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GLISY.	1918. Aug.	a.m. 1. 5.0.  5.30.  p.m. 2.0. 4.0. 5.0.  a.m. 2. 5.0.  p.m. 4.30. 5.0.	<p>Enemy aircraft very active over back areas during night.</p> <p>Morning report: Situation quiet. Slight shelling 0.31.b., 0.30.c. Light scattered shelling over Left Bde. forward area. Aeroplanes dropped WHITE flares in 0.25. at 11 p.m. and 11 bombs on VILLERS BRETONNEUX and 0.33. At 2 p.m. 10 bombs dropped 0.25.c. At 4.15 a.m. heavy artillery fire along whole of Left Bde. front extending slightly on either flank. No Infantry action followed. Fire slackened at 4.50 a.m. M.Gs. and T.Ms. normal</p> <p>G.S.O.II. and D.I.O. visited Bns. of Left Bde. and Bde. H.Q. G.O.C. visited forward area with G.O.Cs. of 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes.</p> <p>Fine morning; very foggy early</p> <p>G.S.O.II. visited Bde. Schools and Nucleus Bns.</p> <p>G.S.O.I. visited Corps H.Q.</p> <p>Evening Report: Situation quiet. 10.35 a.m. few rounds in 0.23. 4 rounds H.V. gun on rear areas. 12.25 p.m. to 12.45 p.m. 4 5.9 H.E. in vicinity VILLERS BRETONNEUX CHURCH apparently ranging. Harvesting party in W.8.b. dispersed by our artillery at 10.20 a.m. Wagons on road in W.9.d. at 10.20 a.m. and W.2.d. at 12.5 p.m. E.A. nil. Visibility fair.</p> <p>Fine evening. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No. 189 issued. Amendment to 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 207 issued.</p> <p>Morning report: Situation normal. Between 11 and 12 midnight N.23. shelled with heavy calibres and 0.34. and 0.35. with some rounds Mustard gas at midnight. Approx. 40 M.W. P.31. and V.1. between 2.40 a.m. and 3.15 a.m. M.G. activity and flares normal.</p> <p>Wet day. G.O.C. R.A. visited D.H.Q.</p> <p>Evening report; Situation quiet. Our M.T.Ms. active on Right Bde. 0.27., 0.28. and 0.29. lightly shelled 2.45 p.m. onward. Visibility improving at 4 p.m.</p> <p>Wet evening. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No. 190 issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Location List G.242 issued. Instructions No. 1 issued. Instructions No. 2 issued.</p>	<p>App. 1 App. 2</p> <p>App. 3 App. 4 App. 5 App. 6</p>



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GLISY.	1918. Aug. 3.	a.m.		
		4.50.	Morning Report; Situation very quiet. Light scattered shelling over area generally. M.Gs. quieter than usual. No gas. Relief of Bde. in line complete.	
			Overcast morning. Few showers of rain.	
		p.m.	During afternoon G.O.C. visited H.Q., 3rd Aust. Div.	
		5.20.	Evening Report: Situation quiet. Light scattered shelling over forward areas during the day. Visibility good during the afternoon. E.A., T.Ms. M.Gs. activity nil. Captures Nil.	
			Wet evening.	
			During evening conference of Brigadiers at D.H.Q.	
			Instructions No. 3 issued. <i>and it.</i>	
			Order No. 208 issued.	
			Order No. 209 issued.	
		Enemy information map issued.		
		2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued (No. 191).		
		a.m.		
	4.	4.45.	Morning report: Quiet night. Enemy machine guns fairly active.	
		9.0.	G.O.C. and G.S.O.I. attended conference at Corps H.Q.	
		p.m.	During morning one Bn. 5th A.I.Bde. carried out practice with Tanks of 5th Tank Bde. at VAUX.	
		3.0.	G.S.O.III. returned to duty with D.H.Q.	
		4.0.	G.S.O.II. and G.S.O.III. visited H.Q., 2nd Can. Div. to discuss details connected with forthcoming operations.	
			6th and 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. established at dugouts 0.26.c.8.3. and 0.28.c.8.5. respectively.	
		5.5.	Evening Report: Situation quiet. 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 80 rounds 10.5s. on 0.23.c., 0.22.d., 12 noon - 2 p.m. 40 rounds 77s. 30 rounds 10.5s. H.V. 0.17.a. and b. Light shelling 0.28., 0.29. At 2 p.m. 20 rounds BLUE CROSS 0.29.b. E.A. normal.	
			Fine evening - overcast.	
			<del>Narrative of operations of 2nd Aust. Div. during July issued.</del>	
		a.m.	2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No. 192 issued.	
	5.	5.0.	Instructions Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 issued.	
		a.m.		
	5.	5.0.	Morning report: Situation quiet. Enemy Artillery slight. One Battery firing gas shell P.25.a. and c. and VILLERS BRETONNEUX between 11.45 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. at 2 rds. per minute. Several small fires resembling cordite burning seen in MARCELCAVE 3.45 a.m.	
			Few rds. T.M. in P.31, E.A. nil. M.Gs. normal.	

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GLISY.	1918. Aug. 6.	p.m.	<p>During night 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. moved forward to close assembly areas without incident.</p>	
		a.m.		
	7.	5.0.	<p>Morning Situation: Situation quiet. Scattered shelling of whole area. Some gas at intervals on 0.22. M.Gs. normal Fine sunny morning.</p>	
		p.m.	<p>Advice from Corps that to-day is "Y" day - units advised.</p>	
		2.30.	G.S.O.III. synchronised watches with Artillery and Brigades.	
		5.5.	<p>Evening report. Scattered shelling of 0.29. with 77s. and 10.5 cm. between 10 a.m. and 12 noon Wagon movement in W.8. at 5.5. a.m. engaged by artillery. M.W. active on P.25.d. and P.26.c. silenced. E.A. nil. Fine evening; sunny and warm.</p>	
		7.15.	Supply Tank Park at 0.29. central set on fire by shelling. 13 tanks destroyed and 3 saved.	
		8.0.	G.S.O.III. and Capt. BAZELEY left for liaison duty with flank Divs.	
		8.0.	5th A.I.Bde. Battle H.Q. closed at GLISY and opened at 0.28.c.8.5.	
		11.30.	<p>All units warned against unauthorised tapping in on telephone lines. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary issued No. 195. 2nd Aust. Div. Order of Battle issued.</p>	App. 22
		a.m.		App. 23
	8.	1.30.	Sector quiet for past two hours.	
		3.30.	Heavy shelling astride railway line - counter battery action requested.	
		4.0.	Hostile shelling reported to have ceased - no damage done.	
		4.30.	Artillery bombardment opened - heavy ground mist developing at GLISY.	
		4.35.	Right Bde. report barrage opened on time and excellent. No retaliation.	
		4.40.	Left Bde. report barrage opened on time - one tank out of action.	
		4.45.	<p>Above message repeated Corps. During next half hour Bdes. reported verbally that things apparently going well and enemy retaliation still continues feeble.</p>	
		5.26.	Right Bde. report prisoner from JAFFA TRENCH 18th I.R. says no attack expected.	
		5.40.	Right Bde. report centre Bn. all O.K. at 5 a.m. - 6 prisoners 18th I.R.	
		5.50.	<p>F.O.O. of 27th F.A.R. taken by Left Bn. of Right Bde. Left Bde. report at 5.35 a.m. that Right Coy., Right Bn. on objective - Corps advised.</p>	
		6.5.	1st Canadian Div. reported through HANGARD WOOD and 3rd Div. through ACCROCHE WOOD.	
		6.9.	Right Bde. report all going well - visibility bad - 75 to 80 prisoners.	

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GLISY.	1918.	a.m.			
	Aug.	6.20.	Identification wire from D.I.O. - 41st Div. identified - repeated to Corps.		
		8.	6.30.	Right Bde. report prisoners say our forces in MARCELCAVE - probably Canadians. Right Bde. report prisoners now 1 Off. and 74 O.Rs. - heavy ground mist - everything O.K. Left Bde. report prisoners now 1 Off. and 28 O.Rs. of 152 I.R. - out of touch with left Bn. - everything satisfactory. - heavy fog.	
			6.35.	Situation reported to Corps.	
			7.5.	Identification wire from D.I.O. - 117th Div. identified, arrived during night from OSTEND - Repeated Corps.	
			7.9.	2nd Canadian Div. reported outskirts MARCELCAVE. - some trouble JAFFA TRENCH.	
			7.20.	Right Bde. report timed 7 a.m. Left Bn. on 1st objective - 140 prisoners to-date. - enemy artillery practically nil - mist clearing. 5th Aust. Div. moving forward.	
			7.30.	Left Bde. report WARFUSEE being cleared up and prisoners coming in - casualties slight. Reorganisation in P.22.d., 28.b. and d. proceeding.	
			7.45.	Right Bde. report prisoners state 2 Reserve Bns. and M.G. Coy. in Q.23. and 29. - Corps advised.	
			8.0.	Situation reported to Corps - total prisoners now 300.	
			8.10.	Left Bde. report 7.40 a.m. WARFUSEE rushed by 17th Bn. and troops now on both sides of village and through it. Our Artillery and Tanks moving forward.a	
			8.15.	Above repeated to Corps.	
			8.20.	Right Bde. Right Bn. report having reached GREEN line - Corps advised.	
			8.25.	Command of Battle front handed over to G.O.C., 5th Aust. Div. Corps and flank Divs. advised. H.Q. of 6th A.I.Bde. moved to DOLL'S House - east edge VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Centre Bn. Right Bde. report digging in 200 yards west GREEN line owing short shooting. 5th Aust. Div. passing through them.	
			8.45.	Wire from D.I.O. giving identifications and general intelligence - repeated Corps and flank divs.	
			9.0.	1st and 3rd Can. Divs. reported on GREEN line.	
			9.3.	Right Bde. reports all Bns. on objective and digging in - Centre Bn. being withdrawn and reorganised - consolidation in depth proceeding - repeated to Corps.	
			9.5.	Prisoners <sup>War</sup> counted by A.P.M. to 8.30 total 651	
			9.25.	Left Bde. report all on GREEN line. Artillery now going through.	
			9.30.	Congratulatory message from Div. Commander to G.Os.C., 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes.	
		9.48.	Left Bde. report timed 9 a.m. armoured cars, tanks and cavalry have passed through.		
		9.50.	6th A.I.Bde. report 20 officers and 800 O.Rs. now passed through collecting stations - reported to Corps.		
		9.55.	Wire from D.I.O. giving further identifications repeated to Corps.		

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GLISY.	1918. Aug. 8	a.m. 10.30. 10.40. 11.0. 11.37. 11.51. p.m. 12.20. 12.30. 12.50. 1.10. 1.15. 1.15. 1.30. 1.30. 3.0. 3.0. 3.2. 4.0. 4.0. 6.45. 9.0.	<p>Wire from D.I.O. giving further identifications repeated to Corps - 25 unwounded and 1 wounded officer so far examined.</p> <p>A.P.M. advises total prisoners to 10 a.m. 24 Officers and 847 O.Rs.</p> <p>6th A.I.Bde. wire giving their new dispositions.</p> <p>Three enemy planes bombed some transport on main road at N.28.d.0.4.</p> <p>Corps advised that unwounded prisoners through Div. cage to 11.15 a.m. total 1268.</p> <p>Further identifications from D.I.O. repeated to Corps.</p> <p>Corps instruct Div. cease consolidation on GREEN line and commence reorganising, refitting and resting - be prepared move one hours notice, not anticipated that required before 5 a.m. on 9th - one group (less Artillery) prepared to act as reserve to 1st Aust. Div.</p> <p>A.P.M. advises prisoners War to 12 noon 1,395 all ranks - Corps advised.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. I.O. been to Q.30.c.4.4. and reports 5th Div. consolidating there. Cavalry and Armoured cars gone through. No shelling on red line.</p> <p>5th A.I.Bde. report reorganisation completed and M.Gs. in position - men in good spirits - Casualties 8 Officers, 98 O.Rs. Captures 1000 all ranks, 100 M.Gs. 22 M.W., 17 guns including battery of 15 cm.</p> <p>Instructions issued that 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. with attached M.G. Coys. cease consolidation and refit and reorganise between Green and old front line. 6th A.I.Bde. reorganise and refit in present position. 6th A.I.Bde. Group comprising 6th A.I.Bde., 5th A.M.G. Coy. and 7th Field Coy. will be prepared to act reserve 1st Aust. Div. G.O.C., Bde. report H.Q. 1st Aust. Div. All units ready to move at one hours notice after 4 p.m. to-day, but not anticipated required before 5 a.m. on 9th.</p> <p>Material captured so far counted 29 guns, 23 T.Ms. over 150 M.Gs. 1 wireless set.</p> <p>Further identifications of prisoners from D.I.O. - repeated Corps.</p> <p>4th and 5th Aust. Divs. reported on Blue line.</p> <p>G.S.O.II. and G.S.O.III. visited H.Q. of Brigades.</p> <p>Further identifications from D.I.O. - total captures by Div. 36 Off. 1,443 O.Rs.</p> <p>A.P.M. reports total prisoners through Div. Cage to 2.30 p.m., 36 Off. 1,457 O.Rs.</p> <p>D.I.O. wired further identifications - repeated Corps.</p> <p>1st Aust. Div. Adv. H.Q. opened at RED CHATEAU, VILLERS BRETONNEUX.</p> <p>British plane brought down 6th A.I.Bde. bivouac - pilot uninjured.</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. Instructions No. 1 Series "B" issued.</p> <p>Operations Report No. 1 Preliminary Report on Operations of 2nd Aust. Div. on 8:8:18 issued.</p>	<p>App. 24</p> <p>App. 35</p> <p>6</p>



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GLISY.	1918. p.m. Aug. 8.		Weather fine and overcast during day. warm night. Men in splendid spirits and fit for any amount of fighting.	
		a.m.		
	9.	5.0.	5th A.I.Bde. situation report. Quiet. A few H.V. on main road near LA MOTTE.	
		8.0.	Units advised reference operation instructions No. 1 series "B" Phase "A" is being carried out this morning. Phase "B" to be carried out immediately afterwards by 1st and 2nd Aust. Divs. Zero hour 11 a.m. 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. in position assembly in rear yesterday's Blue line by 11 a.m. G.Os.C., 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. will meet Div. Commander at 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. 9.30 a.m. this morning to receive final orders	
		9.15.	6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. closes DOLL'S HOUSE at 10 a.m. and reopens Cross Roads V.5.a.5.3.	
		9.30.	Corps Commander visited D.H.Q.	
	10.30.		Wire from 7th A.I.Bde. giving assembly positions of Bns. 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. moving to P.34.d.7.1.	
	10.35.		Corps instruct 6th A.I.Bde. remain in reserve to 1st Aust. Div. until relieved by 1st A.I.Bde. If Phase "B" develops to-day, 5th A.I.Bde. will hold one Bde. at call 2nd Aust. Div. as reserve until 6th A.I.Bde. returns to 2nd Aust. Div.	
VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	11.0.		2nd Aust. Div. H.Q. closed at GLISY and reopened in Quarry O.28.c. at VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
	noon.		2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 212 issued.	App 36
		p.m.		
		1.45.	5th and 7th A.I.Bde. Adv. H.Q. established at W.5.c.1.5., 6th A.I.Bde. at W.9.c.0.0.	
			7th A.I.Bde. report H.Q. established Crucifix W.5.c.2.5. Arrangements made tanks and 5th A.I.Bde. for troops to be on start line behind old AMIENS Line ready to jump off at 4.30 p.m.	
		1.50.	5th A.I.Bde. H.Q. established at Crucifix W.5.c.2.5.	
		2.30.	G.S.O.I., G.S.O.II. and D.I.O. went to Bde. Battle HQ. to see operation.	
		3.0.	1st Aust. Div. reported on Green line.	
		4.10.	Corps advised total prisoners through Div. Cage and dressing station taken by 2nd Aust. Div. to 9 p.m. on 8th unwounded 37 officers, 1,463 O.Rs. wounded 7 officers 95 O.Rs. total 44 Officers, 1,558 O.Rs.	
		4.25.	G.S.O.I. 'phoned from Adv. B.H.Q. that 5th and 7th Bdes. proceeded by tanks well on their way to Green line.	
		5.30.	Corps advise C.R.A., 5th Aust. Div. remains in command Artillery covering Div. front	
			G.S.O.I. and G.S.O.II. visited 14th B.H.Q. at WARFUSEE - this Bde. held in reserve to 2nd Aust. Div.	
		6.12.	Message by 'phone from B.M., 5th A.I.Bde. Bde. reported on objective - all going well - prisoners estimated over 100.	
		6.40.	Message from Corps Squad. giving line obtained by contact patrol.	

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918. Aug. 9.	p.m. 6.40.	7th A.I.Bde. report VAUVILLERS occupied and FRAMERVILLE reported captured. Prisoners of 376 R.I.R., 109th Div. captured. Hostile E.A. active.	
		6.40.	5th A.I.Bde. report timed 5.10 p.m. our Right Bn. already in FRAMERVILLE - 60 prisoners of 227 Regt., 107 Div. Bns. on right and Left appear to be going well. Some M.G. fire met with. Enemy shelling light and consistent.	
		7.10.	Further identifications of prisoners wired to Corps.	
		7.30.	Corps advised of situation.	
		7.30.	5th A.I.Bde. report casualties estimated at 3 Officers 40 O.Rs.	
		7.45.	Corps instruct that as soon as objective captured for day tanks to rally in support and report number.	
		7.45.	7th A.I.Bde. advise returned tank reports all troops on red line.	
		7.45.	Situation given to B.G.G.S. by 'phone. Left Bde. reports holding line X.3.central, along road in R.33.c. and a post at cross roads R.26.d.9.4., thence defensive flank along North side of main road in P.26.d. and c. and P.25.d. and c.	
		7.55.	5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. instructed to arrange for rallying of tanks in convenient support positions and to report these locations and number of tanks fit for action.	
		8.15.	6th A.I.Bde. advised that later they will relieve 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. with one Bn. from each in reserve.	
		8.17.	5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. instructed to consolidate and reorganise in depth and that on 6th A.I.Bde. returning to Div. control. it will relieve 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. in line - latter to each detail one Bn. in reserve to 6th A.I.Bde.	
		8.25.	Corps and Flank Divs. advised of situation.	
		8.25.	5th A.I.Bde. reports Right Bn. on objective and in touch with Bns. on flanks. Casualties estimated 100 all ranks. Prisoners about 200. Enemy M.Gs. and artillery active from PROYART. Enemy seen on ridge in R.35. and X.5. - Corps advised.	
		8.35.	Corps repeated congratulatory message from General BIRDWOOD.	
		8.35.	5th Aust. Div. instruct that as soon as position firmly established and flanks in touch 8th A.I.Bde. will be reorganised under cover.	
		8.40.	Corps instruct that 6th A.I.Bde. will pass under command 2nd Aust. Div. as soon as it can be relieved by Bde. of 1st Aust. Div.	
		8.45.	Canadian Corps situation report received.	
		8.45.	4th Aust. Div. advise that 12th A.I.Bde. instructed to swing forward its right flank and connect up with 5th A.I.Bde. Left during night 9th/10th August.	



