

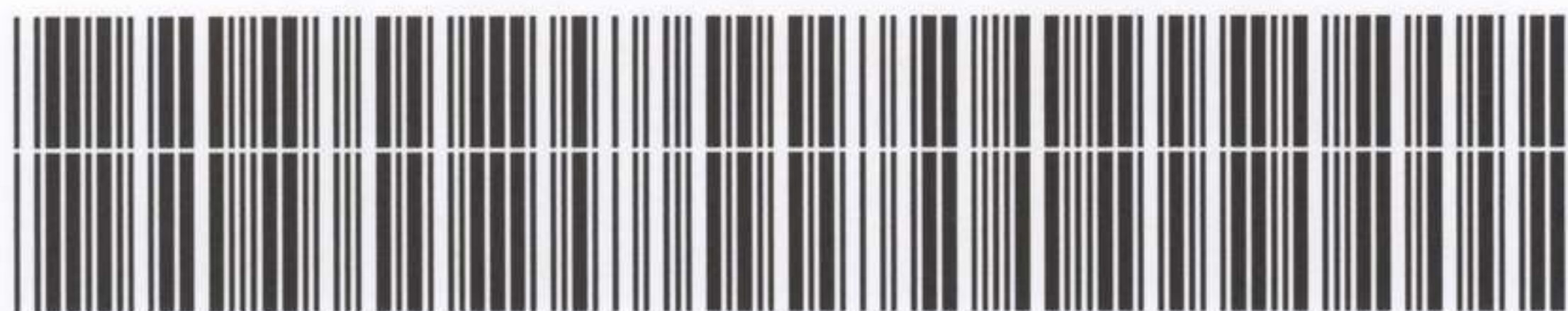
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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 6th A.I. BDE.
ON 4-7-1918 .

APPENDIX.

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(To be read in conjunction with 6th A.I.Bde. Order No. 180)

OBJECTIVES AND
PLAN OF ATTACK.

1. The objectives allotted to the 6th A.I.Bde. were such that the attack had necessarily to be divided into two parts - On the right the attack was made in a South Easterly direction - on the left it was nearly due East.

The former was allotted to the 23rd Bn. together with the task of filling the gap between the two attacks which, from the commencement of the attacks, would continue to increase in size until the objectives were reached.

The 21st Bn. carried out the left attack.

PREPARATIONS.

2. The Brigade only took over the line 30 hours prior to zero, and, of the preparatory work, much was done for us by the 5th A.I.Bde., of whom nothing was too much to ask.

The 6th Field Coy. A.E. were of great assistance in forming dumps of Engineer material in the front line and arranging with the 5th Field Coy. A.E. for the construction of extra R.A.P's, accommodation for Power Buzzer, etc.

The 6th Field Coy. also laid the Jumping Off tapes, and put down duckboards to bridge the front line trench opposite the gaps previously cut in the wire.

FORMING UP.

3. Forming up on the jumping off tapes was accomplished without serious interference by the enemy. While the 23rd Bn. covered its own forming up, the 21st Bn. was covered by L.G. Sections, and standing patrols provided by the 24th Bn. The 24th Bn. moved into the forward system as it was vacated by troops of the 21st and 23rd Bns. moving to the J.O.T.

THE ATTACK.

4. The barrage opened up at zero, and accompanied by the tanks which had come up, the attackers moved forward as close to it as possible.

No determined opposition was met with. Hosing fire from Lewis guns was generally effective in nipping in the bud any attempt to resist. Keeping close to the barrage our men went right through to their objectives.

The tanks were able to keep surprisingly close to the barrage, and the moral effect of their presence, without a doubt, reduced the degree of resistance encountered.

At one point on the right, there was a sharp bombing attack which quickly ended in our favour. On the left on the final objective a heavy m.g. crew was encountered wearing gas masks.

The enemy surrendered very freely and in many cases made his way through our lines without waiting for an escort. A number of Germans who gave themselves up in the 6th A.I.Bde. area made their way back along the road on our left flank, and were doubtless looked after by the 4th A.I.Bde.

Direction was, under the circumstances, extraordinarily well maintained. The right coy. of the 23rd Bn. got about 100 yds. too much to the right, (i.e. into the objective of the 7th A.I.Bde.) and this left a gap, subsequently closed, between the right and centre companies.

The left coy. of the 23rd Bn. which jumped off behind the inner flanks of the 21st and 23rd Bns. kept the constantly increasing (owing to the divergent directions in which these battalions attacked) distance between the two attacks filled - moving with two lines of sections in file, a section was fed into the gap as required.

The party moving in liaison with the 4th A.I.Bde. on our left was useful in keeping touch during the advance and during consolidation.

MOPPING UP.

5. - This presented little difficulty as the objectives were not deep and the enemy were docile. A good deal of mopping up was done between the objective and the protective barrage line with the assistance of tanks. After their departure, several patrols went out 500 or 600 yards in front of the objective and came back with prisoners or booty and in one case a minenwerfer.

ARTILLERY ACTION.

6. - The creeping barrage put down for us is spoken of enthusiastically by all ranks. The proportion of smoke in it was well judged to effect its purpose (concealment of tanks and men).

There was very little short-shooting and what there was caused no casualties.

The harassing fire put down 8 minutes before zero to drown the noise of the tanks was too heavy, was mistaken by the enemy for an attack barrage and caused him to put up a double red flare (S.O.S.) on our right flank three minutes before zero.

ACTION OF TANKS.

7. - The 6 Tanks allotted to the Brigade were re-allotted, 3 to each of the attacking Bns. Early in the night they moved to their start line, 1,000 yards behind that of the Infantry. At zero - 8 minutes they moved forward and caught the Infantry before the enemy front line was reached. They moved very close up to the barrage.

Subsequently they did very useful work in patrolling between the objective and the protective barrage, 400 yards out, destroying all enemy defences and capturing material and prisoners in this area.

One tank went through the protective barrage and was seen firing its guns and manoeuvring about 1,000 yards beyond the objective. It finally returned safely via VAIRE WOOD.

Each tank of the left section carried a box containing water and S.A.A. wired on to its stern. This was removed by the Infantry near the objective.

All 6 tanks eventually got back to our lines though one of them was twice ditched in doing so, and was only brought out of NO-MAN'S-LAND during the afternoon of the 4th. The remainder were within our lines by about 5.40 a.m. (zero plus 2½ hours).

In this action the tanks showed their value and, having seen them in action, the Infantry have a very high opinion of their work, and confidence in the protection they afford during an attack.

M. G. ACTION.

8. - The barrages put down were satisfactory. Guns of the 22nd A.M.G. Coy. followed the attackers and were established, two at P.26.b.3.8. and two at P.21.c.0.5. by 4 a.m. (zero plus 50 minutes).

T. M. ACTION.

9. - The 6th A.L.T.M.Bty., aided by two guns of the 5th A.L.T.M.Bty., lent with their crews by the 5th A.I.Bde. for the operation, barraged the enemy trench from P.25.b.2.0. to P.25.b.7.4. from zero to zero plus 4 minutes. This section of trench was too close to the J.O.T. to be effectively bombarded by artillery.

Two mortars were unfortunately knocked out practically before firing, but the remainder proved equal to the job.

Four mortars were sent forward shortly after zero and were emplaced two at P.20.c.6.0. and two at P.21.c.0.5. Carrying parties from the 24th Bn. put 60 rounds on each gun and then rejoined their Battalion.

BRIGADE SNIPERS.

10. Five double posts were established in the area of each attacking Bn: by zero plus one hour. Three of these snipers unfortunately were themselves sniped early in the morning, but the others had some good shooting, firing 203 rounds and claiming 21 hits.

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CONSOLIDATION.

11. - Two-thirds of the objective line of the Right Bn. was a continuous trench, of this the parapet was quickly converted into a parapet, and a line of small posts constructed and occupied about 100 yards in advance of it. Between P.26.a.6.8. and the right flank of the Left Bn. posts to garrison half a platoon were constructed about 70 - 80 yards apart. These were 3' 6" to 4' deep by 10cm.

The final objective of the Left Bn. was marked by lengths of trench and small posts. These were improved and a beginning made at connecting them. The line Coys. put one platoon each either in existing posts in rear of the objective or constructed new ones for them. Blocks were formed in communication trenches leading away from the objective.

Wiring material was got forward before midday and some wire was put out. Sniping which was particularly heavy during the morning in P.26.a. prevented very much being done in this way.

The position consolidated is, for the bulk of its length, a reverse slope position. It has a good field of fire throughout. There is no observation on the valley leading to AGCROCHE WOOD. It is doubtful if better observation would be gained by going another 200 or 300 yards forward as the eastern slopes of the plateau appear to be convex. The enemy has no observation in the northern half of the ground gained.

ENEMY RE-ACTION.

12. - No attempt at a counter-attack was made by the enemy. No massing of troops for counter-attack was observed by the Infantry though the aeroplanes reported a concentration in P.27.a. at 6.50 a.m.

After zero his artillery was active for three hours, his shells falling mostly between our original front line and support line. Subsequently he harassed the captured area throughout the day, and shelled it fairly heavily at night.

ENEMY LOSSES.

13. - There was too little fighting for many of the enemy to be killed and the number of German corpses lying in the captured ground after the attack was probably between 60 and 90.

On the right a large number of Germans who had either escaped from the front line when it was attacked or had been in supporting points behind it, were observed to run Eastwards into our barrage, after it had passed over them, before the German second line had been reached on the Left. A large number of casualties must have been suffered by them, not only from Artillery, but also from rifle and L.G. fire.

Later the same thing happened on the left when the final objective was reached there.

OUR CASUALTIES.

14. - Our casualties up to noon on the 4th were, so far as can be ascertained:-

Officers	...	1 killed.	6 wounded.
Other Ranks	...	16 killed.	101 wounded.

CAPTURES.

15. - (a) Prisoners of 137th I.R. (108th Div.), 15th I.R. and 13th I.R. (both 13th Div.) were captured. Total 4 Officers, 231 Other Ranks, of which 1 officer and 32 others were wounded, and 67 passed through the collecting station of the 7th A.I.Bde.

(b) Machine Guns.	...	...	25.
Anti Tank Gun.	...	...	1.
Minenwerfer - Medium.	...	...	1.
Minenwerfer - Light.	...	...	1.

A large quantity of official documents and maps, including artillery maps.

OUR AIRCRAFT. 16. - A feature of the attack was the activity of our aircraft. Besides masking the noise made by the tanks during their approach march, contact patrols, counter-attack aeroplanes, and bombing machines were continually at work.

The enemy infantry were very frequently machine gunned from low altitudes and many bombs were dropped.

The air ammunition column worked well and in answer to a request from ammunition (made by displaying a white "V") it was dropped within 10 yards of a forward machine gun position in the captured area.

EVACUATION
OF WOUNDED.

17. - The evacuation of wounded was very well carried out. There was no congestion at any time, and a much larger number could doubtless have been handled equally efficiently.

The motor loading post was 2,500 yards from the front line.

ZERO HOUR.

18. - No better time could have been chosen for zero.

CONDITION
OF GERMAN
TRENCHES.

19. - The condition of the captured trenches says little for the industry of the German soldier. They were undercut in many places and crumbling away in others.

There were no deep dugouts in the captured ground though prisoners were taken from one at about P.21.c.4.4. Several timbered inclined shafts exist - about 15 feet deep, and there are in the area some timbered dugouts which give 4 to 5 feet of cover.

The sanitary condition of the trenches captured from the 137th I.R. was disgraceful. Whole sections of trenches have been used as latrines. The trenches captured from the 15th I.R. were not so bad, but none of the latrines were covered and flies are very troublesome.

COMMAND.

20. - For the purposes of the attack the 6th A.I.Bde. came under the command of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Div. from midnight 3rd/4th July. At 8 p.m. on the 4th July the 6th A.I.Bde. reverted to the command of the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division.

COMMUNICATIONS.

21. - The bury between Bde. Battle Headquarters and Division and all lines between Bde. Headquarters and Battalions held throughout.

The Right Battalion was unable to maintain its line between Battalion Headquarters and the original front line from zero for some hours.

The Left Battalion had a telephone line into the captured area by zero plus 1 hour, and were able to maintain it throughout.

Three message rockets were used. Only two were found. The Right Battalion got their first message back from the captured position by message rocket.

TIME OBJECT-
IVE WAS
REACHED.

22. - The objectives were gained to time and the line shown on the attached map was in progress of consolidation, with all units reorganised on it, by 3.40 a.m. At this time I was able to inform D.H.Q. that throughout the length of the objective (over 2,000 yards) each Company was in contact with the Coy. on each flank.

The length of the advance varied from 200 yards on the Right to 1,000 yards on the Left.

AMERICAN
TROOPS.

23. - A platoon of American troops made their way into our area about the time the objective was reached and consolidated a post about 100 yards S. of our Northern boundary. They worked most energetically.

LIAISON.

24. - Liaison arrangements were satisfactory throughout. On the objective a Tank Officer got out of his tank and was able to give useful information to Coy. Commanders.

Tank Commanders were intercepted at Ede. Headquarters on their return and were able to give useful information.

CONSTRUCTION
OF C.T.'S.

25. - The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. constructed a C.T. on the Right of the Left Bn. under difficult circumstances on the night 4th/5th July, and YORK STREET was continued up to the original German Front Line by the 24th Bn.

(Signed) J. PATON, Brig-General,
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

262/88.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Division.

Headquarters,
8th July, 1918.

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION, 8TH JULY, 1918.

At 10 a.m. to-day the 27th Battalion sent out a strong patrol under Lieut. W. R. G. COLMAN, 27th Battalion. This party entered the enemy's trench at O.36.b.9.1. and moved in a North-easterly direction. At the same time a second patrol left our block at P.31.b.3.9. and moved in a South-westerly direction.

The first party surprised an enemy post, capturing 13 prisoners (265 R.I.R.), 1 heavy M.G. and killing 8 Germans. This length of trench was captured by 10.40 a.m., and then occupied by a Company of 27th Battalion. A block was established at P.31.b.05.35.

At 12.18 p.m. to-day the same two parties, under Lieut. COLMAN, entered the enemy's trench South of the road at O.36.d.95.99., and worked along the trench in a South-westerly direction. This part of the trench was cleared very quickly. Four prisoners (97 I.R.) were captured and 1 L.M.G.* The enemy trench running from the road at P.31.c.05.95., to O.36.d.8.4., to O.36.d.5.4., was then occupied without opposition, and the newly captured trenches in O.36.d. occupied with one Company of 27th Battalion.

A post was established along the Northern side of the railway at O.36.d.25.30.

Enemy infantry showed no fight and there was no hostile artillery or machine gun fire. Late in the afternoon the enemy started sniping at a distance of 1,000 yards.

The trenches captured were in fair condition, and though very shallow in parts still serve a very good continuous line with a good field of fire.

The whole operation was carried out with exceptional skill, daring and promptness, and reflected the greatest credit on all who took part.

There were no casualties on our side.

(Signed) E. A. WISDOM, Brigadier-General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

* 1 Granatenwerfer was also captured.

W. R. G. Colman

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
6th July, 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div.

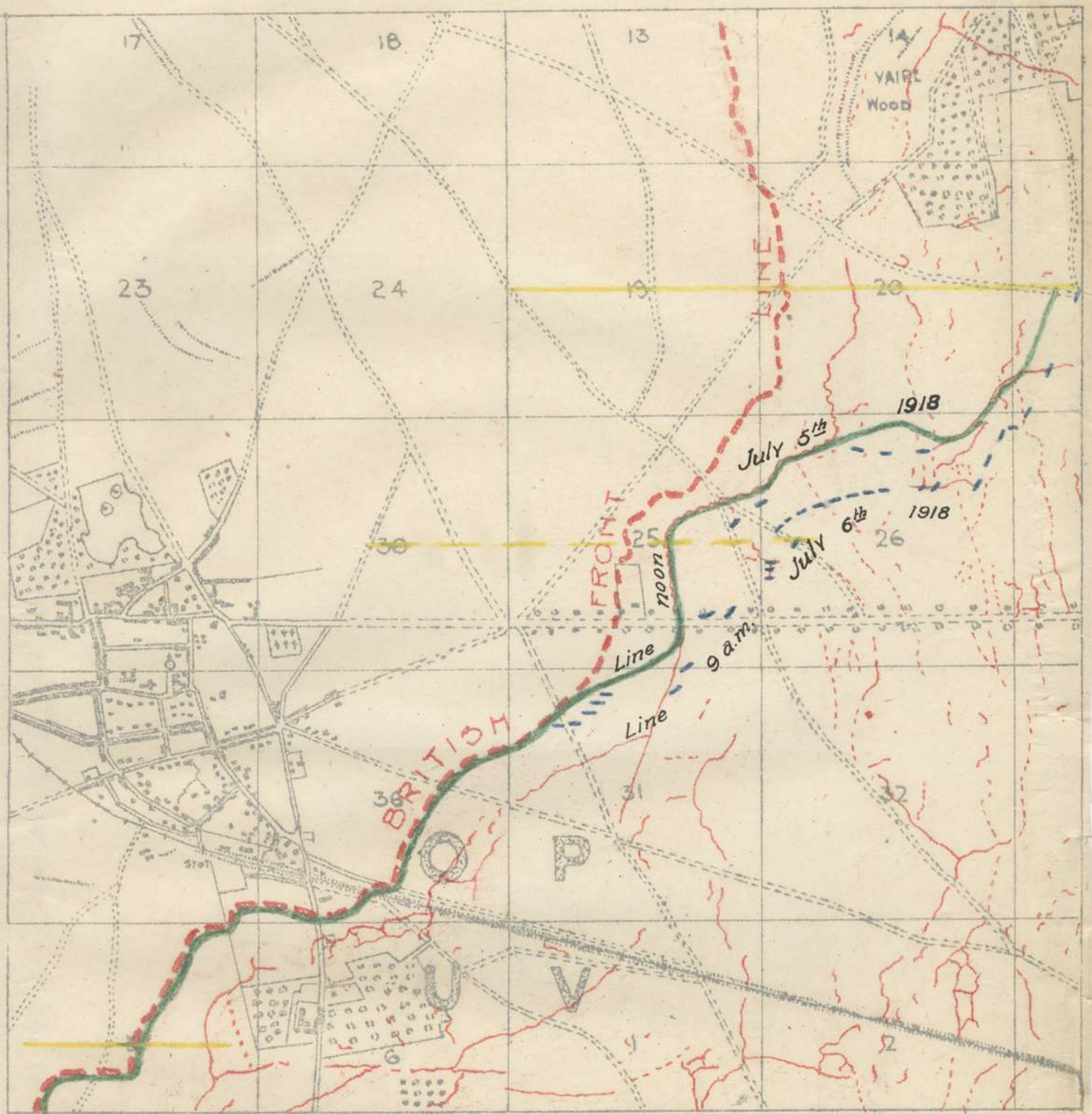
REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT
OF OUR LINE ON 5th/6th JULY, 1918.

