bn in line, III Bn in rest in a gully N of MERICOURT (?) (P.S.)

about 1 1/2 kilos behind in support, II Bn.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Short bursts of fire scattered over the forward areas. At 12.30 a.m. 200 rds. Blue Cross on our trenches in O.30.b. and d. From 1 to 1.30. a.m. a light barrage was placed on O.30.a. and c., and from 3.50 a.m. to 4.2 a.m., on our Left Sector front and support lines and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. A few Green Cross shells fell in O.24.c. During the day there was light shelling of P.20.d., P.13.c., and O.18.d.

The period was normally quiet.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous. From prisoners' statements it also appears as if the enemy expected further attacks from us.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Work and Wire. STAMBOUL Trench is being cleaned out.
(b) Trench Mortars. 2 L.M.W. bombs fell in P.27.a.30.70.
Location of mortar unknown.

(c) Machine Guns. Active during the night. A M.G. has been placed in position in a post at approx. P.27.a.2.2.

(d) Flares. WHITE flares, normal. REDS and GREENS, fired in twos and threes brought down a light barrage on the Left Bde. front. After our trench mortar shoot on the orchard a rocket bursting into three WHITE stars brought a burst of 15 cm. H.E. on O.36.c.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Activity only moderate. At 6.30 p.m. two low flying E.A. dropped articles on the enemy line. It is thought that they were rations. This is borne out by prisoners' statements that they are unable to fetch their rations owing to our fire.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. There was considerable movement in P.26. and P.27., some men being seen moving towards WARFUSEE in full marching order. There was constant movement in the trenches in P.22.c., P.27. and P.28., also in V.3.a., and copse and along the road in P.35.a. Dust caused by traffic was observed along the road from WIENCOURT 1'EQUIPEE to LANOTTE-en-SANTERRE. A fire was observed in V.4. at 12 noon.

Smoke from 4 hows. was observed on a T.B. of 82° 30' from T.6.d.29.49. about P.35.a.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. - Visibility, fair.

Enemy Reliefs. There is still no definite news of a relief of the 108th Div. but a Bn. relief in the 97th I.R. may be expected to-night (7th/8th) or to-morrow night. ... (P.S.).

Company Strengths. In the 97 I.R. average 3 Offs. 120 O.Rs. and 8 L.M.Gs. ... (P.S.).

Casualties. There have not been many casualties in the 97 I.R.

Food. Prisoners of the 137 I.R. and 97 I.R. state that our artillery fire prevents their ration parties from functioning.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

NEW GERMAN GAS GRENADE. (I.S.200):

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

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

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

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 135.

From 5.30 p.m. 7th to 5.30 p.m. 8th July, 1918.Note. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

18 Pdrs. - 295 rds. on tracks and roads in V.1., V.4., V.8.a., V.14.a., P.31.c. and d. - harassing fire during day. 58 rds. registration. 102 rds. on V.14. and trench and dump in V.8. - a small explosion occurring in the latter square. From 6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. 280 rds. were fired on trench in P.28.b. and d. where it was reported that a battalion of the enemy was digging in. This shoot was reported to be very effective. 800 rds. harassing fire during the night on P.31. and P.32., U.6., V.1. and V.2. At 2.30 a.m. 20 rds. were directed against working parties reported by the Infantry at O.36.d.6.8, and O.36.d.7.9. - dispersed. 1120 rds. were expended by 18-pdrs. of the Left Group whilst carrying out harassing fire on P.33.a. and b., P.27.d. and P.28.a. and c.

4.5" Hows. 205 rds. H.E. on railway and roads in MARCELCAVE, V.1.b., and centre of activity at U.6.b.50.35. 80 rds. H.E. on trench in P.28.b. and d. 30 rds. H.E. and 270 rds. gas on ration dump at P.33.central, copse in V.3.a., centre of movement in V.3.d. and selected targets in V.2.a. and c. and P.28.c.

(b) Trench Mortars. 22 rds. on MONUMENT in U.6.a., 14 rds. on enemy trenches from U.5.b.65.15. to U.5.d.85.80., 14 rds. on strong point at U.6.a.60.85. During the day 3" Stokes fired on MONUMENT Wood.