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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918. Aug. 9.	p.m. 8.50. 9.45. 10.30. 10.25. 10.40. 10.55. 11.0. 11.15. 11.20. 11.45. 11.46. a.m. 10. 12.20. 12.30. 12.40. 12.50. 1.5. 1.40. 1.30. 1.40. 2.0.	<p>Corps advise that document shows a regiment at ECLUSIER is reinforcing enemy Div. opposite.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. report 3 Officers and 36 O.Rs. prisoners of 109th sent to BAYONVILLERS.</p> <p>1ST Aust. Div. wire giving their line at 7.40 p.m.</p> <p>Wire from Corps giving general situation.</p> <p>5th A.I.Bde. report line runs X.3.d.5.5. - X.3.b.8.7. - R.33.d.7.0. - R.33.d.2.0. - R.33.c.5.4. thence along road to R.26.d.9.4.</p> <p>Identifications obtained and wired to Corps.</p> <p>Report of Contact patrols.</p> <p>IIIrd Corps and Canadian Corps situation reports.</p> <p>Artillery Liaison Officer gives 7th A.I.Bde. line as X.10.d.4.0. - X.10.c.95.50. - X.4.c.7.0. - X.4.c.55.80. - thence along road to X3.d.5.7. to X.3.b.6.0. Bde. instructed to confirm urgently.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. advised 1st Aust. Div. to advance to Blue line at 8 a.m. 10th, 7th A.I.Bde. to conform by advancing their right to Blue line.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. advised that 1st Aust. Div. state their left ahead of 7th A.I.Bde. right. and a coy. being put in as defensive flank. 7th A.I.Bde. instructed to get in touch with 2nd Bde. and push up their right and thus relieve Coy of 2nd Bde.</p> <p>Counter attack patrol to 4.40 p.m. received.</p> <p>1st Aust. Div. report Red line taken on whole front and patrols out in front.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. report tanks rallied at Q.33.c.8.1. 9 tanks came back, of which two were towed. 4 out of action.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. asked for more definite information re tanks available.</p> <p>Corps instruct that on relief of 6th A.I.Bde. by Bde. of 1st Aust. Div. it revert to command of 2nd Aust. Div. and 14th A.I.Bde. to 5th Aust. Div. - 5th A.I.Bde. then to reserve at HAMEL. Armoured Car Bn. passes to 1st Aust. Div.</p> <p>C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div. to assume command of artillery of centre Div. sector.</p> <p>Corps Squadron Air Reconnaissance report received.</p> <p>Counter attack patrols report</p> <p>Corps advised that Tanks rallied at W.4.b. but none immediately fit for use.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. report in touch with Div. on Right at X.10.c.2.1., line then runs X.10.a.9.1. then in front Red line to X.4.c.3.5. then in touch with 5th A.I.Bde. at X.3.d.4.5. high ground in X.10.d. held by enemy strongly with M.Gs.</p> <p>Contact patrol report to 2.30 p.m.</p>	



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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918.	a.m.		
	Aug.	2.25.	7th A.I.Bde. advise estimated casualties 180.	
	10.	2.45.	4th Aust. Div. report 12th A.I.Bde. on line R.13.central and in touch with our left at R.26.d.9.4.	
		4.45.	5th A.I.Bde. advise by 'phone that quiet night. Patrol went into RAINECOURT and found it empty. Post being established there. 20th Bn. relieved 18th on Left. 18th Bn. now in reserve and 19th Bn. in support.	
		5.30.	Morning situation report 7th A.I.Bde. Enemy Arty. inactive, M.Gs. quiet. Gas shelling nil. E.A. active bombing in early part of night over rear areas.	
		6.10.	Aust. Corps advised that Right Bn. of 7th A.I.Bde. established posts at X.10.c.7.0., C.7.3., c.7.6. c.8.8. Right post in touch with Div. on Right.	
		7.25.	A 'plane of 3rd Squad. A.F.C. came down in X.14. Pilot wounded. Aust. Corps advised.	
		7.35.	Two escaped British P.O.W. came into our lines - state trenches N. of main road in R.29. occupied by enemy. Corps advised.	
		8.12.	Corps advised our <b>Heavies</b> continually shelling FRAMERVILLE and our own lines. Repeated Corps, H.A. and R.A.	
		8.15.	Corps instruct specially selected staff officer to be detailed to watch battle and progress of events. Brigades instructed accordingly.	
		9.10.	1st Aust. Div. advise that 6th A.I.Bde. now available again to 2nd Aust. Div.	
		9.20.	Brigades advised 6th A.I.Bde. in Div. reserve and 14th A.I.Bde. reverted command 5th Aust. Div. 6th A.I.Bde. to remain in its present position.	
		9.25.	5th A.I.Bde. advise that shelling our trenches forced us withdraw 3 posts from RAINECOURT. 5th A.I.Bde. awaiting news of 12th A.I.Bde. will not move until this received.	
		9.30.	5th A.I.Bde. advise right 12th A.I.Bde. at R.26.d.7.4. and in touch with 18th Bn., 20th Bn. moved up and dug in 400 yards in rear above point.	
		9.30.	7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. established W.11.b.2.8.	
		10.0.	7th A.I.Bde. advise troops of 25th Bn. seen advancing over ridge in X.10.d. and thus must be on Blue line - repeated to Corps. G.S.O.III. went to forward area.	
		10.40.	5th A.I.Bde. line now runs R.26.d.0.3. - R.33.c.5.4. posts in RAINECOURT and line on left have had to withdraw on account of shelling of our heavies - Corps advised.	
		10.40.	7th A.I.Bde. not in touch with Left of 5th A.I.Bde. and latter not on their blue line. <b>Heavies</b> M.G. fire from X.11.d., X.12.a. and X.12.b.	
	10.33.	Conference at 4th D.H.Q. at 11.30 a.m. Staff officer to attend - G.S.O.I. went.		
	11.45.	Air reconnaissance report to 9 a.m. received.		
	11.45.	5th A.I.Bde. instructed establish post on cross roads at R.27.c.0.3. or as near as possible irrespective of action of Bde. on left. If necessary from defensive flank along main road.		

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918.	p.m.		
	Aug.	noon.	Heavies shelling restricted to area E. of N. and S. grid line through FOUCAUCOURT - only shoot west of this on request from D.H.Q.	
	10.	12.45.	Right Bn. of 7th A.I.Bde. report situation not clear. Left Bn. of Bde. on right is not on blue line. Special officers now forward examining position. Heavy M.G. fire from X.11.d., 12.a., and 17.b.	
			Above repeated to Corps and 1st Aust. Div.	
		12.50.	Corps instruct 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery and 14th Army Bde., R.F.A. relieve 5th A.D.Arty. and 6th Army Bde., A.F.A. in centre Div. sector. 2nd Div. Arty. move at 3 p.m. in small bodies, 14th Bde. at 5 p.m.	
		1.30.	Corps advise of dispositions of Cavalry Corps.	
		2.0.	Brigadiers, 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. and Bn. C.Os. of 6th A.I.Bde. meet G.S.O.I. at W.11.b.3.8. at 3.30 p.m. to-day.	
		2.0.	7th A.I.Bde. report 25th Bn. in touch with 11th Bn. on their right at X.16.b.8.0. Line runs X.16.central - X.16.a.7.4., X.10.d.3.4. - X.10.a.8.0. - X.4.c.6.0. - X.4.c.2.4. then in touch with 5th A.I.Bde. at X.3.c.8.8. Corps advised.	
		3.0.	C.-in-C. held conference of commanders of III, Aust. and Canadian Corps at D.H.Q. This was followed by conference of Aust. Divisional Commanders at 1st Aust. D.H.Q. C.-inC. and Aust. Corps Commander present.	
			Air reports to noon received. Our 'planes dropped bombs on our own lines.	
		3.30.	Corps asked to restrict flying Corps to dropping bombs in same area as H.A. allowed shoot.	
		3.30.	Air report from Corps Squad. received.	
		4.0.	5th A.I.Bde. advise location of their units.	
		5.50.	Air reconnaissance to 2.10 p.m. report received.	
		6.30.	Units advised contact patrol to be in air at 5.30 a.m. on 11th instant.	
	6.40.	Contact patrol report received giving our line at 2.30 p.m.		
	6.40.	Air report to 2.45 p.m. received.		
	7.45.	Contact patrol to 4 p.m. - line N. of SOMME given - no signs of counter attack.		
	7.50.	Corps instruct that 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. and 14th Army Bde. will not move into line till morning 11th instant.		
	7.50.	5th A.I.Bde. report situation quiet. Light scattered shelling forward area.		
	9.25.	5th A.I.Bde. report heavy shelling of front line and FRAMERVILLE. Enemy troops moving in R.34.b.and d. engaged by our artillery.		
	9.40.	Air report received.		
	9.45.	Cyclist Platoon attached Div. at present at GLISY ordered to move to VILLERS BRETONNEUX on 11th.		

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918. Aug. 10.	p.m. 11.10.	1st Aust. Div. advise capture of Blue line on 1st Aust. Div. front to be completed on 11th inst. Tanks to co-operate - repeated Bdes.	
		11.45.	5th A.I.Bde. report attacking troops got good start and passed our front line well. Some enemy artillery and M.G. fire. E.A. active bombing forward areas. Corps and 3rd Aust. Div. advised.	
		a.m.		
		11. 12.40.	Corps advise Corps Commander will meet Div. Commanders at 1st Aust. Div. H.Q. at 2.30 p.m. on 11th instant.	
		2.15.	Corps instruct advance to be continued to line of SOMME on 11th instant. Inter Div. boundaries given, that between 1st and 2nd Aust. Divs. is line SOYECOURT - DEMECOURT (both inclusive to 2nd Aust. Div.) BERNY, VILLERS CARBONNEL (both inclusive to 1st Div. between 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divs. Sq. R.27.a.O.O. to ASSEVILLERS (inclusive to 2nd Aust. Div.	
		2.45.	3rd Aust. Div. advise that if 10th A.I.Bde. unable carry out operation as ordered they will take up position from cross roads R.27.d.4.5. round east edge PROYART to R.13.central - above repeated 5th A.I.Bde.	
		3.0.	Liaison officer with 10th A.I.Bde. reports Tanks held up. 38th Bn. astride road in R.27.d., 39th and 40th Bns. in rear. - Corps and 3rd Aust. Div. advised.	
		3.12.	5th A.I.Bde. report 10th A.I.Bde. troops falling back along main road. - 3rd Aust. Div. advised.	
		3.40.	7th A.I.Bde. report lachrymatory gas drifting over HARBONNIERES.	
		3.43.	3rd Aust. Div. report 10th A.I.Bde. forced to fall back. - now digging in on line R.27.d.2.4. round N.E. of LA FLAGUE to front line R.26.b.	
		3.50.	5th A.I.Bde. report Coy. 20th Bn. report 38th Bn. coming back to original line owing lost direction and M.G. fire.	
		3.56.	5th A.I.Bde. request 38th Bn. be asked push forward with 20th Bn.	
		4.0.	3rd Div. requested as above and stated that 10th A.I.Bde. would be instructed to push out.	
		4.1.	B.M., 5th A.I.Bde. says 38th Bn. unable push forward. 20th Bn. ordered swing back left flank when they go forward to join 10th Bde. at R.27.d.2.4. Sound of tractors heard in RAINECOURT and 4.5 Hows. shelling village - otherwise quiet in front.	
		4.35.	7th Bde. report 2 Bns. on jumping off line - barrage opened to time.	
		4.50.	7th A.I.Bde. report both Bns. jumped off to time - Corps advised.	
		4.47.	7th A.I.Bde. report enemy gas shelling VAUVILLERS - Right Bn. report seeing success signals.	
		5.5.	7th A.I.Bde. report Left Coy. Right Bn. on objective - Corps advised.	
		5.30.	7th A.I.Bde. report lines forward Left Bn. cut - heavy fog in front area. Right Bn. report on objective as far as can be judged - fair number casualties.	

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	Aug.	5.35.	7th A.I.Bde. report Right Bn. in touch with Left Bn.	
	11.	5.43.	Report of prisoner captured - repeated Corps.	
		6.0.	5th A.I.Bde. report 31 prisoners of 52nd R.I.R. taken. 4 prisoners of 227 I.R. taken by Left Bn.	
		6.0.	7th A.I.Bde. report no definite news from Left Bn. but apparently all right.	
		6.0.	3rd Aust. Div. situation report.	
		5.55.	5th A.I.Bde. report 23 prisoners of 52 R.I.R. from their Right Bn. - heavy fog in front area. Left Bn. report 10th A.I.Bde. not so far forward. Enemy shelling FRAMERVILLE - Corps advised.	
		6.10.	5th A.I.Bde. say man from 19th Bn. as escort says he was wounded 250 yards E. of RAINECOURT. Situation quieter. Prisoners obtained from 227 I.R.	
		6.20.	5th A.I.Bde. reports by 'phone Left Coy., Left Bn. on objective, Right Coy. digging in 300 yards East of cemetery - Left Coy., Right Bn. on ridge E. of RAINECOURT. Fair number of prisoners. All fire now eased down - fog still thick.	
		6.30.	'Plane dropped message saying our troops seen in large numbers South of road in R.26.d. moving east.	
		6.30.	7th A.I.Bde. report all lines down forward - everything believed satisfactory. - 23rd Bn. in position X.7.d.	
		6.50.	5th A.I.Bde. by 'phone say lot of enemy in R.29.central. Heavies asked to shoot up this area.	
		6.51.	5th A.I.Bde. report Right Bn. on objective on ridge in X.4.b. and east of village and in touch with 7th A.I.Bde. Left Coy., Left Bn. on objective, 18th Bn. forming defensive flank along road. About 200 prisoners on way down. Situation now quieter.	
		6.51.	7th A.I.Bde. report Left Bn. on objective and position good, and being consolidated. 5 Officers and 40 O.Rs. prisoners. In touch both Bns. on flanks. Right Bn. not yet in touch with 3rd Bde. but in touch with our Left Bn. Estimated casualties 70 all ranks.	
		7.0.	5th A.I.Bde. report giving details prisoners captured.	
		7.0.	7th A.I.Bde. report officer been round but could find no trace of 1st Aust. Div. - everything seems quiet there. " Coys. support Bn. in X.16.a. - 1st Aust. Div. advised of this.	
		7.25.	Corps advised of general situation.	
		7.35.	5th A.I.Bde. report that all Coys. 19th Bn. digging in on objective in touch with 28th Bn. on right. Slightly in advance 20th on left. 20th pushing forward patrols to get touch - 19th Bn. casualties about 60 total prisoners over 300.	
		8.5.	Detail of prisoners from 5th A.I.Bde.	
		8.20.	5th A.I.Bde. report heavy general strafe of forward area at 7 a.m. - ceased 7.15 a.m. Enemy reported in valley in R.29.c. Coy. 20th Bn. moving up to support after relief by 18th. 19th Bn. states all Coys. now definitely digging in on objective. All Coys. in touch and also in touch 7th A.I.Bde. Enemy heavy arty. shelling X.4.b. and d. Casualties estimated	

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Villers BRETONNEUX.	1918.	a.m.	about 100. So far 4 Off. and 124 O.R. passed Bde. H.Q.	
	Aug.	8.35.	7th A.I.Bde. report prisoners so far 3 Off. and 63 O.R.	
	11.	8.35.	Units advised Corps continue its advance to-day towards SOMME. Divisional boundaries given.	
		9.45.	5th A.I.Bde. report left Bn. in touch with Right and pushing forward. connect with them at R.35.c.00.45.	c.00.45.
			Captures 11 M.Gs. 4 Off. and 164 O.R. to-date. Enemy M.Gs. active. Telephone communication to front line, Right Bn.	
		10.0.	Identifications from D.I.O. wired to Corps.	
		10.15.	Corps advised of situation.	
		10.15.	Corps instruct to arrange covering fire prevent enemy getting to our tanks disabled in front our line.	
		10.20.	5th A.I.Bde. report no change. Left post at R.27.a.85.00. M.G. fire makes communication forward posts left Bn. impossible. Artillery engaging enemy MGs. Scattered shelling of forward area.	
		10.55.	7th A.I.Bde. say left Bn. 3rd Bde. in touch our Right Bn. 26th Bn. intend occupy copse at X.17.a.2.0. and connect up with post of Left 3rd Bde. Corps and 1st Aust. Div. advised.	
		11.40.	5th A.I.Bde. report left Bn. in touch with left Bde. at R.27.d.3.4. Consolidation in progress. Coy. 18th Bn. instructed rejoin its Bn. Approx. general line now runs X.5.a.0.0., R.35.c.00.45. R.34.b.0.4., R.27.d.8.1. R.27.d.3.4.	
		11.40.	6th A.I.Bde. advised 5th and 7th A.M.G. Coys. will be attached to them.	
		12.5pm.	6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. opened PIGEON House - HARBONNIERES.	
		1.25pm.	1st Aust. Div. report completely on Blue line.	
		1.30pm.	6th Bde report move complete.	
		2.15pm.	Report of counter attack patrol received.	
		2.30pm.	report of contact patrol received.	
		3.25pm.	7th A.I.Bde. report Bde. on their right has ordered its Left Bn. get in touch with them at X.11.c.0.0. and release all 7th A.I.Bde. troops S. of Div. boundary. 7th Bde. line from X.11.c.0.0. along grid to X.11.a.0.5. to X.5.c.00.70. - X.4.b.8.0. 26th Bn. on Right, 28th on left.	
		p.m.	25th Bn. in Right Support, 27th Left Support.	
		4.20.	D.I.O. wired Corps identifications from day's operations.	
	4.25.	7th Bde. report 18 M.Gs. captured during day.		
	5.0.	7th Bde. report situation normal Hostile Arty. shelled FRAMERVILLE to noon and vicinity hospital, with 5.9s. and 4.2s. Sniping very active forward areas. E.A. inactive.		
	5.30.	Further identifications wired to Corps.		
	5.30.	5th Bde report situation quiet. Between 3 and 4 p.m. enemy heavies shelled FRAMERVILLE and scattered over remainder Bde. sector. 17th Bn. patrol rushed enemy post in RAINECOURT that had been missed in mopping up. One prisoner and one M.G. taken.		

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX	Aug. 12th	4.30 <del>4.45</del> 1.45 4.50 9.50 10.0 10.15 p.m. 12.30 1.0. 2.0 2.30 3.10 5.40 5.45	<p>Relief of 5th A. I. Bde. by 6th A. I. Bde. in left sector of line reported complete at 1.30 a.m.</p> <p>Relief of 7th A. I. Bde. by 6th A. I. Bde. in right sector of line reported complete at 1.30 a.m.</p> <p>Morning report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery active on area generally. Little gas on Q.35., W.5.; heavy shelling near CREPY WOOD on front of div. on right. 2 o.r. 52 R.I.R. 107th Div. captured.</p> <p>Counter-attack air patrols report westward movement of horse transport in M.25 and M.28 just beyond our northern flank.</p> <p>G. S. O. III visited Bde. H.Q.</p> <p>3 Bdes. wired - 5th and 7th A. I. Bdes. will each detail one battalion in reserve to 6th A. I. Bde. These battalions will be available for counter-attack but will not be put in the line. Please instruct battalion commanders to report to G.O.C. 6th A. I. Bde. soom as possible.</p> <p>Warning order of relief on night 12th/13th Aug. of 3rd Aust. Div. by 17th Div. on our immediate left received.</p> <p>Enemy plane brought down by 18th Bn. in RICHMOND WOOD ( Q.29.)</p> <p>G.O.C. attended parade at Aust. Corps Hd. qrs. - BERTANG-LES CHATEAU - This parade was held in honor of the visit of H.M. the King to Corps Hd. qrs.</p> <p>G. S. O. 2 visited Hd. qrs. of Artillery and Infantry Brigades. M.G.G.S. Fourth Army visited D.H. Q.</p> <p>Evening report. - states situation quiet. Enemy artillery active in morning shelling forward villages at intervals. H.V. gun shelled main road through R.26, R.27.c., from 12.30 p.m. H.V. gun shelled PIGEON HOUSE - HARBONNIERES at 8.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Afternoon quiet.</p> <p>Prisoner of 3rd Coy. 1st Bn. 227 R.I.R. 107 Div. brought in. Bn. of 3rd Aust. Div. on our left flank report about 500 enemy massing on their flank front. Our units and groups artillery warned.</p> <p>During day and evening our line was advanced by peaceful penetration and now runs X.11.d.4.0. - X.11.d.3.3. - X.11.d.7.7. - X.11.b.7.0. - X.11.b.0.3. - X.11.a.5.5. - X.5.c.35.00. - X.5.c.0.5. - thence along original line to X.4.b.6.3. thence advanced to R.34.d.6.0. thence original line to R.34.b.8.0. R.34.b.0.9. to R.28.d.9.0. to R.28.d.5.4. In touch on both flanks with flank divisions. Hectograph showing disposition of Bns. as at 8 a.m. 13th inst. issued. Intelligence Summary for period 6 p.m. 11th to 6 p.m. 12th Aug. issued.</p>	<p>App. 38            App. 39            16</p>



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VILLERS BRETONNEUX	Aug. 13th	a.m. 5.0	Wire from 6th A.I. Bde. giving line as established by 23rd Bn. patrol operation, during night of 12th. Line is shown in operations of 12th. Enemy resistance slight. 4 enemy killed 3 prisoners 376 I.R. and 4 M.G.'s captured.	
		5.0	Relief of 3rd Aust. Div. by 17th Div. complete by 4.25 a.m. Morning report states situation quiet. Enemy artillery quiet. FRAMEVILLE shelled from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. with H.E. and a little gas. Result of patrols of 23rd Bn. and prisoners captured shown.	
		5.30	6th A.I. Bde. report left. bn. completed new dispositions between R.34.a.6.8. and right flank of 17th Div. at R.28.c.5.4. Location of units of 6th A.I. Bde. received.	
		6.0 a.	Morning report from 1st Aust. Div. on our right states E.A. bombed area heavily.	
		6.30	Morning report from Corps states that left div. - Liaison Force - attacked and captured positions in L.26 and L.32 inflicting casualties and taking prisoners. Centre Division (2nd) adjusted its line during the night capturing prisoners and M.G.'s. Relief of left centre div. (3rd Aust. Div.) completed at 4.25 a.m.	
		7.0	Wire from Aust. Corps saying that Liaison scheme as laid down for 8th inst. still to remain in force.	
		10.0	G.S.O.1. visited Bde. Hd. Qrs.	
		10.33	1st Aust. Div. advise that Bde 3rd A.I. Bde. will hand over line on night 13th/14th as far south as X.16.central to the right bde. 2nd Aust. Div. Arrangements to be made direct between Brigadiers concerned.	
		p.m. 1.30	6th A.I. Bde. report capture of prisoner by 24th Bn. <del>hiding</del> <sup>hiding</sup> in dugout - Identification 52 R.I.R.	
		1.55	Situation report 6th A.I. Bde. Intermittent shelling of villages by 5.9's during morning. 6 rounds H.V. large calibre on PIGEON HOUSE quiet along front line since 9 a.m. Large volume smoke bearing 120 T.B. from X.8.b.9.6. Reptd. to Aust. Corps.	
		3.0	5th Tank Bde. report Hd. Qrs. close P.30.a. at 3 p.m. today opens same hour at BLANGY-TRONVILLE N.22.d.3.8. P.30.a. will continue to be used as Bde. Report Centre for the present.	
		6.30	6th A.I. Bde. reports patrol 1 officer and 16 o.r. with L.G. and signal (telephonic) connection to T.M. moved N. along trench from X.11.d.7.8. towards Hill 90. Metx with some resistance at a trench block at X.12.a.0.3. but overcame this, the Germans retiring. The patrol moved across road in two parties at X.12.a.1.4. and X.12.a.1.5. and bombed and fired on enemy who were in the post about 20 yds. E. of road. 5 casualties were inflicted on enemy	