1. During the afternoon of the 5th July many daring reconnaissances of the trenches and ground in front of our new line were made by Bn. and Coy. Commanders and other officers. The activity of our snipers and the somewhat disorganised state of the enemy made this possible.
2. These reconnaissances showed that it was very desirable to advance our line, particularly on the front of the right Bn. and on the front of the right Coy. of the left Bn., in order to gain better observation of the enemy's position.
They also showed that the desired positions could probably be gained with little loss to ourselves.
3. Later in the afternoon by sending out one or two riflemen and snipers, and following them with larger parties, important positions at P.25.d.9.9., P.26.b.5.5. and P.21.c.3.4. were secured and their consolidation commenced.
4. As soon as it was dark enough to move unobserved, larger parties were pushed forward and posts established at the points shown in the attached map.
5. The 7th A.I.Bde. simultaneously advanced their line on our right flank.
6. The opposition met was feeble and the enemy was always ready to retire.
A wounded prisoner was captured at P.26.c.1.9.
The Communication Trench running South from P.26.b.55.50 was bombed down and a block formed at P.26.b.60.35.
7. On the early morning of the 6th July it was found that the enemy had not been cleared out from the small section of trench at P.26.b.8.4. The 21st Bn. immediately organised a bombing attack on this point, which achieved its object without any casualties to itself, and resulted in the capture of a machine gun and the killing of five of the enemy.
8. The night's work resulted in our line being advanced an average depth of 200 yards on a front of one mile.
9. Before this operation our line in practically its entire length was on a reverse slope and only from a few points was observation on the enemy's defences and approaches possible.
As a result of last night's work observation has been gained on the whole length of the WARFARRE - VILLERS BRATTORSE Road and on the ground to the North and South of it. There are few points beyond our present front line which are not now under our observation. Another advantage which has been gained by last night's operation is that our front has been shortened from approximately 2,100 yds. to 1,600 yds. within the old Brigade boundaries.
In addition the number of troops accommodated in trenches accurately marked on the enemy's maps has been greatly reduced.

(sgd.) J. TAYLOR.

Brigadier-General.
Commanding Sixth Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Line noon July 5th 1918

" 9 a.m. " 6th "

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 5.30 p.m. 8th to 5.30 p.m., 9th July, 1918.

No. 166.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

18 Pdrs. - 207 rds. were fired on selected targets in V.3., V.4.a. and d. V.5., V.14.b. and P.33. - harassing fire during the day. 122 rds. were fired on trench in V.1.a., road in P.31.d., dump in V.8. and dug-outs in V.14. 908 rds. were expended on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity in P.31., P.32., and P.33., and V.1., 2., and 3., - harassing fire during the night. 550 rds. were fired whilst carrying out special harassing fire from 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. 2500 rds. were expended by 18 pdrs of the Left Group whilst carrying out special harassing fire from 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. 4.5" Hows. - 165 rds. were fired on roads in V.3.d., main trench in P.28.b. and d., and 121 rds. on trench at V.1.a.70.25. 236 rds. H.E. 150 rds. gas shell on following targets - Dump at V.10.b.65.80., Strong point at V.2.a.8.1., earthworks at V.3.c.05.50., and occupied trench in P.28.c. 292 rds. H.E. and 20 rds. gas shell were fired whilst carrying out special harassing fire from 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.T.Ms. fired 30 rds. on MONUMENT in U.6.a.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- Railway cutting in V.1.a., 1,500 rds.; Road junction V.1.b.80.05., 1,500 rds.; Cross roads U.6.c.43.27., 1,500 rds. These targets were engaged between 10.15 p.m. and 3.30 a.m. The following rds. were expended on movement being reported:- 2,000 rds. on Cross roads U.6.c.20.20. between 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m., and 2 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. Enemy trench and cross roads in V.2.b. received 1,000 rds. Trenches and cross roads in P.32.b. enfiladed, 1,000 rds. being expended. Enemy tracks in P.33.a. subjected to 1,000 rds. during the night.

(d) Aircraft. Our planes were moderately active.

(e) Infantry. At about 10 p.m. on night 8th/9th instant, the Right Bn. of the Left Bde. advanced its line about 500 yards to a line running through P.25.d.85.45. - P.26.c.30.45. - P.28.d.20.45. - P.26.d.4.7. Patrols covering the advance on the right came under rifle and M.G. fire from P.27.c.2.6. As a result of the advance 1 M.T.M., 2 M.Gs., 1 rangefinder and various stores were captured. Posts have been dug along the new line, which is continuous from P.26.d.8.8. to P.26.b.55.50. with numerous dugouts from 8 to 10 feet deep. About 12 dead Germans were counted. The new line offers a good field of fire.

(f) Patrols.

Right Bde. Had nothing to report.

Left Bde. A patrol heard the enemy 200 yards South of the road from P.27.c.10.40. A M.G. post was located at approx. P.27.c.1.4. Talking was heard and M.G. fire and flares came from three positions between P.27.c.2.0. and P.27.c.25.50. approx.

(g) Sniping. One of the enemy was badly wounded at P.26.c.8.4.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 9th Coy., 97 I.R. - normal - (5 prisoners, 9th July).

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS, given in yesterday's summary were confirmed. The prisoners captured were sent up with several others from the IIIrd Bn. to reinforce the IIInd Bn. Not knowing that we occupied the second German line, they walked into it and were engaged; several are believed to have been killed and five were captured.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Slightly more active than during the previous period. 0.29., 30., 34., 35., and 36. were heavily shelled between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Between 10. and 10.30 p.m. there was again heavy shelling of our forward area. There was little gas. Activity was slight during the day.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Nervous and fairly alert during the night.

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6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. A M.G. from a new position - unlocated - fires on the bridge in O.28.d.35.35. Approx. positions are reported at P.22.c.8.6. and P.21.b.9.1., A M.G. also fired from a T.B. of 144° from P.19.d.95.50.

Flares. Slightly above normal.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 6 p.m. 6 'planes flew over our lines and circled over GLISY at a comparatively low altitude for a back area reconnaissance, after which they flew back over their own lines.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Normal.

At 6.15 a.m. 4 wagons proceeded along the road in V.5.a. through P.36.a. towards LAMOTTE.

At 8.40 p.m. 10 wagons moved down the same road to MAROELCAVE. A man was seen observing from P.27.b.6.0. Wagons were seen on roads in W.2.d., W.7.b. and P.35.c. 40 men were seen moving in P.27.c. at 3.30 a.m. and were dispersed by our L.G. fire.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility poor.

H. S. Dering
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

SITUATION WIRE, timed 12.30 p.m. 9:7:18.

British Front. Successful raid carried out last night east of ARRAS resulted in capture of a few prisoners and a M.G.

French Front. Successful operation carried out by French troops East of VILLERS COTTERETS resulted in capture of 350 prisoners.

DISCIPLINE IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

The following is an extract from an order, dated the 7th June, 1918, signed by General der Kavallerie von der MARWITZ, commanding the Second German Army:-

"Discipline, which is the keystone of our army, is seriously shaken. I cannot permit that commanders should take upon themselves to shield, by an excess of indulgence, officers, non-commissioned officers and men guilty of breaches of discipline and military regulations, and should inflict upon them disciplinary penalties of too mild a nature, or even not punish them at all."

On the 12th June, von der MARWITZ issued a further order, from which the following is extracted:-

"Cases of soldiers openly refusing to obey orders are increasing to an alarming extent." (I.S.No. 202)

GENERAL.

There are indications that the 233rd Div. is relieving the 13th Div. in the VAIRE Wood sector. All prisoners (including officers) so far examined state that they have seen no preparations for an offensive being made between the SOMME and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. (I.S. No. 202).

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.38.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 10th July 1918.

The following further changes are notified to the last report (G496).

86th Army Bde.R.F.A.	-	N.18.d.7.5.	}	Left Group.
14th do	-	O.13.c.3.9.		
23rd do	-	N.14.c.cent.	-	Reserve Bde.

Div.Bomb Officer.(& Dump) - N.7.b.5.1.

J. L. M. Case
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
9th July 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 167.

From 5.30 p.m. 9th to 5.30 p.m. 10th July, 1918.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. Movement on road in P.24.c. was effectively engaged. 2838 rds. were fired on selected targets in P.23.c. and d.; P.28.b., P.22., P.29., P.31., P.32. and P.33., V.1. and V.2. - harassing fire during the night. 390 rds. on trench in P.31.b. and d., movement in V.8. and V.14., dump in V.8.d., MARCELCAVE, and selected targets in V.4. and V.8. - harassing fire during the day.

4.5" Hows. 472 rds. gas shell were fired on railway and copse in V.3.a. and important earthworks at V.2. d.85.05. 240 rds. on trench in P.31.b. and d., MARCELCAVE and battery position at V.4. central.

(b) Trench Mortars. 15 rds. 3" Stokes were fired into an enemy party retreating through MONUMENT WOOD. Result could not be observed.

(c) Machine Guns. Owing to the advance of our line, and the possibility of a further advance during the night, the usual number of guns carrying out harassing fire were not in action. Movement was reported on cross roads U.6.c.46.27. and subjected to 1,500 rds. between 10.15 p.m. and 3 a.m. Other targets engaged were:- Roads in P.32.d. and V.1.d., enfiladed, 1,500 rds. expended. Roads, tracks and trenches in V.2.b., 1,000 rds. Enemy trench in P.32 enfiladed with 1,000 rds. Beaten tracks in P.33.a. received 1,000 rounds.

(d) Aircraft. Moderately active, taking advantage of breaks of good visibility.

(e) Infantry.

Right Bde. A silent penetration of the enemy positions North and West of MONUMENT Wood was made by the Right Battalion at 3 p.m. on the 9th, resulting in occupation at 4 p.m., and consolidation of trench from U.5.b.7.2. to O.36.d.5.1., with a post at U.5.b.4.1. as a flank defence. 10 enemy O.Rs. were killed; 2 L.M.G's., 2 Granatenwerfer and a big periscope were captured.

During the night 9th/10th the trench at P.31.b.5.2. was entered, a post established and a block constructed without opposition. In addition, to conform with the movement of the Left Brigade, three posts were established on a line from P.31.b.4.6. to P.26.c.1.3.

Left Bde. Line advanced without any serious opposition and now runs P.26.d.4.5., along road to P.27.c.45.45., P.27.a.30.00., P.27.a.3.4., P.27.a.25.60., P.21.c.3.0.

(f) Patrols.

Left Bde. A strong patrol stationed about P.26.d.8.7. supported by a party at P.26.d.8.9. observed an enemy patrol move to P.27.c.2.3. from which flares and a M.G. were fired. Our patrol crawled to within 70 yards of this post and opened fire with bombs, rifles and L.Gs. After 3 minutes firing the enemy moved back, whereupon our patrol advanced and occupied the post, mounting L.Gs. at P.27.c.20.52. and P.27.c.25.75. Flares of all colours were fired by enemy from trench running from P.27.c.5.4. to P.27.c.35.75. After a lull of 10 minutes enemy opened M.G. fire from P.27.c.50.25., P.27.c.40.60. and P.27.c.35.75., while he bombed immediately in front of these positions. Our Lewis gunners and bombers opened on these latter positions and after 3 minutes we gained superiority of fire, whereupon the enemy ran in all directions, taking with him some wounded men. The patrol again advanced and occupied trench running from P.27.c.5.4. to P.27.c.5.7., which trench affords a good field of fire, is 6 ft. deep and in good condition. The supporting party was then brought up from P.27.c.1.7. and took over patrol position. During this operation 350 rounds S.A.A. and 45 grenades were expended. Patrol returned through P. .d.2.4.

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Patrols (continued).

Right Bde. A patrol of Right Battalion recovered this morning a wounded boche at U.5.b.9.0.

(g) Sniping. Each Bde. claims three casualties, including an active enemy sniper at U.6.b.1.7.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 7th and 9th Coys., 97th R.I.R. (former by document latter by wounded prisoner taken 10th July).

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. During the afternoon and evening of the 9th instant, the enemy's artillery showed increased activity, fire being mainly directed against forward areas, trenches and Eastern outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 400 rds. 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. falling in O.36. and U.5. between 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. - direction of fire WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT. Between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. our trenches in O.35.b. and O.36.d. were again shelled by 10.5 cm. Howa and 77 mm. guns - approx. 100 rds. and from 10.15 p.m. to 11 p.m. heavy area shoots were carried out on O.15., 19., 20., 21., 22., 23. and 28. Fire was mainly from 10.5 cm. Howa. and 77 mm. guns, a large proportion of BLUE Cross gas shell being employed. From 10.15 p.m. to 11 p.m. a 15 cm. H.V. gun shelled O.13.a. firing 10 rds. For the remainder of the night intermittent shelling was maintained on our forward trenches, while light harassing fire was directed against our battery areas. Shelling during the day was confined to light harassing fire of our forward areas, while one of our battery positions was registered by 15 cm. How.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Apprehensive.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Work and wire. Freshly dug earth is visible at P.27.a.cent. At midnight a working party at P.27.a.4.8. was dispersed by L.G. fire. North side of SYRIA Trench is wired as far east as the wood.

(b) Machine Guns. No new positions recorded.

(c) Posts. Posts at U.5.d.8.8., U.6.a.5.1., P.31.c.9.8. were located by daylight patrols this morning. The first two are wired. An Artillery O.P. is suspected at P.32.d.5.6.

(d) Flares. 6 GREEN flares sent up at 5.25 p.m. were followed by a light barrage on our old front line. GOLDEN clusters and WHITE flares were used freely, but no apparent action followed. All flares reported on Right Battalion front were fired from rear of N.E. corner of MONUMENT WOOD. Also see "Patrols."

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Inactive. Two E.A. only are reported to have crossed our lines and then only momentarily.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION. Isolated parties of one to three men wandered about at intervals in the forward area. Individual movement at V.1.a.8.8. A train of 20 trucks moved South in X.13., 19.b. at 10.16. a.m. on 9th instant.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility fair.

At 2.25 p.m. on 10th instant our artillery set fire to a dump in V.4.c.central and another at 88° T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. was exploded by our heavy artillery.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The wounded prisoner of 97th I.R. states that he and other Bn. details were sent up to counter-attack in U.5.b. this morning, but attack was broken up by our M.G. fire. A number of wounded was left behind by stretcher bearers who ran away.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES (Continued).SICKNESS IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

Further information shows that the epidemic of "FLANDERS GRIPPE" is now prevalent throughout all the German Armies opposite the British. The following extracts from prisoners' statements and documents give some idea of the extent to which certain units have been affected:-

- (a) The 9th Coy., 61st Res. Inf. Regt. (36th Res. Div.) came into line 55 strong on the 20th June, but was reduced to 32 within a week; another company of the same Regt. had to be relieved owing to this sickness.
- (b) The 1st and 3rd Bns., 232nd Res. Inf. Regt. (107th Div.) have had to be withdrawn from line owing to sickness.
- (c) On the 3rd July, the fighting strength of the 10th Coy., 68th Res. Inf. Regt. (16th Res. Div.) was only 42 all ranks, 18 having reported sick with influenza.
- (d) The 7th Coy., 174th Inf. Regt. (31st Div.) was stated, on the 4th July, to have been reduced to a fighting strength of 17 men, owing to a large number of men having reported sick with influenza.
- (e) It is understood that the 187th Div. has been relieved owing to the reduction in numbers caused by the epidemic.
- (f) The 119th Div. was to have been relieved on the 30th June, but the relief had to be postponed owing to the prevalence of sickness in the relieving division.
- (g) A sick report of the 3rd Bn., 267th Res. Inf. Regt. (81st Res. Div.) shows that 65 men were sick on the 3rd July, of whom 60 were suffering from influenza.

GERMAN INTENTIONS.

A captured order of von FRANCOIS' Corps of the Seventh German Army, dated the 22nd June, states that the Corps has returned to the war of position. It gives instructions for defence against a local attack on the part of the enemy, and insists on the need for economising gun ammunition. Von FRANCOIS' Corps holds the centre of the front between the OISE and the AISNE.

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EFFECT OF OUR AIR OPERATIONS.

A prisoner of the 68th Inf. Regt., 16th Res. Div., captured in the BEAUMONT-FAMEL sector on the 5th July, states -

"A direct hit with bomb was obtained about a month ago on the station at BAPAUME. Casualties were inflicted on a party of men waiting for a leave train and 18 men are said to have been killed. About the same date, the bath-house at BAPAUME was destroyed by a bomb."

(I.S. No. 204)

SITUATION WIRE, TIMED 10.25 a.m. 10:7:18.

1st Aust. Div. advanced their line to depth of 250 yards on front of 1,200 yards North-west of MERRIS, and captured 16 prisoners and a M.G. French attacked on les LOGES and PORTE farms completely successful. 530 prisoners, 25 M.Gs. and 2 T.Ms. taken with little loss to the French. Hostile attack on French new positions East of VILLERS COTTERETS failed.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
10th July, 1918,

ADDENDUM TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE Nos. 36 & 39.

Demolitions.

1. At end of para. 5 of Instructions for Defensive No. 36, add -

"The C.R.A. will arrange for an officer to supervise the crossing of field artillery at each bridge. These officers will be provided with complete information as to what guns are allotted to the bridge to which each is detailed."

2. The following bridges will be added to those set forth in "Table 'B' - GLISY Group," issued with "Instructions for the Defensive No. 39,"

Location.	Name.	Description.	To Carry.	Responsibility for	
				Actual Demolition.	Orders for Demolition.
N.14.d.3.3.	GLISY 1.	Towpath river (existing).	F.A.	2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	2nd Aust. Division.
N.13.c.8.3.	GLISY 3.	Road over river trestle bridges.	F.A. & 60-Pra	do.	do.
N.14.d.0.3.	GLISY 4.	Road over river trestle bridges.	do.	do.	do.

3. Acknowledge.

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Second Australian Division.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
10th July, 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div.

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION NEAR MONUMENT WOOD, 9th JULY, 1918.

1. At 3 p.m. on 9th July, 1918, two parties totalling 3 Officers and 47 Other Ranks from the 28th Battalion, entered the enemy trench at approx. U.S.A. 90.95. To do this, they crawled up to within 20 yards of the enemy trench, and the leader, Lieut. A. P. CORNUM, led his assaulting parties into the trench; one party worked left towards the railway - the other worked to the right along the trench running along the North-western edge of MONUMENT WOOD.

