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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6.a.m. 17th July - to - 6 a.m. 18th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the period few live targets presented themselves. In the morning movement at suspected H.Q. K.15.b.2.8 was engaged, direct hits being observed. During the afternoon a small party at K.9.d.6.0 was scattered and movement in crop at K.9.b.8.7 engaged on two occasions. Between 4 and 5 p.m. 18 pdrs expended 62 rounds on M.G. post E.26.d. 42.80 and M.W. post at K.8.a.80.35 with good results. Between 1 and 3.10 a.m. a program of harassing fire was carried out, including bombardment of cross road K.16.d and K.21.b. occupied shell holes and new work K.2. and K.3, railway crossing E.27.c., known M.W. positions and centres of activity. 6" Newton T.M. engaged and silenced hostile M.W. K.3.a.55.75 and M.G. K.14.c.60.00 - 20 rounds being fired.
- (b) Patrols. Patrols reconnoitred occupied posts in J.30.d, and K.25.b. Reconnaissance patrols on the Left Brigade front saw no sign of the enemy.
- (c) M.G.'s. Right Company. - At intervals throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets :- K.14.c.80.51, K.32.a.02.81 to K.31.b.80.40., K.31.c.90.58., K.9.c.45.35., K.21.a.30.70 to K.21.b.60.95., K.8.d.7.4. Centre Company. - Harassing fire was carried out on targets as under throughout the night :- K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.65., K.8.b.3.7, K.8.b.65.55., K.2.d.7.3 to K.2.d.95.40., K.3.c.4.7, K.8.d.7.3., K.9.a.0.2 to K.9.a.35.30. Left Company. During the night harassing fire was distributed on targets as follows :- K.2.b.15.00 to K.2.c.98.90, E.20.b.05.70., trenches in E.20.b. and d., E.21.c.80.80. Ammunition expended 28, 250 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s. 80 rounds were fired on M.W. positions, posts and working parties.
- (e) Sniping. No hits are claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. Practically inactive during the period. No attempt was made to reply to the harassing shoots of our Artillery. Areas shelled were :-

Area Shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibres.	Direction from.
J.15.b	8.30 a.m.	6	105 mm	TB 80°(J.3.a.0.6)
K.1.d	8.45 a.m.	20	T.M.	
D.28	8.45 a.m.	12	5.9	
J.15.a.	10 a.m.	30	4.2 H.V.	MALARD WOOD.
J.15.a.	10.15 a.m.	20	77	" "
MERICOURT.	10.15 a.m.	12	15 cm	
J.15.b	10.15 a.m.	6	H.V. Gun.	
J.11.c	10.30 a.m.	20	105 mm	TB 80°(J.30.a.0.6)
J.15.a. & c.	10.45 to 11.20 am	25	105 mm	
MARPETT WOOD.	11 a.m.	6	5.9	MORIANCOURT.
J.22.c	11.25 am	50	5.9	MALARD WOOD.
J.21.a.	3 p.m.	15	4.2	" "
J.21.a.	8.30 p.m.	15	4.2	" "
J.30.c & d. during the night - 5 minutes bursts of moderate shelling by 77 mm.				

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4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire in front of enemy trench K.19.d - K.20.c found to be thick and of concertina type. M.G's. were active from K.14.b.1.3 and J.30.d.9.3 (approx). O.P. suspected at K.5.b.35.95 was occupied.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery was below normal and enemy was very quiet.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 3 hostile patrols were seen.
7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. Movement was seen in the brickyard in K.16.c and near houses at K.9.c.2.7. Parties were harvesting crops in E.29.b.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Six enemy balloons were up between 7 and 10.45 am on T.B. 160°, 95°, 75°, 53°, 87° and 64° from J.8.a.9.8. At 10.10 am an enemy balloon was brought down by one of our planes on ALBERT sector.

18th July, 1918.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE RHEIMS AND VICINITY. - (From Army Summary).

On the MARNE battle front a total of 28 divisions has been identified, of which 21 infantry and 1 cavalry division were in reserve prior to the attack.

From the latest identifications, the Crown Prince has at his disposal in reserve 4 infantry and 2 dismounted cavalry divisions east of RHEIMS, and 15 infantry divisions west of RHEIMS.

BOMBING RAIDS.- (From Army Summary).

By day, 10 112-lb bombs were dropped in the FROISSY area, 175 25-lb bombs on LA FLAQUE dump, 109 25-lb on FOUCAUCOURT aerodrome. By night 9 112-lb and 178 25-lb bombs were dropped on the huts south of FRICOURT, area east of FRICOURT, and on trains.

One bomb was dropped by an E.A. on PIERREGOT on night 15th/16th. No damage was reported.

MORAL OF 148TH I.R., 41st DIV.- (From Army Summary).

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

CASUALTIES 13TH I.R., 13TH DIV.- (From Army Summary).

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

RELIEFS IN ALBERT SECTOR.- (From Army Summary).

Some of the enemy attempted to fraternize with our men near the HAIRPIN. Our men state that the enemy wore black and white cockades in their caps and one of the enemy stated they were Prussians and had come into the line on the night 14th/15th. This, if so, might indicate a relief of the 243rd Div. in the ALBERT sector. On the other hand a regiment of the 243rd Div. was identified by document in that sector on the 15th.

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Both divisions report that men wearing dark blue uniforms have been seen in and about ALBERT, and that the enemy shows himself more freely than a week ago.

GENERAL.-- (From Army Summary).

The situation remains unchanged. Elements of 233rd Div. have again been seen in back areas, and are apparently near FOUCAUCOURT.

Photographs taken yesterday show reduction in size of aerodromes in the Forward Group.

A most successful bombing attack was made against the FOUCAUCOURT aerodrome. At least 2 hangars were completely destroyed and several hits obtained amongst machines on the ground.

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

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Faint handwritten notes, possibly a sketch or map description, including the words "Sketch" and "Aerodrome".

ROUGH SKETCH SHOWING SCENE OF 5TH GERMAN OFFENSIVE. Scale 1/250,000.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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

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1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. During the morning registrations were checked, and an enemy working party at the bank in K.3.d.3.5 scattered. During the afternoon a post at K.3.c.4.8 was engaged, a direct hit being recorded. Minenwerfers at K.14.d.15.90 and K.14.b.13.10 were silenced. At 9.50 p.m. a concentration was fired on occupied buildings at K.9.c.2.7, and at 1.50 a.m. gas projector shoot was supported by bombardment of enemy positions, including a nine minute gas concentration on MALARD WOOD. Throughout the night bursts of fire swept roads, tracks and centres of activity. Concentrations were also fired on bridges, suspected Headquarters, and Minenwerfer positions. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 125 rounds on strong points at K.20.a.20.00 and K.20.a.00.15 and on trenches E.20.a and K.8.c. Shooting reported effective, a fire being caused in trench E.20.a.1.2 to E.20.a.1.4.
- (b) Patrols. A working party was seen and engaged at post J.30.d.90.25. An unoccupied post at E.19.d.8.9 was examined. A working party (estimated at 60 men) with a covering party was engaged at E.26.a.25.80. A number of casualties were inflicted.
- (c) Machine Guns. Right Company: Throughout the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire:-
K.32.a.02.81, K.26.c.37.55, K.8.c.6.6 to K.8.d.2.9, K.9.c.45.35, K.20.d.8.9, K.21.b.35.65, K.14.c.80.51, K.14.d.15.45.
Centre Company: K.8. a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.65, K.2.c.9.9 to K.2.c.9.6, K.2.d.7.3 to K.2.d.95.40, K.8.b.3.7, K.8.b.65.55, K.3.c.4.7, K.2.d.4.2. to K.2.c.95.55, K.8.d.7.3, K.9.c.4.4 to K.14.b.2.5.
Left Company: During the night harassing fire was carried out on roads and tracks in E.20.a and b, E.14.c and crossing E.15.c.
- Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M's. 214 rounds were fired on trenches and posts on Divisional front.
- (e) Snipers. 4 casualties are claimed.
- (f) Gas. 190 projectors were discharged on N.E. outskirts of MORLANCOURT.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. This has shown an increase in activity. Quiet in the forward area during the day, slightly more active back areas, and considerably more active at night. No apparent reply to projector operation. The following areas were shelled:-

Area Shelled	Time	Rounds	Calibre	Direction from
VILLE	5.30 am	20	4.2 How.	
MERICOURT	6 am	12	4.2 How.	
J.9.a	9.30 am	10	4.2 How.	
J.2.b	10.15 am	20	4.2 How.	
J.16	12 noon	20	4.2 How.	
VILLE	Morning	20	Med.M.W.	fire caused.

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Area shelled	Time	rounds	Calibre	Direction from
J.15.d	3.15 pm	30	5.9 How.	
J.15.d	5 pm	20	5.9 How.	
Valley J.1.c)	3.45 to		4.2 How 1 rd. per)	} scattered
and I.6.a)	4.10 pm		min. " " " ")	
"	4.37 to		" " " ")	
"	5.10 pm		" " " ")	
"	6.10 pm		4.2 How.bursts)	} of 10 rds.)
"			of 10 rds.)	
J.16.a.	5.40 pm	12	4.2 How.	
J.23.e	5.30 pm	25	77 mm.	
J.15.b	6 pm	20	5.9 How.	93° (J.2.d.43.13)
K.1.a & E.25.c	9.30 to	Heavy	4.2, 5.9 Hows	
	10.45 pm		& 77 mm.	
J.15.b	9.30 pm	18	4.2 How.	
J.5.a & J.4.d	10.11 pm	15	5.9 How.	
HEILLY	11.15 to	10	4.2 How.	GSB 120° (D.26.d.2.7)
	11.45 pm			
Valley I.6 &	11.15 pm	40	4.2 How.	
J.1.	to 1 am			
J.9.d.	Night	Interm't	4.2 How.	
J.30.e		Periodical bombardments with	77's from 9.50 pm	
to 2 am.				
J.15.b.	9 pm	10	4.2 How.	GSB 120°(D.26.d.2.7)

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Post at E.19.d.8.9 is unoccupied and has been badly damaged by our 6" Newton fire (patrol). New work is being carried out at E.26.a.2.8 (patrol) and at K.16.c.95.30 (Obs). M.G. was active from J.30.d.90.25. An emplacement is suspected at K.31.b.0.6.