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VOLLERS BRETONNEUX.	Aug.	13th.	<p>6.30 (ctd.) p.m. who fought strongly. Estimated 50 to 60 Germans in trench at this point. Some Germans were noticed going East with full packs on. The enemy sent up two S.O.S. signals - twin reds - on our approach resulting in some slight retaliation on X.10.central.</p> <p>7.15 Aust. Corps evening report states in operations of Liaison Force 200 Germans captured. During morning line West of CHUIGNOLLES slightly advanced with slight opposition.</p> <p>7.40 6th A. I. Bde. advise Bde. H.Q. at W.11.b.2.8. closing at 7.45 p.m. reopening same hour W.18.c.6.6.</p> <p>8.0 Aust. Corps amendment to Ga.2 of 13th - i.e. Forming up line for Infantry - Corps Battle Inst. Series "B" No. 6.</p> <p>9.5 Reports to noon and 6 p.m. and dusk from counter attack air patrols show no apparent signs of concentration for counter-attack by enemy.</p> <p>11.40 5th A. I. Bde. report H.Q. now established at Q.32.c.3.3. One badly wounded prisoner of 203 I.R. 53rd Div. found opposite left bn. front. Aust. Corps Battle Instructions Series "B" No. 6 of 12th Aust. ordered that following changes in front be made :- Front now held by 1st Aust. Div. N. of S.17.central be taken over by 2nd Aust. Div. Front held by 2nd Aust. Div. N. of R.34.central to be taken over by 17th Div. Intelligence Summary for period 6 p.m. 12th to 6 p.m. 13th issued.</p> <p>11.50 <del>Front</del> From 5th Aust. Div. postponing all of their moves for 24 hours. D.H.Q. will remain in present location for operation.</p> <p>14th a.m.</p> <p>12.20 From 4th Aust. Div. postponing all of their moves unless completed by 24 hours from time of order.</p> <p>12.35 From 1st Aust. Div. notifying 1st Aust. Div. O.O. No. 121 postponed 24 hours except para. 4 of order and Serials 1 and 2 of Move Table.</p> <p>1.40 6th A. I. Bde. report some gas shelling in X.4.a., c and d. at 1 a.m. 4.2 and 5.9 calibre.</p> <p>3.0 5th A. I. Bde. report valley in Q.35 being shelled with gas commencing 2.15 a.m. still continuing after slight lull.</p> <p>5.0 Morning report. - Increased enemy artillery activity during night. 40 BLUE CROSS 4.2" and 5.9" on X.4.a., c and d. at 1 a.m. Valley in Q.35 at 2.15 a.m. and forward areas between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. shelled with BLUE CROSS. FRAMMERVILLE and VAUVILLERS X.4.b. X.3.a. X.8. heavily shelled with all calibres during night. M.G. fire moderately active. Situation now quiet.</p> <p>6.6 From 6th A. I. Bde. Further reports show that gas shelling much heavier than previously reported. No casualties yet reported.</p>	<p>App. 40</p> <p>18</p>

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX	Aug. 14th	<del>8.45</del> 6.45	Flank Divs. Morning reports received. No unusual situation mentioned.	
		5.40	Dawn reconnaissance from Branch Intelligence shows no movement observed on front.	
		10.0	G.S.O. 2 visited Hd. Qrs. and Bdes.	
		10.30	From 2nd Aust. Div. to Aust. Corps.: Ref. Battle Instr ns. Series "B" No. 6, para 7 - Adjustment of boundaries completed last night.	
		11.20	Heavy shelling reported by 6th A.I. Bde. of areas X.3., X.4., X.8., X.9., X.10 at intervals from 9 a.m. to 9.40 a.m. approx. 300 rounds 10.5 c.m. and 21 cm.	
		<del>4.30</del> 4.35	British plane crashed and burst into flames in W.12.c. approx. Believed brought down by E.A. 6th A.I. Bde. situation report. Enemy artillery active shelling Ravine in X.4.a. and c. and valley X.10.a. and c. with 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. and shrapnel. Two E.A. flew very low over front posts and ravine in X.4.a. and c. at 3.15 p.m. Our plane reported crashed even date was Sopwith Camel.	
		5.0	Evening report to Aust. Corps. Enemy artillery active during day shelling the ravine in X.4.a. and c. and valley and valley X.10.a. and c. Two E.A. flew low over forward posts at 3.16 p.m. otherwise quiet.	
		5.15	From Aust. Corps. - Div. Commanders and G.S.O.'s 1, where these can do so, conveniently, will attend conference at RED CHATEAU - VILLERS BRETONNEUX at 10.30 tomorrow 15th inst.	
		6.30	Corps H.A. request range table for captured 10.c.m. gun required to put gun in action.	
		2.20	From Branch Intelligence - <del>attack-patrols-to-beeen-</del> Counter-attack patrols report to noon no signs of impending counter-attack seen.	
		5.0	D.A. Signals, Aust. visited D.H.Q.	
		6.35	Wire to 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes. advising that Majors MIDDLETON and PAGE, Liaison officers - not required until further orders.	
		5.35	D.R.L.S. to 6th A.I. Bde. cancelling 2nd Aust. Div. O.O. No. 213 of 14th Aug. and further instructions by G.S.O. 1. )	
		6 p.	Fourth Army Commander visited D.H.Q.	
		7.0.	M.G.G.S. 4th Army, visited D.H.Q.	
		7.5	4th Aust. Div. advise operation under Div. O.O. 142 indefinitely postponed. Relief continues as previously arranged as regards time. Further instructions as regards front will be issued.	
		8.0	Counter-attack patrols report no sign of impending counter-attack up to 6 p.m. and to dusk.	
		8.10	3rd Aust. Div. referring to S.J.B. 6/7 of 13th inst. orders no move to take place until further orders.	
			Intelligence Summary for period 6 p.m. 13th to 6 p.m. 14th Aug. issued.	



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VILLERS BRET TONNEUX.	Aug.	14th	<p>Operation Report No. 2 → Preliminary report on operations of 2nd Aust. Div. on 9th Aug. 1918.</p> <p>Operation Report No. 3 - " " " " " " " " " " " 11th " "</p> <p>2nd Aust. Div. O.O. No. 213 issued.</p> <p>Cancellation of Order No. 213.</p> <p>Hectograph showing dispositions of battalions as at 6 a.m. 15-8-18 issued.</p> <p>Location of Units as at 6 a.m. 15th Aug. issued.</p>	<p>App. 42</p> <p>App. 43</p> <p>App. 44</p> <p>App. 45</p> <p>App. 46</p>
		15th	<p>12 0 By phone from 6th A. I. Bde. 6th A. I. Bde. advanced to X.12.a.1.5. thence to X.5. central and up to old line at FOCH ALLEY R.35.c.0.3. Three casualties so far reported. Identifications have been obtained and will be forwarded. Artillery now on the MAZE which is strongly held.</p> <p>12.5 Message from 17th Div. cancelling attack order.</p> <p>3.15 Phone from 6th A. I. Bde. Line approx. as above. Fairly heavy fighting at trenches X.12.a.2.5. One dead German found with <del>xxxx</del> 376 on shoulder strap. (376 I.R. 109th Div.) Fairly heavy YELLOW and BLUE Cross gas shelling in X. 4. and artillery active generally. Conversation confirmed by wire.</p> <p>4.15 Morning report. Line advanced during night now runs approx. X.11.d.8.4. - X.12.a.10.45 - X.5.d.3.9. - R.35.c.0.0. - R.34.d.8.3. Hard fighting at X.12.a.10.45. One M.G. captured. Enemy artillery very active with 77's 10. 5 cm and 15 cm on forward areas. M.G. fire light. YELLOW and BLUE Cross gas shells in X.4., X.10., X.3, X.3. X.8 and X.9 from 2.15 a.m. to 2.45 a.m.</p> <p>4.38 Phone from 6th A. I. Bde. Enemy counter-attacked at Hill 90. (X.12.a.1.5.). about 4 a.m. Exact situation still obscure.</p> <p>4.45 Phone from 6th A. I. Bde. - counter-attack took place 3.55 a.m. Artillery switched on and attack beaten off. Many enemy killed and two o.r.'s captured.</p> <p>5.15 Phone from 6th A. I. Bde. 5 6" shells fell short at R.35.d.3.5. at 4.47 a.m. 2nd Aust. Div. notified Aust. Corps. by H.A. by wire at 5.20 a.m.</p> <p>5.50 5th A. I. Bde. report by phone valley in Q.35 being shelled with MUSTARD gas at rate of 8 rounds per minute 15 or 21 c.m. shells.</p> <p>5.40 At 3.55 a.m. enemy attacked our newly occupied post at X.12.a.10.45 but attack beaten off. Many enemy killed, 2 o.r. 376 I.R. 109th Div. being captured. One prisoner stated HERLEVILLE was unoccupied, also many new guns brought into position last two days.</p> <p>(Wire to Aust. Corps.)</p>	

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	Aug. 15th	a.m.		
		5.57	Two prisoners belonging to 376th Regt. 109th Div. state HERLEVILLE unoccupied, also that green bands on caps are now being issued to infantry as well as to Jaeger Regiments.	
		7.10	Counter-attack patrols report no signs of impending counter-attack at dawn.	
		10.0	G.S.O. III visited H.Q. of Brigades.	
			G.O.C. and G.S.O. 1 attended Corps Conference at 1st Aust. D.H.Q. at VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
		11.45	Wire to Aust. Corps - Prisoners 1st Coy. 376th I.R. state 109th Div. is still in line but expect to be relieved shortly, by whom not known. Order of battle N. to S. 2nd Gren. 376 I.R. 26 E.I.R. some disorganization still exists in companies. Coy. strength 7th Coy. 1 officer 40 o.r. 3 L.M.G.'s. Outskirts and flanks of HERLEVILLE are stated to be held. No knowledge of any withdrawal.	
		12.40	Counter-attack patrols report to noon no sign of impending counter-attack.	
		1.40 pm.	From 1st Aust. Div. repeating wire addsd 3rd A.I. Bde. on our right flank. Wire states front line may be advanced at discretion to general line X.12.c. - X.18.cent. - S.19 today.	
		2.0	G.S.O. 1 and D.I.O. visited H.Q. of Brigades.	
		4.35	Evening report. - situation quiet. Enemy artillery not so active as usual. Intermittent shelling of FRAMERVILLE valley in X.10 and X.4. Two o.r. captured this morning at 4 a.m. E.A. inactive. One E.A. over line at 9.30 a.m.	
		5.45	Message giving our line sent to all concerned. Line now runs. X.17.b.8.1. - X.17.b.9.9. - X.11.d.5.1. - X.11.d.85.75. - X.11.d.6.8. - X.12.a.1 5.45 - X.5.d.7.0. X.5.d.4.7. X.5.a.7.5. R.35.e.2.0. and R.34.b.5.0.	
		6.30	Evening report from flank divisions.	
		7.0	Counter-attack patrols report to 6 p.m. and later to dusk no sign of impending counter-attack.	
		7.15	From Aust. Corps advising some progress by left flank div.	
		8.10	From 1st Aust. Div. advising that line through X.18.a and c has been occupied without casualties and that sap from S.19.b.0.7. to S.19.b.5.0. will be occupied at dusk.	
10.36	Situation wire from 6th A.I. Bde. states left bn. front shelled also X.4.a. at 9.13 p.m. X.3., X.4 and X.9 actively shelled. Our artillery active. E.A. bombing around HARBONNIERES. Intelligence Summary for period 6 p.m. 14th to 6 p.m. 15th Aug. issued. Second Aust. Div. Warning Order for relief by 32nd Div. issued. " " " Operations Instructions No. 1 Series " C" issued.			

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		12.35	From 6th A. I. Bde. reporting heavy shelling areas X.3. X.4. X.9 and X.10. from 10.50 p.m. to 11.35 p.m. lengthening then onto X.8. Front now quiet. Bombing and M.G. fire heard on section of Brigade on our left.	
		5.0	Morning report - Heavy shelling of X.2, X.3 from 12.40 to 1.20 a.m. with some gas shells mixed with H.E. Planes active bombing our rear area s. Considerable amount of shelling on X.3. X.8 from 2.30 to 3.30 a.m. with some gas shell on X.8 during same period.	
		6.0	Morning reports received from Aust. Corps and flank div s.	
		6.15	Dawn reconnaissance reports no sign of impending counter-attack.	
		6.30	6th A. I. Bde. pushed forward during night in conjunction with Bde. on right. Line now runs ) Wire X.18.a.8.3. - X.18.a.3.4. - X.12.a.1.5. - X.5.d.3.9. - R.35.c.0.0. - R.34.d.8.4. - ) to R.34.b.7.0. - In touch with bdes. on either flank. Patrols found enemy in strength ) Corps in sunken road X.5.b.7.0. and in trenches in R.35.c.	
		10.0	G.S.O. 2 visited H.Q. of Bdes.	
		10.30	G.O.C. visited H.Q. 17th Div. and 4th Aust. Div.	
		12.45	Aust. Corps. advised that an S.E. 5 in quite good order is lying at 20th Bn. H.Q. Q.36.b.7.7. Thought that plane must have come down on 9th inst.	
		1.40	Command of "A" Div. Sector Aust. Corps passed from G.O. C. 1st Aust. Div. to G.O.C. 4th Aust. Div. at 10 a.m. on 16th inst.	
		1.45	Air reconnaissance to noon reports no signs of enemy concentration.	
		3.0	G.S.O. III visited H.Q. of Bdes.	
		3.20	Aust. Corps advise Corps southern boundary will be E. and W. grid line through Sq. Aust. Corps report enemy resistance weakening on French front. French to advance on ROYE and CARREPUITS at noon today. If enemy withdraw Canadian and Aust. Corps will keep in close touch with him.	
3.40	This order passed to Bdes. under 2nd Aust. Div. G.157. - Owing to weakening of enemy resistance on their front French were to advance at noon today - objectives ROYE and CARREPUITS. If enemy withdraw Aust. Corps and Canadian Corps are to keep close touch with him. 6th A. I. Bde. will keep close touch with enemy and conform to any forward movement of Brigade on right.			
5.0	Evening report - Situation quiet. FRAMERVILLE, X.10.a and c heavily shelled between noon and 3.15 p.m. Scattered shelling of VAUVILLERS and X.15.b. Enemy artillery much quieter after 3.15 p.m. E.A. inactive in afternoon. Over our lines at 10.10 a.m. 5 enemy balloons up until 10.30 a.m. None after this time.			

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VILLERS BRETTON NEUX.	Aug. 16th.	p.m. 5.20 8.20 10.5 10.35 11.30 11.50	<p>Evening reports received from flank divisions.</p> <p>Air reconnaissance to 6.30 p.m. and later till dusk reports no sign of enemy concentrations.</p> <p>Wire to Edes. Our artillery are arranging to use Bosche guns recently captured by us against the enemy. These guns will probably be in action by morning 18th Aug. No sights were captured with these guns. Please have any sights known of to be handed to artillery groups as early as possible.</p> <p>Received from 6th A. I. Bde. location of right bn. now X. 10.a.7.2.</p> <p>Message from 6th A. I. Bde. repeated Corps and flank divs. - Front abnormally quiet. Little M.G. fire. Practically no shelling. Only one white flare in last two hours on our sector. Five flashes as of explosions seen on bearing of 112° T. from X.8.b.9.9. at 9.5 p.m. Our patrols now out and have gained touch with enemy where expected at one point.</p> <p>Aust. Corps message giving situation on Canadian Corps front. This shows some advance by their battle patrols in co-operation with French.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary for period 6 p.m. 15th to 6 p.m. 16th issued.</p>	<p>App. 50</p> <p>23</p>



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	17.	5.10.	Morning report. Situation quiet. Areas X.2., 3., 4. 9. 10 intermittently shelled with 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. during night. At 3 a.m. following three single green flares 200 10.5 cm. fell on X.2., 3. and 9. Flares and M.Gs. below normal in early part of the night. Touch with enemy gained by all line Bns. Gas shelling nil.	
		6.45.	Morning reports from Aust. Corps and flank divs. Situation normal.	
		9.8 a.m.	Air reconnaissance at dawn reports some transport movement only.	
		9.35.	Aust. Corps amendment to order No. 158 received. Amendment as follows:- In Serial 2 debussing point will be facing N.W. at O.11.a.6.1. Serial No. 4 debussing point N.4.c.7.3. Serial No. 8 embussing point W.11.c.8.7.	
		10.0.	G.O.C., 32nd Div., and G.S.O.I. visited D.H.Q. and went forward to front area.	
		10.55.	Aust. Corps report giving Canadian Corps and French situation, also intention of French to attack at 4.30 a.m. Canadians to co-operate.	
		11.25.	Received from 32nd Division amendment to Order No. 192, giving distance to be maintained from E. of N. and S. line through VILLERS BRETONNEUX, also altering time of starting bus columns to later hours.	
		p.m.		
		12.20.	Aust. Corps order Guides from 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will meet 32nd Div. Pioneer Bn. at MARCELCAVE STATION, V.4.d.2.2. Pioneer Bn. will travel at rear of "A" Convoy.	
		1.35.	5th Aust. Div. report capture of 7 prisoners and give Order of Battle. Prisoners had no news of either attack or retirement.	
		a.m.		
		10.0.	5th Aust. Div. relieved 17th Div. on our left during night 16th/17th, command of sector passed to G.O.C., 5th Aust. Div. at 10 a.m., 17th.	
	p.m.			
	2.6.	2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. advised of debussing point of 32nd Div. Pioneer Bn. and ordering guides to meet them.		
	2.3.	Wire from 5th Aust. Div. stating that their left Bde. (15th A.I.Bde.) advanced their line to average depth of 300 yards. No opposition met with until objective gained.		
	3.0.	G.S.O.II. and G.S.O.III. visited H.Q. of 5th A.I.Bde.		
	3.3.	Air report to noon mainly transport movement both east and west. Nothing abnormal shown.		
	5.0.	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy arty. 280 rds. mostly 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. on areas X.2., 3. 4. 8. and 9 and X.10., between 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. One E.A. over lines at 3 p.m. 2 enemy balloons up this morning; descended at 9.50 a.m.		
	6.0.	Evening report from 4th and 5th Aust. Divs. 4th Aust. Div. report advanced line on frontage of 1500 yards to depth of 500 yards, with very little resistance. Right Bn. 2nd Aust. Div. conforming with advance.		

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918. Aug. 17.	p.m. 6.0.	6th A.I.Bde. report daylight patrol from Right Bn. moved to X.12.a.6.5. from there enemy was seen occupying system of trenches X.12.a.7.3. and vicinity. Enemy shelling this afternoon light. About 50 rds. on X.4. and X.10. 2 observation balloons up at 80 degrees and 110 degrees respectively from X.8.b.9.6.	
		7.0.	6th A.I.Bde. report patrol worked up trench running N. and S. through S.7.d.2.0. N. as far as S.7.d.35.40. Some opposition at this point and enemy artillery has opened. Our Arty. is now assisting us.	
		7.0.	6th A.I.Bde. report Right Bn. report strong enemy opposition met with and our party forced to withdraw to S.13.b.20.85. Reinforcements being sent forward to assist.	
		7.0.	Aust. Corps evening report received. Gives advance of 4th and 5th Aust. Divs.	
		7.15.	Order issued to 96th and 97th Bdes. repeated 6th A.I.Bde. as follows:- Please detail Bn. as reserve under tactical control of 6th A.I.Bde. to take over duties from Bn. of Bde. you are relieving. Name of Bn. and its location to be wired to 6th A.I.Bde. and this H.Q.	
		7.30.	Wire from 32nd Div. giving orders to 96th and 97th Bdes. to detail one Bn. each on arrival in new area as reserve under tactical control under 6th A.I.Bde. They will take over duties of similar bns. of 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. Names of units selected to be forwarded to this office by 6.30 p.m.	
		8.35.	In reply to our wire 97th Bde. state 5th Borders relieving 20th Bn. will act as reserve Bn. to 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. 18th Bn. is handing instructions for 5th Borders to 20th Bn. Locality of 5th Border Regt. is O.36.b.2.0.	
		8.35.	Air reconnaissance to 7 p.m. reports much dust on main road to ST.QUENTIN E. of ESTREES. No other exceptional movement. Some bombs dropped on CHUIGNOLLES and area.	
		8.55.	32nd Div. report Bn. of 96th Bde. selected is 15th Lanc. Fusiliers. 97th Bde. wired to detail Bn. Owing to lack of time impossible to ascertain Bn. selected. Wire later in continuation states 1/5 Border Regt. selected.	
		9.35.	6th A.I.Bde. timed 9.10 p.m. report conditions quiet again right front. Our line now junctions with Right Bde. on Grid line E. of MADAM WOOD at S.13.b.25.00., thence N. along SAURIEN ALLEY to S.7.d.3.1. Strong resistance encountered and our attacking parties driven back from S.7.d.3.4. to present location.	
		9.45.	Air Reconnaissance to dusk received. Nothing seen of any concentration.	
		10.0.	5th Aust. Div. reports successful patrol to LUC WOOD. One prisoner taken of 87th I.R. 6 enemy killed. Americans participated in patrol.	
		11.30.	5th Aust. Div. report In interrogation of prisoner no information as to enemy's intentions ascertained. Line said to be held by posts of two or three men.	