The enemy was completely surprised and demoralised. They ran so fast that the attacking parties could not catch up to them. About 90 Germans got away into shell holes and into the Wood. 10 Germans were killed.

The Left party had cleared their sector by 3.15 p.m., and the Right by 3.24 p.m.

2. On the success signal - a white cloth tied to the derelict tank - being given, the garrison of the old front line moved forward overland to the captured trench. Not a man of this garrison was hit in this operation.

3. The casualties in taking this trench system were 1 other rank killed and 2 other ranks wounded.

4. The captured line ran from the railway at O.36.d.5.1. - U.S.b.4.8. - U.S.a.50.55. - U.S.b.7.2. A post was established at U.S.b.48.15. A C.T. was dug on night 9th/10th July from O.36.c.75.05 to U.S.a.8.9.

5. Two L.M.G's., 2 Granatenwerfers, and 1 large Periscope were taken.

6. Patrols sent out into the Wood were stopped by enemy sniping and M.G. fire from direction of SYRIA trench.

(Signed) J. E. LEE, Major,
for Brigadier-General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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ANNEXE to

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION NEAR MONUMENT WOOD, 9th July, 1918.

REPORT ON NEW FRONT LINE.

From U.S.b.7.0. - U.S.a.8.8. Single line, poor trench, considerably damaged by shell fire, and 50% shallow.

U.S.a.8.8. - Railway O.38.d.5.1. Double line trench full depth, mostly narrow and parapets badly undercut by enemy. Across railway, trench 3 ft. deep - rails not out.

O.38.d.5.2. - about P.31.a.3.2. Continuous line, part double trench (O.38.d.5.2. - P.31.c.0.9.) full depth, narrow and badly undercut on our parapets by enemy.

P.31.c.0.9. - P.32.a.2.8. Series of posts - parts of trench are partly continuous. There is no wire in front of this trench, and very little enemy wire on our own side, except that trench at U.S.b.6.1. has been barricaded and filled with wire.

Deep dugout accommodation - nil.

Between U.S.a.6.6. and railway line there are 8 to 10 commencements of deep dugout shafts distributed through both lines of trench. Between railway and P.31.a.3.2. are 12 to 18 commencements for deep dugouts, mostly not more than 8 feet deep, and the deepest about O.38.d.7.5. about 12 feet deep with 6 feet of cover at the bottom.

REPORT ON MONUMENT WOOD.

1. (a) This place is not a wood at all, but an orchard with a few large stumps around the Farm and outhouses.

(b) A road runs through the Orchard in U.S.a. dividing it into two parts.

(c) The part East of this road is quite open, and affords a good field of fire from our present front line, along the Northern edge from which we can see SYRIA TRENCH.

(d) From the N.W. corner of the Western part of the Orchard, two hedges (fairly thick) run in an East and South direction respectively. The rest of this part of the Orchard is quite open.

(e) The buildings are much knocked about - in fact a heap of ruins, and the Orchard is much knocked about by shell fire.

(f) A Tank - either French or Whippet - is stranded at approx. U.S.central.

2. Apart from the two hedges mentioned in para. 1 (d), the Wood presents no obstacles.

3. The enemy does not hold the Wood, but holds SYRIA TRENCH as his front line, fairly strongly. The Northern side of SYRIA TRENCH is wired from its junction with STAMBOUL TRENCH to at least the corner of the Wood at U.S.c.5.9.

4. The ruins have been investigated in daytime and found unoccupied. A patrol last night patrolled 500 yards along the Southern side of railway bank as far as V.1.a.2.8. but did not encounter the enemy.

The trench from U.S.d.7.7. to railway at V.1.a.9.8. is held by the enemy.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 168.

From 5.30 p.m., 10th, to 5.30 p.m., 11th July, 1918.

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

1 OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. 571 rds. on selected targets in V.1.c. and d., V.4., V.8., V.10., V.14. - harassing fire during the day. During a shoot on movement in V.8. and V.14. several casualties were inflicted on a party of the enemy. 2,291 rds. on enemy roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional front - harassing fire during night.

4.5" Hows. 57 rds. were directed against an active 77 mm. battery at V.4. central. An explosion and two fires were caused and battery was silenced. 135 rds. BX. on selected targets in V.1.b., V.3.d., P.33.d., V.14.c. - harassing fire during the afternoon and evening. 461 rds. on enemy roads, approaches and centres of activity - harassing fire during the night. 50 rds. BNC. were directed against target P.33.d.95.75. Movement observed in P.29.b. was engaged and dispersed by 4.5" Hows. during the morning.

(b) Trench Mortars. Heavy T.Ms. fired 10 rds. in registration along railway in V.1.b.

(c) Machine Guns. Harassing fire was directed on following; where movement has been observed:- forked roads and tracks in vicinity of V.3.a.0.8., 2,000 rds.; Tracks in U.12.a.60.15., 1,000 rds.; Cross roads U.6.c.5.3., 1,500 rds.; Trenches U.6.c.40.78. 1,500 rds.; Tracks in P.27.b. and d. 2,500 rds.; Enemy posts in P.27.b. and P.21.d. enfiladed, 2,000 rds.

(d) Aircraft. - Active.

(e) Infantry.

Right Bde. Posts were established to connect up with the Left Bde. as follows:- P.26.c.4.2. - P.31.b.9.9. - P.31.b.7.7. - P.31.b.45.40. - P.31.c.9.9.

Left Bde. During night 10th/11th posts were in places advanced and line now runs - P.26.c.10.45. - thence along road to P.27.c.00.45 - thence to P.27.c.20.55. - P.27.a.30.00. - North along trench to P.27.a.10.90. - P.21.c.7.7. Posts were established in trench at P.26.d.8.2.

(f) Patrols.

Right Bde. A patrol proceeded along North railway bank to V.1.a.30.95. where they were evidently observed by the enemy, as flares were fired freely from just ahead and on both sides of the railway. A trench was seen running parallel with the railway V.1.a.30.95. to V.1.a.45.90. A bombing duel ensued, resulting in slight casualties to both sides. Machine gun fire was opened on our patrol from South of the railway, so patrol returned to our lines.

A patrol moved to trench at P.31.b.6.2. and moved South. From P.31.b.45.00. a belt of wire runs to P.31.d.3.7. where an enemy M.G. was in action, and fired on the patrol. A party of 20 Germans was seen at a post P.31.d.15.10. to which Lewis gun fire was directed. The enemy party immediately used a large number of WHITE flares, preventing a surprise rush by our patrol, who returned to our lines.

Left Brigade. Four patrols were sent out during the night. A patrol which moved 600 yards East from P.26.c.2.1. examined a line of "pot holes" running South from P.26.c.5.4., which showed no signs of recent occupation.

A party with a L.G. left P.27.a.3.0. at 11 p.m. to reconnoitre trenches in P.27.a.5.5. and P.27.c.85.88. After proceeding 50 yards an enemy party (20 strong) was seen moving South from trench at P.27.c.4.6., while a second party was seen about P.27.c.6.7. Fire was opened and casualties inflicted on enemy. Later another party attempted to move south along trench from P.27.a.3.0. and had a severe bombing encounter in which 6 of the enemy were killed. Our patrol withdrew in order, in face of heavy M.G. fire which inflicted 15 casualties.

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OPERATIONS: (Continued).

(g) Sniping. Left Bde. claims three hits and Right Bde. shot two enemy at U.6.c.6.7.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. A marked decrease in the enemy's artillery activity is reported. Shelling was of a light harassing nature directed against our forward areas - main features as follow:- From 4 to 6 p.m. approx. 15 rds. 15 cm. fell in P.26.b. and d. and 120 rds. 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. fell in P.31.C, from the direction of BAYONVILLERS. Again at 6.30 p.m. a further 150 rds. from 77 mm. were scattered over this area, - from T.S.B. 116° from O.30.c.85.90. Light intermittent shelling was maintained until 9.30 p.m. on P.31., O.35., O.36. and U.5. From 11 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. short bursts of fire were directed at intervals against the forward trench system of the Left Bde. front. Other areas receiving attention were P.19. and P.25. The enemy's artillery was again inactive during the day. At 12.30 p.m. 30 rds. 10.5 cm. fell in O.21.a. while at 1.30 p.m. 30 rds. from 77 mm. guns were scattered over O.36.d. and light shelling by 10.5 cm. hows. and 77 mm. guns was directed against U.1.b. and d. and our forward areas.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Restive, but appears to be more organised than hitherto.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Work and Wire. According to patrol advice a belt of wire runs from P.31.b.45.00. to P.31.d.3.7. A line of wire is being constructed from DOG WOOD to RAT WOOD in P.24.

(b) Machine Guns. Patrols report active guns at P.31.d.15.50. P.31.d.60.50., P.31.d.3.7., P.32.a.85.45. P.27.c.8.5., P.27.a.5.6., P.27.a.1.0. Three guns fired from vicinity of mound in V.1.a.9.8.

(c) Posts.

Patrols located posts at P.32.b.1.6., P.32.b.50.65., P.32.b.80.65., P.23.a.50.70.

(d) Flares. Flares were fired on patrol from P.21.d.4.4. WHITE flares above normal. Two single REDS brought down a light 4.2 barrage on our front and support lines in P.26.b. ORANGE clusters followed by a single GREEN brought light artillery fire on P.26.

(e) Trench Mortars. 30 Granatenwerfer were fired into U.5.b. from SYRIA TRENCH.

(f) Snipers. Very active from trench in P.27.a.6.5. This trench is strongly held.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Generally inactive on account of unfavourable weather.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Considerable movement in vicinity of suspected H.Q. at V.14.d.1.9. This was engaged at all times by the Arty. sniping gun. At 11.20am. movement near small clump of trees in P.29.b. was dispersed by 4.5" How. Small parties were observed between U.12.b.5.3. and U.6.d.5.6.; two of these parties had full packs up which may point to a relief. At 6.35 p.m. 9 men were seen working in trench at P.32.d.4.4. There some camouflage in the vicinity. At 8.15 p.m. 2 parties of 5 men each, fully equipped and carrying tools, came from rear of enemy line and disappeared in trenches in P.32.d. At 5.45 a.m. men left these trenches and went down towards railway in V.2. From 8 to 10pm. about 100 men in small parties left enemy forward area around P.33. and went towards MARCELCAVE. Usual amount of foot and transport traffic was noticed on roads and tracks in the rear area. At 5.55 and 6.10pm. trains were seen moving south on line in Q.34. They were engaged by our artillery, whose shells fell approx. 1,000 yards short.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. At 9.10pm. a railway gun at 116° T.B. from O.30.b.3. fired 1 round. Battery 5.9's. is suspected at P.30.C.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m., 12th July, 1918.

G.55.

<u>Divisional H.Q.</u>	N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
<u>2nd Aust.D.Arty. H.Q.</u>	ST. GRATIEN.	Maire.	Under 5th Aust. Div.
4th A.F.A.Bde. H.Q.	D.13.d.55.75.	In Line.	do.
5th do.	J. 1.c. 5. 1.	In Line.	do.
2nd Aust.D.A.C.H.Q.	H. 6.b. 7. 6.	In Line.	do.
do. SAA.Sect.	M. 3.b. 3. 1.		
<u>3rd Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q.</u>	N.20.d. 7. 4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
7th Bde. A.F.A.	N.24.b. 2. 6.)		
8th Bde. A.F.A.	O.25.b.00.85.)	Right Group.	
86th Army Bde. RFA.-N.18.d. 7. 5.)			
14th Army Bde. RFA.-O.13.c. 3. 9.)		Left Group.	
23rd Army Bde. RFA.-	N.14.c.central.	Reserve Bde.	
3rd Aust. D.A.C.	N.14.c. 5. 5.		
3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.-	N.24.b. 2. 7.		
<u>5th Aust. Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>	O.25.c. 8. 4.	Line, Left Sector.	
17th Battalion.	P.19.c.1.2.	Line, Right.	
18th do.	O.28.b.8.8.	Support.	
19th do.	O.24.c.3.3.	Reserve.	
20th do.	O.24.c.1.2.	Line, Left.	
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	O.22.a.8.7.	Line.	
5A Nucleus Bn.	M.18.d.1.5.		
TransportnLines.	M.17.b. and M.18.a.		
<u>6th Aust. Inf. Bde.H.Q.</u>	N.20.d.2.8.	GLISY.	Reserve Bde.
21st Battalion.	N.28.b.3.5.	Transport Lines	N.14.c.3.2.
22nd do.	O.28.a.1.8. Res.	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.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	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.	Line Right Sector.	
25th Battalion.	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.	
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	O.27.c.10.45.	Line.	
7A Nucleus Bn.	N. 7.a.6.8.		
<u>2nd Aust.M.G.Bn. H.Q.</u>	GLISY.	Chateau. (Rear - N.13.d.15.65.).	
5th A.M.G.Coy.	O.25.c.6.4.	Line Left	
6th do.	N.30.d.30.00.	Line Centre	
7th do.	N.13.d.50.70.	Reserve.	
22nd do.	O.27.c.10.33.	Line Right Sector.	
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.	
5th Field Coy. A.E.	N.22.a.9.2.	Transport Lines	N.14.d.9.8.
6th do.	N.23.central.	do.	N.23.central.
7th do.	O.25.d.3.7.	do.	N.21.b.80.25.
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	N.23.a.1.1.	do.	N.13.c.8.8.

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A.D.M.S. - GLISY. Dugouts.
5th Aust. Field Amb. - M.5.c.2.5.
6th do. - ST. AUACHEL. M.D.S. (AMIENS).
7th do. - N.26.d.1.3. A.D.S.
4th Aust. San. Sect. - CAGNY. 8 Rue Mallet.
2nd Aust. Div. Train H.Q. - G.11.d.4.0.
15th Coy. A.A.S.C. - M.16.b.4.7.
16th Coy. A.A.S.C. - M.9.d.8.6.
17th Coy. A.A.S.C. - M.4.a.4.4.
20th Coy. A.A.S.C. - H.15.a.central.

Miscellaneous.

Paymaster. }
D.A.D.U.S. }
A.P.M. }
Div. Gas Offr. }
Div. Bomb Offr. }
Mob. Vet. Sect. }
Div. Salvage Coy. }
D.A.D.O.S. }
No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy. }
Div. Reinf. Camp. }
Div. Staging Camp. }
Div. Canteen. }
Div. Burial Recording Officer - N.23.a.1.1.
Attached Troops.
Troop, 13th A.L.H. - N.20.b.4.2.
Platoon, Aust. Corps
Cyclist Bn. - N.20.b.4.0.

J. L. M. Case
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,
11th July, 1918.

Corrections to be notified to D.H.Q. at once.

TO BE DESTROYED ON RECEIPT OF A LATER ISSUE.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 169.

From 5.30 p.m., 11th, to 5.30 p.m., 12th July, 1918.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. 335 rds. fired on selected targets in V.14.d., V.5., V.20., P.31.d., P.32.c., and U.6.d. - harassing fire during the day. 2,738 rds. were fired on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps, defences and centres of activity opposite the Divisional front - harassing fire during the night.

4.5" Hows. 100 rds. registration. 92 rds. were fired on movement in V.13.a. - dispersed - and O.P. at V.10.d.3.1. - 12 direct hits being reported on the latter target. 386 rds. H.E. and 230 rds. BNC. and BCG. gas shell on P.33.c.4.2., P.33.c.65.85., and V.10.d.45.20.

(b) Trench Mortars. Right Bde. L.T.Ms. fired 10 rds. on posts in U.5.d. and Left Bde., 65 rounds on enemy post at P.27.a.4.8., direct hits being observed.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged on movement being reported:- Enemy tracks in U.12.d.60.15., 1,000 rds.; Trenches in U.6.a.40.78., 1,000 rds.; Cross roads at U.6.c.5.3., between 10.30 p.m. and 2.30 a.m., 2,000 rds.; Trench and road in P.32.d. enfiladed, 1,000 rds.; tracks and roads in P.32.a. and posts in P.33.c., 2,000 rds.; Reported M.G. position in P.22.c. and posts surrounding it, 1,000 rds.; Road in P.27.b., 1,000 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Not very active owing to weather conditions.

(e) Patrols.

Right Bde. Daylight patrols from the Right Bn. report as follows:-

1. At 11 a.m. the trench at U.5.d.8.9. was unoccupied but showed signs of occupation over-night. The trench at U.5.d.8.7. looks like a strong post and showed signs of recent occupation. SYRIA TRENCH at U.6.a.1.0. was shallow and unoccupied. The Crucifix at the Cross Roads U.6.c.5.3., and the intersection at U.6.c.5.9. are suspected strong points.

2. There is a strong cellar on the East side of the ruins U.6.a.4.2. It was unoccupied, but had evidently been used as a Headquarters, as telephone wires, equipment and documents were discovered there.

3. MONUMENT WOOD was thoroughly searched by a strong patrol at night, but no enemy were seen.

Left Bde. Patrols covered working parties during the night. Flares and a M.G. were fired from P.27.a.5.6. No enemy movement was observed.

(f) Sniping. Left Bde. snipers claim six certain hits.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Quiet. Our old and new front lines south of the Railway, particularly at U.5.central and U.8.a.5.7. were under short bursts of 77 mm and 10.5 cm throughout the period. Similar bursts fell in MONUMENT WOOD, all from the direction of V.22., 23 and 24.

A 77 mm battery is suspected at V.4.central, beside the Railway. 200 10.5 cm shells fell on O.30.c. and O.36.a. between 8.45 and 9.45 p.m. Shortly afterwards 100-77mm shells fell in the vicinity of our posts in P.26.c. and P.25.d.

Gun flashes were observed on T.Bs of 870, 810, 890, 720, and 114 from O.29.d.90.40.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Quiet, but alert. A relief is suspected opposite our Left Bde. front by the Bns. in line, but requires confirmation.