M.Ws. 3 M.W. were active from trench K.20.a.6.9 to K.20.a.6.5. A captured map shows the following positions before our attack of 4th instant:

Infantry: 2 companies on railway from K.2.b.9.2 to K.2.b.7.7.
 H.Q.: Company H.Q. at K.2.b.8.5 and K.2.b.75.60.
 H.M.G's. K.2.b.2.4 (2 guns), K.2.d.3.5 (2 guns), K.2.c.8.3 (2 guns)
 K.2.d.0.1, K.8.a.9.8, K.3.d.15.80, and K.9.b.3.7.
 M.W. E.27.c.0.0 (2 L.M.W) K.2.c.1.6.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. At 10.15 pm after a heavy barrage a party estimated at 20 attempted to raid our trench in K.2.a. The enemy was beaten off and casualties were inflicted. None of our men are missing.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Hostile planes were inactive.

7. MOVEMENT. At 8.30 pm 2 large columns of troops (about 1 Battalion) led by a mounted officer moved along road in Q.25 and 26. Considerable movement was seen around Q.20.b.75.45. Movement was also seen at K.9.c.8.6 and K.3.c.2.5.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Golden flares were used by the enemy to lengthen range. At 7 pm a fire was caused by a bomb in Q.26.

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PART II.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

BOMBING RAIDS (Army Summary 18 July 1918)

Twelve 112-lb. bombs and 20 25-lb. were dropped on ROSIERES Dump, and 147 25-lb on various targets. There was no night flying.

GAS CASUALTIES. (Army Summary 18th July 1918)

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

GERMAN ANTI-TANK RIFLE (G.H.Q. Summary)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Effect: At a practice shoot, a steel plate $13/16$ in. (21 mm.) thick was easily pierced at a range of 220 yards (200 m.)

ENEMY'S INTENTIONS (From G.H.Q. Summary)

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

GENERAL. (From Army Summary 18th July 1918)

The situation is unchanged.

There are indications of elements of the 233rd Div. being in the ALBERT sector. This may possibly mean the relief of the 243rd Div.

FRENCH-AMERICAN ATTACK.

At 4.30 a.m. 18th Instant, French and American troops attacked on a 45 km. front between the AISNE and the MARNE. Latest reports indicate that an average advance of 8 km. has been made and that 15,000 prisoners and 200 guns have been captured.

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Period 6 a.m. 19th July - to - 6 a.m. 20th July, 1918.

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Ref. map Sheet 62.D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the day registrations were checked, and minor movement engaged. A M.G. position at K.2.b.10.00 was bombarded, two direct hits being recorded. At the request of the infantry hostile T.M's at K.14.d.15.90 and K.14.b.13.10 were engaged. Small enemy parties in K.8.c. and K.14.a. were dispersed, and trench at K.8.c.1.6 where seven of the enemy went to ground was shelled. A concentration was fired on a hostile Minenwerfer at K.8.d.00.85. During the night bursts were fired on suspected H.Q., centres of activity, and occupied posts, whilst intermittent searching fire swept enemy approaches and dug out areas. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 85 rounds on terrace and dugouts at K.31.a.85.40, K.31.b.25.95, and on new work and wire at E.20.c.25.90, E.20.c.30.70, E.20.a.1.4.
- (b) Patrols. A flare post at K.19.d.8.9 containing a dead German, evidently killed 2 days previously, was examined. M.G. fire prevented identification being obtained. Enemy wire in K.19.d and K.20.a was examined. The ground near the river in E.26.a is very swampy. Enemy post at E.19.b.7.0 was engaged with rifle grenades. An attempt by a fighting patrol of 37 to close with a large working party at E.26.a.2.9 was unsuccessful as the working party retired to their lines under the fire of their covering party. A sniper's day post was discovered at K.7.b.7.5. The quarry at K.2.a.7.7. was found still unoccupied. The enemy wire in K.7.b. was examined, and patrol gaps noted. The enemy trench in K.7.d. was reconnoitred, and the patrol had several brushes with the garrison.
- (c) M.G.'s. Right Company. Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets :- K.9.a.65.40, K.26.b.99.22. to K.26.b.95.26., K.8.b.50.04 to K.8.d.70.40., K.31.b.02.57 to K.31.b.8.4., K.21.b.50.90. Centre Company. At intervals throughout the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire :- K.14.a.8.5. to K.14.b.2.5., K.9.c.4.4. to K.9.c.6.0., K.9.a.0.2., to K.9.a.35.30., K.9.c.05.95., K.8.c.80.75., K.8.d.3.9., K.8.d.7.3., K.3.c.4.7., K.2.d.7.3. to K.2.d.95.40. Left Company. Harassing fire was carried out on targets as under throughout the night.- E.15.c.40.20; K.2.d.05.10 to K.8.b.22.90; E.21.c.60.35 to E.21.c.80.25; E.20.b.05.70; trenches in E.14.c and E.20.a. Ammunition expended, - 28,250 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M's. fired on enemy posts, M.G's, M.W's and working parties along the divisional front.
- (e) Snipers. 2 casualties are claimed.
- (f) Gas. 2 projector drums were dropped on enemy post at K.14.c.5.6 one on post at K.13.b.7.6 and one on K.8.c.1.3. Good gas clouds were observed round each target.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. Scattered. At intervals during the night hostile Minenwerfers were active on our Front Line and Supports, particularly /

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particularlry in K.l.b. and d. The following areas were shelled:-

<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>
F.L. & Supports Left	6 - 7.25 am	25	77 mm.
MARRETT WOOD.	7 a.m.	6	5.9 How.
MERICOURT	7.30 to 9.20 am.	30	4.2 How.
J.15.b.	8 a.m.	12	4.2 How.
Gopse J.24.b.	8.50 a.m.	30	5.9 How.
J.5, J.6	9.15 a.m.	Scattered.	4.2 & 5.9 Hows.
VILLE	9.35 a.m.	4	4.2 How.
Searching valley) (J.9.b. & J.15.b.)	8.20 to 10.15 a.m.	45	4.2 How.
MERICOURT.	4.20 p.m.	12	5.9 How.
J.9.b.2.4	4.30 p.m.	30	4.2 How.
J.9.central.	6.30 p.m.	20	5.9 How.
J.9.d.	7.5 p.m.	5	5.9 How.
J.4.c.	7.10 p.m.	10	5.9 How.
F.L. & Supports) (in K.l.b and d.)	10.5 to 10.20 p.m. Heavy. & 10.30 to 10.38 pm		M.W. (Orange flares sent up).

J.30 and J.24 were shelled intermittently during the night.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. A small trench can be seen at K.26.d.25.90. The parapet is camouflaged with boughs. Digging is going on at K.8.a.3.7. Posts from E.20.c.20. to E.20.c.1.5 are being joined up (Patrol). M.G.'s were active from K.26.a.0.2, K.25.d.85.40 and K.8.c.3.5. A M.G. emplacement is suspected at K.26.c.95.05. The position is camouflaged with bushes. M.G. flashes were seen from K.13.b.2.7 on G.B. 53° and 103° - about 180 yards distant. M.W. Active M.W's at K.14.d.15.90, K.14.b.13.10, K.20.a.6.9, K.31.b.7.7 and K.8.a.25.70 were all engaged by artillery. Dugouts. a dugout roofed over and a large mound are visible at base of tree at K.26.c.25.80.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy is very alert and watches closely the movements of our patrols.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 5 E.A. were seen over our lines during the day. Bombs were dropped in D.21 and D.22 and in E.19.a.
7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. A great deal of movement to and fro was seen from dawn to 10 a.m. Area Q.17 18, 23, 24, 29 and 30, R.13 and 19. The total number of men estimated at 2,000 in addition to light transport.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Golden flares were again used by the enemy to lengthen the range. O.B's were seen from D.23.c.4.8 on T.B. 138°, 158°, 104°, and 82°. 2 hostile balloons were brought down in flames. An enemy dump was exploded at K.26.central during the afternoon.

20th July, 1918.

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Part II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR RHEIMS. (From Army Summary).

In the sector west of RHEIMS the Germans have reinforced their line with one division. On the whole front near RHEIMS the enemy have now put into the battle 28 infantry and one cavalry division,

The German Crown Prince has now at his disposal 15 fit divisions in reserve, which have not yet been identified in the fighting.

BOMBING RAIDS. (From Army Summary).

150 25-lb bombs were dropped during the day, the targets being MERICOURT and LA FLAQUE dump CHEIGNOLLES, MORCOURT, and dumps at ROSIERES, FRICOURT, and south-west of PROYART. By night 28 25-lb. bombs were dropped on SUZANNE, 28 on BRAY, 14 on CURLU. Seventy-four 25-lb. and 2 112-lb were dropped on other selected targets.

BRIDGES. (From Army Summary).

The VIVIER Mill bridge over the ANCRE has been repaired for light traffic, but the approaches are still badly cut up, as are also those of the bridges north of it in E.16.a. Bridges at E.10.a.8.0 and E.16.c.9.8 are again in use, and there is a traffic route possibly used by tractors to the bridge at E.22.a. Both bridges south of DERNANCOURT are intact. North of ALBERT the road bridge at W.28.b. is sound. The causeway across the marshes to AVEUUY is still in bad condition, and the roads leading to it are badly cut up by shelling (A3.AE.B 155, 157, 166, 35.AE.B.1443, 1463, 1465, 1468, 1473).

The SOMME bridge north-west of GERISY in Q.2.b. is intact. (A3.AE.B.143).