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918. Aug. 17.	p.m. 11.55.	5th A.I.Bde. report relief of 97 Inf. Bde. complete at 11.50 p.m. B.H.Q. opened at FOUILLOY.	
		10.0.	Aust. Corps and Flank Divs. advised as follows:- Right Bn. 6th Bde. sent out strong patrol this afternoon which moved North up trench from S.7.d.2.0. and reached S.7.d.3.4. Strong opposition met with and party finally established at S.7.d.3.1., thence South along trench to S.13.b.25.00., where junction established with Bde. on Right. Situation now quiet. 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 214 - Relief 2nd Aust. Div. by 32nd Div. - issued. Wire G.A. 45 - Amendment to Order No. 214, issued. Intelligence Summary for period 6 p.m. 16th to 6 p.m., 17th issued. Location of Units as at 10 a.m., 19th issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Operations Instructions No. 2 Series "C" issued.	App. 51 App. 52 App. 53 App. 54 App. 55
	18.	a.m.	G.O.C. R.A. confirmed telephonic conversation by wire, stating 32nd Div. Arty. may move direct to line without staging BLANCY - TRONVILLE if so desired.	
		12.30.	6th A.I.Bde. report since 11.15 p.m. 6" How. been shelling about X.11.c.8.7., from direction HARBONNIERES, coming along distance. Artillery liaison officer confirms this. Casualties 1 killed 3 wounded. Have informed our group.	
		12.35.	6th A.I.Bde. report following identifications as result of bombing operation in S.7.d. on evening 17th, from enemy dead. 161 and 65 Regts. Not yet known whether I.R. or R.I.R. Endeavouring to ascertain. (These are I.R.).	
		12.45.	7th A.I.Bde. report relief complete 12.30 a.m.	
		12.50.	The following changes in locations received:- 5th Bde. H.Q., 0.5.c.2.D., 17th Bn. 0.9.d.8.7. 18th Bn., 0.11.a.8.4., 19th Bn. 0.10.b.8.8., 20th Bn. 0.5.c.5.4., 6th A.M.G. Coy. 0.9.b.9.5. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. 0.5.c.1.0.	
		4.55.	Morning report: Quiet night. Some shelling of X.3. and X.4. between 2.20 a.m. and 2.40 a.m. Enemy flares active on opening of our barrage at 4.15 a.m.	
		5.30.	Morning report from flank Divs. report quiet night.	
		4.55.	6th A.I.Bde. 'phoned nothing of operation so far to report except three whites reported from junction of 22nd and 23rd Bns.	
		5.35.	6th A.I.Bde. report success signal at approx. X.12.a.9.8. 4.55 a.m. three reds seen on centre of Left Bn. front. Not considered S.O.S. as not report or confirmed.	
		6.5.	Report from 5th A.I.Bde. states shelling generally fairly heavy. Some posts were advanced in places, details later. Post in R.15. rushed. Identifications 80 I.R., 21st Div.	
		6.5.	6th A.I.Bde. report as a result of operation this morning at 4.15 a.m. Right party apparently O.K. in objectives. Centre party met strong resistance and reorganising. Left party	

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918. Aug. 18.	a.m.	<p>success signals seen. Artillery assisting Centre party. Some prisoners coming in. One Officer now in our hands 22 R.I.R., 185th Div.</p> <p>6.10. Repeated above to Corps.</p> <p>6.45. Repeated identifications to Corps by 'phone stating that 22 R.I.R. has been queried.</p> <p>6.45. 6th A.I.Bde. report Left Bn. reports 1 M.G. captured, no prisoners, 4 enemy killed. in Position O.K. Right Bn. on objective O.K. Slight casualties. Centre Bn. Right Coy. on objective. Centre Coy. met with strong resistance and formed block in trench leading E. to CRUCIFIX. Left Coy. on objective.</p> <p>7.5. Aust. Corps advise situation and state gas projectors successfully discharged on BRAY.</p> <p>7.15. 6th A.I.Bde. reports Officer captured belongs to 28th R.I.R. not 22nd as previously stated.</p> <p>8.35. 5th Aust. Div. report patrol had entered enemy post at R.28.c.9.2. and found unoccupied.</p> <p>9.0. 6th A.I.Bde. report One Officer, five Other Ranks prisoners passed Bde. H.Q. as result of operation this morning. Identification all 28th R.I.R., three of 7th Coy., two of 2nd Coy. More to follow. Right and Left objective gained, centre being cleared up. Our patrols now past CRUCIFIX to about X.6.c.4.4.</p> <p>9.10. 6th A.I.Bde. report Five wounded enemy 28th R.I.R. being evacuated through A.D.S. Total prisoners 1 Officer, 10 O.Rs. one M.G. (light) captured.</p> <p>10.0. G.S.O.I. visited 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q.</p> <p>10.35. Branch Intelligence Sec. advise no war flying. 107 Div.</p> <p>11.20. 6th A.I.Bde. report Prisoner of 1st M.G. Coy. 227th R.I.R./found in RAINECOURT, this morning. Had been hiding there for 6 days.</p> <p>11.20. 6th A.I.Bde. report timed 10.30 a.m., that Result of examination of prisoner 6th Coy. 28th R.I.R., 185th Div., Order of Battle N. to S. uncertain, but probably 161 I.R., 28 R.I.R., 65 I.R. His battalion is 2nd, and has been three days in front line; other Bns. of his Regt. in support about 500 metres in rear. Both Bns. support and reserve are practically together and are situated near a cross roads. They were three days in MARCELPOT after coming from VILLERS (ARRAS District). Strength of Coy. 64. No knowledge of location of Bn. H.Q. or Coy. H.Q. No T.M. in line to his knowledge. Flares mean alarm barrage fire. Red destructive. No knowledge of our S.O.S. signal. Good trenches in front but not so good behind. Wire mostly destroyed by our fire. Communication trenches very few. No knowledge of expected enemy reliefs.</p> <p>12.15. 6th A.I.Bde. states another prisoner states definitely Order of Battle from N. to S. is as follows:- 65 I.R., 28 R.I.R., 161 I.R.</p> <p>12.20. 6th A.I.Bde. report line now runs E. of MADAM WOOD, along SAURIEN ALLEY along VERMAN DOVILLERS</p>	

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	19.	a.m. 1.35. 3.0. 4.15. 4.15. 6.0. 4.50. 6.0. 9.0.	<p>Wire received from 14th A.I.Bde. that they had arrived in Support Bde.area.</p> <p>2nd Aust. M. G. Bn. reported relief complete.</p> <p>6th A. I. Bde. reported relief complete.</p> <p>97th Inf. Bde. report relief complete.</p> <p>Situation quiet on Div. front.</p> <p>6th A.I.Bde. advise G.O.C. now at H.Q., ChateauVECQUEMONT.</p> <p>Reports from Flank Divs. show situation generally quiet.</p> <p>Message sent Bdes. as follows:- Enemy counter attacked our newly gained positions S. of HERLEVILLE about 8 a.m. to-day under cover heavy artillery barrage. Situation somewhat obscure, but attack believed repulsed. Later. The enemy penetrated our front but was immediately counter attacked, and whole of line restored, leaving</p>	<p>28</p>



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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918. Aug. 19.	a.m. 10.0.	<p>H.Q. closed VILLERS BRETONNEUX and opened ALLONVILLE Chateau.                      Message to Aust. Corps as follows:- Reference minor operation carried out by 6th A.I.Bde. yesterday morning. Strong enemy counter-attack mopped up two posts in X.5.b. and d. Situation was obscure all day as open nature of counter prevented movement during daylight. Now reported 50 men missing but not yet known how many wounded and how many prisoners. Enquiry is being held and detailed report will follow.</p>	
ALLONVILLE			<p>Location of units as at noon 20th August issued.                      Daily Summary of Information issued.                      The Bdes. all in r st area and the G.O.C. spoke to Bde. Commanders telling them that he desired the men to be given as much rest as possible for a few days. Plenty of swimming and bathing, sports, etc. and the work of re-equipping carried out.</p>	<p>App. 58                      App. 59</p>
	20.	a.m. 7.15.	<p>Aust. Corps situation shows quiet night, the only action being raiding party sent out by Liaison Force, which resulted in identification of 120 Wurtemberg Regt. Reports during the day show big advance made by French W. of SOISSONS. G.O.C. and G.S.O.II. visited Bdes. Instructions were given to Div. Sig. Coy. to have Aust. Corps morning and evening reports repeated to C.R.A. and Bdes. till further orders. During the day the G.O.C. and G.S.O.II. visited all Bdes. G.S.O.I. temporarily indisposed and confined to his room. Daily summary of information issued. The attached Operation Report No. 4 forwarded to Aust. Corps.</p>	<p>App. 60                      App. 61</p>
	21.		<p>G.S.O.II. visited Bdes. and 26th Bn. and found all enjoying their rest. The H.Q. 2nd Tank Bn. was also visited. G.S.O.III. went away on leave. Weather warm and much enjoyed by all ranks, cricket and swimming being very popular pastimes. General Staff Circular No. 62 "Defence Against Gas" issued.</p>	<p>App. 62</p>
	22.		<p>G.O.C. visited Director of Remounts at G.H.Q., discussed the question of Remounts, and arranged that Inf. Bns. and M.G. Bn. should be supplied with mules to replace all casualties in animals and that Div. Train and Artillery get horses to replace their losses. D.H.Q. sent a cricket team to ABBEVILLE to play a team of No. 3 A.G.H., ABBEVILLE. The 3rd A.G.H. scored a win after a most enjoyable though hot afternoon's cricket.</p>	<p>29</p>



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ALLONVILLE.	1918. Aug. 22.		G.S.O.I. proceeded on leave to ENGLAND. Daily summary of information issued.	App. <i>65</i>
	23.		G.O.C. visited during day by C.Os. of various Divs. troops. G.S.O.II. took party of Staff Officers of the 50th Div. for a Staff ride over the area fought over by the 5th and 7th A.I. Bdes. on the morning of the 8th August. Bde. Major of the 5th Bde. and I.O., of 7th Bde. and En. Off. of the 18th and 26th Bns. being in the party. Aust. Corps attacked on a front of 4½ miles and penetrated enemy defences to a depth of 1½ miles, capturing all objectives and many prisoners, killing a big number of enemy. Further progress was made during day. Daily summary of information issued.	App. <i>67</i>
	24.		G.O.C. called a conference at 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q. The following officers to attend:- C.R.A., C.R.E., Bde. Staffs and C.Os. Bns. At this conference the following subjects were brought forward and dealt with:- The replacing of horses by mules in the Infantry. The establishment of L. Gun magazines. Stokes Mortars - Carriage. Cinemas - Light Sets. Aust. Hospital in France - Loaning of Regtl. bands. Saluting. Schools. Burying cable. Grouping of Inf. and Arty. H.Q. in battle. Reports after battle from all arms. Prompt delivery enemy documents. Captured gun sights. Screening of movement. Warning men against giving away information. Honours and Awards - Wording of recommendations. Future action - If on one Bde. front, 6th A.I. Bde. will be used. If on two Bde. front, 5th and 6th Bdes. will be used. General military situation. Divisional Sweep - Prizes, War Loan Bonds.	App. <i>67</i>

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ALLONVILLE.	1918. Aug. 24		<p>The following Congratulatory messages passed round to all:-</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Army Commanders thanks. C.-in-C's. letter.</p> <p>G.S.O.II. visited H.Q. of Brigades and 1st and 5th Aust. Div. H.Q. Weather keeping very nice, and the Brigades report their men quite recovered from their fatigue and in splendid spirit.</p>	

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ALLOUVILLE.	1918. Aug. 25.		<p>G.O.C. called at Corps to see Corps Commander. Result of visit was that 2nd and 5th Aust. Divs. were to relieve 1st Aust. Div. S. of SOMME. The 2nd on North with N. boundary SOMME Canal (inclusive) and S. boundary Grid running E. and W. between M.9. and M.15. Sheet 62C. A conference of G.S.O.II., Bde. Commanders, C.R.A., C.R.E., A.D.M.S. and O.C., Signals, was called at 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. at 10.30 a.m. by G.O.C. from Corps. G.O.C. going direct. The Bdes. were ordered to move as under:-</p> <p>6th A.I.Bde. Group to move up to Reserve area, 1st Div., on Sunday evening. 6th A.I.Bde. to take over line from 1 Bde. 1st Aust. Div., on Monday evening. 5th A.I.Bde. Group to move up to Support area, 2nd Div., on Monday evening. 7th A.I.Bde. Group to move up to Reserve area, 2nd Div., on Tuesday evening.</p> <p>6th A.I.Bde. sent up reconnaissance officers immediately and later moved up by bus embussing at 6.30 p.m. and moving off at 7.15 p.m. Intention being to take over from 1st Div. within boundary stated and attack early following morning, other Bdes. to continue advance in following order:- 6th, 5th, 7th. After conference G.O.C. returned. G.S.O.II. took G.O.C. and B.M., 6th A.I.Bde. up to see G.O.C., 3rd Bde. (line Bde. 1st Div.). Visited 1st Div. and arranged details of relief.</p> <p>C.R.A., C.R.E., A.D.M.S. got in touch with opposite members of 1st Aust. Div. 6th A.I.Bde. bussed forward. <del>Sch A.I.Bde.</del></p> <p>A.D.M.S. advise Field Amb. and Eng. Coy. not taken. Arranged for 12 lorries for Monday for this.</p> <p>a.m. 26. 10.0. G.O.C. and G.S.O.II. attended conference at Aust. Corps going in separate cars. After conference at which it was decided that instead of attacking the enemy on our Corps front the policy to be adopted is to keep close touch with enemy, pushing where it could be done without undue loss and losing no opportunity of gaining ground. G.O.C. after conference returned to Div. G.S.O.II. going on immediately to 6th A.I.Bde. forward 1st Div. and 5th and 7th Bdes. returning at approx. 4 p.m.</p> <p>11.20. Received from Aust. Corps 11.30am. 12 lorries will be in position with head column facing E. at O.8.a.1.5. at 1pm. to-day, to convey personnel of 2nd Aust. Div. forward. Debussing them on main AMIENS - ST. QUENTIN road at Q.25.d.8.3. This referred to embussing of 6th Fld. Coy. and 6th Field Amb. Embussing was carried out satisfactorily and move reported complete at 3pm.</p>	