P.T.O.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Work and Wire. Sounds of hammering were heard at U.5.d.8.7. during the night. A belt of wire can be seen running from P.16.c.10.05. to P.16.c.05.35.
- (b) Trench Mortars. Inactive.
- (c) Machine Guns. Occasional bursts during the night. A M.G. at P.27.a.4.7. was silenced by one of our Trench Mortars.
- (d) Flares. Nothing unusual to report.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. A few low flying E.A. were driven off by our A.A. fire. There was very little aerial activity.8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Opposite the Left Bde. front there was considerable movement in trenches and shell holes during the night. Twenty men at 10 yards distance walked from P.34.a.1.0. to a probable dump at W.1.b.8.4., and returned carrying white bags. A working party of 12 men moved from P.33.d.3.9. to P.23.a.5.5. This party appears in this locality every evening at 6 p.m. Movement of individuals and limbers was observed on roads in Q.25.a. and b. and W.1. and W.2. Between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., 21 men, in ones and twos, moved forward from WARFUSEE to the trench in P.27.b.6.0. Six wagons were seen shortly after 9 p.m. on the road in U.6.d.5.2., where they stopped and were unloaded. Movement was noticed in SYRIA and BUDA-PEST Trenches at 5 a.m. Shortly before 1 p.m., 4 or 5 small trains were seen moving South on the line in W.7. and W.8. At 2.5 p.m. smoke was observed from a train moving South along the line in W.1.central.10. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility, Good.

The enemy is reported to be occupying the trenches running from P.27.a.5.9. to P.27.a.8.1., P.27.a.5.6. to P.27.a.55.40., P.27.c.35.80. to P.27.c.4.4., and trenches as far east as a line running North and South through WARFUSEE.

Thirteen flat boxes were found on the road running North and South through U.6.a. and c. On examination they were found to be small surface mines, probably anti-tank.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (I.S. No. 205).

TYPHUS IN THE GERMAN ARMY. An officer of the 201st R.I.R. (43rd Res. Div. under special examination, has stated that while resting in the CYSOING ANSTAING area, near LILLE, his division suffered from an outbreak of typhus. The 201st R.I.R. suffered more than the other regiments of the Div., having between 30 and 40 cases per battalion.

NEW GERMAN 15-cm. HOWITZER SHELL. The enemy has recently introduced several new patterns of 15-cm. howitzer shell, which differ considerably in design from those in previous use. Those of chief interest are -

- (i) A Yellow Cross gas shell with a powerful bursting charge.
- (ii) A short H.E. shell with a tapered head and fitted with one zinc and one copper driving band.

Details. - (a) 15-cm. Yellow Cross Gas Shell.

The shell contains a powerful bursting charge in addition to a container filled with poison liquid. It consequently presents the additional danger that its burst may be mistaken for that of an ordinary H.E. Shell.

Colour.....

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Colour. - Black, with a double yellow cross (i.e., one vertical and two horizontal bars) painted on base and body.
Length without fuze. - 495 mm. (19½").
Weight of bursting charge 2.6 lbs. (amatol).
Liquid contents. - 2 quarts.
Fuze. - Gr.Z.14. (non-delay action).

b) 15-cm. H.E. Shell. Two new patterns have been introduced:-

(i) 15-cm. Gr.12 verst. (verst. = verstärkt or strengthened).

A shell somewhat shorter than the 1912 (long) pattern, painted black, and fitted with one broad zinc and one narrow copper driving band.

(ii) 15-cm. Gr.17. -

A short shell, about 450 mm. (17¾") in length, painted a pinkish yellow colour. The head is more tapered than in previous patterns of howitzer shell, but is not pointed. It is fitted with a nose fuze. The upper driving band is of zinc and the lower of copper.

(c) 15-cm. Special Shell.

<u>Nature.</u>		<u>Marking.</u>
Incendiary shell.	...	A black "B."
Smoke shell.	...	A black "N."
Star shell.	...	A white "L."

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 13th July 1918.

The following changes are notified to the last report (G.55)

5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	-	O.25.c.6.4.	Line Left Sector.
17th Battalion.	-	O.24.c.25.30.	Line Right.
18th do	-	O.24.c.25.30.	Support.
19th do	-	P.13.c.10.20.	Line Left.
20th do	-	O.28.b.8.8.	Reserve,
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	O.22.a.8.7.	Line.
5A Nucleus Bn.	-	M.18.d.1.5.	
Transport Lines.	-	M.17.b. and M.18.a.	
22nd Battalion	-	O.14.b.9.2. Res.	T.L. N.13.b.9.5.
25th Battalion.	-	O.28.c.8.5.	Line Left.
27th do	-	O.26.c.9.3.	Support Left.
D.A.D.O.S.	-	H.19.d.2.3.	

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 14th July 1918.

The following further changes will be complete.

26th Battalion	-	O.28.c.8.5.	Line Right.
28th do	-	O.26.c.9.3.	Support Right.

[Signature]
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust. D.H.Q.
12th July 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 170.

From 5.30 p.m., 12th, to 5.30 p.m., 13th July, 1918.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

18-pdrs. 26 rds. registration. 348 rds. on selected targets in P.33.a., V.3.a. b. and d., V.4., V.5. and V.20. - harassing fire during day. 129 rds. were fired on movement in V.1.c., V.8. and V.14. 200 rds. were fired between 8.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on enemy movement in P.22., 23. and 24. During this shoot two ammunition dumps exploded at approximately P.23.d.0.0. 2962 rds. were fired on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional front, - increased harassing fire during the night owing to suspected enemy relief.

4.5" Hows. 438 rds. H.E. on selected targets in V.1. and V.2. 350 rds. gas were expended on the following targets:- P.29.a.2.3., P.34.b.8.2. and trenches in P.28.b. and d. and tracks in V.1. and V.2.

(b) Trench Mortars. Stokes fired 35 rounds on enemy post at P.27.a.4.7. Direct hits were observed.

(c) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- Cross Roads at U.6.c.48.25. were fired on from 9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. and from 2.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m., 2,000 rds. expended. Trench at U.6.d.2.8. was enfiladed with 1,000 rds. Junction of trenches at U.12.b.60.15. received 1,000 rds. Junction of trenches and roads in V.2.b., 1,000 rds. Road running through P.32.a. and d. enfiladed with 1,000 rds. Trenches in P.32.d. received 1,000 rds. Tracks in P.33.c., 1,250 rds. Roads and tracks in P.22.c. were subjected to 1,250 rds.

(d) Aircraft. Active during evening of 12th instant.

(e) Patrols. A patrol of Left Bde. moved to enemy post at P.27.a.4.7. at 10.30 p.m., whereupon the garrison of 12 men retired to a M.G. post about 20 yards in rear. Right Bde. carried out protective patrols only.

(f) Sniping. 2 definite hits are claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 4th Coy., 18th I.R., 41st Division.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. The enemy's artillery was again quiet throughout the period. During the night light intermittent shelling of a harassing nature was directed against our forward areas. At 5 p.m. 50 rds. 15 cm. were directed against our trench system in U.5.b., while at intervals during the night, CACHY, BOIS AQUENNE, O.36.c., U.5.a., P.31. and VILLERS BRETONNEUX were lightly shelled by 10.5 cm. Hows. and 77 mm. guns. From 9.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. short bursts of fire, chiefly 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. were directed against O.29., O.30. and O.36. During the day the following areas were shelled:- O.16.a., 30 rds. from the direction of MARCELCAVE, O.36.d., 30 rds. 77 mm., 50 rds. 15 cm. H.E. over VILLERS BRETONNEUX, and a few rds. 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. were scattered over our forward areas. At 3 p.m. a heavy area shoot by 15 cm., 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. was directed against O.27.b. and d. and O.28. from directions 110° and 115° T.S.B. from O.28.b.2.2.

Flashes were observed 91, 93, and 96 degrees Grid Bearing from O.29.d.8.5. and at 8.40 p.m. flashes of a H.V. gun shelling back areas were observed 91° Grid Bearing from O.29.d.8.5.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. (continued).

Between 9 and 10 p.m., 40 rds. 77 mm. were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX Church and between 10 and 10.45 p.m., 40 rds. 10.5 cm. were directed against the same target from a direction South of MARCELCAVE - registration.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Generally quiet.6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Trenches from P.28.d.4.7. to P.28.a.8.0., at P.27.d.30.75. and P.31.d.5.8. appear to be occupied.

(b) Machine Guns. Quieter than usual. One gun was located at P.27.a.5.7.

(c) Flares. Single REDS brought no apparent result. At 10.30 a.m. a salvo of shells was directed to French lines at approx. U.5.c.7.4. Two of these fell short at approx. U.5.d.7.4. and a GREEN flare was almost immediately fired. Probably an enemy post exists near the latter location.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Inactive during day. At midnight bombing planes attacked the back areas, and at 6.5 a.m. a reconnaissance plane was driven off by A.A. fire. At 7.55 a.m. one F.E.A. attacked one of our scouts forcing our plane to land in P.36.b. Pilot and plane appeared to be undamaged.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Between 6 p.m. and 8.50 p.m. parties of from 12 to 30 men were seen in vicinity of DOG WOOD (P.24.d.), on road from P.23.a.45.40. to P.23.d.25.10., on road to WIENCOURT through V.6.b. and on road in W.1.a. moving West from BAYONVILLERS. Individual movement was observed on roads in P.24.c. towards LAMOTTE, in P.36.a., P.23.c., P.29.b., W.2.c., P.28.c., P.35.a. and W.1.d. where four men were engaged cutting crop.

At 8.45 p.m. two wagons observed about Q.25.a.8.8., and at 6.45 3 G.S. wagons were on the main road between PROYART and MORCOURT.

At 7.7 p.m. a train moved through DOG WOOD towards WARTUSEE. At 7.25 p.m. a train, and again at 7.55 p.m. an engine and tender only, travelled North-east along line through Q.31.c. Constant shunting is visible in BAYONVILLERS, HARBONNIERES and GUILLAUCOURT.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. A heavy gun on railway mounting ^{was} run up into W.2.d. and fired 10 rds. at 11.10 a.m. and 2 rds. at 12 noon, being pulled out after each shoot.

Ammunition dumps reported exploded by our artillery operations during the period are as follows:- Small dump at V.1.d.9.6., At 8.50 p.m. and at 11.25 p.m. large dumps at 88° T.B. and 86° T.B. respectively from U.2.b.95.10. At 2.50 a.m. dump observed burning at 106° T.B. from same co-ordinate.

At 8.30 p.m. a large fire, accompanied by explosion of rockets and Very lights was located in rear of LAMOTTE at 81° T.B. from 0.29.d.8.5.

A wiring party of the Right Ede. discovered two dead Germans (265 R.I.R.) alongside a M.G. at P.31.a.5.1. during the night 11th/12th. The M.G. was salvaged. These men probably formed portion of the party who attempted to raid our post at P.31.a.6.3.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. - Page 3.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.41st Division.

2 men, 4th Coy., 18th I.R., 41st Inf. Div., carrying rations, lost their way and were taken prisoners. The 41st Div. relieved the 108th Div. four days ago. The 41st Div. was previously at BAPAUME. The probable order of battle is, North to South, 152 I.R., 18th I.R., 148th I.R. IIInd Bn. in Support, IIIrd in reserve. All four Coys. in line. The outposts are some 300 metres in front of main line. Coy. Strength, 2 Officers, 80 - 90 O.Rs., 7 L.M.Gs. (P.S. 13:7:18).

Movements of 41st Div. in 1918. Until the 14th of January the Div. was in the STADEN sector. It subsequently went to rest for 5 weeks in the BRUGES area, and then into line north of PASSCHENDAELE and remained there till the 4th March. On March 23rd the division reinforced the line near OPPE and lost heavily in the fighting north of the SCARPE at the end of March. It went into line in the HEBUTERNE sector on April 9th, where it was relieved on 9th June. Since then it has been resting in the BAPAUME area.

The 41st Div., which made its first appearance on the British front in November, 1917, appears to be a moderately good division. During the campaign in RUMANIA in 1916 the division was mentioned on several occasions in the German official communique, and in the fighting at MURTEBISE in 1917 was praised for the vigor with which it had carried out certain attacks. It is composed of west and east Prussians, who usually give a good account of themselves. The 41st Division is commanded by Major-Gen. GRASER. (I.S. No. 207).

General. A division of average quality, not hitherto employed on this front, has relieved a tired division in the WARFUSEE area.

This new division has hitherto formed part of the 17th German Army, and indicates that a portion of the reserves of the Second Army are not sufficiently fresh to be brought into an important sector, while the fresh divisions are probably destined for an offensive elsewhere.

Prisoners have no knowledge of any offensive intended in their sector. Yesterday the French made a notable advance west of MOREUIL and captured over 500 prisoners.

Identifications show no change in the German order of battle. (I.S. No. 207).

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
13th July, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 43.

Right Flank Liaison.

"Instructions for the Defensive, No. 38" is cancelled and the following substituted:-

1. As a right flank defence to join our front line with CACHY SWITCH (the French main line of resistance) the following trenches will be organised for defence:-

TORLOTTING Trench - Front line.
BOYAU-des-ALLIES - Support line.

The junction with the French in these two lines will be -

Front line - Trench junction at U.4.a.9.6.
Support line - Trench junction at U.4.a.85.90.

The organisation of these two trenches for defence will be commenced forthwith by the right brigade, order of priority of work being:-

- (i) Cutting crops and erecting wire in front of TORLOTTING Trench.
- (ii) Improving TORLOTTING Trench for defence facing South.
- (iii) Cutting crops in front of BOYAU-des-ALLIES and improving this trench.

2. The following arrangements have been made for maintaining liaison with the 37th French Division:-

International posts will be maintained as under:-

- (a) - At junction of TORLOTTING Trench and AWKWARD Support (U.5.a.2.5.) with an advanced post at the junction of ourselves and the French in the front line (U.5.central). At least one officer (French speaker) one N.C.O. and 10 men (with Lewis gun) of the right brigade, and one French section.
The whole to be commanded by the Australian officer and to be regarded as one post, and to have duties and alarm posts so distributed that half of each nationality is on duty together at any one time.
- (b) - Trench junction U.4.a.9.6.
One officer (French speaker) one N.C.O. and 10 men of Right Bde. and 1 N.C.O. and 10 men of 37th French Div.
The whole to be commanded by the Australian Officer and to be regarded as one post.
- (c) - The existing international posts at (i) junction of CACHY SWITCH and AUBIGNY SWITCH, (ii) in the AUBIGNY SYSTEM (French "Intermediate" position), and (iii) South of BOIS de BLANGY (French "Second" position) will be maintained as at present.

3. The Right Brigade will maintain nucleus garrisons in the TORLOTTING Trench and BOYAU-des-ALLIES.

4. The necessary alterations in dispositions will be made on the night 14th/15th instant, and completion will be notified by wire to D.H.Q.

5. Acknowledge.

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As per "Instructions for the Defensive, No. 38."

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General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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APPENDIX.

HEADQUARTERS.
2ND
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
(GENERAL STAFF.)

G.24/1/370.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
13th July 1918.

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
6th do
7th do
2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.
C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div.

2 prisoners 4th Coy. 15th I.R. 41st Div. captured in P.31 at 2 a.m. today. Prisoners state they lost their way carrying rations. Relieved the 108 Div. 4 days ago. 41st Div. was previously at B APAUMS. Probable order of battle N. to S. 152nd I.R., 15th I.R., 148th I.R. 1st Bn. is in the line with all 4 Coys in the front line, 2nd Bn. is in support, 3rd Bn. in reserve. Outposts are some 300 metres in front of main line. Coy strengths 2 officers 470 80 - 90 G.Rs. 7 L.M.Gs.

The 41st Div. made it's first appearance on the British front in Nov. 1917 in the STADEN sector (North of YPRES). It had previously been engaged on the eastern front and on the French front and appears to be a moderately good division.

During the campaign in ROMANIA in 1916 the Division was mentioned on several occasions in the German official communique, and in the fighting at HURTUBISE (CHRONNE area) in 1917 was praised for the vigour with which it had carried out certain attacks. It is composed of West and East Prussians who usually give a good account of themselves.

The 41st Division is commanded by Major-General GRASER.

Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 202.

Copy No. 28.....

Headquarters,
13th July, 1918.

1. In order to complete the organisation of divisions, the distribution of the Field Artillery in the Corps will be adjusted between 13th and 17th July.

2. 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery (less D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries) will move into "A" Divisional sector, relieving 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery between above dates.

D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries, 4th Aust. Division, will relieve D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries, 3rd Aust. Division, in "A" Divisional sector on night 14th/15th July.

D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries, 2nd Aust. Division, will move into reserve at RENANCOURT on night 13th/14th July.

3. Guns and mortars will be taken over in situ.

4. On completion of moves the Field Artillery covering "A" Divisional sector will consist of -

2nd Aust. Div. Arty. (less D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries).
14th Army Bde., R.F.A.
23rd Army Bde., R.F.A.
86th Army Bde., R.F.A.
D.T.M.O. and M.T.M. Batteries, 4th Aust. Div.

5. C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div., will take over command of Field Artillery covering "A" Divisional sector from C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Div., at 2 p.m., on 15th July.

6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 5 pm.
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L. B. Bowick Major
Lieut-Colonel,
For General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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| 4. C.R.E. | |
| 5. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. | |
| 6. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. | |
| 7. 6th do. | |
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| 9. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. | |
| 10. 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn. | |
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| 15. 2nd Aust. Div. Train. | |
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 15th July 1918.

G.77.

Amendment No.2 to G.55 issued 11/7/18.

<u>2nd Aust.M.G.Battalion.</u>	GLISY. Chateau. (Rear - N.13.d.15.65.)
5th A.M.G.Coy. -	O.28.b.5.2. Line Left.
6th A.M.G.Coy. -	O.27.c.1.4. Line Centre.
7th A.M.G.Coy. -	N.13.d.5.7. Reserve.
22nd A.M.G.Coy. -	O.27.c.1.4. Line Right.
R & L Group.H.Q.. -	N.30.d.8.0.
Rear H.Q. all Coys.-	N.13.d.05.60. LAMOTTE.
Transport Lines. -	M.18.a. and b.
4th A.F.A.Bde. H.Q. -	O.25.b.00.85. Part of Right Group.
2nd Aust.D.A.C. -	N.14.c.5.5.
4th Aust.D.T.M.O. -	N.24.b.2.7.

Delete.

3rd Aust.D.T.M.O.
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J. L. M. Law Capt
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 5.30 p.m., 13th, to 5.30 p.m., 14th July, 1918. No. 171.

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

OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. 18-pdrs. 40 rds. registration. 443 rds. on roads, tracks and selected targets in P.33. and V.3., harassing fire during the day, while a hostile 10.5 cm. battery at V.14.d.70.30. and enemy movement in V.14. were effectively dealt with. 60 rds. on movement in P.29.d. with good results. 3,100 rds. on enemy roads, tracks, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional front - harassing fire during the night.

4.5" Hows. 109 rds. registration. 365 rds. on selected targets in V.14.b., P.28.d., V.1.b., V.4.a. and trench in V.2.a. - harassing fire during the night. 180 rds. gas shell and 18 rds. M.E. on selected targets in P.28.d., P.34.c., and junction at P.29.d.0.3.