CLASSES AND DRAFTS. (From Army Summary).

41st Div. - The 41st Div. appears to have about 30 per cent. 1919 class. A draft of 360 made up of 300 men from the Second res. Cavalry Regt., and 60 men from the 5th Cuirassier Regt. (which Cavalry Regiments are being broken up) was recently received by the Division.

SUMMARY OF RECENT CHANGES IN GERMAN DIVISIONS. (From Army Summary).

The disbanding of 2 Landwehr divisions and the formation of the new Metz Garrison Detachment reduces the number of German infantry divisions in the Western Theatre from 205 to 204. No additional battalions are involved in this reorganization, and the total number of battalions which have been disbanded remains at 22.

The recent changes may be summarized as follows :-

Decrease. - Disbanded - (4 Divisions) - 94th Div., 226th Div., 12th Ldw. Div., 14th Ldw. Div.

Increase. - New formation - (1 division) - Metz Garrison Detachment.

These changes make a reduction of 5, from 242 to 237, in the total number of German infantry divisions in the field.

These divisions are now distributed as follows :-

Western Theatre.	204
Eastern Theatre.	32
Balkans.	1
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NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map sheet 62.D. N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the morning movement at E.27.d.8.5 was engaged, and registration continued. During the afternoon a small party at K.8.a.05.40 was dispersed, movement at E.22.d.7.2 engaged, and bursts of fire put down on the sunken roads K.14.b and K.8.a. to MORLANCOURT. A Minenwerfer at K.14.c.7.0 was silenced. At 9.15 p.m. and 10.20 p.m. movement reported by road and trenches in K.14.b. was engaged. Discharge of projectors on E.20.central and K.25.d. was supported by bursts of fire. During the night harassing fire was maintained on H.Q. trench systems, and centres of activity. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 20 rounds on terrace and dugouts K.31.b.2.6 to K.31.a.8.3.
- (b) Patrols. Patrols encountered enemy wire at J.36.b.5.6. Wire in K.19.b. was reconnoitred. Quarry and road in K.2.a. was found to be clear of the enemy. Posts at K.7.b.9.8. and E.19.d.8.9 was reconnoitred. Fire was interchanged between an enemy L.P. and one of our patrols at E.26.a.20.95. The 2 occupants managed to retire to their line. The road running N.E. through E.26.c. was reconnoitred and wire encountered at E.26.b.2.0 but no enemy was seen.
- (c) M.G's. Right Company.- At periods throughout the night, harassing fire was distributed on the following targets:- K.8.b.50.04; K.9.c.31.57; K.26.b.26.05; K.14.d.85.34; K.15.c.20.37; K.9.a.6.4; K.31.b.02.57; K.31.c.90.58.
Centre Company.- Throughout the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire :- K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.65; K.2.d.7.3. to K.2.d.95.40; K.8.b.65.55; K.3.c.4.7; K.2.d.4.2 to K.2.c.95.55.
Left Company.- Harassing fire was carried out on targets as under during the night :- E.15.c.40.20; K.2.d.05.10 to K.8.b.22.90; E.21.c.60.35 to E.21.c.80.25; trenches in E.14.c. and E.20.a.
Ammunition expended 25,000 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M's. 380 rounds were expended in registration, harassing fire and retaliation for M.W. activity. Very successful shooting was done on post at K.2.c.3.6, as loud shrieks were heard, and at K.8.a.3.6 where a body was blown out of the trench.
- (e) (a) Snipers. 6 casualties are claimed including 2 killed.
(b) Rifle Grenadiers fired a large number of grenades into enemy forward posts.
- (f) Gas. A total of 509 projectors were fired - 137 on to K.25.d. 198 on area near K.14.c.6.8 and 174 on area near E.20.central.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. Active, but scattered. Several shoots which might have been registrations. The following areas were shelled :-

Area shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
D.19.c. & d.	6.30 to 7.35 a.m.	60	4.2 How.
J.11.a.5.5	7 to 7.30 am	20	5.9 How.
E.19.c.	7 to 7.30 a.m.	20	4.2 How.

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Area shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
J.12.a	7.30 to 7.45 am	10	5.9 How.
J.12.c. & d.	7.40 to 9 a.m.	50	4.2 How.
J.17.a	8 a.m.	10	77 mm.
D.24.b.7.5	8 to 9 am.	50	77. Registration.
J.11.b.	8.30 a.m.	10	4.2 How.
J.16.a.	8.35 am	10	77 mm.
D.29.b.2.5	8.45 to 9.15 am	12	5.9 How.
D.23.b.5.5	9.15 a.m.	20	77 mm.
J.30.a.	10.20 a.m.	-	77 mm.
J.4.b.0.1	10.30 to 11 a.m.	10	77 mm.
RIBEMONT.	10.15 am to noon.	20	H.E. air bursts.
RIBEMONT	1 to 2 p.m.	15	5.9 How.
K.1.d	Noon to 1 p.m.	25	77 mm.
J.17.a.29.49	1.30 p.m.	Light	4.2 How.
D.23.a.	12.30 to 2 p.m.	20	4.2 How.
MERICOURT.	1.30 to 2 p.m.	20	4.2 How.
MERICOURT.	5.15 p.m.	10	4.2 How.
F.L. in K.13.a.	5.40 p.m.		77 mm Short bursts.
F.L. in K.13.a.	6.5 p.m.	Light	4.2 How.
J.22 and J.23.	8 to 9 p.m.	100	4.2 How.
J.22 & J.23.	10.10 p.m.	50	4.2
J.22, 23, 24, 29, 30.	12 m/night to 3.30am.	250	4.2
J.36.b.	2.50 a.m. to 3.45 am		Constant fire from 77 mm's.

A 4.2 How. battery on 115° GSB from J.9.b.5.4 fired a program on J.9.b. between 9.30 a.m. and 9 p.m. totalling 90 rounds, mixed H.E. and shrapnel.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Camouflage shows at K.26.c.40.75 hanging on trees over an excavation. There is barbed wire round the trees. Post at E.19.d.8.9 is occupied by night (patrol). Work is being carried on in posts E.26.a.2.9, E.20.c.1.5, and K.14.d.9.5. Enemy wire ends at K.20.a.1.3 but patrol is of opinion that it continues N. from further back, leaving a gap facing north. Wire in front of post K.7.b.9.8 is good (patrol). M.G's were active from copse at K.26.c.3.7 (3 guns), K.26.a.6.7, K.26.a.9.8, K.13.d.8.5, K.7.b.9.8, K.7.b.6.8, and K.7.b.8.3. An A.A. M.G., fires from behind bank at K.2.c.6.3. Snipers Post was located at K.25.b.65.75. O.P. was located in tree at K.27.a.1.3. Dugout was located at K.26.c.4.9 and suspected at K.26.c.3.8.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. There was no retaliation to our projector shoots. H.G. fire is very heavy in No Man's Land at night. On the extreme left the enemy is very nervous and frequently bombs the crops in front of his posts.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 15 E.A. were over our lines between dawn and 10.15 a.m. At 9.15 a.m. aerial combat took place behind the enemy line in which 2 planes (believed hostile) were brought down. Balloons were seen from D.23.c.4.8 at 6 a.m. on T.B. 162°, 139°, 103°, 81°, and 137°. One enemy O.B. was brought down in flames at 9.10 a.m.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. At 8.55 p.m. 70 men in parties of 10 left road in K.5.a. and marched to trenches at K.4.b. At 5 p.m. a small working party was seen in trench at K.14.d.9.5. A small enemy party was /

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was dispersed by L.G. fire in K.25.d. and casualties inflicted. Trains. The PROYART line was much used during the evening in R.26. a. and b. The large railway dump on Q.28 is camouflaged from view.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. A 77mm gun fired on T.B. 152° from J.17.c.85.60 at 8.10 p.m.

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21st July, 1918.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

BOMBING RAIDS. (From Army Summary).

By day 122 25-lb. bombs were dropped on various targets, including CAPPY aerodrome, on which a direct hit was seen on one hangar: smoke was seen issuing from two others at the end of the raid.

By night 23 112-lb. and 182 25-lb bombs were dropped, the targets including TRONES wood dump, MONTAUBAN, and LE PLATEAU Station. A train was destroyed between FRICOURT and BRAY; two trucks blew up, as if loaded with ammunition.

NUMBER OF HOSTILE DIVISIONS ENGAGED IN THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR RHEIMS AND FRENCH COUNTER-STROKE SOUTH OF SOISSONS. (From Army Summary).

In the sector west of RHEIMS the Germans reinforced their line with a Guard Division.

One other division from reserve was also identified south of SOISSONS.

A total of 30 divisions, including a cavalry division have now been engaged in the RHEIMS Battle, and a total of 14 divisions have been identified by the French in their counter-stroke south of SOISSONS.

The German Crown Prince has 14 fit divisions in reserve not yet identified in the fighting.

CASUALTIES. (From Army Summary).

Prisoners of the 41st Division state it was common knowledge that the 13th Div. lost 1200 all told in our attack on the 4th instant. As 521 officers and O.R. were taken prisoner, the above number is probably under-estimated. The 41st Div. had had few casualties since coming into line, until the night of the 17th inst., when it apparently suffered severely in the confusion caused at the commencement of our attack. A Battalion Commander was severely wounded, and a Battery Commander of the 79th Field Art. Regt. was among the killed.

BARRAGE AND DESTRUCTIVE FIRE SIGNALS. (From Army Summary).

An order issued apparently by a Battalion of the 152nd I.R. (41st Div.) and dated the 14th July, gives the following instructions regarding signals :-

Call for barrage - red; destructive fire - green; call for shortening range in front of main line of resistance - white with stars.

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Barrage called for by light signals fall on the front line of the enemy's system. Any postⁱⁿ call for a fresh barrage.