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ALLONVILLE	1918 Aug. 26.	a.m. 11-30	Aust Corps advise 1st. Aust. Div. have taken CAPPY and established posts to E. of it. Posts have been established in G.26.a. and b. E. of CHATEAU Orchard, E. of YAKKA WOOD and E. of wood in M.2.b. Patrols pushing toward OCTOBER WOOD and NAMELESS WOOD. 3rd Aust. Div. report SUZANNE captured.	
		10-0 p.m.	Repeated to Bdes. information that 1st. Army attacked this morning and report MONCHY captured.	
		7-30	G.O.C. and "G" Staff, "A.Q." and D.A.Q.M.G. left ALLONVILLE CHATEAU to move forward and take over from 1st. Aust. Div. at Q.13.a.2.6. This was done and command passed from G.O.C., 1st Aust. Div. to G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div., at 10 p.m. within boundaries as stated above, ALLONVILLE becoming Rear H.Q. 5th A.I.Bde. bus move carried out in accordance with our 2nd Aust. Div. order. Bus move reported by 5th A.I.Bde. to have been most satisfactory. Artillery: In Corps Order of 26th, Div. was to have 6 Field Arty. Bdes. on taking over line but this was altered and line taken over with 3 Bdes. Field Arty. On 29th, 2 Field Arty. Bdes. of 2nd Aust. Div. which had been covering "A" Div. sector, Corps front, came under control C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div., operating on 2nd Aust. Div. front and bringing number of Bdes. to five. Daily Summary of Information <del>of</del> issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 216 issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Order G.3/1/993 issued. Locations of Units as at 6 a.m., 27th issued.	App. 65 App. 66 App. 67 App. 68
Q.13.a.2.6.	27.	a.m. 1-40	Following message addressed 5th A.I.Bde. repeated all concerned:- 5th A.I.Bde. will maintain closest liaison with 6th A.I.Bde. and conform to forward movement of latter, keeping approximately 3,000 yards in rear of 6th A.I.Bde. front. In conformity with the above, 5th A.I.Bde. group will move forward during day of 27th, selecting bivouac sites so as to avoid possible enemy gas areas. Area at present occupied by 5th A.I.Bde. group to be cleared by 3 p.m. on 27th instant. Full precautions against hostile observation to be taken during move. New locations will be wired to this Headquarters.	
		2-5.	6th A.I.Bde. report relief of 3rd A.I.Bde. complete at 1-45 a.m.	
		2-12	From 6th A.I.Bde. Situation: Flares normal and fairly close to our lines. Left Bn. report M.W. firing from G.34.a.2.5. Centre Bn. report some Pineapples. Light bursts M.G. fire. Few rounds GREEN Cross gas 4.2" in M.8.c. at 1.a.m. Our fighting patrols now out.	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	Aug. 27	a.m.	<p>Following message addressed to Aust. Corps repeated to Flank Divs. and 1st Aust. Div.</p> <p>Relief of "C" Div. sector by 6th A.I.Bde. completed.</p> <p>5-0 Morning reports from flank divs. and Corps show nothing unusual.</p> <p>5-30. 6th A.I.Bde. report: Exploited Square G.20 and G.21. G.20. clear of enemy. German M.G. was located G.21.a.5.9. Two M.G.s. in TIVOLI WOOD and one gun in Cemetry in G.15.d.3.1.</p> <p>6-0. Following message to Aust Corps repeated all concerned: Morning report. Left Bn. cleared G.20. centre Bn. patrols found SALMON WOOD occupied. We hold NAMELESS WOOD and VIRGIN WOOD. Left flank centre Bn. advanced 500 yards, right flank 250. Patrols right bn. in M.9.b. where held up by strong enemy M.G. fire. 200 rounds BLUE cross on right bn. front.</p> <p>6-55. Wire from 3rd Aust. Div. shows advance made by 10th A.I.Bde. to G.10.a.7.7. to edge VAUX WOOD to G.4.c.9.9. without opposition. Whole of Peninsula cleared of enemy and posts established along W. bank of river and consolidated.</p> <p>8-55. Wire from 5th Aust. Div. shows line advanced.</p> <p>Patrols of centre Bn. found SALMON WOOD occupied by enemy. NAMELESS WOOD and VIRGIN WOOD have been taken by us. Centre Bn. reports left flank advanced 500 yards, right flank 250 yards. Right Bn. patrols reached Square M.9.b. and then held up by very strong enemy M.G.s. in 10.a. Line advancing and conforming as far as possible to patrol work. About 200 rounds of gas shells BLUE Cross fell on Right Bn. front, 4.2, 5.9 and 77 mm. No casualties reported therefrom.</p> <p>9-0 Message from 6th A.I.Bde. states one prisoner captured by 22nd Bn., of 152 I.R., 41st Div. 6th Coy., states his regt. is about 7 kilos. W. of PERONNE. 1st Bn. Left flank, 2nd Bn. right flank, 3rd Bn. about 30 metres behind. Regt. was ordered to retire from position held. He and Sergt. were put on post. He received a revolver wound, fell into a shell hole and was taken prisoner. He was originally in cavalry in RUSSIA but left there on 1st February and drafted to Infantry. He has been 10 days on this front. His Regt. was in PERONNE on 18th instant, but since called forward. Coy strength about 40.</p> <p>9-30. Following message addressed to Aust. Corps repeated Flank Divs and 5th A.I.Bde. Our line on left now reported to run as follows. G.21.d.3.9. eastern edges of SALMON, NAMELESS and VIRGIN WOODS, thence to G.34.central, rejoining original line M.3.central. Line on right Bn. front obscure. M.G. opposition encountered from SUGAR FACTORY in M.10.a. TIVOLI WOOD now clear of enemy left flank ordered swing forward to ECLUSIGR.</p> <p>10-0. G.O.C. and G.S.O. III and C.R.E. went around Bdes. and looked at nature of country and features of same returning to H.Q. at about 12 noon.</p>	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	Aug. 27	a.m. 10-5	Aust. Corps advise prisoners taken by French state withdrawal commenced at 5.a.m. 27th, pivoting on CHAULNES.	
		10-10 p.m.	7th A.I.Bde. advise their H.Q. moving from present location CHATEAU BUSSY to Billet 16 BUSSY at 9-30 a.m.	
		12-25.	From Aust. Corps : that 32nd Div. now under Aust. Corps on Right flank have advanced their line.	
		12-30.	Following message addressed to Aust. Corps, repeated to 3rd and 5th Divs., 7th A. I. Bde and C.R.A. Our line now reported to run western edge COWS WOOD to road G.29.a.4.4. then from G.29.cent. to G.35.a.O.O. then from G.34.b.2.O. wouth along road to about N.4.central. We are on eastern side of copse at M.3.d. and also along road from M.9.b.2.2. to M.9.d.4.O.	
		12-45.	From 4th Aust. Div. : H.Q. opened at BUSSY-les-DAOURS at 11 a.m.	
		1-45.	From 5th Aust. Div. : Contact maintained with enemy along whole front.	
		2-5.	Following message addressed to Aust. Corps, repeated to 3rd and 5th Aust. Divs. and 7th A. I. Bde. Our troops now occupy trench on east side COWS WOOD from Canal bank to G.29.b.O.4. Line thence as before.	
		3-15.	From 6th A. I. Bde.: showing advance. Line now runs r oad north and south east of FONTAINE in M.9.d., M.10.a.O.8., M.4.d.1.9., G.35.a.O.G., G.29.central, G.23.d.O.O. Patrols have been in sugar factory, but had to withdraw owing to casualties from enemy shelling. Enemy estimated 60 strong in wood M.4.d.O.O. Stokes Mortars operating this wood. Enemy in trenches S.W. corner Sugar factory, patrols endea vouring to envelop same. Line being established in sunken road M.9.d. and M.10.c.	
		3-45.	Following message addressed to Aust. Corps, repeated t o C.R.A., 3rd and 5th Aust. Divs., and 7th A. I. Bde. Line now runs road north and south east of FONTAINE in M.9.d., M.10.a.O.8., M.4.d.1.9., G.35.a.O.9., G.29.central, G.23.d.O.O. Patrols have been in sugar factory but had to withdraw owing to casualties from enemy shelling. Enemy estimated 60 strong in wood M.4.d.O.O. Stokes Mortars operating against this wood. Enemy in trenches S.W. corner Sugar factory, patrols endeavouring to envelop same. Line being established in sunken road M.9.d. and M.10.c.	
		4-15.	From 5th Aust. Div. stating their Left Bn. and Left Coy. Right Bn. moving forward.	
		4-30.	From 6th A. I. Bde.: No change in line. Opposition from M.G. and rifle fire. Artillery fire active on Right Bn. supports.	
		4-45.	6th A. I. Bde. state Left and Centre Bn. H.Q. (21 and 22 respectively) now at G.33.c.6.3. Bde. H.Q. remain at L.34.central.	
		5-0.	From 3rd Aust. Div. giving identifications of Prisoners taken.	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	Aug. 27.	p.m. 5-5.	<p>Following message addressed to Aust. Corps, repeated to all concerned. Evening Report. No further change in line which runs N. and S.E. of FONTAINE in M.9.d., M.10.a.O.8., M.4.d. 1.9., G.35.a.O.O., G.29.central, G.23.d.O.O. Opposition from M.Gs. and rifle fire, particularly Right sector. Lively artillery fire on Right Bn. support area</p>	
		6-50.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. report (23rd Bn) Support Bn. H.Q. now at G.32.a.7.2. and Bn. in shelters in vicinity.</p> <p>Following message addressed to 13th A.I.H., repeated to 6th A.I.Bde. Please detail one troop of your Squadron for duty under G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde. Troop commander will report to 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. - L.34.central - at 9 a.m. on 28th inst, when he will receive instructions and be allotted bivouac site. Troop will move to 6th A.I.Bde. area during morning 28th instant.</p>	
		5-50.	<p>Following message addressed to Aust. Corps "I", 6th A.I.Bde., 3rd and 5th Aust. Divs. Prisoners 18th I.R., 148th I.R., 152nd I.R. captured during night 26th/27th give order of battle 41st Div., N.to S. as probably in above order. Company strengths average 40. Prisoner 152nd I.R. states he was sent forward to recall an outpost as his battalion was to withdraw. Prisoner 148th I.R. had heard rumours of withdrawal to PERONNE, when, he did not know. All three Regiments stated to be tired and disorganized and only a few returned wounded have reinforced them. Morale poor. No knowledge of whereabouts of 21st Div. or 43rd R.D.</p>	
			<p>Following message addressed to C.R.E. and 7th A.I.Bde., repeated to Pioneer Bn., and "A.Q." Reference this office G.3/1/993 of 26th instant. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will from receipt of this instruction, will cease to be a portion of the 7th A.I.Bde. group and will again pass under orders of C.R.E., who will employ Bn. on maintenance of forward communications. C.R.E. will detail one platoon for duty at D.H.Q. making necessary arrangements direct with "Q" branch for its move.</p>	
		6-55.	<p>Following message addressed to 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. FOUCAUCOURT has been captured by division on our fight with 1 officer and 32 O. Rs. prisoners.</p>	
		7-0.	<p>Following message addressed 6th A.I.Bde., repeated 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes., and 3rd Squadron, A.F.C. A contact patrol will fly over line at dawn each day and call for flares. Contact patrols may also call for flares at other times during the day. Please ensure that front line units have an ample supply of flares and discs on hand to answer calls.</p>	
		7-0.	<p>Aust. Corps advise 32nd Div. going well.</p>	
		8-30.	<p>5th Aust. Div. report line advanced to M.15.a and c., M.21., also on Right. Identifications of 8 prisoners captured in strong post M.20.b.2.2.</p>	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	Aug. 27.	9-0.	From Aust. Corps : Report showing general advance on Corps front. 5th Aust. Div. state FOUCAUCOURT captured.	
		9-45.	From 3rd Aust. Div. stating 3rd Aust. Div. in conj unction with 58th Div. on its Left would attack at 4-55 a.m., objective being enemy positions in A.29.b., A.30.a. and C. Line of exploitation also given.	
		10-30.	From 6th A.I.Bde.: Our line now runs M.9.d.7.0. along sunken road to M.9.d.85.70. thence M.10.a.0.8., M.4.d.1.9., G.35.a.0.0., G.29.central to G.23.c.8.0.	
		10-35.	Following message addressed 6th A. I. Bde., repeated to C.R.A., 5th and 7th A. I. Bdes. and 3rd Aust. Div. Div. on our Left will attack enemy positions in A.29.b. and A.30.a. and c at 4-55 a.m. on 28th instant under an artillery barrage. Exploitation will be carried out to general line crossing at G.6.d.6.8. old quarry G.6.b.7.6., quarry in B.25.c. and thence northwards. You will seize any opportunity to clear enemy system in G.29.b. and d G.30.a and G.24.c. with object of later taking FRISE and linking up with div. on Left at LA GRENOUILLER, G.12.d.5.0.	
		10-50.	Following message addressed Aust. Corps, repeated all concerned. Our line now runs M.9.d.7.0. along sunken road to M.9.d.85.70. thence M.10.a.0.8. - M.4.d.1.9., G.35.a.0.0. - G.29.central to G.23.c.8.0.	
		11-0.	G. S. O. III. recalled from leave, arrived D.H.Q. Location of Units as at 8 a.m. 28th instant, issued. Intelligence Summary for period from 6 p.m. 26th to 6 p.m. 27th August, 1918, issued.	App. 69 App. 70
		11-30.	3rd Aust. Div. forwarded identifications of prisoners.	
		11-55.	6th A. I. Bde. report Right Bn. H.Q. (24th) now at M.8.d.3.6. 7th A. I. Bde. report bussing move complete, also move into area of occupation. Move most satisfactory. Owing to the move of the 5th A. I. Bde. in accordance with this office wire Ga. 132, the 7th A. I. Bde. moved to the area occupied by the 5th A. I. Bde. on the 26th instant instead of to location set out in the Div. Move Order.	