(b) Trench Mortars. M.T.Ms. fired 22 rds. on strong point at U.5.d.80.80.

(c) Machine Guns. Two guns of Left Group were trained on road and railway bridge at V.1.b. from 10 p.m. to 12 m.n., and two of Right Group from 12 to 2.30 a.m. - 8,000 rds. expended. Other targets engaged were:- Cross roads in V.2.c.15.05., 1,500 rds.; Cross roads in U.6.c.15.25., 1,500 rds.; trench in U.6.d.2.8., enfiladed with 1,500 rds.; Cross roads U.6.c.50.25. fired on with 1,500 rds.; road in V.2.b. enfiladed and trenches searched in same area, 1,500 rds.; Cross Roads in P.21.d. and trenches enfiladed in P.27.b., 1,500 rds.

(d) Aircraft. During night enemy rear works were bombed.

(e) Patrols. Reconnaissance patrols did not come into contact with the enemy.

(f) Sniping. Left Bn., of Left Bde. claim 5 hits.

(g) Prisoners. One prisoner captured in P.27.a.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 55th I.R., 13th Div.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. The enemy's artillery was normally active during the night. No gas shelling or heavy destructive shoots have been reported, while H.V. guns have been inactive. From 4 p.m. to dusk scattered fire, chiefly from 10.5 cm. Hows. was directed against U.2., U.3. and U.5. and VILLERS BRETONNEUX from general direction of 85° and 96° T.B. (SOUND) from U.2.b.98.10. At 9.45 p.m. 25 rds. 15 cm. fell in O.10.a. and at 11.30 p.m. 20 rds. 77 mm. fell in O.23.a. Other areas affected during the night were U.2. and U.3. and T.6. - 100 rds. 10.5 cm. from directions 96° and 156° T.B. from U.2.b.98.10. falling in these areas. During the day fire of a light harassing nature has been directed against our battery areas in O.27. and O.28. from 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. Hows. while the railway in O.26., O.27. and O.28. has been subjected to fire of a similar nature from 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. Hows.; Approximately 200 rds. falling in these squares between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Other areas receiving attention during the day were O.17. and O.15.b., fire being of a light scattered nature and chiefly from 10.5 cm. How.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Passive.6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Work and Wire. Trenches in U.12.a. appear to be strongly held and wired. Working party in vicinity of U.11.b. was heard by patrol.

(b) Machine Guns. At P.31.d.4.6., P.26.d.95.25., P.32.a.9.5. M.Gs. are reported by patrols. Active guns were located as follows:- P.21.d.35.35., P.27.b.20.60., P.27.c.3.7., P.26.d.9.2. with suspected positions at P.27.c.45.70. and P.27.c.45.50.

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ENEMY DEFENCES (Continued).

(c) Flares. Flares were fired from P.31.d.15.45. (patrol). Single REDS, Single GREEN, and ORANGE Clusters brought no apparent action. Two GREENS were followed by an outburst of M.G. fire.

(d) Signals. Six searchlights were active during the approach of our planes.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 8.55 p.m. 6 E.A. crossed our lines. Four drew our A.A. fire and the other two attacked and destroyed two of our captive balloons North of CORBIE, otherwise no activity. Balloons were observed on a T.B. 123° from P.26.b.80.50. and 112° T.B. from O.29.d.95.55.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 7 p.m. small parties were seen at P.33.b.8.8. moving towards the railway, and on road in V.6.b. travelling towards WIENCOURT. From 9 p.m. to 9.10pm. about 200 men in parties of 20 moved along BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road towards the latter place. Individual movement occurred in P.17.d., roads in Q.25.a. and P.28.b. and d.

Four wagons accompanied the parties of 20 reported above on the BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road. At 9 p.m. 12 wagons appeared at an old house in W.7.a., where a large party unloaded them. This party was dispersed by our artillery fire.

At 5.50 p.m. and 6.5 p.m. smoke from trains in P.24.d. travelling N.E., and traffic on line in W.17.d. were observed.

(at 7.30, 7.45 and 7.55 p.m.)

10. MISCELLANEOUS. At about 5 a.m. this morning an escaped French prisoner came into our line on the Left Bde. front.

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

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The French carried out this morning (14th) a successful local action across the SAUIERES, resulting in 30 prisoners.

The number of prisoners in the MONTDIDIER advance amounts to over 600, and captured M.Gs. to 80.

Prisoner captured in P.27.a. belonged to the 265th Carrier Pigeon Loft, attached to 13th Div.

Headquarters. CAPPY. He was carrying pigeons to the Left Coy. of the 15th I.R., but lost his way, and wandered into our lines. He knew nothing of the line dispositions.

Order of Battle. Stated to be 55 I.R., 13th I.R., 15th I.R. from North to South, but prisoner was not certain of this. Headquarters of the 13th Div. is in dugouts on bank of canal at CAPPY.

Routes. Prisoner travelled by wagon to MORCOURT and made his way on foot to the main WARFUSEE - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road.

Information regarding Pigeons. Pigeons are taken up to line Coys. every night. There are no regular despatch riders to convey them; men from the pigeon loft take them up, and an Army order instructs that they be given facilities for getting forward by any transport which may be on the road.

Reliefs. Prisoner knew nothing of a relief of the 13th Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 172.

From 5.30 p.m. 14th, to 5.30 p.m. 15th July, 1918.Note. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry. At 6 p.m. on the 14th inst. a minor operation carried out by the Right Bn. of the Right Bde. resulted in the capture of MONUMENT WOOD and a portion of SYRIA TRENCH. The only opposition encountered was at U.5.d.7.7., where a brisk bombing fight took place, resulting in 5 of the enemy being killed, 4 wounded, and 2 taken prisoner. Our casualties were only one wounded.

Our front line south of the Railway now runs - U.5.central., - U.5.d.7.7. - along SYRIA TRENCH to U.6.c.5.9. - U.6.central. - U.6.b.30.65. - U.6.b.5.8. - U.6.b.7.9. - O.36.d.8.0.

A local counter-attack at daylight against our post in U.6.cent. by approx. 20 of the enemy was repulsed by our L.G. fire.

(b) Artillery. At 6.20 and 6.45 p.m. bursts of fire of 20 rds. silenced a hostile battery at V.11.a.1.8. Other active batteries in P.24.c. and V.4.central were engaged. Movement in P.29.a. and b. was engaged and casualties were inflicted. Parties of the enemy at V.9.b.3.2. and V.8.b.8.8. were dispersed and the trench at V.1.a.7.8. was bombarded by our 4.5" Hows. 180 rds. gas shell were expended on the following targets - P.28.b.45.25., H.Q., P.29.c.90.65. and P.33.central; and 50 rds. gas shell on V.4.b.2.0., also a similar number on V.4.d.8.2. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. maintained harassing fire during the night.

(c) Trench Mortars. Right Bde. L.T.Ms fired 90 rds. in co-operation with infantry operation at 6 p.m. on enemy S.Ps in U.5.d. and U.6.c. Their fire proved of great assistance to the infantry. Left Bde. L.T.Ms fired 20 rds. on enemy post at P.27.c.45.45., direct hits being observed.

(d) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged: - Road in V.2.b., enfiladed, 2000 rds.; Roads, trenches and tracks in V.2.a.6.0. to V.7.b.85.52., - 1250 rds.; Cross Roads U.6.c.50.25. - 1500 rds.; Road and tracks from U.6.d.4.3. to U.12.b.95.85. - 1300 rds.; Trenches in U.12.a.40.45 to U.12.a.22.27., U.12.a.70.27. to U.12.c.50.85. - 1500 rds.; Trenches, tracks and road in U.12.a.4.7. to U.12.b.5.2. - 2000 rds.; Railway bridge and road in V.1.b. - 2000 rds.; Roads and tracks in V.2.a. and b. - 2000 rds.; Junction of roads in P.28.b. - 2000 rds.; Roads and tracks in P.22.b. and d. - 2000 rds.; Enfilading trench and road in P.32.d. - 2000 rds.; Cross Roads in V.2.c.15.10. - 1250 rds.; Enfilading trench U.12.b. - 2000 rds.

(e) Aircraft. Only moderate activity owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

(f) Patrols.

Right Bde. Patrols covered the consolidation of our new line. A Left Bn. patrol reports the post in P.31.c.6.6. is unoccupied. Whistling and talking were heard at approx. P.31.c.8.1. No movement was observed.

Left Bde. A patrol located a M.G. firing from P.32.a.9.3. Flares were also fired from this position. Other patrols had nothing to report.

(g) Snipers. Our snipers were active, and four certain hits are claimed on the Left Bde. front.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

4th Coy. 148th I.R., 41st Div. Normal. (2 prisoners 14th July)).

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3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. Not known by prisoners, but the identification confirms the Order of Battle given by prisoners captured on 13th instant.
- Dispositions. Prisoners were on outpost some 300 yards in front of the 1st Bn. They were of poor intelligence and could not give accurate dispositions. The IIrd Bn. was stated to be some 600 - 700 metres behind the 1st Bn. and the IIIrd Bn. in reserve in a village, the name of which they did not know
4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet, but slightly more active on the Left sector. There were a few rounds of gas on O.35.c., O.28.d. and O.34.b. Between 6 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. a light barrage of 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. was placed on our trenches North and West of MONUMENT WOOD. During this shoot a 77 mm. battery was seen firing from approx. V.4.d.7.7. and V.4.d.4.4. Other areas shelled were O.36.a., O.30.b., O.35., Left Bde. front line and supports, O.23., O.31., P.27.a., P.20.c., P.25. and P.26.b.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but nervous.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES.
- (a) Work and Wire. The enemy was heard working at approx. U.6. c.7.9. and loud cries were heard when a L.G. was directed on this spot. The trenches in the vicinity of P.32.a.9.2. appear to be strongly held. An Artillery O.P. is also suspected here.
- (b) Trench Mortars. An unlocated Granatenwerfer fired a few rounds on Left Bde. advanced posts.
- (c) Machine Guns. Fairly quiet. M.G's. are reported at P.21. d.35.35., P.22.a.2.0.
- (d) Flares. WHITE flares were fired from a suspected post at approx. P.31.d.15.45. Four REDS and four GREENS were followed by Artillery fire, as were also two GREENS.
7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. At 7.40 p.m. an E.A. dropped a WHITE flare at P.20. d.5.8., which drew artillery fire on the spot. Otherwise little activity.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION BEHIND ENEMY LINES. There appears to be a dressing station in P.29.c., as three cases were seen to be carried there. Movement was noticed behind TAILLOUX WOOD in P.22.b. and P.23.a. At 6.55 p.m. and 7 p.m. 12 men and 30 men respectively came from Q.27.a. and disappeared at Q.21.c. MOVEMENT was noticed at HAZEL Wood and SUZAN Wood. At 8 p.m. 15 men assembled at the cross roads in V.6.b., picked up some timber and moved towards WIENCOURT. Transport followed by foot traffic moving from BAYONVILLERS to WIENCOURT was fired on by our artillery, resulting in the transport being disorganised and the foot traffic retiring to BAYONVILLERS. At 7 a.m. about 100 men in parties of 20 were seen going along the BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road. Normal transport movement on the LAMOTTE - BAYONVILLERS, BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT, BAYONVILLERS - GUILLAUCOURT and BAYONVILLERS - HARBONNIERES roads.
10. MISCELLANEOUS. A private of the Left Bn. of the Right Bde. reported missing on the 12th/13th instant, returned to our lines this morning. He had been captured by an enemy outpost, but escaped while being escorted to the rear.
- Previous movements of 148th I.R. The two prisoners captured in U.5.d. stated that previous to their coming in line they were at BAPAUME for a fortnight, training. Their training did not include special attack practices.
- Work. No work has been done by the 1st Bn. since it came into line in the way of digging or wiring. (P.S.).

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Reinforcements.

~~For nearly 4 months~~ No reinforcements had been received in the 4th Coy. (P.S.).

Moral.

Prisoners both belonged to the LANDSTURM, and were of poor intelligence and moral.

M. S. Denington Lt.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.UNITS SEEN BEHIND THE FRONT.

Men of the 41st Div. state they saw Bavarians in CAPPI on the 8th instant. These may belong to the 14th Bav. Div. which has possibly come up to support the 43rd Res. Div., owing to this division having had one of its regiments very much cut up on the 4th July.

TRAINING OF THE 41ST DIV.

During the past month the 41st Div. has carried out ordinary training consisting of drills, marches, and practice attacks. No artillery, tanks or aeroplanes took part in these manoeuvres.

TRANSFER OF A JAGER BN. FROM PALESTINE TO FRANCE.

According to a reliable report, the 11th Res. Jager Bn. is being transferred from PALESTINE to the Western Theatre.

SITUATION:

(I.S. No. 208).

Enemy attacked French on total front of about 85 kilometres at 5.0 a.m. this morning (15th) from MASSIGES (14 kilometres North-west of SIMENEHOULD) to within 6 kilometres of RHEIMS, and from AUBILLY (10 kilometres South-west of RHEIMS) to CH. THIERRY. RHEIMS itself not directly attacked. Enemy reported to have crossed MARNE at one point but situation generally reported satisfactory.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m. 16th July 1918.

<u>DIVISIONAL.H.Q.</u>	N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY. Dugouts.
<u>2nd Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q.</u>	N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY. Dugouts.
7th Bde.A.F.A.	N.24.b.2.6.)	Right Group.
4th do	0.25.b.00.85.)	
86th Army Bde.R.F.A.	N.18.d.7.5.)	Left Group.
14th do	0.13.c.3.9.)	
23rd do	N.14.c.central.	Reserve Bde.
5th A.F.A.Bde.	J.1.c.5.1.	In Line, Under 5th A.Div.
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	N.14.c.5.5.	
4th Aust.D.T.M.O.	N.24.b.2.7.	
2nd do.	RENANCOURT.	
<u>5th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>	0.25.c.6.4.	Line Left Sector.
17th Battalion.	0.24.c.25.30.	Line Right.
18th do	0.24.c.25.30.	Support.
19th do	P.19.c.1.2.	Line Left.
20th do	0.28.b.8.8.	Reserve.
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	0.22.a.8.7.	Line.
5A Nucleus Bn.	M.18.d.1.5.	
Transport Lines.	M.17.b. and M.18.a.	
<u>6th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>	N.20.d.2.8.	GLISY. Reserve Bde.
21st Battalion.	N.28.b.3.5.	Transport Lines.N.14.c.3.2.
22nd do	0.14.b.9.2. Res.	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.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	N.14.d.4.7.	
6A Nucleus Bn.	N.14.d.7.7.	
<u>7th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>	0.25.c.5.3.	Line Right Sector.
25th Battalion.	0.28.c.8.5.	Line Left.
26th do	0.28.c.8.5.	Line Right.
27th do	0.26.c.9.3.	Support Left.
28th do	0.26.c.9.3.	Support Right.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	0.27.c.10.45.	Line.
7A Nucleus Bn.	N.7.a.6.8.	
<u>2nd Aust.M.G.Battalion.</u>	GLISY. Chateau.	(Rear - N.13.d.15.65.)
5th Aust.M.G.Coy.	0.28.b.5.2.	Line Left.
6th do	0.27.c.1.4.	Line Centre.
7th do	N.13.d.5.7.	Reserve.
22nd do	0.27.c.1.4.	Line Right.
R & L. Group H.Q.	N.30.d.8.0.	
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.	
5th Field Coy.A.E.	N.23.central.	Transport Lines. N.23.cent.
6th do	N.22.a.9.2.	do N.14.d.9.8.
7th do	0.25.d.3.7.	do N.21.b.80. 5.
2nd Aust.Pioneer Bn.	N.23.a.1.1.	do N.13.c.8.8.
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	GLISY. Dugouts.	
5th Aust.Field Amb.	M.5.c.2.5.	
6th do	ST AUCEL.	M.D.S. (AMIENS).
7th do	N.26.d.1.3.	A.D.S.
4th Aust.San.Sect.	CAGNY.	8 Rue Mallet.

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2nd Aust.Div.Train.H.Q.	-	G.11.d.4.0.
15th Coy.A.A.S.C.	-	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.	-	-)
D.A.D.V.S.	-	-) GLISY.
A.P.M.	-	-)
Div.Gas.Officer.	-	-)
Div.Bomb Officer.	-	-
Mob.Vet.Section.	-	N.7.b.5.1.
Div.Salvage Coy.	-	M.9.a.9.8.
D.A.D.O.S.	-	M.16.a.2.8.
No 2 Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	H.19.d.2.3.
Div.Reihft.Camp.	-	SALEUX.
Div.Staging Camp.	-	BERTEAUCOURT-les-Dames. (LENS Sheet B.6.)
Div.Canteen.	-	M.10.d.6.2.
Div.Burial Recordg Offr.	-	M.5.d.1.7.
	-	N.23.a.1.1.
Attached Troops.	-	-
Troop. 13th A.L.H.	-	N.20.b.4.2.
Platoon. Corps Cyclist Bn.	-	N.20.b.4.0.

Lt Col Lacey
Lieut-Colonel.
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Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
15th July 1918.

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7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

262/92.

Headquarters,
15th July, 1918.Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Division.
-----REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION AT MONUMENT WOOD BY 26TH BN., 14:7:18.

On 14th July, at 8 p.m., a party of 1 Officer and 8 Other Ranks proceeded along STAMBOUL TRENCH from U.S.d.70.85. and encountered enemy opposition at the junction of STAMBOUL and SYRIA Trenches at 8.4 p.m. A bombing encounter resulted in our securing possession of the post and in driving the enemy 50 yards farther down STAMBOUL trench, which allowed of establishing a block there in this trench to secure the junction.

The enemy made continuous efforts until 7.5 p.m. to regain the junction, but failed.

Two other parties totalling 2 N.C.Os. and 10 men proceeded from U.S.s.25.10. and entered SYRIA Trench at U.S.c.20.85. at 8 p.m. without opposition. A post was established at U.S.c.40.85. where SYRIA Trench came to a dead end.

A party then moved towards STAMBOUL Trench along SYRIA Trench and met opposition from the enemy about 50 yards from the junction, towards which the enemy was driven.

A post was also established at U.S.c.55.80.

Stokes and Lewis Gun fire covered the assaulting parties. Our casualties were one man wounded.

Two prisoners belonging to 4th Coy., 1st Bn., 148th I.R., 41st Division, were captured, and five Germans killed.

Under cover of darkness, posts were established from U.S.c.55.80. to O.36.d.7.0.