The call to shorten range on front line of main line of resistance will be made on the posts or the outpost line being forced back to the main line. This signal will be fired only by the company commander whose company is engaged, or by Battalion Headquarters.

DEFENCE AGAINST HOSTILE TANKS.-(From Army Summary).

Prisoners of the 1st Battery, 9th F.A.M., state that one gun in their battery is detailed as an anti-tank weapon. There is a crew of 6 men and 1 N.C.O. On suitable portions of the front on gun per battery is so detached from the battery, for this duty.

The anti-tank gun is dug in just behind the main line of resistance, and is usually camouflaged with netting. The purpose in placing these guns so far forward is to sustain the moral of the infantry in face of the tanks. The dugout for the crew is built close to the gun and is connected by telephone with Bn. H.Q.

One man is always on duty by the gun to watch for any sign of attack and observe light signals. There are no special light signals announcing the approach of tanks. The N.C.O. in charge relies partly on Bn. H.Q. for any warning of tanks, and partly on a runner who is sent forward when an attack takes place.

Tanks can be engaged at 4,000 metres and anti-tank gunners prefer to fire a few ranging shots at this range.

During a course of anti-tank gunnery in the CAMBRAI rest area, small wooden tanks were made to advance from a distance of 2,000 yards and in order to qualify gunners had to knock out this tank in less than 8 shots. For practice ordinary field gun ammunition was used but for actual warfare a delayed action steel-nosed shell is used (armoured shell).

No special arrangements are made for destroying the anti-tank guns in the event of our advancing. The N.C.O. is armed with a Mauser pistol with 10 rounds (P.S.).

STRETCHER WORK IN FRONT OF ENEMY LINES.-(From Army Summary).

The following is a note taken from a battalion order (probably 152nd I.R.) dated 14th July :-

"The enemy must under no circumstances be allowed to bury his dead or recover his wounded in front of our line not even under the Red Cross Flag. If the enemy should attempt this again, a warning shot is to be fired for him to desist. If this has no effect the enemy must be thoroughly engaged at once. We require the enemy dead and wounded, not only for identification purposes, but by retention of his wounded to keep his fighting strength down.

There is no objection to the enemy's recovering his wounded in his own lines or immediately in front of them, where there is no question of our having to recover them".

In connection with the above, it is interesting to note that the 148th I.R. in the WAPUSEE sector carried out this order on the morning of 18th inst. by firing a few shots over our bearers and waving them back.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THE USE OF SMOKE BY THE ENEMY (From Army Summary).

A captured order of the 97th I.R., 108th Div. gives full orders for the precautions to be taken against our use of smoke.

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1. If the enemy should employ artificial smoke, patrols should be sent out immediately in front of the main line of resistance. These should give the alarm the moment they catch sight of the enemy and warn the trench garrison. The enemy attacked the 137th Inf. Regt. under cover of a smoke barrage and occupied their forward line. (NOTE.- The 137th I.R. were engaged in our offensive on the 4th July, 1918).

2. Posts behind the main line of resistance, N.C.O. posts and light machine-guns in the main line of resistance must therefore be on the lookout and ready to open fire. No man must remain in his dugout.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6.a.m. 21st July - to - 6 a.m. 22nd July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map sheet 62.D. N.E. 1/20,000

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the morning movement in the valley in K.9.d was engaged; small enemy parties moving between K.8.a.7.9 and K.8.a.9.6 were dispersed on two occasions, and movement at K.15.b.10.00 was engaged, casualties being observed. During the afternoon a working party at K.3.b.2.6 was dispersed, and further movement at K.15.b.10.00 engaged. At 2.35 a.m. a gas concentration was fired on occupied buildings at K.8.a.25.20, in co-operation with gas projector shoot. M.G's and T.M's in K.31.a and at K.31.b.0.7 were bombarded. Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained by bursts on tracks and roads, centres of activity, trench systems and strong points. 6" Trench Mortars bombarded new enemy works at K.31.a.3.9 and K.25.b.6.4, twenty-five rounds being fired. Howitzers also fired 30 rounds on camouflaged work at K.25.b.6.4 - 7.5, obtaining two direct hits. Seven men ran from the position.
- (b) Patrols. Enemy wire in J.36.b was reconnoitred. Unoccupied flare posts were examined at J.36.b.5.6. Trench and wire at K.20.c.1.8 were reconnoitred. A sentry was seen to patrol about 200 yards of trench firing his rifle without aim about every 20 yards. Patrols in K.1.d were bombed and fired on from enemy posts. Great difficulty was experienced on account of visibility and enemy vigilance.
- (c) Machine Guns. Right Company: At intervals throughout the night harassing fire was carried out on targets, K.14.c.80.51, K.26.c.37.55, K.31.b.8.4, K.14.d.85.34, K.8.d.7.4, K.32.a.02.81, K.20.d.91.84, K.26.c.62.85. Centre Company: Harassing fire was maintained on the following targets during the night: K.8.b.3.7, K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.65, K.2.d.4.2 to K.2.c.95.55, K.8.d.7.3, K.9.a.0.2 to K.9.a.35.30, K.14.a.8.5 to K.14.b.2.5. Left Company: During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire: Crossing E.15.c.40.20, Road K.2.d.05.10 to K.8.b.22.90, trench E.26.d.75.40 to E.27.c.00.50. E.20.a.7.7, E.20.b.3.7. Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s. 355 rounds were fired on enemy posts and dugouts.
- (e) Snipers. 2 casualties are claimed.
- (f) Gas. 120 projectors were discharged on K.8.c.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. Consistent harassing fire on D.23.a throughout the day, and on E.19.a & b during the afternoon. Otherwise well scattered and less active. Quiet night. The following areas were shelled:-

Area shelled	Time	Rds.	Calibre	Direction from
D.23.a.	7 am to 2.25 pm	200	4.2 How.	Air bursts and graze.
J.14.a	11.am	12	4.2 How.	Gas
E.13.a.	1.50 pm	30	4.2 How.	GSB 123° K.7.d.05.60
D.23.b.	1.55 pm	light	4.2 How.	GSB 130° " "
J.9.d.	2.30 pm	20	5.9 How.	GSB 105° J.10.b.5.8.

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Area shelled	Time	Rds.	Calibre	Direction from.
E.19.a & b.	3 pm	50	5.2 How.	Air bursts.
Road D.23.a.	3.30 pm	20	4.2 How.	GSB 84° D.23.a.2.5.
E.19.a & b.	3.15 pm	35	77 mm	
J.10.c.	3.30 pm	20	5.9 How.	
J.16.b.0.8 to	3.45 to	80	4.2 How	GSB 117° J.17.a.25.40.
J.16.b.3.2.	4.25 pm			
MERICOURT	3.45 pm	12	4.2 How.	
E.19.a.& b.	6.30 pm	5	77 mm	
J.16.a	4.15 to	100	4.2 How.	MALARD
	4.55 pm			
MARRET WOOD	8.50 pm	10	5.9 How.	
" "	9 to	100	5.9 How.	
	9.50 pm			
Right Supports	2.30 am	Heavy	5.9 &	
& Reserves			4.2	
?	2.40 am			Flashes on G.B.125° from D.23.c.35.85
D.23.a	5.20 am	20	4.2 How.	
J.35.a.	11.45 am	25	10.5 cm	
J.30.c.	9.50 and	constant	77mm	
	11.20 pm			
J.22.d.	10 to	40	10.5 cm.	
	10.30 pm			
J.29.d.	3.40 to 4 am	80	10.5 cm.	

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Work is being carried out on road in K.8.c. in vicinity of the trees. New work is also seen at E.20.c.1.1, E.20.c.1.4, E.19.d.8.8, E.27.c.7.4, and K.2.c.6.3. Wire. There is one row of light barbed concertina wire in front of road in J.36.b. (patrol). Front line in K.20.c is protected by 2 rows barbed concertina (patrol). M.G's were active from K.25.b.90.05, K.25.b.60.65, K.3.a.3.9, K.2.b.2.3, E.26.a.15.90 and E.14.c.5.7. M.W. were active from K.8.a.4.6, K.2.a.6.8 (obs), K.2.c.6.3 and suspected at K.2.a.70.55 and K.2.a.80.47. Suspected gas projector emplacements at K.25.b.6.4 and K.25.c.4.3 were fired on by artillery. 6 men left the former position when 2 direct hits were obtained.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Still very alert on left sector.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. There was very little hostile aerial activity over our lines. 16 bombs were dropped in K.1.a during the night.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. Movement was seen all day round suspected H.Qrs at K.4.b.5.8 and on roads in K.5.a. 6 stretcher cases were carried along track in K.9.c between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. Much movement of fatigue parties was seen round sidings in R.26. Horses/seen grazing in L.7.c. and R.25.b.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy retaliation to our L.T.M. shoot at 1.40 am was brought down by double green flares. A signalling lamp was in action at approx. K.26.b.8.0. Gun flashes were seen from J.17.a.45.30 on T.B. 79° (in K.11.b) and 84° (A.A. Gun.).

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Part II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

NUMBER OF HOSTILE DIVISIONS ENGAGED IN THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR RHEIMS AND THE FRENCH COUNTER-STROKE SOUTH OF SOISSONS (From Army Summary).

West of RHEIMS, one additional German division has been engaged in the fighting, while two additional divisions have been engaged east of RHEIMS. The total number of hostile divisions engaged on the front of the German attack in CHAMPAGNE is now 33, of which one is a cavalry Division.

In the course of the French counter-stroke south of SOISSONS 5 additional hostile divisions have been identified by the French, making 19 in all engaged on that front.

The German Crown Prince now has at his disposal 11 fit divisions in Reserve.

BOMBING RAIDS. (From Army Summary).

By day 12 112-lb bombs and 225 25-lb. bombs were dropped on various targets, including ONIECOURT dump. There was no night flying.

RECRUITING IN GERMANY. (From G.H.Q. Summary).