(c) Machine Guns. Reported enemy movement in MONUMENT WOOD was harassed, 3,000 rds. being expended during the night. Occupied trenches in U.5.d. were subjected to 3,000 rds. indirect fire. 1,500 rds. fired during night on Cross Roads U.6.c.46.27. 1,500 rds. on of roads V.1.a.80.05. Tracks leading on to road in P.32.d., 2,000 rds. Tracks in P.32.a. and c., 1000 rds. Trench crossing road in V.1.a., 1000 rds. Trench leading to road P.31.d. 1000 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active throughout the period.

(e) Infantry. During the night our Left Brigade advanced their line without opposition.

(f) Patrols.

Right Bde. A patrol was fired on by M.Gs. and rifles from strong post in U.6.a.80.95. Otherwise nothing to report.

Left Bde. Patrols covered the advance during the night, but no enemy movement is reported.

(g) Snipers. Our Snipers were active, but had no certain hits to report.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 11th Coy., 265 R.I.R.; 5th Coy., 97 I.R. (normal)
(Prisoners 8:7:18).

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. The order of battle of the 108th Div. is confirmed -

N. to S. - 137 I.R. ... 265 R.I.R. ... 97 I.R.
The Southern boundary of the 265 R.I.R. passes through P.31.c.95.00 (P.S.)

Dispositions.

265 R.I.R. - 3 Coys. in line, 1 Coy. in support 300 metres back.

1 Bn. in support near the Cemetery in V.3.a.

1 Bn. in Reserve in gully in Q.23. and Q.29.

97 R.I.R. - Small posts in front line.

1 Bn. 700 - 800 metres in rear in main line of resistance.

1 Bn. in support in cellars in MARCELCAVE.

1 Bn. formerly in rest in PROYART, now moved, prisoners are uncertain exactly where.

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. There was increased activity during the night when a retaliation barrage was placed on the front and support lines of the Left Bde., and on VILLERS - BRETONNEUX, gas, mostly BLUE Cross, fell in P.13.c., O.29.c. and d., U.1. and U.7. The valley in O.35. was shelled with 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. During the day hostile artillery was very quiet.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous and defensive.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES.
Machine Guns. Normal activity. One gun located at P.31.c.9.9. Gun in S.P. at .6.a.80.95. was active against our patrols.
Flares. GREEN and single, double and triple REDS brought down a light barrage in reply to our shelling.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Six light bombs were dropped on O.27.c. and d. At 5.15 p.m. one low flying E.A. crossed our line but was driven back by A.A. fire.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION. At 7.30 p.m. a train with about 15 trucks moved S. in Q.34.b. and d. At 7.40 p.m. a train was observed shunting on line at same location.
Slight movement of individuals was seen on tracks and roads in forward area. Between 6.25 p.m. and 8 p.m. small parties of men moved forward from SUSAN WOOD towards Q.20.c. and Q.26.central (about 70 in all).
10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility, fair.
Camouflaged objects observed in P.34.c. and d., probably dumps were reported to the artillery and during registration heavy smoke like a screen, issued from trenches in P.32.a.
During to-days exploiting operations 17 O.Rs. were captured in O.36.d. (identifications as above).
Intentions. All prisoners were positive that there were no troop movements and preparations indicating an offensive on this front at an early date, and stated that they did not think there would be an offensive here.
Sickness in enemy units. Prisoners of the 265 R.I.R. state that there have only been a few cases of fever in their regiment, but a prisoner of the 97 I.R. said that his regiment had had a large number, he himself having just recovered ... (P.S.).
Rations. Both the 265 R.I.R. and 97 I.R. get hot rations in the line. They are fetched between 11 and 11.30 p.m. The cookers of the 265 R.I.R. move up the road which runs from CARD Copse into VILLERS - BRETONNEUX (O.36.a.). They generally go as far as a clump of 4 trees on the left of the road. The cookers of the 97 I.R. are stated to go no further than the outskirts of MARCELCAVE.
Casualties. Have not been very heavy, and have been mostly caused by our artillery. There were a few gas casualties in the 11th Coy. 265 R.I.R. last night, 7th/8th.
Reliefs. The 108th Div. is still expecting to be relieved within the next few days. ... (P.S.).
The 2nd Bn. 265 R.I.R., was relieved by the 3rd Bn. on the night 4th/5th. ... (P.S.).
The 2nd Bn. 97 I.R. relieved the 1st Bn. three nights ago.
- Moral. Poor. Most of the prisoners expressed themselves glad to be captured.

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