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August- 28th Q.13.a.2.6.	Aug. 28th	12.25	6th A.I.Bde. situation report. Enemy artillery fire scattered over area, generally. DOMPIERRE shelled heavily at periods. Flares as usual. M.G. and rifle fire vigorous. Our patrols out.	
		1.45	6th A.I.Bde. advise no change in dispositions. Light shelling and machine gun fire. Flares normal.	
		2.40	Right bn. 6th A.I.Bde. report on objective and patrols out ahead. No opposition. Centre Bn. going well. Left Bn. almost on objectives at time of last report. The objective given was Squares G.24, 29 and 30. To be done before 3rd Aust. Div. operation at 4.55 a.m., or with their operation as situation demanded.	
		5.15	Morning report. Patrols pushed out and established posts in old trench system in G.30.a. and c. G.35.b. and G.36.a. also in wood M.4.d.0.0. and SUGAR FACTORY in M.10.a. unopposed. Temporarily out of touch with enemy. Patrols working forward to regain contact. Light shelling BULL and OVAL Woods.	
		6.10	5th Aust. Div. advised their line then ran M.9.d.7.0. , M.15.a.95.50 - thence along trench line to M.15.c.35.0.0. - M.21.a.0.0. to M.21.c.2.4. Right Bn. M.21.c.6.5. - S. to M.27.a.6.0. - M.27.c.7.6. - M.27.c.5.3. - M.27.c.3.0. - M.33.a.2.6. - M.33.a.1.1.	
		6.33	Strong indications that enemy has retired along our front. Right Bn. patrols report enemy clear of trench system in G.30 a. and c. also G.36.a. We are moving forward to occupy these trenches. One coy. of left bn. 21st moving out and endeavouring to occupy MEREACOURT Wood and high ground. Coy. of reserve bn. moving from G.28.c. at 9.30 a.m. to mop up FRISE and trench system adjacent. Centre and left bn.s conforming.	
		7.35	6th A.I.Bde. advise bn. H.Q. will close at L.34.central at 9 a.m. and reopen at same hour at G.32.a.2.9.	
		8.20	a.m. Continuation of morning report from div. to all concerned. Our line now runs E. edge HOSPICE Wood thence south along SOPHIE trench to G.30.d.6.4. South of this centre and right bns. have sent forward advance guards with trench running N. and S.E. of DOMPIERRE as objectives. One coy. now advancing on MEREACOURT Wood and high ground and one coy. moving on FRISE and adjoining trench system. Enemy located in GREEN Wood and trench running N. & S. in E.6. Line bde. H.Q. move at 9 a.m. to G.32.a.2.9.	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	Aug.	11.0.	Information received re Aust. Corps and adjoining French Divs. fronts. Repeated to all concerned.	
	28.	11.0.	Message received from Aust. Corps advising of a general move forward on whole Corps front.	
		11.10.	Aust. Corps wired as follows:- Divisional Commanders, 32nd Div., 2nd, 3rd and 5th Aust. Divs., will meet the Corps Commander at 2nd Aust. Div. H.Q., Q.13.a. at 2.30 p.m. to-day Div. Commander will be prepared with the latest information as to their line and the situation on their front	
		11.11.	Aust. Corps, and all concerned, wired identifications as follows:- Prisoner captured during night, 1st M.G. Coy., 478 I.R., 243rd Div. States Div. relieved night 27th/28th. Prisoner captured this morning 4th Guard Gren. Regt., 2nd Guard Div., states Regt. is now holding as main line of resistance running N. and S. through HERBECOURT. Further withdrawal to East of SOMME expected. Rate and time of withdrawal unknown.	
		p.m.		
		12.5.	6th A.I.Bde. advises line now runs approx. grid line N. and S. through M.12. and M.6.central, thence BLACK WOOD, GREEN WOOD, G.30.b.7.9., HOSPICE WOOD, H.19.a.3.2., G.24.b.98.10., CAPARET WOOD. Hostile activity from FRISE, and heavies dealing with it. FRISE and MEREACOURT WOOD will be occupied when heavies lift.	
		12.5.	3rd Aust. Div. advise patrols are now East of CURLU. Repeated to all concerned.	
		12.15.	Aust. Corps, flank Div. and 5th and 7th Bdes. advised as follows:- Further information from Captured Guards prisoner - Second Guards Div. relieved 243 Div. last night; came 15 kilos. from HEM by lorries. Withdrew from DOMPIERRE line at midnight last night to trench W. and S.W. of HERBECOURT. 3 battalions in line, each 500 metres of front. Knows of withdrawal to E. of SOMME but how long it is to take, cannot say. Further examination proceeding.	
		12.25.	Aust. Corps, and all concerned, wired as follows:- 12 noon BOUCHER WOOD reported captured with post established at H.19.a.3.2. 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q. established G.32.a.2.9. 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q. will establish L.34.central during day.	
		12.35.	7th A.I.Bde. wired 26th and 28th Bns. are moving early this afternoon to positions vacated by 19th and 18th Bns. respectively, at R.10.b.6.5. and R.4.b.8.4. <u>N.B.</u> - The 7th A.I.Bde. Bns. all moved during day into area vacated by 5th A.I.Bde. in accordance with instructions from D.H.Q.	
		1.30.	5th A.I.Bde. advised Bns. moving as follows to-day:- 18th Bn. to G.29.b., preparatory to going into line; 19th Bn. to G.28.b.; 17th and 20th Bns. to G.25.c.	
		1.40.	Line of both 3rd and 5th Divs. received.	
		1.40.	Following wire sent to 7th A.I.Bde. and repeated to C.R.A., 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes.:- Owing recent developments and possibility your Bde. being employed in line at short notice, it will be necessary to maintain closest liaison with both 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. 7th A.I.Bde. Group	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 28.	p.m.	must be maintained at considerably less distance from line than 6,000 yards. Brigade Group to be held in readiness to move at half-hour's notice.	
		1.50.	6th A.I.Bde. report 2 prisoners captured by Right Bn. (24th) East of DOMPIERRE, belonging to S.S. Section, 76 Machine Gun 2nd Coy. attached to 243 Div. 243 Div. relieved last night, but they were not to go out with them.	
		2.30.	Conference as called in Corps wire was held at 2nd Div. H.Q. at 2.30 p.m.	
		3.0.	6th A.I.Bde. report line now runs M.12.d.5.0. - M.12.b.6.0. - M.12.b.7.6. - N.1.a.7.0. - H.31.d.5.0. - H.31.d.8.5. - H.31.d.8.8. - H.31.a.8.0. - G.36.b.7.7. - thence along SOPHIE TRENCH to E. of HOSPICE, to E. of BOUCHER WOOD, to cross roads G.24.b.95.70 to G.24.b.3.1. - G.24.a.9.2. In touch with enemy all along the front. H.Q., Right Bn., M.8.d.3.6. Centre Bn., G.35.d.0.0., Left Bn., G.26.b.5.2. Bde. H.Q. G.32.a.9.2.	
		3.15.	5th Aust. Div. report their Left now runs N.13.central, to M.19.central. In touch both flanks.	
		3.30.	7th A.I.Bde. report Brigade Group moving forward this afternoon, move to be complete by 5 p.m. 25th Bn. R.5.b., 26th Bn., R.10.b., 27th Bn., L.34.b., 28th Bn., R.4.b. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty., L.34.d. 22nd A.M.G. Coy. R.4.c., 7th Field Coy., R.4.c. Bde. H.Q. will open at L.34.central at 4 p.m.	
		3.35.	2nd A.M.G. Bn. advise H.Q. now moving to G.25.d.8.8.	
		3.40.	Report from 3rd Aust. Div. shows that they had to throw back left flank to join with 58th Div.	
		5.0.	Evening Report; Advance on FRISE and trenches H.13.c. and H.19.a. in hand now. Light scattered shelling over whole area. Enemy active with M.G. and sniping especially from S. end of FRISE. Captures last 24 hours 3 O.Rs.	
		5.35.	6th A.I.Bde. advise FRISE occupied. Some opposition encountered. Our troops now mopping up. Advance being continued on three trench lines in H.13.a. and c., H.19.a. and going well. Parties of enemy seen running from FRISE along canal to E. in G.18.b.	
		6.10.	5th A.I.Bde. report Advanced Bde. H.Q. now located at G.21.central, approx. 18th Bn. at G.28.b.9.4., 19th Bn. at G.28.b.5.7. 18th Bn. arranging relief 21st Bn. to take place after minor operation to capture FRISE and trenches in H.13. and H.19. Telephone communication not yet established to Advanced H.Q. Situation quiet except for consistent light shelling of valley G.28.a., b., c., and d. and G.27.b. by 4.2s.	
		7.10.	The following result of interrogation of prisoners by D.I.O. advised Aust. Corps I., flank Divs. and Bdes.: - Prisoner 6th Coy, 4th Guard. Gren. Regt., 2nd Guard Div. states:- the Div. came from near RETHEL, where it rested for three weeks to HAM by train, thence by bus forward. Order of Battle N. to S. 2nd Guard Gren., 1st Guard Gren., 4th Guard Gren. Latter regt. relieved 478th Regt. and has 2nd Bn. in line, 1st in support, 3rd in reserve.	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 28		<p>Withdrawal to good deep trenches on forward slopes overlooking E. bank of SOMME S. of PERONNE is expected, but when not known. 78th Res. Div. disbanded, 259th R.I.R. reinforcing 2nd Guard Div., 258 R.I.R. the 185th Div. (?) 260th R.I.R. the 20th Div. 6th Coy 259 R.I.R. came as complete Coy. and is now 6th Coy, 4th Guard Gren. Regt., with approx. strength 1 Officer 140 O.Rs. 4 L.M.Gs. Few original Guardsmen in Div. now. Prisoner 67 M.G.S.S. Section states 2nd Coy. has 3 Officers, 113 O.Rs. and 12 heavy M.Gs. Order to withdraw to HERBECOURT on night 27th/28th and further withdrawal expected soon. 243rd Div. gone out very exhausted and disorganised, where to not known. Moral of Guardsmen and M.G.S.S. prisoners poor. Prisoner 1st Coy. Pioneer Bn. 21, 21st Div., states his Coy. in position near DOMPIERRE till last night, when it withdrew some distance to where unknown.</p> <p>p.m. 7.30. 6th A.I.Bde. report situation as follows:- Right Line Bn. hold approx. line as before. Patrols sent forward met strong resistance from enemy M.Gs. at N.13.a.9.9. and N.7.c.9.4. A party from Right Line Bn. occupy BRUNENILDE TRENCH in N.7.b. and have captured a M.G. and three prisoners at N.7.b.9.8. Owing to severe pressure of enemy our post at H.31.d.8.8. has been withdrawn and the line in front of centre Bn. now runs from N.1.central to H.31.c.5.0. line continuing from H.31.c.4.8. along DELICATESES ALLEY to BLACK WOOD from thence to GREEN WOOD. FRISE is occupied by Left Line Bn., also trenches in H.13.c. and H.19.a.</p> <p>8.0. Evening reports from flank divs. show some advance made without much opposition. Enemy M.Gs. active.</p> <p>8.15. Situation advised Aust. Corps, and all concerned, as follows:- Right Line Bn. hold line approx. as before. Patrols sent forward met strong resistance. Party from Right Line Bn. now occupy BRUNHILDE TRENCH in N.7.b. and have captured a M.G. and 3 prisoners at N.7.b.9.8. Owing to severe enemy pressure post at H.31.d.8.8. has been withdrawn and line now runs from N.1.central to H.31.c.5.0. to H.31.c.4.8., thence along DELICATESES ALLEY to BLACK WOOD THENCE AS BEFORE TO HOSPICE WOOD, thence along Eastern trench in H.19.a. and H.13.c. Approx. 50 prisoners taken in FRISE.</p> <p>8.30. The following report received from 6th A.I.Bde.: - Our line now runs M.12.d.5.0. - M.12.b.6.7. - thence BRUNEHILDE TRENCH from N.7.b.7.2. to N.1.d.6.2., thence N.1.central + H.31.a.5.0. , back along DELICATESES ALLEY to BLACK WOOD, along HELENE And SOPHIE TRENCHES, east of HOSPICE WOOD, East of BOUCHER WOOD, thence H.19.a.7.5. and along most Eastern of three trenches to H.13.b.0.6. 3 Germans, one M.G. captured, at N.7.b.95.70., and strong opposition. Enemy strong in LIEVRES ALLEY and in GREEN WOOD, and fighting well. Heavy fighting for FRISE and trenches in H.19.a. and H.13.a. and c., where 50 prisoners of 21st Div. were captured. Enemy very alert using scattered artillery over forward area and every active with M.Gs. and sniping.</p>	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 28.	p.m. 10.0.	The following Order was wired to all concerned:- 6th A.I.Bde. will capture enemy trench system running North and South through H.26., H.32, including HERBECOURT, N.2., N.7.b. and d., during night 28th/29th. Any necessary artillery support will be arranged direct between G.O.C., Brigade, and artillery group commanders. 5th A.I.Bde. are operating between River and E. and W. grid line between squares H.19. and H.25. 7th A.I.Bde. will pass through 6th A.I.Bde. on the above objective at 7.30 a.m. on 29th and continue the advance easterly to the SOMME. The advance of 7th A.I.Bde. will be supported by right and centre groups of artillery. O.C., Squadron, 13th A.L.H., will detail one troop to be attached to 7th A.I.Bde.	
		11.11.	6th A.I.Bde. reported that 23rd Bn. had completed relief of 21st Bn. at 10.30 p.m. Disposition now 23rd Bn. Left, 22nd Centre, 24th Right, 21st Bn. Reserve.	
		11.5.	5th Aust. Div. gave identifications of 2nd Guards Div. KAISER ALEXANDER REGT. No. 1. State intentions to withdraw if pressed E. of ASSEVILLERS and dig in.	
		11.30.	Situation wired to Corps and Div. units as follows:- Our line now runs M.12.d.5.0. - M.12.b.6.7., thence BRUNHILDE TRENCH from N.7.b.7.2. to N.1.d.6.2., thence N.1.central - H.31.a.5.0., back along DELICATESES ALLEY to BLACK WOOD, thence along HELENE and SOPHIE TRENCHES, East of HOSPICE and BOUCHER WOODS, thence H.19.a.7.5. along Eastern trench in H.19.a. and H.13.c. to H.13.b.0.6. Strong opposition at N.7.b.95.70. Enemy strong in LIVRES ALLEY and in GREEN WOOD and fighting well. Heavy fighting for FRIZE and trenches in H.19.a. and H.13.c., where 50 prisoners were captured. Enemy very alert and scattered artillery fire over forward area. M.Gs. and snipers very active. Captures during day 58 prisoners 13 M.Gs., 1 L.T.M., and one anti-tank gun at FRIZE..	
		11.40.	C.R.A. and 7th A.I.Bde. wired as follows:- 5th Aust. Div. line now reported to run M.12.d.5.0., M.18.d.6.0., N.19.a.0.4., N.19.central, N.19.d.5.7., N.25.a.9.9., N.25.d.7.5., N.25.d.9.0., N.32.a.5.0.	
		11.40.	C.R.A. and 5th A.I.Bde. wired as follows:- 3rd Aust. Div. line now reported to run - G.6.b.5.0., B.25.c.2.2., QUARRY in A.30.b. Gap exists between 3rd Aust. Div. left and 58th Div. Right, whose troops have fallen back to A.30.a.2.9. 3rd Aust. Div. have covered gap with posts echeloned back.	
		7.0	At 7pm. 5th A.I.Bde. passed 1 Bn. through the 6th A.I.Bde. on line from H.19.c.0.0. to H.13.b.0.5. and proceeded to push E. with Southern boundary Grid line running E. and W. between H.19. and H.25. The following report was received at 11.50 p.m.:- 6th A.M.G. Coy. of 5th A.I.Bde. Group report 2 V.M.Gs. established N.E. corner MEREACOURT WOOD and that Left Coy., 18th Bn., has passed beyond Wood.	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 28.		<p>During the day the movements of the G.O.C. and Staff were as follows:- 10am. The G.O.C. and G.S.O.II. visited Bdes., looking at country. Probable conference discussed. As result of conference at 2nd Div. H.Q., which was attended by Corps Commander, B.G.G.S., M.G.G.S., 4th Army, and G.O's.C., 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 32nd Divs., the policy laid down was that advance was to be continued to the SOMME. G.S.O.II. visited Bdes. and made this known to G.O's.C.</p> <p>Locations of Units as at 6 a.m., 29th instant, issued.                      2nd Aust. Div. Instructions No. 1, Series "D" issued.                      2nd Aust. Div. Instructions No. 2, Series "D" issued.                      2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary (Ga.204). issued.</p>	<p>App. 71                      App. 72                      App. 73                      App. 74</p>
		a.m.		
	29.	12.25.	<p>Message to Aust. Corps I., flank Divs. and 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. as follows:- Prisoners captured yesterday number 58. Identifications - 5th, 6th Coys., 87th I.R., 5th and 6th Coys., 81 I.R., Pioneer Bn. 21st Div., 4th Guard Gren. Regt., 148th I.R., 41st Div. Guard prisoners state 1st Guard Div. and a line Div. in reserve. Prisoner 87 I.R. states 25 Div. in rear and expected move forward. Guard prisoners captured by Right Line Bn., remainder Left Line Bn.</p>	
		12.30.	<p>5th A.I.Bde. report that support coy., 18th Bn. timed 10.30pm., 28th, reports Left Coy. through MEREACOURT WOOD not in touch with Right Coy. Right Coy. held up by M.G. fire in wood. M.G. Officer, 23rd Bn. reports by 'phone 11.50 p.m. that M.G. fire in MEREACOURT WOOD earlier in night, but all is now quiet.</p>	
		2.0.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. report all Bns. report patrols have been out and say enemy resistance weaker, still some scattered M.G. fire. All Bns. now on move forward to objectives allotted. Enemy shelling lighter than previously reported.</p>	
		2.30.	<p>5th Aust. Div. report capture of ASSEVILLERS and were working round BELLOY. Everything going well. In touch on both flanks.</p>	
		3.55.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. Left Bn. (23rd) asks that they may have an early patrol by our aircraft. They have no ground flares but have got the ground sheet signals.</p>	
		4.30.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. report all Bns. report all objectives gained and patrols pushed out in front.</p>	
		5.15.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. report timed 4.35am., line now runs from H.20.central to eastern outskirts of HERBECOURT, thence along trench system to Div. boundary at N.7.d.7.0. Patrols moving out in front and troops following up in rear.</p>	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 29.	a.m.	<p>5.30. 6th A.I.Bde. wired, timed 4.55am., as follows:- Please advise Corps Heavy Artillery at once of advance in our line. Some of our heavies firing in rear of MEREACOURT WOOD.</p> <p>5.0. Morning report: Operations during night advanced line to N.7.d.9.0., along trench system to Eastern outskirts of HERBECOURT H.20.central, along sunken road H.15.a. and c. to Eastern outskirts FEUILLERES. Patrols operating forward of this line. Opposition very slight.</p> <p>6.30. Flank Divs. morning reports show situation quiet.</p> <p>7.30. 7th A.I.Bde. passed through 6th A.I.Bde. main line on line running N. and S. through HERBECOURT at 7.50 a.m., and through the 6th A.I.Bde.patrol line at N. and S. of FLAUCOURT at 8.30 a.m. The 6th A.I.Bde. then became support Bde. and 7th A.I.Bde. took over their front on same boundaries.</p> <p>7.50. 5th Aust. Div. reports their line now runs N. and S. approx. along Grid between N.15 and N.16. BELLOY occupied.</p> <p>3.45. 5th A.I.Bde. reports 18th Bn. reports 2 Coys. in road running N. and S. through 15.a. and c. and H.21.a. Enemy exploded 3 mines in FEUILLERES. Patrols moving into FEUILLERES.</p> <p>8.45. 5th A.I.Bde. timed 8.20 a.m., wires 18th Bn. reported 5.30 a.m., line at 5 a.m. East of FEUILLERES along sunken road H.15.a., H.15.c., H.20.a. Practically no opposition met with; occasional bursts of M.G. fire. 19th Bn. now moving forward on Right flank, 18th Bn. and 17th Bn. and 20th Bn. moving up to close support in rear of 19th and 18th Bns.</p> <p>9.0. 3rd Aust. Div. reports at 6.45 a.m. advancing East of CURLU, no opposition, 4th B</p> <p>9.15. 7th A.I.Bde. report 23rd Bn. captured prisoner of 27th Field Arty. Regt., 4th Bty., 21st Div. Captured in HERBECOURT, states his battery was captured about 8:8:18 at MERICOURT, no guns since. Saw only small trench guns W. of SOMME.</p> <p>9.50. 5th A.I.Bde. reported:- Following report timed 8.30 a.m.:- 2 airmen 3rd A.F.C. brought down H.22. Report M.G. fire from H.24.a. otherwise no movement.of trains or enemy in PERONNE. Number of iron bridges have been destroyed. 20th Bn. report timed 8.30 a.m. Left Coy. H.16.central, 18th Bn. 600 yards ahead. Two main bridges blown up and still have unexploded mines attached small bridges intact being reconnoitred. PICKET COPSE H.24.b. reported held by enemy by Right Coy. 20th Bn. 18th Bn. reported at Lock H.17.a.</p> <p>9.30. 5th A.I.Bde. reports as follows:- 20th Bn. report, timed 9am., Coys. held up awaiting for 18th Bn. to cross Canal. General 20th Bn. line H.16.b.7.5. to H.17.c.5.5. A little Artillery and M.G. fire reported from Left front of 18th Bn. 2 prisoners, 26th R.I.R., 108th Res. Div., 87th I.R., 21st Div., captured in FEUILLERES; states reserves weak. Orders to retire through PERONNE.</p>	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 29.	a.m. 9.40.	<p>C.R.A. and Brigades advised that 5th Aust. Div. reports on line through O.13., O.19.central, with Coy. of Left Support Bn. occupying high ground N.W. of BARLEUX in N.12. Prisoner states line of defence through O.8., O.14.central, to S.W. ETERPIGNY.</p> <p>9.40. Following instruction, addressed to C.R.A. and 6th A.I.Bde., and repeated to all concerned, issued:- On 5th A.I.Bde. crossing River at CLERY, 6th A.I.Bde. will be prepared to follow and seize high ground in C.25. In event of 3rd Aust. Div. being already in this vicinity, 6th A.I.Bde. will be deflected to follow 5th A.I.Bde. towards high ground at MONT ST.QUENTIN. Heavy Artillery have been instructed not to fire on our side of line running through B.30. central, I.17.central, I.24.central, E. of DOINGT to Div. boundary. C.R.A. will arrange for one 60-pdr. horse-drawn battery to be attached to each of 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes.</p>	
		10.15.	7th A.I.Bde. advise Brigade H.Q. moving to HERBECOURT, H.32.c.6.8., at 9.30 a.m.	
		10.25.	5th A.I.Bde. wired timed 9.45 a.m., that 18th Bn. reports 9 a.m. Left Coy. going well, about to cross Canal at H.17.b.3.5.; bridge destroyed, but using narrow foot-bridge. Right Coys. seen in H.23.b. 7th A.I.Bde., on right, are almost to SOMME. Two prisoners captured in BOS COURT of 27th F.A.R. and 46th Regt., 21st Div. Latter reports 21st Div. has retired across SOMME, blowing up bridges.	
		10.40.	7th A.I.Bde. report that prisoner (64th A.M.C. Coy., 21st Div.) says his Coy. were between CLEARY and ALLAINES. His Div. was W. of SOMME, but withdrew E. of it about 11 p.m. last night. He saw men of 80th, 81st and 87th I.R. near BOS COURT.	
		10.50.	Aust. Corps reported 5th Aust. Div. had taken VILLERS CARBONNEL and BARLEUX, and advanced troops have reached the line O.13.central, O.19.central. 3rd Aust. Div. have captured enemy trench line from B.25.c. through H.2.a. to the River at H.8.d.9.4., HEM has been taken.	
		10.50.	Aust. Corps, CRA. and Flank Divs. advised that our troops seen advancing in H.17., H.35. and N.6. 2 Coys., 5th A.I.Bde. crossing canal at H.17.b.2.5. Prisoners 21st Div. captured in FEUILLERES state reserves weak and orders given to retire through PERONNE.	
		11.0.	7th A.I.Bde. report, timed 9.35 a.m., that at 7.30 a.m. troops passed HERBECOURT, at 7.50 a.m. passed FLAUCOURT; at 8.30 a.m. our troops seen advancing over ridge N.6.a. and H.35.a. and b. A little hostile shelling at H.35.b. and H.27.a. and b. Heavy M.G. fire from direction of BIACHES, no M.G. fire heard from right at 8.45 a.m.	
		11.15.	Aust. Corps advised 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery is placed at disposition of 2nd Aust. Div. forthwith. As soon as it has taken up its position, 1st Aust. Div. Artillery will be withdrawn into 1st Aust. Div. area.	
		11.15.	5th A.I.Bde. wired timed 10.40 a.m., that 19th Bn. reports 8.30 a.m. 2 front Coys. on Right of 18th Bn. in H.24.c. on Right front of TICKER COPSE. 7th A.I.Bde. working forward to connect	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 29.	a.m.	<p>up with Right flank. Enemy M.G. fire from across River on Right front. Battery 77 also firing. Support Coy. in trenches M.23.b. and d. Few casualties. Reconnaissance proceeding.</p> <p>11.15. 5th A.I.Bde. reports timed 10.45 a.m., that message from 18th Bn. 9.35 a.m. states Coys. in H.17.c.O.O. and central 6 a.m. 2 M.Gs. captured. Casualties 10 O.Rs. and Lieut. WALLS, A.A. Enemy shelling with H.E. about 4 rounds per minute. Coys. pushing towards H.12.c.</p> <p>11.15. Aust. Corps advise that 5th Aust. Div. has reached river at BRIE.</p> <p>11.15. Aust. Corps, C.R.A., and flank Divs. wired as follows:- 5th A.I.Bde. 9.45 a.m., reports bridge over canal at H.17.b.3.5. destroyed, but troops crossing by narrow foot-bridge. Our troops advancing in H.23.b. Wounded man 9 a.m. stated his Coy. Left Bn., Right Bde. at about H.30.b.9.5., moving E. Troops on right well up in line. No opposition up to this point. Some M.G. fire from BIACHES. Further prisoners 21st Div. captured in BOS COURT stated 21st Div. has retired across COMME blowing up bridges.</p> <p>11.15. 5th Aust. Div. reached canal and established posts at O.26.c.8.4. and O.32.a.6.3. Left Bn. held up by M.G. fire at O.8.c.</p> <p>11.25. 7th A.I.Bde. advise no M.G. fire this side of river. BIACHES in our hands. Heavy 4.2. barrage on ridges H.36.c. and N.6.a. for half-an-hour now ceased.</p> <p>11.25. 5th A.I.Bde. states 19th Bn. reports 9.45 a.m. still fire from wood about H.23.b.8.8. Artillery informed. M.G. in HALLE Enemy reported in GOMMIECOURT. 3 prisoners state all bridges blown up.</p> <p>11.45. 7th A.I.Bde. timed 10.20 a.m. reports at 8.50 a.m. our troops on line H.36.central to M.16.central, to eastern outskirts BARLEUX sniping occasionally, M.G. bursts just ahead of this ridge and consistant M.G. fire from valley in vicinity of BIACHES. GRAND WOOD captured and working round S. flank of BIACHES. M.G. fire reported on high ground N.W. of PERONNE. Later report that M.G. fire has died down.</p> <p>11.45. Aust. Corps, C.R.A. and flank Divs. wired as follows:- 5th A.I.Bde. 11 a.m. reports TICKER COPSE held by us. M.G. fire coming from HALLE. Enemy hold OMMIECOURT. 7th A.I.Bde. report capture BIACHES, in touch with Left Bde. Occasional bursts M.G. fire from E. bank river.</p> <p>11.50. 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. moving to G.30.a.1.0.</p> <p>noon. 7th A.I.Bde. advised as follows:- Reference 'phone conversation with G.O.C. Heavy Artillery have been instructed not to fire our side line through B.30.central, I.17.central, I.24.central, E. of DOINGT, thence S. to Div. Southern boundary produced.</p> <p>noon. The following conversation took place on 'phone with 3rd Aust. Div.:- Reported 3 Coys. 5th A.I.Bde. operating over canal in H.17.towards OMMIECOURT but experiencing heavy M.G. fire from</p>	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 29	p.m.	<p>H.10.central, H.5. and H.6. 5th A.I.Bde. will endeavour to cross river in vicinity BOS COURT. 3rd Aust. Div. instructing Right Bde. to try and push out and help our crossing and cover our flank.</p> <p>noon. Locations of 5th A.I.Bde. received as follows:- 17th Bn. H.21.a.5.1., 18th Bn. H.15.c.3.3., a.m. 19th Bn., H.15.c.3.3., 20th Bn. H.15.d.1.9. H.Q. no change.</p> <p>11.15. Aust. Corps and Flank Divs. advised as follows:- Right Bde. reports, 10 a.m., Left Bn. on canal H.24.central to I.25.central. BIACHES taken and troops through on canal to I.32.central at 10.30 a.m. Centre Bn. 10 a.m. Line from I.32.central to O.2.d.2.6., with patrols pushing forward to I.33.central, and O.3.central, in touch with Flank Bns. Right Bn. reported going well, but line not definitely known. 1 Off. 18 O.Rs., 28th Regt., 185 th Div. captured about I.31. and 32. State came into line through PERONNE last night.</p> <p>11.50. 5th A.I.Bde. wired timed 11.50 a.m. that 18th Bn. report 9 a.m. some opposition in H.17.d. and H.23.b. and d. Bridges in H.17.a. and b. destroyed. Three Coys. across canal in H.17.b. One Coy. in H.17.c. and d. Field guns firing on canal bank in H.17.d. from high ground B.29. and H.6. Enemy M.Gs. firing from H.10.central, H.5. and H.6. and H.12.central. Party of 20 enemy seen in H.5.c.</p> <p>noon. Aust. Corps and 3rd Aust. Div. advised that 5th A.I.Bde. report 3 Coys. operating in H.17.b. p.m. and H.11.d. Heavy enemy M.G. fire from H.10.central and H.5. and H.6.</p> <p>12.25. 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q. now established at H.19.a.7.1.</p> <p>1.0. C.R.E. and 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. instructed to detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 men of of 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. to report to O.C., Div. Sig. Coy. for work on line construction. This attachment will only be a temporary measure.</p> <p>1.10. 5th A.I.Bde., timed 12.30 p.m. report fresh identifications - 1st Bn., 4th Bav. Regt. During morning G.S.O.II. visited Brigades and distributed new maps. G.S.O.II. visited Brigades and looked over ground captured and country beyond. G.O.C. left D.H.Q. at 2 p.m. and proceeded to CAPPY where H.Q. moving to at 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>1.30. The following 'phone conversations took place:- 1.30 p.m. B.M., 5th A.I.Bde. reported unable to find any crossings in vicinity BOS COURT. Bridge at H.17.a.3.9. has been destroyed and cannot be repaired in daylight. Right Bn. has been unable to find any crossings in H.17.d., H.23.b. and H.24. 1.30 p.m. Asked 5th A.I.Bde. in view of heavy M.G. fire from H.10., H.5. and H.6. would they like those areas shelled by 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery. B.M. replied "Yes! up till 4 p.m." 1.40 p.m. asked 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery to bombard areas H.10. (North of river) H.5. and H.6. from now on till 4 p.m.</p> <p>Following report timed 12.35 p.m. received from C.R.E.:- Road from ECLUSIER - G.22.central -</p>	