Calling up of the 1920 Class in the XVIII Corps District. - A deserter from the Ersatz Bn., 87th Res. Inf. Regt., MAINZ, states that about 1,200 recruits of the 1920 Class joined this depot on the 14th June.

Information from captured documents, etc, shows that the 1920 Class was called up in Germany in batches, during April, May, and June. The majority of the class were not, however, called up until June.

ENEMY BOMBING. - (From G.H.Q. Summary).

A study of the enemy's bombing activity behind our lines, coupled with prisoners' statements and captured documents, shows the following points of interest :-

During June the enemy concentrated on the bombing of DUNKERQUE, CALAIS, BOULOGNE, ETAPLES, ABBEVILLE, and the area between ARRAS, DOULLENS and AMIENS.

At the beginning of July there was a distinct change in this policy: a decrease in activity over the ETAPLES - ABBEVILLE areas may be directly connected with the transfer to CHAMPAGNE of the 5th Bombing Squadron, which was mainly responsible for the bombing of these districts. The 6th Squadron, which had also concentrated on these places, has latterly been carrying out scattered bombing on the general line LILLERS - ST. POL - DOULLENS.

On the night of the 13th/14th July, there was great activity over all the target areas mentioned above, excepting the ARRAS - AMIENS district, and it appears probable that the bombing of the Channel ports was carried out by the 3rd Bombing Squadron. It may be mentioned that this squadron has been remarkably inactive and has carried out little work, except for the bombing of DUNKERQUE.

The area ARRAS - AMIENS has not been concentrated on during July; this was the objective of the 4th and 7th Bombing Squadrons (MONS-EN-CHAUSEE and GUIZANCOURT) and it is probable that these units are now operating on the front in the vicinity of the AISNE, in connection with the CHAMPAGNE offensive; this would not necessitate a change of aerodromes.

It is interesting to note that the standard of efficiency in carrying out bombing operations is not high; the 6th Bombing

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Squadron, which, according to documents and prisoners' statements, was ordered and claims to have bombed AIRE, LONGPRE, LILLERS and ST.POL on the nights of the 7th/8th, 12th/13th, 13th/14th, and 15th/16th July, respectively, in reality did not reach these places at all. This is particularly noticeable in the case of LONGPRE, no bombs having been dropped within 15 miles of this place: this was a special target, and at a conference, the importance of reaching this target was particularly emphasized by the O.C., 7th Flight. Operations on the night of the 13th/14th July were especially mentioned in the following day's German G.H.Q. communique. More than half the targets claimed to have been attacked were not reached.

GENERAL.- (From Army Summary.).

The situation remains unchanged.

A marked decrease in aerodrome accommodation indicates that many machines have left for the battle front.

The Reserves of the Second German Army have been strengthened by the 4th Guard Division, which is reported to be in the BOHAIN area.

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RECRUITING IN GERMANY. (From G.H.Q. Summary.).

Collation of the 1930 class in the VIII Corps District. A deserter from the 1930 class, 1st Lt. H. W. ... that about 1,200 recruits of the 1930 class joined this depot on the 1st July.

Information from captured documents, etc., shows that the 1930 class was called up in Germany in batches, during April, May, and June. The majority of the class were not, however, called up until June.

RECENT BOMBING. (From G.H.Q. Summary.).

A study of the enemy's bombing activity during our lines, coupled with prisoners' statements and captured documents, shows the following points of interest:-

During June the enemy concentrated on the bombing of DUNKERQUE, CALAIS, BOURGNE, ETAPLES, ARRASVILLE, and the area between ARRAS, DOULLENS and AMIENS.

At the beginning of July there was a distinct change in this policy: a decrease in activity over the ETAPLES - ARRASVILLE area may be directly connected with the transfer to ORANGEVILLE of the 5th Heavy Bomber Squadron, which was mainly responsible for the bombing of these districts. The 5th Squadron, which had also concentrated on these places, has latterly been carrying out scattered bombing on the general line LILLERS - ST. POL - BOURGNE.

On the night of the 13th/14th July, there was great activity over all the target areas mentioned above, excepting the ARRAS - AIRE district, and it appears probable that the bombing of the 5th Heavy Bomber Squadron was carried out by the 5th Heavy Bomber Squadron. It may be mentioned that this squadron has been remarkably inactive and has carried out little work, except for the bombing of DUNKERQUE.

The area ARRAS - AMIENS has not been concentrated on during July; this was the objective of the 4th and 7th Heavy Bomber Squadrons (MONSIEUR-GIBRIER and GIBRIER) and it is probable that these units are now operating on the front in the vicinity of the ARRAS in connection with the GRANTAGE offensive; this would not necessitate a change of aerodromes.

It is interesting to note that the standard of efficiency in carrying out bombing operations is not high; the 5th Heavy Bomber Squadron /

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 22nd July, - to - 6 a.m. 23rd July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Map.

Ref./Sheet 62.D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the morning registrations were checked. During the afternoon bursts of harassing fire were put down on E.27.c. and road at E.27.d.85.55 and the camouflaged work at .25.b.7.7 was subjected to a further bombardment, excellent shooting being reported. During the night three bursts were fired on movement from K.8.a.00.75 to K.8.a.30.75, and a crash fired on K.20.a.60.38, where metal hammering was heard. At 11 p.m. occupied banks at K.9.d.85.45 were subjected to a gas bombardment. A series of three group concentrations were fired on dug-out areas K.15.a.85.65 - K.15.b.00.30 - K.15.b.20.25 on the triangle of trenches in E.20.c. and d., and on dugouts and H.Q. in railway cutting in K.2.b. Harassing fire swept trench mortar and M.G. positions, centres of activity, and roads and tracks, by bursts at irregular intervals throughout the night. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 70 rounds on sunken road K.31.c.20.70 to K.31.c.50.95, on enemy trench K.2.c.15.58, on work E.20.b.05.10 to E.20.d.05.95 work E.20.d.20.90, also on active Minenwerfers in K.31.c, which were effectively silenced.
- (b) Patrols. Patrols were active on whole of Divisional front. Daylight patrols left our lines at 6.30 a.m. and again at 4 pm. During afternoon patrolling snipers post at J.30.d.8.2 was examined. Post was also examined at J.30.d.95.15. No enemy were seen, a sniper engaged our patrol from a post forward of the road. These posts in J.30.d.95.15 were again examined at 12.5 a.m. and were found occupied as patrol was engaged by H.G. fire and grenades. Working party was heard near SAILLY LAURETTE cemetery. Post at K.25.c.3.4 strongly wired. Working party heard in rear of trench at K.25.c.6.9. A patrol left our lines at 2.30 p.m. and watched for movement along tracks connecting shell holes in K.20.a.4.4 to K.20.a.25.95. Shell holes were occupied at dusk. No enemy encountered. A dead German was found in a well advanced stage of decomposition at K.25.a.8.3. Covering party for working party in K.25.d. was bombed and fired on by a patrol forcing them to withdraw. Working party heard about E.20.c.2.4, E.19.b.7.0, E.26.c.7.1, K.1.d.7.5 and K.1.d.8.4. Two unoccupied posts found at K.7.b.6.1 and posts with parapet towards our line at K.7.b.6.4 also a small dump of whizz-bang shell cases. A few ^{men} were observed at enemy trench at K.7.d.9.3.
- (c) M.G.'s. Right Company.- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire :-
K.26.c.62.85; K.21.b.5.9; K.26.b.26.05; K.9.a.65.40; tracks K.15.a; K.8.b.50.04; K.8.d.70.40; K.31.b.70.05; K.26.c.37.55; K.31.b.2.7 to K.25.d.9.5.
- Centre Company.- Throughout the night harassing fire was distributed on targets.-
K.8.b.3.7; K.8.b.65.55; K.3.c.4.7; K.8.d.7.3; K.14.a.8.5 to K.14.b.2.5; K.9.c.4.4 to K.9.c.6.0; K.9.a.0.2 to K.9.a.35.30.
- Left Company.- At intervals during the night harassing fire was carried out on :-
E.20.a.7.7; E.20.b.3.7; E.15.c.40.20; road K.2.d.05.10 to K.8.b.22.90.
- Ammunition expended 26,500 rounds.

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- (d) L.T.M's. Targets in K.31.a. and K.25.b were engaged with 40 rounds. Targets in K.14.a. and c. K.20.c and enemy movement at K.8.a.20. 65 at different times were engaged with 110 rounds. Total, 150 rounds.
- (e) Snipers. Two enemy killed, one being dropped from a tree in K.7.d.8.4.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. Less active and scattered. Slight gassing of TREUX at night. The following areas were shelled :-

Area shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
D.21.	5.35 am	20	4.2 Gun.
J.21.b	6 a.m.	10	5.9 How.
D.27	6.30 am	30	77 mm.
J.4.central.	6.55 am	5	4.2 How.
J.4.central.	7.25 am	5	4.2 How.
Road east in)	7 to 7.30 am.	20	4.2 How.
D.28.central)			
J.30.a	7.40 am	8	4.2 How.
J.4 central to)	7.45 am	20	4.2 How.
J.5.a.0.4.			
MERICOURT.	8.30 am	5	5.9 How.
J.30.a	8.30 am	4	5.9 How.
D.23.c.	10.15 am	8	8" How.
D.17.c	8.45 to 10.45 am		5.9 How. Intermittent.
D.23.c.	9 to 9.50 am	38	4.2 How.
K.1.a.	12 noon to 1 p.m.	12	5.9 How.
E.19.c.	12 noon	40	4.2 How.
D.19.c.	1 to 2.40 pm.	20	5.9 How.
MERICOURT.	3.10 pm	6	4.2 How.
RIBEMONT.	3.45 pm	5	4.2 How.
VILLE	5.20 pm	6	4.2 How.
J.30.c.	7.45 to 7.55 pm	16	77 mm.
J.11.b	10.20 to 10.30 pm	30	4.2 How.
J.24.d.	9.35 pm	20	5.9 How.
J.30.d.	11 to 11.30 pm	50	77's.
J.29.d.	3 to 3.15 am		77 mm (constant fire).
TREUX	9.45 pm	40	4.2, 77, 16 gas 77.
J.11.b	11.35 to 11.45 pm	50	4.2 How.
J.30.c.	11.30 pm	20	77 mm.
J.29.d.	1.50 p.m.	8	77 mm.
J.29.d.	4 a.m.	15	77 mm.