The front line of the Right Battalion is now held by a line of posts:-

U.S.d.50.75.	U.S.d.70.70.	U.S.d.95.75.	U.S.c.10.85.
U.S.c.25.35.	U.S.c.35.85.	U.S.c.40.85.	U.S.c.55.80.
U.S.c.60.90.	U.S.s.65.95.	U.S.s.75.20.	U.S.s.90.40.
U.S.b. 0. 3.	U.S.b.10.55.	U.S.b.35.80.	U.S.b.55.85.
U.S.b.75.95.			

A derelict German tank in MONUMENT WOOD now lies within our new line.

(Signed)

E. A. WISDOM,
Brig-General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Ref. Map - Sheets 62D. S.W. & S.E. -
1/20,000.

Headquarters,
15th July, 1918.

1. The Division will push forward and consolidate on the line -

Post at U.6.c.55.80., through U.6.central. to railway
at V.1.b.7.5. (bridge inclusive), thence through P.32.central,
to post at P.27.c.15.45.

2. The inter-brigade boundary will be adjusted to run from P.32.cent.
to O.30.central, thence as before.

3. Brigades in the line will establish themselves on the line given
in para. 1 above within their own boundaries as early as possible.

4. The move forward to this line should be carried out as far as
possible by means of peaceful penetration. This particularly applies
to the left brigade sub-sector. Where opposition is met with, local
operations will be carried out with artillery support under brigade
arrangements.

5. No move forward beyond the line given in para. 1 above will be
made without reference to D.H.Q. (except such minor adjustments as are
necessitated by the configuration of the ground).

6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 6 p.m.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of Units at 6 a.m. 17th July 1918.1st Amendment to G.86. issued 15/7/18.

5th Bde. A.F.A.	-	N.24.b.2.6.	Part of Right Group.
4th Army Bde. R.F.A.	-	O.15.d.3.4.	" " Left "
7th A.F.A.Bde.	-	Delete.	
O.R.E.	-	GLISY.	Dugouts. N.20.d.7.4.
2nd Aust.Div.Train.H.Q.		N.13.d.8.7.	

Hollingsworth Capt
 for Lieut-Colonel.
 General Staff.
 Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
 16th July 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 173.

From 5.30 p.m., 15th, to 5.30 p.m., 16th July, 1918.

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

(a) Infantry. The Right Bde. made an attempt to establish a line of posts forward of their present positions, but were heavily counter-attacked from South of P.31.d.85.60. and forced to withdraw. A post is occupied at P.31.d.05.70. The Left Bde. advanced its Right Bn. line approx. 500 yards on Right and 100 yards on left, and line now runs approx.:- P.32.a.95.20. - P.26.d.6.0. - P.27.c.22.30. - P.27.c.2.7. One prisoner and one M.G. were captured and 7 enemy were left dead in posts.

(b) Artillery. An active hostile battery at V.4.d.35.30. was engaged by 18-pdrs. at 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. Between 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. movement at the cross roads V.5.a.50.30. was dispersed. Some registrations were effected. Activity areas, roads and enemy trenches were harassed throughout the night. Gas concentrations were put down on P.28.d.40.50., P.34.b.80.20. and P.34.o.70.00. During the morning movement in P.31., V.7. and V.14. was fired on and dispersed.

(c) Trench Mortars. 3" Stokes fired 15 rounds on S.P. at U.6.o.25.15.

(d) Machine Guns. The following targets were engaged:- Road running through P.23.a. and o., 1,500 rds.; enemy posts and tracks in TAILLAUX Wood P.22.b., 2,000 rds.; junction of roads and trenches in P.28.b., 1,500 rds.; road in V.2.b. was fired on, 2,000 rds. expended; trenches in U.12.b. were enfiladed with 2,000 rds.; tracks in P.32.o.70.18. to P.32.c.92.17. received 1,500 rds.; tracks in V.2.a.8.9. to V.2.a.18.85., 1,000 rds. tracks V.2.a.60.00. to V.7.b.85.52. 1,500 rds.; road and tracks in U.12.a.60.50. 1,000 rds.; Road and tracks U.6.d.4.3., to U.12.b.95.85. 1,000 rds. Tracks and road U.12.a.40.45. to U.12.a.22.27. - U.12.a.70.27. to U.12.o.50.85., 2,000 rds.; tracks U.12.a.4.7. to U.12.b.5.2. 1,000 rds.; expenditure 18,000 rds.

(e) Aircraft. Active during day.

(f) Patrols. Right Bde. reconnoitred S.E. corner of MONUMENT Wood, which was found to be unoccupied.

(g) Snipers. Left Bde. claims two hits.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 5th Coy., 18th I.R., 41st Div.3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. Prisoner confirms order of battle, as published on 14th inst.

Dispositions. Prisoner was on outpost 70 yards in front of line. All four Coys. of IInd Bn. are in first line, and 1st Bn. in Support two to three kilometres in rear and on northern side of MARCELOAVE. IInd Bn. Headquarters is on the right flank of the support battalion. Location of IIInd Bn. is not known to prisoner.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Active during night. At 7.45 p.m. 60 5.9 H.E. fell on P.27.a., P.21.c. and P.26.b. Between 9.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. 80 77's on O.23. and O.25. 4.2 H.E. on O.36. and O.35. At 9.50 p.m. 30 4.2's. fell on P.21.o., P.26.b., P.20.c. and d. 11 p.m. O.28.a. and b. and O.29.d. were shelled by 30 77's. 4.2's. and gas. 12.20 a.m. 45 4.2's. were directed on O.29.b. and between 3 a.m. and 3.20 a.m. a light barrage of mixed calibre was placed on our front and support lines. From 3.10 a.m. to 4 a.m. 120 4.2's. fell on O.36., and P.25. was shelled with 40 rds. of 77 mm. shrap. O.24.a. and O.28.b., 25 rds. at 8.45 a.m. At 9.30 a.m. 10 rds. 4.2 on O.23.d. 10.15 a.m. 20 rds. 4.2 on O.29.c. Between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. 80 rds. of 4.2 and 77 mm. on O.36.a. Noon to 1 p.m. 20 rds. 4.2 on U.5.a. At 2 p.m. 10 rds. 4.2 on O.23. During the remainder of period P.25.d. and P.26.c. were shelled with 4.2 and 5.9's and a few 77's. fell on O.24.d., apparently registration.

P.T.O.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Resistant.

Last night's operations showed increased determination.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Work and Wire. Enemy trench running North from V.1.a.8.8. (50 yds) into P.31.d. appears to be strongly wired. Three posts dug South of S.E. edge of MONUMENT WOOD were found by patrol to be unoccupied.
- (b) Machine Guns. Very active.
- (c) Flares. YELLOW clusters followed by double WHITE, single REDS, GOLDEN flares and rockets bursting into double REDS brought no apparent action. Double GREEN and RED flares were followed by a light barrage on our front and support line. GOLDEN clusters appeared to be used as "shorten range."
- Prisoner states:- one GREEN = lengthen range, one RED bursting into two REDS = annihilation fire.
- (d) Signals. Searchlight was observed on 109° T.B. from P.19.c.25.90. This is thought to be in BAYONVILLERS Church, as it is high up, and lights were also seen in the church itself. During the day two pigeons were released.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

At 9.15 p.m. an E.A. made a low flying reconnaissance of our line. At 10.55 a.m. one plane crossed our line, and at 11.45 a.m. two were driven off by A.A. fire.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Between 6.30 and 6.45 p.m. movement was observed in trenches in P.28.b. At 8.5 p.m. 4 men walked S. along road in Q.25.b. and again at 8.10 p.m. there was similar movement. At 8.30 p.m. 12 men left trench and examined wire at P.33.d.8.1. At 5.5 a.m. 5 parties of 10 men each moved at intervals along road at W.1.b.9.7. towards WARFUSEE. After our shoot on ACORJOHE and TAILLOUX Woods approx. 50 walking wounded, also stretcher cases, were seen behind the wood. At 8.20 p.m. 6 men with a horse and cart were seen at W.1.a.central. At 9.20 a.m. 10 men carrying dummies moved from P.28.c. to P.27.b.8.9. and between 9.40 and 10 a.m. stretcher bearers were busy in P.27.d. carrying wounded to WARFUSEE. Individual movement during the day occurred at P.27.b., P.29.a., P.28.d., and on roads at P.36.c.8.5. and P.33.b. After artillery shoot on movement in P.33. at 10.40 a.m. stretcher bearers were busy. At 12.30 p.m. two men at V.5.a.2.5., one carrying a M.G. and two minutes later four men at P.33.d.6.0., one carrying a M.G. were seen.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

An 18-pdr. gun located at V.11.a.1.8. fired throughout the period.

Coy. Strength, 18 I.R. One Officer, 62 O.Rs. with 4 L.M.Gs.

Reliefs. IInd Bn. 18 I.R. relieved 1st Bn. 265 R.I.R. in line two days ago. IInd Bn. are expected to be relieved by 1st Bn. in three days time. Flanks not known. Previously the Bn. was resting near DOUAI for three weeks. (P.S.).

Units seen. No other unit seen in the vicinity of DOUAI.

Casualties. The IInd Bn. have had no casualties since coming into line. (P.S.).

Routes. IInd Bn. came from DOUAI to PERONNE by train and after two days there, marched to BRAY, where they rested for three days and then went into line: left DOUAI on 8th inst. (P.S.).

Moral. Poor.

II Bn.
There has been no sickness in ; hot meal is provided at night, and is brought across country by limbers as far as support lines. (P.S.)

Drafts. A draft of 27 men joined IInd Bn. in rest and were partly composed of a cavalry unit, which has been on the Russian front. (P.S.)

Hellmuth's Capt.
For. Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

Page 3 follows. (Information from other sources).

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

SITUATION, CHAMPAGNE.

East of RHEIMS line passed N. of HURLUS-PERTHES-les-SURLUS - SOUAIN - ST.HILAIRE - PROSNES. S.W. of RHEIMS line approximately as follows:- STE EUPHRAISE - MARFAUX . BELVAL - CHATILLON (exclusive) MAREUIL - COMBLIZY - ST. AGNAN (exclusive) - JANVIER Farm - MOULIN - RUINE - MEZY - FOSSOY.

Unofficial reports state 20 fresh divisions identified and objectives CHALONS and EPERNAY.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE RHEIMS AND VICINITY. (I.S. No. 210).

The attack. - The enemy attacked this morning, (15th July), on a 26 mile front east of RHEIMS, and on a 29 mile front S.W. of RHEIMS.

East of RHEIMS, where prisoners state that their objectives were CHALONS and the river MARNE, although nearly all the German divisions thought to have been in reserve have been engaged, the attack has been held up. The attack was supported by a number of tanks in the SOUAIN Sector.

West of RHEIMS, the Germans have made a slight advance, but the ground gained on the extreme west between REUILLY and GLAND has been retaken by French and American counter attacks.

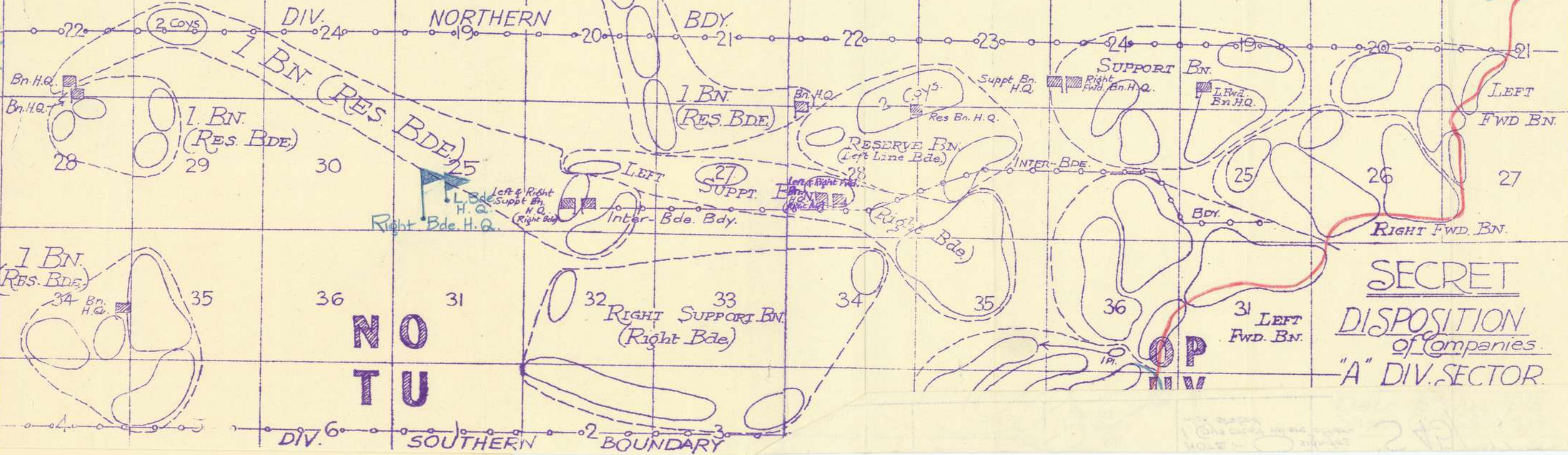
Up to the present about 22 divisions have been identified of which only 4 were holding the line prior to the attack. Divisions of good quality were employed including 4 or 5 Guard divisions.

7 Divisions belonging to Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies have been identified on the battle front.

GENERAL.

Seven of Prince RUPPRECHT'S Divisions were identified in the fighting near RHEIMS yesterday, including two which formed part of the reserves of the IInd German Army opposed to us.

Supp. Bde. H.Q. at N. 20. d. 2.8.



SECRET

DISPOSITION
of Companies
"A" DIV. SECTOR.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 174.

From 5.30 p.m. 16th, to 5.30 p.m. 17th July 1918.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Usual harassing fire at night on tracks in P.29. a. and b., and P.23.c., trenches in P.28.b., and d., and dug-outs at P.28.b. 45.25. Concentrations by 'Heavies' on MOUNO and JAFFA Trench. Gas concentrations were fired on P.29.a.50.50., P.28.d.30.40., P.28.b.80.10., V.4.a. and d. During the morning 18 pdrs engaged movement in V.7.d., V.8.a. and c., and V.9.c.

(b) Trench Mortars. Heavies - At 8 p.m. fired 5 rds. on bridge in V.1.b., and JAFFA Trench., and at 9 p.m. 10 rds. on U.5.d.5.3., and S.Ps. in vicinity.

3" Stokes - 30 rds. on posts at U.6.d.0.8. and U.6.c.50.55., and U.6.c.2.2. 5 rds. on V.1.a. - registration. At 2 a.m. two mortars barraged trench at P.27.c.5.7. for 2 minutes, and then lifted to post at P.27.c.7.6. for 3 minutes.

(c) Machine Guns. The following centres of activity and observed movements were engaged. - Tracks in P.32.c.70.18 to P.32.c. 92.17-1500 rds. Tracks in V.2.a.80.90. to V.2.a.18.85, - 1500 rds. Tracks in V.2.a.60.00 to V.7.b.85.52. - 1500 rds. Road and tracks in U.12.a.80.60. - 1000 rds. Road and tracks in U.3.d.40.30 to U.12.b.95.85. - 1000 rds. Road and tracks in U.12.a.40.45. to U.12.a.22.27., U.12.a.70.27. to U.12.c.50.85 - 1500 rds. Trench in U.12.b. was enfiladed with 1500 rds. Road and trench at U.12. a.4.7. to U.12.b.5.2. - 1500 rds. Roads and tracks in P.23.a. - 2000 rds. Trenches in P.22.b and d. - 1500 rds. Road and trenches in P.23.c. - 1500 rds. Enfilading junction of roads and trenches in P.28.b. - 1500 rds.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our 'planes continuously patrolled the front areas. During the morning the enemy was very active with his A.A. measures against our 'planes, particularly with M.G. fire.

(e) Patrols. Protective and liaison patrols covered the Div. front throughout the night.

(f) Snipers. Left Bde. claim 2 hits.

(g) Infantry. At 2 a.m. the Left Bde., under cover of a Stokes mortar barrage, rushed and occupied the enemy trench from P.27.a. 3.0. to P.27.c.5.4. 12 prisoners were captured, but the enemy barrage killed 9 and wounded 1 on the way to our lines. Two M.Gs are reported captured, but this can only be verified after dusk.

The Right Bn. of Left Bde. established posts at P.27.c.2.2., P.32.a.6.3., P.32.a.4.5., and P.26.d.0.0.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 5th Coy. 152nd I.R., 41st Div.

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS. (all 4 Coys of IInd Bn. are in front line)
Outpost line is 300 yards in advance of front line. 1st Bn. is in support about 1 km in rear, and IIIrd Bn. is resting. (P.S.)

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. At night, considerable activity. Between 5 p.m. and midnight the valley in O.21.d., O.27.b., O.22.c. and O.28.a. and O.29.d., O.17.c., O.36., O.18.a. and b., O.16.b., O.34.a., O.23.c. and d. were lightly shelled by 4.2 H.E. and a few 5.9's. Shortly before 1 a.m. a violent bombardment of O.36. and P.25. commenced, consisting of H.E. of all calibres with a very large proportion of gas - mustard and phosgene - which lasted until 2.40 a.m. Contemporary with this the battery areas in O.25., O.26. and O.28. were bombarded with the same gas in greater proportion. The AUBIGNY system was also shelled with YELLOW Cross. Estimated No. of rds. used - 7,000 rds. Mustard and Diphosgene. 9.30 a.m. 30 rds. of 4.2 (H.V. gun) on O.30.b. 11.57 a.m., 30 rds. 5.9 on O.29.d. 12.10 p.m. 35 rds. on P.25.d. (77 mm. and 4.2's). VILLERS BRETONNEUX and O.30.a. received a little attention during the morning. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. 70 rds. of all calibres fell on P.19. and P.25.b.

It is noteworthy that enemy artillery opened on the captured position in P.27 c. 5 minutes after it was taken.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery much more active. Infantry opposition to our minor operation was very feeble: on approach of our party, enemy retired from his trench in a disorderly manner.

At 2.50 a.m. the enemy made determined raid on our posts in U.6.central, with three parties, of approx. 8 strong each, converging from three directions on our posts. The first party from a post at U.6.c.8.6. did not reach our post owing to our L.G. fire. The second party rushing from the Left flank of our post was also driven off. The third party worked behind the post and got so close that a bombing fight ensued, resulting in the enemy again being beaten off. He used stick bombs with a block of guncotton attached. None of our men are missing.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Posts. A post, lightly wired, has been located at P.27.c.50.79.