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 29.	p.m.	<p>G.28.b.central, good condition. Road FRISE, H.13.c. and d., H.15.a. and b., H.16.a. and b. to H.17.a.9.8., fair order, M.T. in dry weather. Bridges FEUILLERES at H.8.d.9.4. partly demolished, open for traffic about 6 p.m. Bridge H.17.a.8.9. gap 25 feet to be repaired for 1st line transport at dusk. No information of bridge H.12.b. No signs bridges from H.17.a.8.9. to H.18.a.2.2. Bridge at H.17.a.8.9. considered sufficient for peninsula running to H.12.central. Material can be sent to FEUILLERES by daylight now.</p> <p>Following reconnaissance report received from 7th A.I.Bde.: - Reconnaissance of crossings over SOMME till 3 p.m. to-day - Bridge O.15.a.5.7. F.A. intact, only slightly damaged and so far not ruined. Corduroy track on E. side, good approach on W. side. A number of footbridges over ditch on W. side of canal, proper and probably feasible crossings for Infantry over canal at O.9.c.7.6., O.9.b.1.4., O.3.c.5.2. Ground on far side of canal proper appears wet and marshy - causeway for artillery or transport appears impracticable. Enemy appears to have used ferries - width of canal 60 to 80 feet. Road FLAUCOURT, BARLEUX, O.15.a.5.7. good, fit for M.T. Enemy's attempt to blow up slightly damaged railway bridge at I.33.d.6.2. foiled by our Infantry. Bridge at I.33.b.3.0. destroyed.</p> <p>2.30. D.H.Q. closed at Q.13.a.2.6. reopening same time at G.25.d.1.3. All concerned advised by wire. H.Q. Staff and Personnel moved to new headquarters in sections.</p> <p>1.45. 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. closed at G.30.a.1.0. at 2.30 p.m. and re-opens at H.19.a.7.0.</p> <p>2.30. Brigades advised that Div. Commander will meet Brigade Commanders at 7th A.I.Bde. H.Q., H.32.c.5.8. near HERBECOURT at 7.30 p.m. to-night.</p> <p>6th A.I.Bde. advise prisoner taken of 25 I.R., 1st M.G. Coy., 14th Bav. Div.</p> <p>2.40. Message received from 7th A.I.Bde. timed 12 noon as follows:- Left Bn. report in touch with 5th A.I.Bde. at H.24.c.central and with Centre Bn. at I.32.central, and line runs along canal bank. Centre Bn. line runs from I.32.central to O.2.d.3.5., where in touch with Right Bn. This position commands the canal: patrols are out trying to cross canal. One bridge reported blown up. Last reported Right Bn. going well in O.7.central. Prisoners captured 1 Officer and 18 O.Rs. belonging to 28th Regt., 185th Div. who came into PERONNE and line last night.</p> <p>2.50. 7th A.I.Bde. timed 1.10 p.m., advised Right Bn. report that it is established along canal bank at O.9.c.5.0. to O.9.central, and in touch with 5th Aust. Div. at O.8.d.8.0. Isolated enemy posts are being mopped up. Captures by the Bn. reported 12 prisoners, 1 M.W. and 5 M.G. captured. In touch with Centre Bn. Heavy M.G. fire and direct artillery fire from across canal.</p> <p>3.50. 7th A.I.Bde. timed 2.15 p.m. state Right Bn. report one post across canal at O.9.b.25.90.</p>	
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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 29.	p.m.	<p>Bridge at I.33.d.2.8. blown up. Railway bridge at I.33.d.2.0. still intact but probably be blown. Big fire burning in vicinity of PERONNE. Total casualties about 100 all ranks. Prisoners 1 officer and 30 O.Rs.</p> <p>3.55. 5th A.I.Bde. timed 2.45 p.m. advise that at 2.15 p.m. enemy Infantry in small parties also limbers seen moving E. from I.1.c.9.0. At 1.40 p.m. enemy parties in single file seen moving towards river from I.14.a. to I.19.b. One party consisted of 50 men.</p> <p>4.0. Message sent Aust. Corps as follows:- Further identifications - Assault Coy., 14 of 14th Bav. Div., 25th Bav. Regt. and 5th, 6th and 8th Coys., 28th R.I.R., 185th Div. These Regts. withdrew across the SOMME night 28th/29th. No knowledge of intentions. Coy. strengths approx. 1 Off. 40 O.Rs., 4 L.M.Gs.</p> <p>4.25. 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. instructed as follows:- From receipt of this, the 4th A.F.A. Bde. is attached to 5th A.I.Bde. and 5th A.F.A. Bde. to 6th A.I.Bde.</p> <p>4.30. 5th A.I.Bde. report Casualties 1 Off. 10 O.Rs. killed, 1 Off. 23 O.Rs. wounded. Dispositions 17th Bn. 1 Coy. trench H.23.b., 1 coy. road H.22.b. and d. 2 Coys. trench H.21.a. and c. 18th Bn., 3 Coys. H.11.d., working round S. bank of river, 1 Coy. H.17.b. S. of Canal. 19th Bn. 2 Coys. from H.24.d.3.2. TICKER COPSE to H.23.b., 1 Coy. ARNAUD ALLEY, 1 Coy. in H.22.d. 20th Bn. 1 Coy. trench H.17.b., 1 Coy. trench H.17.c. and d. 1 Coy. Sunken road H.17.c., 1 Coy. trench H.16.b. H.Q. unchanged. Reconnoitring patrol of 19th Bn. crossed footbridge over canal at I.25.a.2.8. and are now continuing reconnaissance of CANAL DU NORD. Bns. met with little resistance during advance to Canal thereafter M.G. fire and light artillery fire from E. of river and CLERY. Artillery fire scattered over whole of forward area.</p> <p>4.30. 3rd Aust. Div. timed 1.59 p.m., advised as follows:- Message from 10th A.I.Bde. at 12.40 p.m. reads - Squadron light horse moving to hill 110, B.23.c. and d. 38th Bn. now moving forward as advance guard, 40th Bn. as left flank, 37th Bn. moving forward via peninsula, G.5. and G.12. Command post now H.1.c.0.9.</p> <p>5.0. 3rd Aust. Div. asked if they can accommodate a liaison officer of this Division at their H.Q.</p> <p>5.30. 68th Bde., R.G.A. report in touch with 5th Infantry Brigade; strength 11 6-inch Hows.</p> <p>5.30. Aust. Corps and all concerned advised that bridge at H.8.d.9.2. has been repaired, and will carry 60-pdrs.</p> <p>5.55. Left Bn. Right Bde. report about 200 enemy moving E. from PERONNE at 4.45 p.m. and later 5th A.I.Bde. report enemy evacuating CLERY, and moving into trenches E. of village.</p> <p>7.10. 5th A.I.Bde., timed 6.35 p.m. report during the afternoon horsemen seen at I.14.d.9.9., transport wagons at I.7.a.5.8., groups of men in threes at I.3.c. and I.9.b., enemy horses grazing at I.9.central. enemy moving in groups of 20 men from H.12.b.8.9. towards river.</p>	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 29.	p.m. 8.0. 8.20. 8.20. 10.20. 10.20. 10.20. 10.40. 11.20. 11.25.	<p>3rd Aust. Div. advise H.Q. closed at ETINEHEM and opened at SUZANNE at 4.30 p.m.</p> <p>'Phone message from 5th A.I.Bde. at 7.30 p.m. states 20th Bn. O.P. reported at 6.55 p.m. troops advancing N. of river towards H.5.c. where they got into a trench apparently to avoid enemy M.G. fire.</p> <p>At 5.20 p.m. 3rd Aust. Div. report holding trenches in H.4., H.10., and B.28.c. Light Horse patrols pushing forward.</p> <p>5th Aust. Div. state their Left Bn. on West bank of canal from O.15.a.6.7. to O.21.a.4.9.</p> <p>Message to C.R.A., C.R.E., Brigades and Pioneer Bn. as follows:- Prisoners state mines laid ready to blow up in PERONNE STATION. They state their retirement is eventually intended to reach old CAMBRAI - ST.QUENTIN LINE, but they believe a temporary stand will be made at PERONNE. PERONNE and surrounding villages stated to have been cleared of stores and material.</p> <p>Aust. Corps I. advised further identifications 576th Bearer Coy., 185th Div. No information of importance. D.I.O. and Cage moving on 30th to G.30.a.0.0.</p> <p>3rd Aust. Div. state taken CLERY. Our troops approx. from H.6.d.0.0. through B.29.d.central. TERLINE TRENCH to and including HILL 110.</p> <p>Following instructions issued by 3rd Aust. Div.:- 9th and 10th A.I.Bdes. will advance and occupy the general line trenches in I.7.a., I.7.b.0.5., along trench to vicinity of C.25.cent. thence towards B.24.central, by 4 a.m. on 30th instant. Boundary between Brigades B.29.d.4.5. B.30.d.8.4., C.25.c.8.7., combined posts will be established at foregoing points. Div. boundaries will be amended as follows:- Southern boundary H.12.b.3.7., I.7.b.0.5., I.3.c.2.3., I.4.a.0.0., C.28.d.5.1., along TORTILLE river to C.18.c.4.0., thence to canal at C.18.b.2.0., thence northerly along canal. Northern boundary B.28.central, C.19.central, C.14.central, C.3.d.central. approx.</p> <p>3rd Aust. Div. advise can put up our liaison officer.</p> <p>In accordance with Aust. Corps wire G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div., attended conference at 5th Aust. Div. H.Q. The result of the conference was that the boundaries of all Divs. in Aust. Corps were altered, a shorter front being given to the 2nd and 5th Aust. Divs. and a greater one to the 32nd Division. The policy laid down was that 5th, 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divs. would continue the advance, the 2nd Aust. Div. being the centre of the advance and the pivot, the 3rd and 5th Aust. Div. conforming to 2nd Aust. Div. movement, and the 32nd Div. securing 5th Aust. Div. flank so long as possible without becoming heavily engaged. This change in boundary entailed the relief of the 7th A.I.Bde. on right by Bde. of 5th Aust. Div. This relief to take place on 30th, the 7th and 5th A.I.Bdes. being ordered to cross the canal and the river</p>	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 29.	p.m.	and capture DOINGT and MONT ST.QUENTIN, and the 7th A.I.Bde. to hand over to relieving Bde. of 5th Aust. Div. on line of DOINGT. This was intimated to G.O's.C., Brigades at conference at 7th A.I.Bde. at 7.30. G.O.C. and G.S.O.II. going to same. The position on relief to be 5th A.I.Bde. in line with 7th and 6th A.I.Bdes. in support and reserve respectively. 2nd Aust. Div. Location List (Ga.219) issued. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No. 205 issued.	App. 75 App. 76
		a.m.		
	30.	1.35.	5th A.I.Bde. report 7 prisoners and 2 M.Gs. captured during 29th instant.	
		2.15.	Locations of 5th Aust. Div. as at 6 a.m., 30:8:18. D.H.Q., Q.30.c.5.5.	
		3.20.	5th A.I.Bde. report sent at 2.15 a.m. reads as follows: 19th Bn. reports bridges strengthened at H.24.b.7.0. and I.19.c.3.0., but do not provide sufficiently for crossing on account of marshy country. CANAL DU NORD also appears to be impassable because of marsh. Special patrol now out reconnoitring. 18th Bn. report causeway I.12.b. intact. Wires of about 8 land mines cut. Heavy enemy M.G. fire and rifle fire from E. outskirts of and trenches E. of CLERY sweeping all approaches. Owing to gas shelling and darkness and M.G. fire impossible for patrols to move forward at present, but strong patrols standing by.	
		3.30.	5th A.I.Bde. reports that bridge at H.24.b.7.0. not yet constructed owing to large span of water existing at H.24.b.8.2. All possible endeavours being made to effect crossing and to discover if this stretch can be bridged in any way. N.B. - Although reported captured by 3rd Aust. Div. the village of CLERY is still occupied by enemy, who have prevented us using the causeway at OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY.	
		5.0.	6th A.I.Bde. ordered to place one Bn. temporarily at the disposal of G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde. if required.	
		6.0.	Referring to relief of 7th A.I.Bde. by 15th A.I.Bde. (5th Aust. Div.) 7th A.I.Bde. state impossible to be relieved by daylight. Staff Capt., 15th A.I.Bde., now proceeding to rendezvous troops in most suitable standing.	
		8.0.	7th A.I.Bde. report timed 7 a.m. Three platoons of 26th Bn. are attempting to get across the SOMME and then patrol the objective, and if possible the remainder of battalion will follow. Unconfirmed report that the three platoons are across. Very little Artillery fire but a good deal of M.G. fire. Progress will naturally be slow owing to patrols having to get information back	
		7.40.	3rd Aust. Div. advise that they hold positions in strength in H.6.b. and d. with patrols in front. Enemy artillery active on roads in vicinity of CURLU.	

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<p>* G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.</p>	<p>1918. Aug. 30.</p>	<p>a.m. 3.0.  3.5.  4.0.</p>	<p>D.I.O. rang up B.M., 5th A.I.Bde. to inquire what progress being made with bridging. In reply B.M. stated attempts were still being made to cross. The bridge at H.24.b.7.0. could not be completed and the one at I.19.c.3.0. was not sufficient for crossing owing to marshy nature of ground E. of it.</p> <p>D.I.O. spoke on same subject to B.M., 7th A.I.Bde. who stated that his Bde. was still trying to cross.</p> <p>G.O.C., on hearing the above, instructed D.I.O. to place following alternatives before 5th A.I.Bde:- If suitable to use the OMMIECOURT Crossing, either -</p> <p>1. to follow 7th A.I.Bde., using their crossings over Canal. In this event, however, the attacking Bns. would also have to cross the COLOGNE river E. of PERONNE in order to reach their objectives and the bridges might be blown up.</p> <p>or 2. to move the 17th, 19th and 20th Bns. back to FEUILLERES, cross the river there and attack through the 10th A.I.Bde. at CLERY.</p> <p>Rang up B.M., 7th A.I.Bde. who stated possibility of crossing extremely doubtful. G.O.C. then rang up Bde. Commander, 5th A.I.Bde. and instructed him to move the 17th, 19th and 20th Bns. across the river by the FEUILLERES crossing, leaving 18th Bn. on OMMIECOURT Peninsula. G.O.C. then informed G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Div. and Brig. Commander of 7th A.I.Bde. of his intentions. Brig. Commander was then informed that a Bn. of 6th A.I.Bde. would be placed at his disposal if required. The 6th A.I.Bde. was instructed accordingly by wire.</p>	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 30.	a.m. 7.40.	<p>Message addressed Aust. Corps, repeated 5th Aust. Div. and 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. as follows:- Three platoons of 26th Bn., 7th A.I.Bde. reported crossed canal at O.9.central and patrolling on eastern side. Ground reported very marshy. Remainder of Bn. assembled along canal bank and will follow over if possible. Little Artillery, but considerable M.G. fire.</p> <p>7.50. 7th A.I.Bde. timed 7.15 a.m. states, Right Bn. report three platoons across the canal at O.9.central. The river bank on both sides is very marshy and impassable in that vicinity. Patrols are working towards O.15. with a view to getting across river.</p> <p>9.40. Aust. Corps and flank Divs. advised captures yesterday's operations 1 off. 46 O.Rs., 13 M.Gs., 1 telephone set, 1 DECAUVILLE engine and 4 trucks, 1 M.W.</p> <p>8.0. Owing to the canal, river and marsh, being impenetrable on account of its great width, no bridges, and enemy fire, it was decided to move 17th and 18th and 20th Bns. back from the peninsula at OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY and the W. bank of the canal leaving 19th Bn. to garrison the Left Bde. front and endeavour to make a crossing over the river at FEUILLERES where our engineers had repaired a bridge to take 60-pdrs. and proceed along E.along N. bank of SOMME around CLERY and push for St.QUENTIN and high ground in I.24. 5th A.I.Bde. ordered their Bns. to move in following order:- 20th Bn., 17th Bn., 18th Bn. On passing through 3rd Aust. Div., Bn. would operate on two Bn. front, 20th on Left, 17th on Right, 18th in Support to 20th and 19th Bn. to cross at OMMIECOURT or other passage to come into support of 17th Bn. Later it was decided by Corps that if 5th Aust. Div. could not make a crossing, one Bde. of 5th Aust. Div. would move up through OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY, then E. of river moving S.W. in rear of 2nd Div. Brigades to take features in I.35., O.5. and O.11. The river proving such an obstacle made it impossible to capture objectives DOINGT, MONT ST.QUENTIN in early morning as intended, and the 7th A.I.Bde. were ordered to hand over front on W. bank of canal within the new Div. boundary, our attack to proceed E. of river within new boundary, With the exception that high ground in I.24. will be taken by us to protect our flank</p> <p>10.15. 3rd Aust. Div. report situation as at 8 a.m. as follows:- Right flank in vicinity I.l.c.0.0. obscure. Posts established at CLERY COPSE I.l.a.4.0., C.25.c.6.6. and from C.25.a.3.0. to C.25.a.1.8. Posts B.24.d. Light Horse patrols operating towards B.17. and B.18. from which M.G. fire has been encountered. M.Gs. firing from trench system in I.7.a., I.l.c. and d., MERRIERES WOOD and RIDGE E. of C.2.5.central. Explosion at 7.15 a.m. at H.12.b.3.5. would indicate destruction of causeway. Not yet confirmed.</p> <p>10.45. 7th A.I.Bde. report owing to impossibility of finding crossing over the river, troops over canal have been withdrawn W. Bank.. Patrols are still E. of the canal attempting to cross river.</p>	

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		11.35.	Prisoners captured by 3rd Aust. Div. this morning state they were told to hold their position.	
		11.5.	3rd Aust. Div. advise counter attacked at CLERY COPSE, but that same not very serious one.	
		p.m.	2 Bns. 10th A.I.Bde. ordered to close up to front line in case required.	
		12.55.	Phone message from Corps states 3rd Aust. Div. Mounted troops operating in B.18. 3rd Corps have captured RANCOURT with 400 prisoners. N.B. - This later proved to be quite incorrect. 3rd Corps having taken PRIE FARM and only 80 prisoners.	
		12.55.	Squadron A.F.C. advise now located at G.24.b.2.2.	
		1.30.	3rd Aust. Div. liaison Officer states 40th Bn. has moved to cover right flank from I.7.c.0.8. to I.7.b.0.5. N.B. - This later proved not to have taken place.	
		1.45.	From Aust. Corps; French report that prisoners taken yesterday state delay action mines were buried beneath soil and in cellars. Yellow type explodes after 8 days, the blue after greater period.	
		2.55.	2nd Aust. Div. Liaison with 3rd Aust. Div. reports that 10th A.I.Bde. state that Head of 20th Bn. passed H.5.c.5.1. at 12.30 p.m. moving by road N. of village, also counter attack on CLERY COPSE driven off.	
		3.30.	3rd Aust. Div. report prisoners of 21st Div.	
		4.20.	Following message, addressed Aust. repeated flank Divs.: - 5th A.I.Bde. report leading Bn. progressing slowly, but steadily and now N.E. CLERY in H.6. Support Bn. closely in touch. Enemy resistance obstinate. So far 10 prisoners and 3 M.Gs. captured. Bde. O.P. reports enemy counter attack launched CLERY COPSE vicinity 3.45 p.m. apparently unsuccessful.	
		4.20.	5th A.I.Bde. timed 3.50 p.m. reports 20th Bn. passed Quarry H.11.a. at 12.30 p.m., rear Coy. 17th Bn. passed H.11.a. at 1.45 p.m. and 18th Bn. reported in H.10.b. at 1.25 p.m. 20th Bn. report timed 3 p.m. heavies shelling, stopping advance in I.7.b. 10th A.I.Bde. moving down BERLINCOT TRENCH I.1.a. and c. 10 prisoners, 3 M.Gs. Identifications 80, 81, 87 Regts. 21st Div. Strong opposition.	
		4.15.	Report from 5th A.I.Bde. O.P. shows our movement N. of SOMME progressing favourably.	
		5.0.	Operation wire received from 3rd Aust. Div. for continuation of advance on morning of 31st.	
		5.15.	5th A.I.Bde. timed 4.30 report 20th Bn. have taken 40 prisoners, progressing steadily but meeting stiff resistance. O.P. reports movement S. of CLERY COPSE apparently party of enemy being pursued by our troops. Enemy movement in I.7. apparently reinforcing. Repeated to all concerned.	
5.43.	Aust. Corps advised "Prisoners captured this afternoon H.6.b. 80 Fus. Regt. 81 I.R., 21st Div.			
5.45.	5th Aust. Div. report have established post on E. bank of SOMME canal but same now withdrawn			