At 3.30 p.m the enemy shelled his own lines in K.2.c. Keeping up a steady rate of fire.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Work. A new trench observed in K.2.c. 50 yds of white tape laid in front of enemy wire K.2.c.45.30 with short lengths running up from rear at right angles to it. All trees on road between E.28.a.5.8 and E.27.d.8.6 cut down and have fallen on west side of road on night 21st/22nd. A new trench has been dug at K.7.d.9.0. Working parties were heard at various places on Divisional front. Wire.- New wire at K.7.d.8.4 (patrol) wire in K.7.d.50.75 is barbed concertina. Wire covers whole of enemy posts at J.30.d.95.15 and consists of a front belt of barbed concertina and behind an apron fence with loose wire in between. It is in good condition. Strong wire was found at K.25.c.3.4(patrol) Posts. Unoccupied enemy post examined at J.30.d.8.2.(patrol)

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Posts at J.30.b.95.15 were examined and have dugouts but have not been occupied for some time (patrol).

M.G's active at K.2.a.8.7, K.2.c.6.3, (two men seen working gun), K.25.b.9.6 and K.26.a.65.75 (camouflaged).

M.W. observed firing from E.20.b.3.4, E.20.b.85.80, E.20.b.05.95 and E.14.c.2.7.

4 A.A. guns firing from Q.29.c.5.4.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but alert. Not so uneasy on Left Brigade sector as a few nights ago.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. (a) E.A. was seen to land at 60° T.B. from J.17.a.45.30 at 3.40 p.m. 9 E.A. crossed our line at 6.5 am and 3 at 2.15 pm.
(b) Our planes were active and bombed back areas during the afternoon. Enemy O.B's at 145° T.B. and 55° T.B. from J.17.a.45.30 were shot down.
(c) Enemy O.B's were up at T.B. 145°, 86°, 68°, 55°, 46°, 44°, 43° from J.17.a.45.30.
7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Road in R.25.c. was continuously used by horse transport. 4 men carried a M.G. into a post at K.27.a.4.6. Men continually moved to and from trees at K.31.a.5.7. Continual movement seen in trenches in K.4.b. all day. Motor vehicles seen on road in F.19.d all day.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Gun flashes observed 65° T.B. from J.17.a.45.30. Enemy dump on same bearing exploded at 3.42 pm and continued to burn for 2½ hours. At 1.15 am enemy dump on fire T.B. 155° from K.20.a.95.80.

23rd July, 1918.

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Part II.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

NUMBER OF HOSTILE DIVISIONS ENGAGED IN THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR RHEIMS AND THE FRENCH COUNTER-STROKE SOUTH OF SOISSONS.- (From Army Summary)

No fresh divisions have been identified in the fighting east and west of RHEIMS. Six additional divisions from reserve were put into the fight to withstand the French counter-stroke. On this front (south of SOISSONS) 25 divisions are now reported to have been engaged.

The CROWN PRINCE has at his disposal 6 fit divisions in reserve in his Group of Armies which have not yet been identified in the fighting.

BOMBING RAIDS.- (From Army Summary).

By day 16 112-lb. and 44 25-lb bombs were dropped on BRAY.

By night 16 112-lb. and 254 25-lb. bombs were dropped on various targets, including ETREHEM, MERICOURT, GUILLEMONT sidings, and on trains.

GENERAL.- (From Army Summary).

A divisional relief, as anticipated, has taken place in the ALBERT sector.

The situation otherwise remains unchanged.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 23rd July - to - 6 a.m. 24th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. In the morning movement at E.27.d.9.1 was engaged. During the afternoon concentrations were fired on occupied banks in K.3.d. and on sunken road in K.14.b.90.85. Movement at K.25.b.0.8 was engaged and Trench Mortar at K.8.d.70.80 bombarded. During the night a hostile Minenwerfer at K.14.b.10.35 was silenced; a reported working party at K.2.c.80.80 engaged, and movement at F.25.c.2.3 of wagons and men shelled. A group concentration was fired on trench and Machine gun positions at E.26.d.30.95. At 2.25 a.m. a two minute concentration, assisted by Right Divisional Artillery, and Heavy Artillery, was fired on area K.25.d.45.15 - K.31.b.80.80 - K.26.c.50.50 - K.28.c.10.90. At 10.45 p.m. the enemy were reported in marching order in E.28, E.29 and E.30 - tracks in these areas were shelled. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 30 rounds on suspected projector position at K.25.c.40.25 and K.25.b.6.4; 15 rounds on trench E.20.b.8.5 - E.21.a.3.7 and 20 rounds on sunken road K.2.c.95.48 - K.2.c.90.90.
- (b) Patrols. - Patrols reconnoitred enemy trench along road in K.25.c. Enemy post at K.25.c.1.2. was bombed. Posts in J.36.d were reconnoitred by daylight and were found unoccupied. The only occupied post seen by this patrol was on the road at K.25.c.0.2. Post at K.25.c.0.0 was occupied. An enemy patrol of 12 was engaged at close range through enemy wire in K.25.b. and several casualties were caused. The hostile patrol withdrew to their post. An enemy carrying party was seen making towards enemy line in E.20.c.
- (c) M.G.'s. Right Company. - During the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets :- K.8.d.53.04; K.26.c.37.55; K.9.c.46.33; K.14.c.64.55.to K.14.d.24.42; K.31.b.8.4; K.9.a.63.40.
- Centre Company. - During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire:- Track, K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.65; road K.2.c.9.9 to K.2.c.9.6; K.2.d.7.3 to K.2.d.95.40; cross roads K.3.b.45.80; road K.3.d.20.95 to K.3.d.25.50; K.8.d.7.3; K.9.c.05.95; roads and tracks K.27.a. and K.27.b.
- Left Company. - Harassing fire was carried out on the targets as under throughout the night :- E.20.b.60.60; E.20.b.35.45; E.21.c.60.35 to E.21.c.80.25; E.20.b.30.30; E.20.b.70.30. Ammunition expended 28,500 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s. 500 rounds were fired during the period on enemy posts and working parties. Several stretcher cases were taken out after concerted shoot at K.8.a.2.7.
- (e) Sniping. - 7 casualties are claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. Remains quiet and scattered, except for short barrage on K.2.d - K.7.d at night. The following areas were shelled :-

Area /

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<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>
D.23.c.	7 to 7.40 a.m.	50	4.2 How.
E.19.c.9.1	7.30 a.m.	30	5.9 How.
J.30.b.	12.5 pm	25	77 mm.
J.3.b.	12.30 to 1 p.m.	40	5.9 How.
MERICOURT.	12.30 to 1.30 p.m.	30	5.9 How.
J.16.a. and J.10.c.	12.40 to 1 p.m.	50	4.2 How.
J.15.c	1 p.m.	10	5.9 How.
J.9.c and J.15.a.	1 to 1.30 p.m.	75	5.9 How.
J.9.d	1.50 to 2.50 p.m.	50	5.9 How.
J.15.b.	2 p.m.	8	4.2 How.
J.24.d.	3.20 to 4 p.m.	26	77 mm.
J.18 and J.24.	Intermittent during afternoon	40	4.2 How.
D.18.c.	5.15 pm	10	77 H.E.
D.18.c.	6.45 pm	15	77 H.E.
D.23.a.	6.45 p.m.	6	77 H.E.
K.7.c.	7 p.m.	40	77 mm.
J.30.b	8.30 to 8.40 pm.	8	4.2 How.
F.L. & Supports)	9 to 9.20 p.m.	Heavy	4.2 and 77 mm.
K.2.d and K.7.d)			
J.22, 23.	11.10 p.m.	100	4.2 How.
K.7.c.	4.45 p.m.	8	L.T.M.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. New work is going on at K.25.c.1.2, K.26.c.2.3 and at E.28.b.4.4.

Wire. New wire was observed at K.26.c.2.3. Wire is now continuous from north side of C.T. K.2.b.7.0 to K.2.c.75.85. M.G's were active from K.25.c.C.0, K.25.b.95.05 (camouflaged with wheat stalks) (patrol). An emplacement surrounded by wire on knife rests was located at K.25.c.1.2 (patrol). M.W. were active from K.8.d.7.8 and K.14.b.10.35.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. The enemy is very quiet. An enemy patrol approaching our line in K.25.a. was dispersed and casualties inflicted.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Only 2 E.A. were over our lines during the day.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. At 6.30 a.m. about 1,000 men were seen between MERICOURT and R.26 practising extended order operations in two waves each about 500 yards long with small groups between. At 8.15 p.m. about 400 men were seen in Q.24.a. Track Q.23.c.25.30 - Q.23.c.25.60 was much used by large parties moving from MERICOURT and disappearing behind wood. Movement was seen near trenches in K.3.b. and d and K.4.b. and at O.P. E.5.b.2.5. Road in E.30.a was used by men during the day and by transport between 6 and 7 a.m. Parties were seen loading crop in E.24., E.30. F.19., F.25 and F.26.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. At 3.30 p.m. 2 77 mm guns were seen on trucks in R.26.c.

There are 3 marquees at Q.30.c.2.2.

At 3.50 a.m. there was a heavy smoke screen N.W. of ALBERT.

24th July, 1918.

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Part II.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

DISCIPLINE IN THE GERMAN ARMY.-

In G.H.Q. Summaries of the 3rd and 7th July, 1918, extracts from captured documents were given, showing the want of discipline prevailing in the Eighteenth and Second German Armies.