(b) Machine Guns. Great activity at 2 a.m. around captured position; otherwise normal.

(c) Flares.

One RED = "barrage fire," One GREEN = "Artillery lengthen range." One YELLOW, = "Annihilating fire." These are changed usually every three days. (P.S.).

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Active chiefly behind his own lines, and all attempts to cross our lines were frustrated by our ^{and A.A.fire.} machines

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Between 8.30 p.m. and 9.10 p.m. there was constant individual movement between V.14. and the rear. It could not be detected if men were carrying packs. Isolated movement of men with packs was seen around MARCELCAVE. At 7.55 p.m. 5 men appeared in Q.32.c.4.8. and disappeared in Q.31.d. At 6.15 a.m. 17th instant two men apparently observers were seen in trench P.27.d.25.80. At 7.45 a.m. stretcher bearers carrying a case in P.33.a. were lost to sight in P.33.d. 8.45 a.m. 4 stretcher bearer parties each carrying red cross flags searched ground in front of our Right Bde. wandering about for half an hour. They gathered two cases. 9.5, 9.20 and 10.25 a.m. isolated movement on road in P.19.c., trench in P.28.b.2.2. and P.28.b.6.5. From 11.30 a.m. to noon further individual movement in P.28., and on road V.16.a.6.8. to V.9.d.3.2. the latter men carrying 2 bags each.

At 7.30 p.m. an ambulance wagon on main road in Q.32.a. moved towards WARFUSEE. 8.35 a.m. wagons at frequent intervals in W.2.central, W.9.c. and W.2.c. At 9 a.m. two lineers stopped and camouflaged W.3.b.3.1. Cyclists were seen near P.29.central, suggesting a headquarters at this place.

At 9 a.m. a train unloaded WHITE cases at W.13.b.5.5.

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

ANNEXE.

Information regarding the 5th Coy., 152 I.R., 41st Div.

Reliefs. Two days ago 2nd Bn. moved from supports and relieved 1st Bn. in front line. It is expected that 1st Bn. will in turn relieve in three days time - 5 days being normal tenure of front line. 2nd Bn. has just completed 3 weeks rest near DOUAL.

Coy. strength. 2 Off. 60 O.Rs. 5 L.M.Gs.

Reinforcements. Whilst 2nd Bn. was in rest a draft of about 60 men from Cavalry units joined the 152nd I.R. - 10 of these were attached to the 2nd Bn.

Casualties.

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Casualties. 5th Coy. has had about 12 casualties since coming into line, received during the early morning raid yesterday (2 killed, 10 wounded). They have had no casualties from gas. 3 or 4 men have been evacuated with Spanish Flu.

Work and food. Pioneers have done a good deal of wiring, other-wise deepening of trenches is the only work done. Food is fairly good. A hot meal is provided each night. Limbers carry food as far as supports at 11 p.m. nightly.

Moral. Prisoners ^{express} satisfaction at being captured, and state they were heartily fed up.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

(I.S. No. 193).

Drafts and Classes. In May of this year all fit men under 35 were combed out from units in ROUMANIA and drafted to divisions on the Western front. 500 men for the 13th Div. travelled via BRESLAU, DRESDEN, DUSSELDORF, AACHEN, and detrained at BEVERLOO at the end of May. They received 3 weeks' training there and proceeded to BREUX, the Field Recruit Depot of the 13th Div. There were already about 200 young soldiers of the 1899 and 1900 Classes there training. The draft of 500 remained just one week at BREUX and proceeded to join the 13th Div. just over 3 weeks ago. Of this draft the 8th Coy. received 20 men. (P.S.).

Alsations. The draft of 500 included about 100 Alsations who were closely watched and not allowed to leave camp. There had been a riot of Alsations at BEVERLOO in April in which 4 German officers were killed and a considerable number of Alsations succeeded in making good their escape to HOLLAND. (P.S.).

Headquarters. Bn. H.Q. - P.6.b.4.0. (P.S.).

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 18th July 1918.

2nd Amendment to G.86, issued 15/7/18.

In 1st Amendment - For "4th Army Bde R.F.A." read "14th Army Bde R.F.A."
 17th Battalion. - 0.24.c.25.30. Support.
 18th do - 0.24.c.25.30. Line Right.

Gallagher
 for Lieut-Colonel.
 General Staff.
 Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
 17th July 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 204.

Copy No.

Headquarters,
17th July, 1918.

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Right Brigade sub-sector of "A" Divisional front on the night 19th/20th July, 1918.
2. Details of relief 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 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the duties of the Reserve Brigade.
5. Acknowledge (6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. only).

Issued at 5 p.m.

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Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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S E C R E T .G.127.SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Location of Units at 6 a.m. 19th July 1918.3rd Amendment to G.86. issued 15/7/18.

5th Bde. A.F.A.	-	O.19.b.8.1.	Part of Right Group.
86th Army Bde. R.F.A.	-	O.25.c.6.4.	" " Left Group.
19th Battalion.	-	O.28.b.8.8.	Reserve.
20th do	-	P.19.c.1.2.	Line Left.
22nd do	-	O.20.d.6.9.	Res. Transport Lines)
		N.13.b.9.5.)
5th Aust.M.G.Coy.	-	N.13.d.5.7.	Reserve.
7th do	-	O.28.b.5.2.	Line Left.

Hollings Capt

for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.
18th July 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. No. 175.

From 5.30 p.m. 17th, to 5.30 p.m. 18th July, 1918.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry. At 9.45 p.m. the Right Bde. advanced its line to a depth of approx. 1,000 yards. Considerable opposition was encountered resulting in hand to hand fighting. Our line now runs approx.- U.6.d.0.8., V.1.a.6.0., V.1.b.4.5., V.1.b.9.5., P.32.c.15.00., P.32.c.3.4., thence to P.32.central.

Captures were - Prisoners; 1 officer, 52 other ranks unwounded; 7 other ranks wounded. In addition at least three times the number are reported killed on the battlefield. Booty includes two 77 mm field guns emplaced for anti-tank purposes, and 9 L.M.Gs.

Left Bde. now state their booty from capture of trench in P.27.c. to be 2 L.M.Gs., 1 Heavy M.G. Eleven dead Huns were counted on the post.

(b) Artillery. Usual harassing fire by the Left Group during the night on roads and tracks in P.32.d., P.23.d., P.24.c., road from P.29.b.0.4. to P.23.a.7.0., and building at P.29.c.0.3. During the day our 18 pdrs. dispersed movement in V.1.d. and V.8.a.

At 9.45 p.m. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. supported the infantry attack with a barrage, and engaged selected targets in conjunction with the 'Heavies'.

(c) Trench Mortars. During the operation 3" Stokes fired 15 rds. on P.31.d.10.55., 25 rds. on P.31.d.7.6., 35 rds. on V.1.a.7.9., 3 rds. on V.1.a.4.7., and 15 rds. on U.6.c.9.9.

(d) Machine Guns. Barrage programme was fired in co-operation with the Right Bde. operation. Four guns of the Right Group moved forward with the infantry. At 4.40 a.m. guns opened fire in response to an S.O.S. call.

Harassing fire was placed on road running through P.22.b.and d., and road in P.21.d. was enfiladed.

Total expenditure - 102,500 rounds.

(e) Aircraft. Very active.

(f) Patrols. Left Bde. reconnoitred P.21.c., and did not discover any movement on road running N and S through P.21.d.

(g) Snipers. Left Bde. claim 3 hits, and the Right Bde. claim one hit at U.5.d.5.7.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

8th Coy., 18th I.R.
5th Coy., 11th Coy., 2nd M.G. Coy., 148th I.R.
79th F.A.R., 41st Div.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. a moderate barrage of 4.2 H.E. was placed on 0.36., 0.29., 0.30. VILLERS BRETONNEUX and outskirts were subjected to bursts of H.E. during the evening, also desultory fire on MONUMENT WOOD.

At 9.45 p.m. in retaliation to our fire a ragged barrage fell on the front and support lines of right brigade and on P.21. and P.15.; the shelling was very weak and scattered.

Between 3 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. about 150 rds. of mixed H.E. on 0.35. and 0.36. 0.22., 0.28., VILLERS BRETONNEUX, 0.29., 0.27. and 0.23. were lightly shelled. Some gas shells fell on 0.36.a. and P.25.d. The more active hostile batteries appear to be situated east of WARFUSEE in vicinity of MAROELCAVE and in SUSAN WOOD. 6 a.m. to 6.40 a.m. bursts of 5 rds. 10.5 cm. on P.19.d., P.25.a. 7.5 a.m. 5 rds. gas on 0.24.d.8.3. 7am. to 9am. 100 rds. 4.2 on 0.36-o. 8.10 a.m. 200 rds. 5.9 on V.1.a. and b. 10am. 70 rds. 4.2 on 0.35.c., 0.36.d. 9am. to 12 noon 100 rds. 4.2 on 0.30.c. and d. 12 noon to 2 p.m. 30 rds. 4.2 on V.1.a. and b.

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APPENDIX.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Alert and aggressive in places.
An examination of bodies showed a great number of the men to be armed with trench knives.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES.
 - (a) Work. New work is visible in P.28.b.7.6.
 - (b) Machine Guns. A nest of A.A. machine guns is located at approx. P.29.c.48.73. Suspected M.G. position at P.29.c.54.83.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Active, but chiefly behind his own lines.
At 10.5 a.m. 3 E.A. crossed our lines.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Considerable movement in JAFFA Trench reported and in trenches at P.28.b.7.6., P.27.b.65.15., P.27.d.8.6., P.28.d.5.8., P.29.c.5.7., P.28.c.7.4., P.23.a.65.30. Between 6.40 and 7 a.m. 80 men in parties of 5 came down main BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road to W.7.b., then across by track to W.7.a. towards V.12.central. From 11 a.m. to 12.30pm. movement in small parties occurred on track in W.7.a. going towards V.12.central and in vicinity of P.28.c.7.4. Normal transport movement on roads to MARCELCAVE in P.35.c., to WIENCOURT, in W.1.d., to LAMOTTE in P.35.d., during evening of 17th. At 6.45 a.m. 4 wagons moved towards BAYONVILLERS, and at 7.45 a.m. 3 wagons appeared in W.8. and disappeared in W.2. At 1 p.m. there were clouds of dust raised by movement on road in V.12.c. and d.
10. MISCELLANEOUS. At 10.55 p.m. a large fire, evidently an exploded dump, broke out during our shelling of V.7.

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

ANNEXE. - Follows.

Information from examination of prisoners captured, 18th July, 1918.

18th I.R., 41st Div. (2 N.C.Os. 8 men, from 8th Coy.).

2nd Bn. is in line, with 3rd in support about 800 yards behind, on the right of the railway. The 1st Bn. is resting in MECKLENBERG Camp, which prisoner thinks is in a gully south of LAMOTTE. All 4 Coys. of 2nd Bn. are in line, and average Coy. strength is 1 Officer and 80 O.Rs., 4 M.Gs.

The attack was expected, but no definite knowledge of it existed. If a counter-attack is made, fresh troops will have to be brought up for the purpose. The troops in support and close reserve are not strong enough. Up to attack, only 15 casualties in 8th Coy., 3 being from gas received when in support.

Reliefs: no knowledge. Batteries. Prisoner saw batteries in small gully south-west of MARCELOAVE.

148th I.R., 41st Div. (1 Off. 5 N.C.Os. 31 men - prisoners from 5th, 11th, and 2nd M.G. Coy.).

Officer was in close support with 5th Coy. 2nd Bn.

3rd Bn. is in line, with 2nd in support, 500 yards back.

1st Bn. is resting somewhere south-west of GAPPY; believed to be alongside a road. All four Coys. of 2nd Bn. in line.

Strengths. 1 Off. 60 O.Rs. 4 or 5 L.M.Gs. The 2nd M.G. Coy. has 12 guns, which were distributed immediately behind 1st line.

No knowledge of immediate attack, but one was expected at any time.

Counter-attack. 2 N.C.Os. state that counter-attack will be made by troops now in reserve, as they regard this sector as important. (One company of 2nd Bn. is living in MARCELOAVE).

Flares. Officer states one RED and one GREEN = barrage fire; YELLOW = annihilation fire; but these will now be changed owing to attack.

Illness. 2nd M.G. Coy. had about 10 cases of Spanish Influenza before coming into line.

No one has seen preparations for an offensive on this front.

Losses during attack. A large number of casualties were caused in close support by H.G. fire, but few from Artillery.

Headquarters. A Bn. H.Q. was situated in the wood known as "Akazien Waldchen," 150 yards south of the railway.

79th F.A.R., 41st Div. (1 N.C.O., 4 men, 1st, 2nd and 5th batteries).

N.C.O. was on anti tank work with a gun behind support. He belonged to the 1st Abteilung, 1st Battery, but was detached from it. His duty was to watch for tanks approaching from VILLERS BRETONNEUX, and fire on them.

Prisoner from 2nd Battery (2nd Abteilung) states that there is an anti tank gun immediately in front of sugar factory in MARCELOAVE, about 100 yards west.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. (I.S. No. 211).

German Offensive, RHEIMS and vicinity.

The battle re-commenced yesterday afternoon. In CHAMPAGNE the German attacks were everywhere repulsed and at several points the French regained ground lost. S.W. of RHEIMS violent attacks developed towards EPERNAY, a small advance being made, in places, by the enemy.

East of RHEIMS a front of 26 miles was originally held by 7 divs. In the attack, 2 divisions originally in line, and 10 infantry and 1 dismounted cavalry division from reserve, have so far been identified.

West of RHEIMS a front of 29 miles was originally held by 6 divisions. In the attack 4 divisions originally in the line and 11 divisions from reserve have so far been identified. On the whole battle front a total of 28 divisions have therefore been engaged, of which 21 infantry and 1 cavalry division were in reserve prior to the attack. From the latest identifications, the Crown Prince has at his disposal in reserve 4 Inf. and 2 dismounted cavalry Divs. E. of RHEIMS, and 15 Inf. Divs. W. of RHEIMS.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES (Continued).

Moral of 148th I.R., 41st Div.

The moral of the 148th I.R. is stated to be very poor. On several occasions whole platoons have refused to remain in the line, owing to insufficiency of rations and other causes.

Casualties, 13th I.R., 13th Div.

There have been many casualties during this tour in the line. The 2nd Bn. suffered severely on the afternoon of the 4th instant on its way up to the line from artillery fire and machine gun fire from our low flying aeroplanes. Our sniping is exceedingly good and causes casualties each day. (P.S.)

General.

It seems probable that an attack will shortly be launched by the Germans in the YPRES salient.

MERRIS SECTOR - 1st AUST. Div.

The following information has been secured regarding minor enterprises carried out by the 1st Aust. Div. in the MERRIS Sector between the 10th and the 13th instant.

On the 10th instant at 5.30 p.m. two of our N.C.Os. entered an enemy trench, up which they moved until they perceived a hostile post. They endeavoured to approach this without being noticed, but were seen by a German N.C.O. who sprang to a machine gun. Before the machine gun could be brought into action, our men rushed the post and captured its garrison of 8, whom they succeeded in bringing back to our lines. Later in the evening the two machine guns were also successfully brought back by another party sent out for them.

During the night a hostile patrol was encountered. On being engaged it fled leaving behind a machine gun, which was brought back to our lines.

At 10 a.m. on the following day, a party, consisting of 1 officer and 1 O.R., left our lines in order to reconnoitre a house in No Man's land close to the enemy's trenches. The house was found to be unoccupied. On the return journey a hostile post was located, and its garrison of 2 men and a light machine gun captured and brought back to our lines.

Not content with this exploit, the same party went out twice more and brought in a further 9 prisoners and an additional light machine gun.

Encouraged by the lack of vigilance displayed by the enemy, the battalion which had sent out the party, and the battalion on its left as well, decided to send out further patrols. In a short space of time, these patrols had succeeded in capturing all the enemy's advanced posts against which they were operating, most of the garrisons being surprised and offering very little opposition. By following up the patrols our line was advanced a fair distance, and the posts consolidated. It is estimated that at least 40 Germans were killed in this operation. The number of prisoners captured amounted to 3 officers and 145 O.R. and 9 light machine guns were also captured. Our casualties all told did not amount to 10.

At 12 midnight on the 12th July, a successful minor operation was carried out under cover of a light artillery barrage. Some opposition was encountered from the enemy, but the latter fled on our men reaching their objective. Two prisoners and two light machine guns were captured, and the position was consolidated.

During the day, patrols of the right brigade co-operated with patrols of the division on the right, which had succeeded in capturing and establishing itself in the enemy's positions. 38 prisoners and 5 light machine guns were captured in this mopping up process.

The total captures in this period (3 days) amounted to 3 Officers, 165 O.Rs., and 19 machine guns.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
19th July, 1918.AMENDMENT No. 1 to INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 42.

Para. 1, lines 4 to 6 -

Delete - "This battalion will be prepared either
brigade front,"

and substitute -

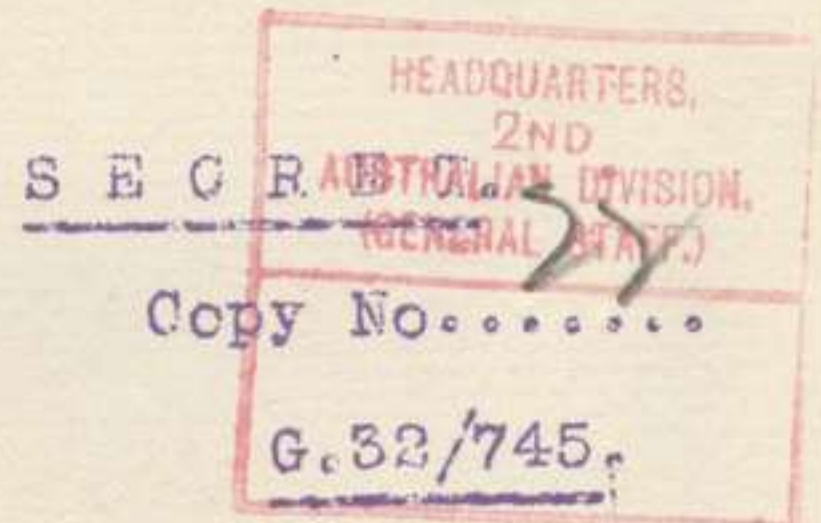
"This battalion will be under the tactical control
of the G.O.C., Right Brigade until further
orders. D.H.Q. and Reserve Brigade will be
notified of any orders issued to this battalion."DISTRIBUTION.

To all recipients of -

"Instructions for the Defensive No. 42."

G. H. H. H.
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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Headquarters,
19th July, '18.Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Division.