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 30.	p.m. 6.0.	<p>as enemy hold trenches in O.27.c.3.3. strongly with M.Gs.</p> <p>7th A.I.Bde. report railway bridge in I.33.d.6.1. has been blown up. It is passable by Infantry with difficulty. The viaduct has a subsidence of about 6 feet and is canted.</p> <p>6.10. Message to Aust. Corps as follows:- 5.45 p.m. 5th A.I.Bde. reports 20th Bn. holding BARGE ALLEY and in touch with Right Coy., 10th A.I.Bde. in GOND TRENCH at H.6.d.7.2. 10th A.I.Bde. informed 5th A.I.Bde. at 4.50 p.m. that their Right flank was in touch with us at H.6.d.7.2. and held up by M.G. fire. Repeated to 3rd Aust. Div. C.R.A. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.</p> <p>6.45. Aust. Corps advised as follows:- 5th A.I.Bde. message timed 4.50 p.m. states 20th Bn. 4.15 p.m. report they are at I.7.a.9.5., OFLANT ALLEY, BARGE ALLEY. 20th Bn. still capturing prisoners in CLERY. Casualties not excessive considering exceedingly heavy enemy artillery and M.G. fire.onCLERY. Repeated 3rd Aust. Div. CR.A. and 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.</p> <p><u>N.B.</u> - During the advance of 20th Bn. to line reported held by 3rd Aust. Div., prisoners and M.G.s. were mopped up by them. These guns were evidently the guns firing on OMMIECOURT causeway.</p> <p>6.55. Message to Aust. Corps I., Brigades, and 3rd Aust. Div. as follows;- Prisoners 8th Coy., 81st I.R. say further withdrawal is expected, when not known. Order of Battle N. to S. given as 81 I.R., 80 I.R., 87 I.R. Regts. very weak and tired. Morale ppor. Prisoners were captured N.E. of and in CLERY.</p> <p>7.7. 3rd Aust. Div. state their line now runs I.7.a.8.4., I.1.a.3.0., C.25.c.3.5., C.25.a.4.0. C.25.a.2.8. Estimated captured 75 prisoners 6 M.Gs. Enemy shelling heavily in H.5. Some sneezing gas and tear gas being used. Heavy shelling of C.25.c. and B.30.d. Information re line repeated to all concerned.</p> <p>8.45. Locations sent to Aust. Corps as follows:- Locations as at 6 a.m. 31st - D.H.Q. G.25.d.1.3., 5th A.I.Bde. H.19.a.8.0., 6th A.I.Bde. H.19.a.8.0., 7th A.I.Bde. H.32.c.6.8.</p> <p>9.10. Following sent 5th A.I.Bde:- Prisoners 21st Div. captured by 3rd Aust. Div. vicinity CLERY to-day state now only 2 Bns. left in 80th Fus. Regt. other Bn. wiped out. 21st Div. expecting relief. Prisoners state withdrawal E. of PERONNE almost certain, but location of definite line unknown.</p> <p>10.40. 5th Aust. Div. report they had 4 patrols across river at about O.21. Patrols report marsh impassable. Have now returned to W. bank.</p> <p>10.40. 7th A.I.Bde. gives location of units at 8 a.m. to-morrow as follows:- Bde. H.Q. H.32.c.6.8., 25th Bn., N.6.d.2.8., 26th Bn. Trenches N.2.a. and b., 27th Bn., H.36.b.4.8., 28th Bn. N.2.a. and b. in trenches, other units unchanged.</p> <p>10.40. 6th A.I.Bde. gives locations of units at 6 a.m. on 31st instant as follows:- Bde. H.Q., H.19.c.5.8., 21st Bn. H.13.a.3.6., 22nd Bn. H.Q. H.26.c.8.1., 23rd Bn. H.Q. H.26.c.8.0.,</p>	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 31.	a.m.		
		8.0.	Following message, addressed Aust. Corps, repeated all concerned:- 5th A.I.Bde. report having captured MONT ST.QUENTIN from which Australian Flag now flies. We have also captured FEUILLAU COURT. Exact situation between MONT ST.QUENTIN and PERONNE not yet definitely established, but all going well there. So far 8 Officers including 2 captains, one a cavalry officer, and 360 O.Rs. prisoners have reached CLERY. Identifications 81st I.R. Alexander Guard Regt. and 21st Coy. Engineers. Some very valuable maps have been captured.	
		8.5.	Message to 14th A.I.Bde. as follows:- 5th Aust. Div. message begins; 14th A.I.Bde. will at once cross River at OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY, move down E. bank of river and seize high ground in I.35., O.5. and O.11. 14th A.I.Bde. to try and establish communications with 5th Aust. Div. H.Q. Ends.	
		8.20.	Notification sent 7th and 5th A.I.Bdes. that 14th A.I. Bde. will establish their battle H.Q. with 7th A.I.Bde. at H.32.c.5.8. for time being.	
		8.20.	Following Order issued to Brigades:- 6th A.I.Bde. will move into positions in I.14. and 20. to support action 5th A.I.Bde. which will seize high ground in I.24. as soon as possible. 7th A.I.Bde. will stand by ready to cross river after 6th A.I.Bde. are clear. 14th A.I.Bde. has been ordered to cross at CLERY and seize high ground in I.35., O.5. and O.11.	
		8.20.	Brigades informed that aeroplane message dropped at D.H.Q. 7.30 a.m. states strong enemy A.A. M.G. fire from I.19., I.20 and I.26.	
		9.10.	Message to Brigades as follows:- 6th A.I.Bde. will cross river at FEUILLERES as 14th A.I.Bde. has been instructed to cross at OMMIECOURT.	
		9.10.	Message to Aust. Corps and repeated to all concerned as follows:- 5th A.I.Bde. reports 8.30am. 3 Bns. on objective holding line trench system from ANVIL WOOD to MONT ST.QUENTIN inclusive to FEUILLAU COURT inclusive. All Bns. in touch. 5th A.I.Bde. has been instructed to push forward and seize high ground in I.24. 6th A.I.Bde. instructed to cross at FEUILLERES and move to I.14. and I.20. to support action of 5th A.I.Bde.	
		9.15.	Message addressed 14th A.I.Bde. and repeated 5th Aust. Div. as follows:- Recommend portion of Brigade should cross river at BOS COURT; remainder at OMMIECOURT. All transport must cross at FEUILLERES.	
		9.20.	5th Aust. Div. report 2nd Aust. Div. has captured ground in vicinity of MONT ST.QUENTIN I.15.b. 14th A.I.Bde. will move at once by OMMIECOURT Bridge H.12.central to E. bank of SOMME and will move S.E. and capture the ridge in O.11. O.5. and O.35. Artillery Liaison Officer is reporting to 14th A.I.Bde. H.Q. forthwith. 14th A.I.Bde. will temporarily establish Battle H.Q. at H.32.c.6.8. G.O.C., 14th A.I.Bde., will meet Div. Commander at H.32.c.6.8. at 10 a.m. 15th A.I.Bde. will hold present front defensively.	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 31.	a.m. 10.15.	5th A.I.Bde. timed 9.35 a.m. report "appears definite that all objectives definitely gained. Estimate casualties 80. Left Bn. captured 638 Centre Bn. 250 prisoners to-date. Left Bn. reports 10th A.I.Bde. well up on their flank. The 18th Bn. instructed to move up on to Right flank of 19th Bn. 18th, 19th and 17th Bns. instructed to push forward on to line I.24.a., I.16.central, MONT ST.QUENTIN WOOD.	
		9.40.	G.S.O.II. rang G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. and informed him of his role.	
		10.0.	G.S.O.II. instructed 7th A.I.Bde. to move at 12.30 p.m. to I.7 and I.13. 6th A.I.Bde. moving now to I.14. and I.20. to clean up pocket in I.20, 21 and 26. 14th A.I.Bde. to cross after them for operations S.E. Arrange to follow and arrange times of crossing mutually. 5th A.I.Bde. have swung up Right flank to road. 6th A.I.Bde. will pass through.	
		10.15.	6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. closes at present location and reopens at H.15.c.3.4. at 10.30 a.m.	
		10.30.	Following message sent Brigades, C.R.A. and A.M.G.Bn.: - 3rd Aust. Div. 9.30 a.m. 10th A.I.Bde. report 3 Coys on objective and one Coy. in reserve in BERLIN WOOD, and 9th A.I.Bde. progressing satisfactorily. 10th A.I.Bde. ordered to gain road, and 9th A.I.Bde. high ground in C.27.central, and C.21.c. Estimated prisoners 400.	
		10.30.	aMessage addressed Aust. Corps, repeated all concerned, as follows:- From 5th A.I.Bde. timed 9.35 a.m.: - all objectives definitely gained. Estimated casualties 80. Left Bn. captured 638, centre Bn. 250 prisoners.	
		10.35.	5th A.I.Bde. timed 8.50 a.m. report all objectives reported taken. Estimated captures 550 prisoners of 81st Regt., 259th Regt., 94th Regt., Alexander Guard Regt., 21st Coy. Engineers, 14th Sanitary Coy., 14th Foot Artillery. About 250 have passed Bde. Our casualties light. Coy Commander 19th Bn. wounded in GALATZ TRENCH said all going well when he left, not much shell fire M.G. or M.W. fire from right rear.	
		10.45.	Following order issued to all concerned:- 6th A.I.Bde. are moving to support position in I.14. and I.20. After clearing ground in I.14., I.20 and I.26. they will pass through 5th A.I.Bde. in its battle position and advance N.E. with the line D.19.central - E. of AIZECOURT - J.8.central. Advance will be supported by 2 Bdes. artillery. 7th A.I.Bde. will move from its present location at 12.30 p.m., crossing river in rear 14th A.I.Bde. crossings to be mutually arranged between Brigadiers concerned. 7th A.I.Bde. will move to reserve position in I.17. and I.13. moving forward to I.14 and I.20. when latter area is vacated by 6th A.I.Bde.	
		10.45.	5th Aust. Div. moving to FONTAINE-les-CAPPY 12.30 p.m.	
		11.0.	G.O.C. 'phoned to G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. that a new div. from Reserve given to 3rd Corps. The only difference it makes to you is that your objective for to-morrow is D.19. to J.8.	

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		11.0.	Capt. CHAPMAN, 5th Aust. Div., reported for liaison duty.	
		11.0.	G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde. reports both Field and Heavy Artillery served them splendidly.	
		11.15.	6th A.I.Bde. timed 9.30 a.m. report Bns. will move in following order:- 23rd Bn. 10 a.m., 24th Bn. 10.30 a.m. 21st Bn. 11 a.m., 22nd Bn. 11.30 a.m. to areas I.14.c. and d., I.10.a. and b. Route footbridge H.15.b.95.85. CLERY-sur-SOMME. Brigade forward station at H.12.b.2.8. where units report location of H.Q. Brigade H.Q. will close here and reopen at H.15.c.2.6. at 10.30 a.m. Movement of units beyond CLERY regulated by 23rd who mop up squares I.13. 14 I.19. and I.20.	
		11.45.	10th A.I.Bde. (on this Div. Left flank) report 10.35 a.m. strong counter attack from I.2.central, C.26.d.0.0. Reserve Coy., 29th Bn., dealing with it.	
		11.50.	Following message addressed Aust. Corps and repeated Flank Divs.: - Identifications prisoners captured this morning between CLERY and MONT ST.QUENTIN - 81st I.R., 21st Div.; 94th I.R., 38th Div.; 259th R.I.R., late 78th R. Div.; 21st Pioneer Bn. 14th Foot Artillery.; 14th Sanitary Coy.	
		noon.	5th A.I.Bde. advise 9 officers and 615 O.Rs. passed through Bde. H.Q.	
		noon.	Message to Aust. Corps and Flank Divs. as follows:- Prisoners so far through Div. Cage 8	
		p.m.	Officers including 2 Bn. Commanders and 550 O.Rs.	
		12.20.	5th A.I.Bde. advise enemy shelling CLERY and FEUILLAUCOURT. Forward enemy movement at I.9.a.9.9. spreading along trenches and S.W. along road I.11.d. and I.17.a. Movement of enemy S.E. from HALLE being engaged by Artillery.	
		12.35.	6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. re-opened at H.15.c.3.4.	
		12.40.	3rd Aust. Div. advise counter attack I.2.a. repulsed Right Bde. continuing advance to FEUILLAUCOURT - BOUCHAVESNES Road; timed 11.25 a.m.	
		1.0.	5th A.I.Bde. reports, timed 12.25 p.m., General line held by us GOTT MIT UNS Trench, ZISA trench, FEUILLAUCOURT. Strong resistance met with in MONT. ST.QUENTIN village, enemy also active in ANVIL WOOD. Artillery doing organised shoot on ANVIL WOOD and from ST.DENIS along road to I.9.c.5.4. 2 Coys. 18th Bn. sent up to 17th Bn. to take village and 2 Coys. 18th Bn. sent to deal with ANVIL WOOD. H.12.central being shelled. Prisoners passed Bde. to date 11 Officers, 645 O.Rs.	
		1.20.	Flank Divs. informed as follows:- 5th A.I.Bde. reports enemy opposition stiffening especially vicinity FEUILLAUCOURT and ANVIL WOOD. 6th A.I.Bde. has been instructed to assist 5th A.I.Bde. in capture of high ground I.24. before pushing on to D.19.central, AIZECOURT - J.8.central.	



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		1.30.	5th Field Coy. report bridge at H.12.b. open for infantry at 3 p.m. and for 1st line transport at 10 p.m.	
		1.50.	A.P.M. states 8 Off. 409 O.Rs. passed through cage up to 1 p.m.	
		2.10.	Locations advised by 5th A.I.Bde. timed 12.45 p.m., as follows:- Present location of H.Q. - Advanced Bde. Report Centre H.17.b.8.9., Visual Station H.16.d.3.3., Bde. H.Q. H.19.a.7.1., 17th Bn., H.12.b.6.7., 18th Bn., H.12.b.7.2.; 19th and 20th Bns. H.12.b.9.5., T.M. Bty. I.7.c.2.8.	
		2.15.	Following message timed 1.10 p.m., addressed Aust. Corps I, repeated 2nd Aust. Div. received from D.I.O.:- 13 Officers, 592 O.Rs. passed through here, of whom 38 O.Rs. have been evacuated wounded. Officers include 2 Captains, one Commander "A" Bn. in Alexander Regt., other "A" Bn. of 81st I.R. Guards relieved remnants of 21st Div. and Order of Battle N. to S. now runs 446 I.R., 447 I.R., Augusta Regt., Alexander Regt., 25th Bav., I.R. 38th Div. has also been pushed in only one Regt. was to go in but the situation necessitated other two going in. Not known between which Regts. they have come in. Enemy evidently intended to hold eastern banks at all costs for some time at any rate though further retaliation was rumoured. Telephonist 94 I.R. H.Q. states when their Div. moved up they saw no other troops in reserve. Identifications now established 80 I.R., 81 I.R. 25 Bav. I.R. 4th Bav. I.R., 14th Bav. assault Coy. 447 I.R., 14th Bav. Bearer Coy. 2nd Bearer Coy., 2nd Guard Div. 107 F.A.R. Army Reserve, 5th and 7th Batt. Foot Artillery Regt., 14., 1st Coy. Pioneer Bn., 21.; 94th I.R.	
		2.30.	Div. Observers report:- 11 a.m. until noon numbers of men in Artillery formation from E. towards HAUT ALLAINES through I.6. and 12. approx. 2 Coys. at large intervals.	
		2.0.	5th A.I.Bde. phoned as follows:- Shelling OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY constantly with 5.9's., also MONT ST.QUENTIN. 17th Bn. been causing some casualties. No light guns firing. 5.9 appear to be at long range on OMMIECOURT. Crossing at OMMIECOURT, open foot traffic 3pm. 1st line 10pm. Asked whether 5th consider hold St. QUENTIN replied 5th officially claim holding trench just W. but believed hold town. G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde. quite happy about situation, and thinks 19th reinforced by 2 Coys. of 18th. Will clean up ANVIL WOOD and establish at ST.DENIS, and 17th Bn. with 2 Coys. of 18th Bn. which reinforced will establish on E. of MONT ST.QUENTIN. 17th Bn. state counter attack at 10 a.m., but still hold E. edge of MONT ST.QUENTIN.	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 31.	p.m.	<p>2.35. A.P.M. state up to 2.30 p.m., 12 Officers, 580 O.Rs. passed through his Cage.</p> <p>2.40. From 5th Army Commander to Major-Gen. ROSENTHAL:- Hearty congratulations to you and whole of 2nd Aust. Div. on your last complete success. Signed General BIRDWOOD.</p> <p>3.10. To General BIRDWOOD, 5th Army. Congratualtions very much appreciated and being passed on to all troops. Signed Major-Gen. ROSENTHAL.</p> <p>3.30. Following 'phone conversation between G.O.C., Div. and G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde.:- G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. does not consider possible to advance beyond present line to any extent to-night as artillery at extreme range from present positions. G.O.C. instructed him take over from 5th A.I.Bde. before night and establish line on high ground I.24., E. of MONT ST.QUENTIN and FEULLAUCOURT, and get good line for moving from in morning. In meantime supporting artillery would move across river.</p> <p>3.30. 7th A.I.Bde. state H.Q. moving to H.9.c.5.2.</p> <p>4.25. Message addressed 5th A.I.Bde. as follows:- 5th Aust. Div. report 3.45 p.m. enemy seen advancing in J.31. and J.32. and P.1. and P.2. Infantry and Artillery being engaged by our Artillery. Repeated 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. and C.R.A.</p> <p>4.30. 'Phone from Liaison 3rd Aust. Div. states 9th A.I.Bde. report situation 12.24 p.m. as follows:- E. of Quarry in C.21.c., also in C.27.a. and c., where in touch with 10th A.I.Bde. 9th A.I.Bde. state 10th A.I.Bde. in I.3.a. and c.</p> <p>4.30. Liaison Officer, Aust. Corps - Major CASEY - brought some information from 5th Aust. Div., and has been given present situation - bridges repaired and under repair and construction - our future policy and our signal communications.</p> <p>Army representative called and was given present situation and intention for to-morrow.</p> <p>4.20. Wire from 7th A.I.Bde. cancelling previous notifications re H.Q., and now established at H.16.a.2.4.</p> <p>4.40. 3rd Aust. Div. state received indirect information that MONT ST.QUENTIN held by us, but flanks driven back and gap exists between I.8.central and I.9.</p> <p>4.45. Report from 3rd Aust. Div. stating that 10th A.I.Bde. state in I.3.a. and c.</p> <p>4.45. 14th A.I.Bde. H.Q. established at H.17.a.7.0. N.B. - This Bde. is the 5th Div. Bde. to pass in rear of our 5th A.I.Bde. and secure ground in I.35., O.5. and O.11 (high ground).</p> <p>5.0. Wire received stating Aust. Corps established at MERICOURT-sur-SOMME at 4 p.m.</p> <p>5.0. 5th Aust. Div. 'phoned saying "some guns reported by observers firing from I.16.b." This is improbable as our Infantry almost at that place and they were advised not to fire.</p>	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPPY.	1918. Aug. 31.	p.m. 5.20.	<p>7th Bde. Bde. Major rang up to inquire about situation. This was given, i.e., 5th A.I.Bde. holding line ANVIL WOOD, MONT ST.QUENTIN, FEUILLACOURT, the 6th A.I.Bde. to pass through establish on line I.24., I.16., E. of MONT ST.QUENTIN, E. of FEUILLACOURT, preparatory to advancing to-morrow. B.M., 7th A.I.Bde., stated that their troops were ordered to move to I.7., I.13. passing bridges at FEUILLERES and OMMIECOURT, at 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively. Owing to congestion reported about I.7. officers were sent out about 4.30 p.m. to halt troops, and sent forward officers to reconnoitre position and situation, and move troops forward when situation better, but Bde. Mjr. considered his troops would be already in area I.7. I.13. B.M., 7th A.I.Bde., asked if we could arrange to deal with any balloons appearing, and in reply it was stated if co-ordinate given balloons would go straight over also continuous wireless wave sent out and Corps are keeping some 'planes to prevent balloons rising.</p> <p>5.40. G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Div., advised that at 5.10 p.m. it was counter attacked in I.2.b. Later prisoners seen being sent back from this locality. Observers at I.2.c.1.8. report seeing 1,000 enemy advancing to attack our left and asking if we had heard result. Arrangements were made for 3rd Aust. Div. to make attack in morning in co-operation with our attack.</p> <p>5.45. 5th A.I.Bde. advise that their Left flank just 100 yards in rear of road in I.9.a.1.8. Right flank of 3rd Aust. Div. about 1,000 yards in rear and 20th Bn. forced to go back slightly to avoid loss from enfilade M.G. fire and 77's from N. No counter attack on them.</p> <p>6.20. From information from G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde., that enemy seen moving into ANVIL WOOD and other positions on Left flank, it appears probable that a limited counter-attack may be expected on Left flank. This movement is being engaged by artillery.</p> <p>6.10. 3rd Aust. Div. report in situation wire that enemy resistance stiffened on their left flank during afternoon.</p> <p>6.30. Message - wireless - received from aeroplane that movement observed Eastwards in I.21.c. N.B. - This may possibly be result of our artillery which was turned on.</p> <p>6.40. Advice from 3rd Aust. Div. that their line Bdes. being relieved by reserve Bde.</p> <p>7.0. G.O.C., 5th Aust. Div., 'phoned to G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div., stating that 14th A.I.Bde. in I.7., and I.13. state being held up by M.G. fire from ST.DENIS area and asked for artillery support. G.O.C. agreed impossible for 5th Aust. Div. Artillery to assist them and G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. pointed out that G.O.C., 14th A.I.Bde. was in touch with our 5th and 6th Bdes. and had only to ask and would be given ample artillery support. G.O.C., 5th Aust. Div. is instructing G.O.C., 14th A.I.Bde. to do this.</p>	

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G.25.d.1.3. CAPFY.	1918. Aug. 31.	p.m.	<p>6th A.I.Bde. is pulling one Bn. back a bit to avoid congestion forward of CLERY.</p> <p>7.40. G.O.C. informed Corps Commander of situation and intention for to-morrow.</p> <p>7.45. G.S.O.III. informed 3rd Aust. Div. of situation and intention. They stated their Right flank is now at I.2.c.5.5. and line then runs up N. through I.2.central.</p> <p>7.48. G.S.O.III. told 5th A.I.Bde. that G.O.C., 5th A.I.Bde. was to be present at conference at 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. at 9 p.m. to-night.</p> <p>8.5. G.S.O.III. wired Corps and flank Divs. and M.G. Bn. giving our present line.</p> <p>8.10. 'Phone from B.M., 5th A.I.Bde. states been speaking between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to Capt. just down from front and to all 4 Bns Commanders and at that time where agreed that line ran from I.15.d.2.0. N.W. to junction of road and GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH at H.15.d.9.9. along W. of road to MOINE VILLE ALLEY along same to ODER TRENCH, thence along same to left flank. Since that time there has been no definite counter attack reported and they firmly believe the line given still holds.</p> <p>10th A.I.Bde. are still back in PERKLY System and have never brought their right flank up to ours all day, this was the cause of our left flank having fallen back to ODER TRENCH, as they were enfiladed continuously from area which would have been taken if 10th A.I.Bde. right flank had been advanced in line with ours. This could have been done during morning as 5th A.I.Bde. I.O. moved about freely in I.2.d. without drawing fire. ANVIL WOOD held strongly with M.G., sniping active and T.Ms. and rifle grenades used wherever possible. A lot of enemy dead in area and men say have killed a lot during day. 17th Bn. had 5 counter attacks during day and beat all off. Ammunition had been sent forward to all Bns. and received receipt for same.</p> <p>Estimated casualties for day approx. 300. Shelling rather confirms 5th A.I.Bde. opinion that their line still holds as enemy shelling W. slopes of MONT ST.QUENTIN also shelling between MONT ST.QUENTIN and FEUILLAUCOURT.</p> <p>8.15. C.R.A. and G.S.O.II. left D.H.Q. to attend conference at 6th A.I.Bde. Above conversation communicated to him before leaving.</p> <p>9.15. B.G.G.S. advised of report of 5th A.I.Bde. by G.O.C.</p> <p>9.18. 7th A.I.Bde. advised of situation. 7th A.I.Bde. gave locations of units as follows:- 25th Bn. H.12.c.9.9. in sunken road and comfortable, 26th Bn. H.12.b. and d. in railway embankment. 27th Bn. in I.7.a. in banks, 28th Bn. H.12.b.9.1. in Quarry. T.Ms. H.12.b.9.1. 22nd A.M.G. Coy. H.12.b.9.9.</p> <p>10.0. G.O.C. advised Bde. Commander, 6th A.I.Bde. of report of B.M., 5th A.I.Bde. stating that 5th A.I.Bde. were endeavouring to verify statement. G.O.C. pointed out that no artillery could</p>	

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