The following extracts from an order of the Seventh German Army, dated 14.6.18, show that a similar state of affairs exists in that Army.

The last three paragraphs are additional evidence of the shortage of food in Germany :-

"It is necessary to depart from the beaten track which has been followed in the utilization of the material and the provisions and stores found in the occupied territory.

"The hopes of utilizing captured food as rations and of distributing a fixed portion of the provisions to the fighting troops have proved to be fallacious, owing to the fact that the troops have taken these provisions themselves and eaten them without treating them as part of the authorized scale of rations.

"In this way, some units which have chanced to have the opportunity to capture booty of this description have lived in abundance, while others were suffering privations. Further, it has not even been the troops in the front line to whom this more abundant supply of food has fallen, but the second line troops, the train eschelons, and especially the stragglers who are roaming about behind the Army. It has even happened that men have taken food without authority and by force from the stores under military occupation and administration, and, I regret to say, some officers have not been ashamed to interfere with the guard in the execution of their duty and to insult the officials to whose charge the provisions have been entrusted.

It appears to be necessary for the supply officials to follow the first line troops as closely as possible, and to be accompanied by escorts of cavalry or police, so that the important stores and depots are at least administered by them with as little delay as possible.

If our progress results in the occupation of a new area, this must be placed under a regular system of exploitation as soon as possible.

"Order must be maintained in villages by sentries and patrols. Troops must be prohibited and prevented from making requisitions in the fields and taking the crops.

"The people at home are so short of all provisions necessary to life that enough can never be done to diminish the amount which they have to supply to the army in the field.

"The rapid and complete seizure and economic use of provisions may prove of capital importance for the continuation of the operations.

(sgd) ... von BOEHN,
Commanding the Seventh Army."

ANALYSIS OF 65 GERMAN PRISONERS, CAPTURED ON 17/7/18.-

<u>Classes.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
1919 ...	11	16.92
1918 ...	5	7.69
1917 ...	7	10.77
1916 ...	5	7.69
1915 ...	6	9.23
1914 ...	7	10.77

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<u>Classes.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
1913 ...	4	6.15
1912 ...	1	1.54
Reserve 1907/1911.	11	16.92
Landwehr 1st Ban. 1902/1906	3	4.62
" 2nd Ban. 1896/1901	1	1.54
Ersatz Reserve...	3	4.62
Landsturm, 1880/1884.	1	1.54
Total...	65	100.00

It is necessary to depart from the beaten track which has been followed in the utilization of the material and the provisions and stored food in the occupied territory.

The basis of utilizing captured food as ration and of distributing a fixed portion of the provisions to the fighting troops have proved to be fallacious, owing to the fact that troops have taken these provisions themselves and eaten them without leaving them as part of the authorized rations of rations.

In this way, some units which have been forced to have to contribute to a common body of this description have lived in abundance, while others were suffering privation. Further, it has not even been the custom in the front line to give extra abundant supply of food to the troops, but the reverse, the main rations, and especially the rations who are located about behind the Army. It has even happened that men have taken food without authority and by force from the stores under military occupation and administration, and I repeat to say, no officers have not been spared to quarrel with the guards in the execution of their duty and to limit the officials to whose charge the provisions have been assigned.

It appears to be necessary for the supply officials to follow the fact that troops as closely as possible, and to be accompanied by escorts of cavalry or police, so that the important stores and depots are as far as possible maintained by them with as little delay as possible.

It is not possible to place the responsibility of a new area, this must be placed upon a special section of administration as soon as possible.

"Good" food is to be distributed by companies and platoons. Troops are to be supplied from existing provisions in the line, and the surplus is to be stored in the rear.

"The" food is to be distributed to all provisions necessary to the troops, and to be distributed to the rear which they have to carry to the front in the line.

"The" food is to be distributed and economic use of provisions may prove of capital importance for the continuation of the operations.

(signed) ... von BORNH...
Commanding the Seventh Army.

ANALYSIS OF CAPTURED PROVISIONS, CAPTURED ON 17/18.

<u>Classes.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
1912	11	16.92
1913	4	6.15
1914	7	10.77
1915	2	3.08
1916	3	4.62
1917	7	10.77
1918	1	1.54
1919	1	1.54
1920	1	1.54
1921	1	1.54
1922	1	1.54
1923	1	1.54
1924	1	1.54
1925	1	1.54
1926	1	1.54
1927	1	1.54
1928	1	1.54
1929	1	1.54
1930	1	1.54
1931	1	1.54
1932	1	1.54
1933	1	1.54
1934	1	1.54
1935	1	1.54
1936	1	1.54
1937	1	1.54
1938	1	1.54
1939	1	1.54
1940	1	1.54
1941	1	1.54
1942	1	1.54
1943	1	1.54
1944	1	1.54
1945	1	1.54
1946	1	1.54
1947	1	1.54
1948	1	1.54
1949	1	1.54
1950	1	1.54

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 24th July - to - 6 a.m. 25th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the morning movement at E.9.c.2.7 and at E.10.d.2.4 was engaged; frequent movement at E.8.d.5.7 was each time dispersed. Registrations and calibrations were continued. At night two gas concentrations were carried out on trench and dugouts K.15.b.00.25 to K.15.a.80.65, and on trench junction and dugouts in road at E.28.c.0.8. A divisional crash of two rounds gun fire was put down on K.8.b.25.40 - occupied cellars and centre of much night movement. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 105 rounds on enemy trenches K.25.d.10.80 to K.25.b.15.25, K.20.c.20.50 to E.20.c.40.95, E.20.a.75.85 to E.20.a.95.50, E.20.b.00.15 to E.20.d.05.90., on brick beacon K.20.a.6.4, on enemy works K.2.c.20.20 to K.2.c.15.40, on wire at K.2.c.15.00, and on sunken road in K.31.a.
- (b) Patrols. - A patrol of 1 officer and 2 other ranks rushed a hostile post at K.13.d.8.2. One man was killed and one wounded and taken prisoner. Two others who approached the post were fired on and fell. A Lewis Gun and flare pistol were brought back. Suspected L.P. at K.7.d.3.9 was found to be unoccupied. An active sniper was located at L.2.b.25.70. An enemy patrol of 12 was seen near E.7.b.80.55. An enemy working party at E.20.c.2.2 was engaged with rifle grenades by 2 separate patrols. One patrol observed an enemy working party dispersed by artillery fire at E.26.c.75.75 about 1 a.m.
- (c) M.G.'s. Right Company.- Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night :-
Tracks in K.9.b. and K.9.c.; E.8.d.53.04; K.14.b.18.00; K.31.c.3.5; K.31.b.70.05; Tracks in K.31.b. and K.31.d;
Centre Company.- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire :-
Tracks K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.65; K.2.c.9.9 to K.2.c.9.6; E.2.d.7.3 to E.2.d.95.40; K.2.d.4.2 to K.2.c.95.55; K.8.c.80.75 to K.8.d.3.9; E.26.c.6.1 to E.26.c.9.4; concentration K.8.b.65.55 and K.3.c.4.7.
Left Company.- Throughout the night in view of suspected relief harassing fire was carried out on roads and tracks in E.20.a and E.20.b.; E.20.b.93.83; E.21c.8.8; E.20.a.30.80; E.20.b.4.8. Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s. 495 rounds were expended on enemy posts along divisional front. As a result of an L.T.M. fire on the valley in K.8.a, M.G. and M.G. fire from this area has been very slight.
- (e) Sniping. 2 casualties are claimed.
- (f) Gas. 176 projectors were discharged on E.20.central. A great deal of shouting was heard immediately after the discharge.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 8th Co., 232nd K.I.R., 107th Division(normal).

3. PRISONERS AND MATERIAL. 1 prisoner captured in K.13.d.
1 Lewis gun captured in K.13.d.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING. Slightly more active, and an increase in the amount of H.E. air bursts. The enemy is reported to have deliberately carried out a registration by air bursts on the Crucifix in K.3.c. The following areas were shelled :-

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<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>
J.12. & J.18.	6 to 7 a.m.	20	5.9 How.
E.19.a & b.	7 to 8 a.m.	14	77 mm.
F.L. in L.1.a.	8.45 a.m.	20	77 mm.
MERICOURT.	9.30 a.m.	12	5.9 How.
J.29.b. & d.	10 to 11.30 a.m.	60	4.2 & 77 mm.
BRAY-CORBIE road.	10.45 a.m.	20	4.2 How.
BRAY-CORBIE road.	11.40 a.m.	20	4.2 How.
Rd. in J.13. & J.18.	10.40 a.m.	12	4.2 How.
J.17.b.	11.50 a.m.	12	4.2 How.
D.22.a	12 noon	16	5.9 How.
J.11.a.	12.30 pm.	15	4.2 How.
K.1.d.50.70	2.15 pm	10	77 mm.
	1.30 p.m.	10	H.E. & air bursts aeroplane.
D.281b.	2 to 5 p.m.	50	H.E. graze & air registration bursts
J.12. J.18.	2.30 p.m.	60	77 mm.
J.9.d.	3.30 pm	30	5.9 How.
J.16.b.	4 p.m.	50	H.E. & B.C. gas.
K.1.d.2.3	5.45 to 6 p.m.		M.W.
J.10.a. & b.	8.50 to 9 p.m.	12	4.2 How.
Reserve line in J.12.a.	9.35 p.m.		77 & 4.2 How.
COLAC LANE.	10.3 p.m.	Light	77 mm.
Fwd. system.	2.20 to 2.35 am	Heavy	4.2 How.
J.30.	2.15 am to 3.15am.		
J.30, K.19.a to E.25.a		300	10.5 cm.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Observers report new work at E.2.b.65.80 and

K.2.b.0.4.

At K.3.c.4.7 15 to 20 trees were cut down on night 23rd/24th.

Wire. New wire shows in front of copse in K.31.b. running

south.

M.G.'s were active from E.31.b.6.5, and K.7.b.95.95 (silenced by

L.T.s.).