REPORT on the operation carried out by 7th A.I.Bde. on night 17/18th July, 1918. - Reference Map, Sheet 62D SW and SE, 1/20,000.

1. In order to **straighten** and shorten the Brigade front, an operation was carried out by the 26th Battalion and the 25th Battalion on the night 17/18th July. Zero hour was 9.45 p.m.

2. On the 26th Battalion front the attack was carried out by two companies and one platoon.

On the extreme right of the attack, an enemy m.g. post at U.6.d.0.8 was captured by three small converging parties, and five prisoners and two machine guns were captured, as well as five Germans killed.

The right company established a line of posts from SYRIA trench at U.6.d.1.8 to V.1.a.6.1. Very little opposition was met with except on the right, and there a party of this company entered SYRIA trench and captured an officer and two other ranks with a machine gun. The left company advanced in two waves with 50 yards distance and got well under the barrage in V.1.a. They entered the trench and met with only half-hearted resistance. The company followed the barrage to the final objective, leaving a party to mop up trench and mound.

3. The 25th Battalion attacked on a two company front with two platoons in the first wave and one platoon in the second. In addition one platoon of another company advanced on the extreme left to keep in touch with the 5th A.I.Bde.

Our infantry left our trenches at 9.45 p.m. and formed up ~~xxx~~ under the barrage. Owing to the nature of the enemy's defences, i.e. small machine gun posts in various directions, organised attacks had to be made against them. Considerable enemy machine gun fire was encountered during the advance. In most cases the enemy resisted to the last, and in at least two cases the enemy left his trenches and came with bayonet and bombs to meet our men. This caused the attacking troops delay in keeping up with the barrage towards the latter part of the operation.

4. Our artillery barrage was thin, and allowed of enemy activity during the advance. It came down well on time, and the shooting was very accurate.

The enemy barrage came down very quickly on our old front line, the German S.O.S. signals being answered very quickly.

5. The 7th A.L.T.M.Battery co-operated, firing 120 rounds on selected targets with very good results. The mortars then advanced with each battalion to selected positions. One small carrying party from each of the support battalions was attached to the Trench Mortar Battery during the operation.

6. The line was consolidated. At 4.45 a.m. on 18th July, S.O.S. signals were sent up from both north and south of the railway. Though a party of about 100 Germans ~~was~~ seen advancing towards the railway bridge in V.1.b. no infantry attack developed. At 9.5 p.m. 18th July the S.O.S. signal was again sent up from both sides of the railway. Troops at least a battalion in number had been seen during the evening, probably formed up with the intention of making a counter-attack on the MOUND. At 9.10 p.m. an infantry attack was launched against the three left posts of the right battalion, but owing to the effective artillery and machine gun fire, the attack was easily repulsed. An infantry attack did not develop north of the railway.

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7. The captures were:-

Prisoners - 1 Officer unwounded, and 1 officer
killed when being brought in.
59 other ranks unwounded.
9 other ranks wounded.
Material - 2 77mm guns (Anti-tank).
4 Heavy machine guns.
11 Light machine guns.

8. Our casualties until 12 noon, 13th July, were:

	Killed.		Wounded.	
	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.
26th Bn.	1	7	2	50
25th Bn.	1	15	3	51
Total	2	22	4	101

9. The right group machine guns fired on selected targets in co-ordination with the artillery programme.

Sgd. J.E. Lee, Brigade Major,
for Brig. General.
Commanding 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Ref Map.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 20th July 1918.

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<u>DIVISIONAL.H.Q.</u>	-	N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
<u>2nd Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q.</u>		N.20.d.7.4.	GLISY.	Dugouts.
4th Bde.A.F.A.	-	0.25.b.00.85.)	Right Group.	
5th do	-	0.19.b.8.1.)		
86th Army Bde.R.F.A.	-	0.25.c.6.4.)	Left Group.	
14th do	-	0.15.d.3.4.)		
23rd do	-	N.14.c.central.	Reserve Bde.	
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	-	N.14.c.5.5.		
4th Aust.D.T.M.O.	-	N.24.b.2.7.		
2nd do	-	RENANCOURT.		
S.A.A. Sect. 2nd A.D.A.C.	-	N.13.b.8.2.		
<u>5th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>		0.25.c.6.4.	Line Left Sector.	
17th Battalion.	-	0.24.c.25.30.	Support.	
18th do	-	0.24.c.25.30.	Line Right.	
19th do	-	0.28.b.8.8.	Reserve.	
20th do	-	P.19.c.1.2.	Line Left.	
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	0.22.a.8.7.	Line.	
5A Nucleus Bn.	-	M.18.d.1.5.		
Transport Lines.	-	M.17.b. and M.18.a.		
<u>6th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>		0.25.c.5.3.	Line Right Sector.	
21st Battalion.	-	0.28.c.8.5.	Support Left.-T.L.,	N.14.c.3.2.
22nd do	-	0.30.b.2.1.	Line Left.	" N.13.b.9.5.
23rd do	-	0.35.d.2.4.	Line Right.	" M.18.d.cent.
24th do	-	0.28.c.8.5.	Support Right.	" N.13.c.3.5.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	0.27.c.1.4.	Line.	
6A Nucleus Bn.	-	N.14.d.7.7.		
<u>7th Aust.Inf.Bde.H.Q.</u>		N.20.d.2.8.	GLISY.	Reserve Bde.
25th Battalion.	-	N.28.b.3.5.		
26th do	-	N.34.d.8.5.		
27th do	-	0.14.b.9.2.		
28th do	-	N.22.a.9.0.		
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	N.14.d.4.7.		
7A Nucleus Bn.	-	N.7.a.6.8.		
Transport Lines.	-	M.18.b.		
<u>2nd Aust.M.G.Battalion.</u>		GLISY.	Chateau. (Rear -	N.13.d.15.65.)
5th Aust.M.G.Coy.	-	N.13.d.6.4.	Reserve.	
6th do	-	0.27.c.1.4.	Line Centre.	
7th do	-	0.28.b.5.2.	Line Left.	
22nd do	-	0.27.c.1.4.	Line Right.	
R & L Group.H.Q.	-	N.30.d.8.0.		
Nucleus.	-	N.13.d.05.60.	LAMOTTE.	
Transport Lines.	-	M.16.d.80.95.		
<u>C.R.E.</u>	-	GLISY.	Dugouts.	N.20.d.7.4.
5th Field Coy.A.E.	-	N.23.central.	Transport Lines.	N.23.cent.
6th do	-	0.25.d.3.7.	do	N.21.b.80.25.
7th do	-	N.21.b.5.2.	do	N.14.b.5.0.
2nd Aust.Pioneer Bn.	-	N.23.a.1.1.	do	N.13.c.8.8.
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	-	GLISY.	Dugouts.	N.20.d.7.4.
5th Aust.Field Amb.	-	M.5.c.2.5.		
6th do	-	ST AUCEL.	M.D.S. (AMIENS)	
7th do	-	N.26.d.1.3.	A.D.S.	
4th Aust.San'ty Sect.	-	CAGNY.	8 Rue Mallet.	

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2nd Aust.Div.Train.H.Q.

15th Coy.A.A.S.C.

16th do

17th do

20th do

N.13.d.8.7.

M.16.b.4.7.

M.9.d.8.6.

M.4.a.4.4.

LAMOTTE-Brebiere.

Miscellaneous.

Paymaster.

D.A.D.V.S.

A.P.M.

Div.Gas Officer.

Div.Bomb Officer.

Mob.Vet.Section.

Div.Salvage Coy.

D.A.D.O.S.

No 2 Aust.M.T.Coy.

Div.Reinft.Camp.

Div.Staging Camp.

Div.Canteen.

Div.Burial Recdg Offr.

GLISY.

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N.7.b.5.1.

M.9.a.9.8.

M.16.a.2.8.

H.19.d.2.3.

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BERTEAUCOURT-les-Dames. (LENS Sheet E.6.)

M.10.d.6.2.

M.5.d.1.7.n

N.23.a.1.1.

Main Dump.

Attached Troops.

Troop. 13th A.L.H.

Platoon. Corps Cyclist Bn.

N.20.b.4.2.

N.20.b.4.0.

Hellier's Capt
for

Lieut-Colonel.

General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust.D.H.Q.

19th July 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 5.30 p.m. 18th, to 5.30 p.m. 19th July 1918.

No. 176.

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

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was maintained on tracks and approaches throughout the night. Between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. large parties of enemy approaching enemy lines from W.7.a. and b. were shelled and heavy casualties inflicted. At 9.10 p.m. in response to enemy barrage on our front and support lines of Right Bde. our artillery put down a barrage on enemy lines. From 9.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. batteries of Left Group fired concentration in bursts on enemy's forward trenches. Gas shells were fired on trenches in P.28.d. and P.34.b. at 12.30 a.m. and 1.30 a.m. respectively. Registration shoots were carried out during the day.

(b) Trench Mortars. 50 rounds of 3" Stokes were fired on V.1.b. during the barrage at 9 p.m.

(c) Machine Guns. At 9 p.m. an S.O.S. call brought guns into action on their S.O.S. tasks. Fire was maintained for about 20 minutes. During the night guns co-operated with the artillery in placing a barrage over selected areas. All ground in the vicinity of these targets was searched with M.G. fire. Harassing fire was directed on enemy trenches in P.22.b. and d., and on Cross Road P.21.d.80.40. 103,000 rds. expended.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our lines were constantly patrolled and long distance reconnaissance and bombing expeditions were made.

(e) Patrols. Protective patrols covered the consolidation of our new posts on Right Bde. front. Left Bde. patrolled their front to a depth of 200 yards, and protective patrols covered the Left Bn. front.

(f) Sniping. Right Bde. claims 8 killed and 2 wounded at daylight on the 18th, and Left Bde. 7 definite hits.

(g) Infantry. Left posts of Right Bn. of Right Bde. were slightly advanced during the night to improve the position on the MOUND, and our line South of the Railway now runs to a point 40 yards East of the Bridge in V.1.b. Our posts North of the Railway are at V.1.b.8.8., P.31.d.65.25., P.32.c.0.3., P.61.d.95.70., P.32.c.20.95., P.32.a.35.05., P.32.a.55.15.

4- HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

At 8.45 p.m. our front and support lines in U.5.b., O.35.d., and O.36.c., were subjected to violent harassing fire with 4.2 H.E. and shrapnel. This shelling slackened perceptibly soon after counter-battery work commenced at 9.5 p.m., and ceased at 9.45 p.m. The remainder of the area was subjected to usual desultory shelling with 77 mm and 4.2 H.E. and shrapnel, interspersed with a small proportion of sneezing and lachrymatory gas. At 10.30 p.m. 15 rds. yellow cross gas fell on O.28.b. At 4.30 a.m. a number of Blue Cross gas shell fell on P.26., P.25.a. and b. from the direction of WARFUSEE. A large percentage of 'duds' were noticed during the shelling throughout the above periods. 8 - 9.50 a.m., bursts of 20 rds. 4.2s on O.29.a. and O.23.c. 10.30 a.m. 20 rds. 4.2s on O.29.d. 12 noon - 2 p.m., 30 rds. 4.2s on VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 1.15 p.m. 15 rds. 4.2s on O.35.b. 1.30 p.m. - 2 p.m. 30 rds. on O.23.c. During the remainder of the period there was scattered shelling with 4.2s of forward area from direction of V.22., V.23. and V.24.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Alert. Artillery aggressive.

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Handwritten signature: *Wan. L. Lamy*

ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Posts. A post is suspected at P.32.c.5.7. The continuation of JAFFA Trench from railway to P.32.d.1.1 displays occupation. Trenches at P.27.c.80.45., P.27.c.75.75., P.27.c.70.40., P.27.c.50.20., P.32.b.80.30. are occupied.

(b) Wire. High concertina wire was encountered by Left Bde. in many places through crops in front of their posts. Main road is wired at P.27.c.60.45. Some surface mines are laid on the road near P.27.c.60.45., boxes containing yellow substance being found.

(c) Trench Mortars. Pineapple bombs were fired occasionally on P.26.c. from 106° T.B. from P.26.b.85.60.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 4.40 a.m., 6.35 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., two E.A. patrolled our lines. Between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. two hostile balloons in direction of RAT WOOD were destroyed by our planes.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Besides that reported in special para. below, the usual amount of foot and transport traffic is reported. At 3.55 p.m. 3 wagons appeared in W.2.c.9.8., disappearing at W.2.a.9.5. At 4.30 a.m. one wagon in P.36. moved towards the rear.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. At 8.10 p.m. two large columns of smoke rose from WARFUSEE. Our artillery was not firing at the time. From 4.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. support Coy. of Left Bn. Left Bde. in P.20.d. P.20.b., P.27.a. had to wear S.B.Rs. Gas apparently drifted over from P.25., which area was being shelled with gas at the time. A searchlight was observed at 85° T.B. from O.29.d.95.55. At 8 p.m. a 4 gun battery was seen firing from approximately P.35.b.8.5.

Artillery report 2 guns firing from P.35.b.9.9.

During the past few days the enemy has been using the WHITE flag very often, and instances occurred yesterday of the abuse of the red cross and the WHITE flags. At 10 a.m. on 18th instant two men approached our lines and were waved away. They went away to an enemy post and directed the fire of rifle grenades on to our posts. After a time these two men came out again and endeavoured to work into a position so that they could see our trench. The Officer in charge of our post opened fire on them and killed both.

INFANTRY ACTION. From 6.30 p.m. constant individual movement was observed from and to the rear of LABASTILE MILL in V.4.d. Between 7.10 and 9 p.m. parties of from 4 to 8 came down BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road, thence along tracks W.7.a. and b. to V.12.central. Using low ground in V.5.c. and d. they came to rear of LABASTILE MILL, where they extended and moved forward to trench in V.4.a. and b. then extended right and left. All men were carrying packs and it is estimated there was a Battalion at least. The artillery shelled this area but smoke prevented observation of result. A few minutes previous to this the O.P. of Left Bde. in VILLERS BRETONNEUX was shelled by 5.9 H.E. two direct hits being obtained. The S.O.S. was sent up at 9.5 p.m. and immediate response was given by artillery and M.Gs., which effectively prevented the attack materialising, except against the Left three posts of the Right Bde. South of the railway. This attack was easily beaten off. Enemy stretcher bearers were busily engaged until 9 a.m. to-day gathering casualties.

CAPTURED TROPHIES. Booty captured by Right Bde. on night 17th/18th now amounts to 11 Light M.Gs., 4 Heavy M.Gs. and two 77 mm. guns, (anti-tank).

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Classes and Drafts. The 41st Div. appears to have about 30% 1899 Class. A draft of 360 made up of 300 men from the Second Reserve Cavalry Regt. and 60 men from the 5th Cuirassier Regt., (which cavalry regiments are being broken up and used as reinforcements), was recently received by the division.

About 5 to 6 weeks ago each company in the 3rd Bn., 148th I.R. received 50 to 60 returned wounded. (P.S.).

Reliefs. The 148th I.R. and 18th I.R. are having inter-battalion reliefs every five days. (P.S.).

Sickness. "Spanish Flu" is prevalent, but there appears to be no illness of a serious nature. (P.S.).

Itinerary. A draft of 1899 Class came from OSTERODE - BERLIN - COLN - AACHEN - HERBESTHAL - LOWEN - BRUSSELS - VALENCIENNES - PERUWELZ - DOUAI. (P.S.).

Names. Div., Cdr., 41st Div. - Major-Gen. GRASER; Bde. Cdr. - Major-Gen. von BAUER; Regl. Cdr. 148th I.R. - Col. GELEUE; 1st Bn., 148th I.R. - Major PISCHT; 2nd Bn., 148th I.R. - Capt. WURZ; 3rd Bn., 148th I.R. - Capt. WALTHER; 11th Coy., 148th I.R. - Lieut. HENNECK; 9th Coy., 148th I.R. - Lieut. SCHAEFFER; 18th I.R. - Major WILSDORF.

Casualties. Casualties are said to have been heavy in our attack last night. (P.S.).

General. MARCELCAVE contains sufficient deep dug-outs accommodation for 100 men and further dug-outs are being constructed. (P.S.). (I.S. No. 195).

Gas Casualties.

A captured enemy document, signed v. TSCHISCHWITZ, Chief of the General Staff, Second German Army, states that the following casualties were caused by a discharge of our gas projectors on the trenches north of SAILLY-LAURETTE on the 18th June. In one Bn. of the 107th Div., 2 killed and 2 slightly gassed; in another Bn. of the same Div. 18 killed (1 Officer) and 8 seriously gassed. (I.S. 212.)

German Anti-Tank Rifle.

Further information about the German anti-tank rifle has been derived from the capture of one of these rifles by the French, and from prisoners.

Designation. - Tank-Abwehr-Gewehr, abbreviated to T.-Gewehr.

Allotment. The 192nd Inf. Div. had been issued with 2 anti-tank rifles per regt.; one rifle was kept in the support line and the other used behind the front for instructional purposes. Each Regt. was shortly to have 3 rifles in line.

Training. No special training was required; usually four men per company were shown how to use the rifle, and a few rounds were fired by way of demonstration.

Mounting. The rifle is mounted on a bipod 1 ft. in height, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. in weight.

Ammunition. Twenty rounds are issued packed in a bag of grey canvas.

Effect. At a practice shoot, a steel plate 13/16 in. (21 mm-) thick was easily pierced at a range of 220 yds. (200 m.). (I.S. 212.)

Enemy's intentions.

Evidence from prisoners' statements is accumulating as to the completion of the enemy's preparations in the forward area between KEMMEL and the YPRES - COMINES Canal.

(I.S. No. 212).

SITUATION WIRES.

Following from FRENCH timed 9.30am. Line on SOISSONS front as follows. PERNANT HILL 153 N.W. of VAUXBUIN - W. part of VAUXBUIN - BERZY-la-see-LECHELLE - W. of PARCY TIGNY - N.W. edge of BLANZY-la-LOGE Fm. - W. edge of OHOUY - sugar factory on railway between OHOUY and NEULLY - W. edge of NEULLY ST.FRONT - PRIEZ (Ger.) COURCHAMPS (F.) - LIOY BELLEAU - original line at BOURCHES. Elements which had pushed

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on to MONT de PARIS and BUZANCY withdrew to main line. Prisoners estimated between 12 and 15 thousand and 200 guns.

Later.

Official. - French Cavalry on main road SOISSONS - CHATEAU THIERRY closely followed by Infantry and artillery. 17,000 prisoners, 200 guns.

Unofficial. 27,000 prisoners and Infantry holding above line.

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