M.E. were active from J.36.d.5.4, K.31.a.5.7, E.8.b.00.35.

O.P.s. K.31.c.1.8 and K.31.d.5.9.

6. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

The enemy occupies M.G. positions at night opposite right Bn of left Bde. 2 patrols were seen.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Only 3 planes crossed our lines during the day.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES.

4 men crawled up the old sap on side of road at K.25.c.0.0 and approached forked road at K.25.c.0.5. They made off when fired on.

A party digging a trench at Q.9.b.05.30 was dispersed by H.A.

Road in L.7.a was well used by men and transport during the day.

Movement was seen in trench K.1.d.86.30, near dugout at E.23.c.70.65.

Stretcher parties in K.10.c at 6.25 p.m., 7.45 p.m., and 8.20 p.m.

Cookers are suspected at Q.9.centrl.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

A 77 mm battery fires from sunken road in front of FORBES WOOD, Q.14.b. and d. A gun position is suspected at Q.29.b. 8.7.

4 gun flashes were observed among trees at E.14.b.30.45.

A gun flash was observed from J.17.a.4.4 on T.B. 90°.

2 double green flares appeared to be the signal for lengthen range.

25th July, 1918..

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

NUMBER OF HOSTILE DIVISIONS ENGAGED IN THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR
RHEIMS AND THE FRENCH COUNTER-STROKE SOUTH OF SOISSONS.

No additional divisions have been engaged on the original front of the German attack in CHAMPAGNE.

In the sector of the French counter-offensive a division from reserve has reinforced the battle front. Six divisions appear to have been withdrawn from this battle after suffering heavy casualties, the total of divisions already engaged being 27, of which 15 were put in from reserve.

4th GUARD DIVISION.-

The 4th Guard division, which was last identified in Reserve in the BOHAIN area on the 1st July, has been transferred to reserve in LORRAINE, and cannot therefore be included among the reserves of the Second German Army.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

The following extracts from an order issued by LUDENDORFF show that, largely owing to bad Staff work, the enemy has experienced difficulty in his ammunition supply during recent offensives :-

"C.G.S. of the Field Army,
Ia/Ic, II, No. 89724 op. 23/6/18.

Ammunition Supply. -

"It has been reported to me that, during recent fighting, divisions and artillery units have arrived on the battlefield without sufficient ammunition. One division, which was withdrawn from a quiet front to be employed in the battle, was ordered by superior authority to leave its ammunition behind in the old position, and marched off with empty limbers and ammunition wagons. In explanation, orders were quoted which had previously been issued by G.H.Q. for trench warfare pure and simple.

These orders, in which considerable latitude was left to Armies, should have been adapted to the changed conditions.

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"It is one of the most important tasks of the Higher Command to issue clear orders for the supply of ammunition and to regulate the distribution of the ammunition columns with foresight. Commanders and troops must go into the battle absolutely certain that the ammunition supply will not break down. If there is any doubt on this point, it is the duty of the divisional commander to insist on the Higher Command meeting his requirements. To order an attack without sufficient ammunition is a serious breach of duty for which there can be no possible excuse."

(Sd) . . LUDENDORFF.

(K).

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 25th July - to - 6 a.m. 26th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map.Sheet 62D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATION. (a) Artillery. During the morning a minor operation by the Left Flank Division was supported, and many small parties sniped. During the afternoon movement in K.10.c. and d. was engaged. At 9.30 p.m. considerable minor movement on the road in K.4.a. and b was reported and this road was therefore swept. During the night two gas shoots were carried out on T.M. and M.G. positions at K.14.b.2.1, and on M.G. positions and dugouts by the Caterpillar in K.8.c. and d. A divisional crash of two rounds gun fire was fired on K.9.c.2.8 (tracks and active centre) at 1.30 a.m. Harassing fire was maintained on tracks, trench systems, and strong points, throughout the night. 6" Newton T.Ms. fired 133 rounds on trenches, M.G. positions and wire.
- (b) Patrols.- Post on BRAY-CORBIE which had been rushed on previous night was examined and L.G. magazine, flares and papers found. A line of about 6 enemy posts was seen to extend N. from road from K.14.c.0.1 to K.14.c.0.4. Enemy trench in K.19.d. was occupied. A working party was heard at K.7.b.9.7. Posts at E.26.c.75.75 and E.26.a.25.90 were occupied.
- (c) M.G.'s. Right Company.- Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets :- K.31.b.02.57; K.32.a.02.81; K.14.c.64.55 to K.14.d.24.42; K.31.c.90.58; K.21.a.34.70; tracks in K.9.a. and c and the areas between K.27.a. and K.27.b.
- Centre Company.- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire :- K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.63; K.2.c.9.9 to K.2.c.9.6; K.2.d.7.3 to K.2.d.95.40; K.8.b.3.7; K.8.b.65.55; K.3.c.4.7; K.8.d.7.3.
- Left Company.- Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on the following targets.- Trenches E.20.a. and c; road E.20.b.93.83; Cross roads E.20.b.35.45; Road junction E.21.c.8.8; Trenches E.26.d.75.40 to E.27.c.00.50. Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s. 668 rounds were fired on M.G.'s, M.W. and trenches on Divisional Front.
- (e) Sniping. 3 casualties are claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Further papers confirm presence of 8th Coy. 232nd R.I.R. in K.13.d.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. This has increased in activity. Very little reply to minor operation on Left - light shelling on E.19 and 25 and K.1. The following areas were shelled :-

<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>
Reserve Area	7.25 a.m.	20	4.2
Reserve Area	7.45 a.m.	30	4.2
J.30.c.	8 a.m.	20	77
K.13. Posts.	8.35 a.m.	20	77
K.7 & K.13.	8.45 a.m.	20	77
J.18.c.	9.20 a.m.	10	4.2
MERICOURT	10 am to 2.30 p.m.	30	150 mm.

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<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>
J.23.c.	10. to 10.30 am	15	5.9 How.
J.17.a.	10.30 a.m.	25	4.2 How.
BUIRE.	11 to 11.30 am	50	105
K.1, K.7 & K.13.	10.10 a.m.	20	4.2
D.23.d.	11.15 a.m.	100	77
D.29.a.	12.30 p.m.	20	4.2
D.29.a.8.0	1.30 p.m.	20	4.2
J.4.d.	1.40 to 2.30 p.m.		4.2 Air bursts ranging.
J.4.c. and d.	2.35 to 3 p.m.	50	4.2 H.E.
J.4, J.9 and D.28.b.	2.35 pm	20	5.9 & 4.2
D.29.d.	4 to 6 p.m.	80	5.9
D.29.a.	4.30 p.m.	20	4.2
J.24.b. and K.19.a.	4.40 p.m.	40	5.9
D.29.c. & d.	4.40 p.m.	20	77 and 4.2
J.5.central.	4.47 p.m.	20	5.9
J.24.a and b.	5.20 p.m.	30	4.2
J.22 and 28.	5.35 p.m.	30	4.2
J.4 central.	Intermittent during day.	150	5.9
BRAY-CORBIE Road.		30	4.2
J.28.d. and 29.c.	6.15 p.m.	22	4.2 How.
J.9.b.	9.5 p.m.	25	5.9
J.10. a. and b.	10.15 to 11 p.m.	4.2	bursts of 10 rd
J.1 and 2.	10.30 p.m.	20	5.9
J.8.b.	10.50 p.m.	20	210 mm.
J.8.central.	10.50 to 11 p.m.	20	8" How.
BUIRE	11.50 p.m.	20	4.2
Front line J.1. and 7.	2 a.m.	30	4.2
VILLE	2.30 a.m.	100	Gas.
BUIRE.	3 to 3.15 a.m.	100	Gas.
J.30.c.	10 to 11.20 p.m.	50	77 & 5.9.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. New work was carried out at K.7.b.9.7 (patrol) K.2.c.6.8 (wiring party) and K.2.a.9.3. Posts at E.26.c.75.75 and E.26.a.25.90 and K.20.a.5.7 were occupied by night.

Posts between K.14.c.0.1 and K.14.c.0.4 were unoccupied but showed signs of recent occupation.

Wire. Wire in front of enemy line at K.20.a.1.2 consists of mixed French and barbed. It is of average width of 5 yds. and in parts quite weak.

M.G's were active from J.30.d.85.10 (approx), K.13.b.65.45, K.13.b.65.90 (approx), E.26.d.75.20, K.2.b.20.15, and L.2.c.05.70.

Snipers were located at E.26.d.75.20 and in K.26.c on T.B. 92° from K.25.b.15.80. Dugouts are suspected at K.2.c.95.90.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet except for retaliation on left sector after operation of left division.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Hostile aerial activity was very small. Only 3 planes appeared over our lines.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. Movement was seen near J.36.d.95.60 at 7 a.m. At 5 a.m. small parties were loading crop in K.4.a. and c. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. many stretcher parties were seen in K.10.c. and in E.14.a., b. and c.

The road in K.5.a. and b. is well used during the day.

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At 4 a.m. men and wagons were seen on road at E.27.c.8.2.
Horse lines are suspected at R.19.c.9.1

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Gun flashes were seen from J.17 a.45.30 on T.B.
64° and 65°. 2 enemy observation balloons were brought down
during the day.

26th July, 1918.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

BOMBING RAIDS.

(a) By day.- 16 112-lb and 36 25-lb bombs were dropped on targets including FROISSOY dump. Several direct hits were obtained and a large explosion of ammunition caused.

(b) By night.- 6 112-lb and 159 25-lb bombs were dropped on various targets including MONTAUBAN, FRICOURT, GINCHY, CARNOY and on trains.

Four direct hits were obtained on a train going N. from BRAY and 2 bursts were seen on a train at CARNOY.

NUMBER OF HOSTILE DIVISIONS IN THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR RHEIMS AND THE FRENCH COUNTER-STROKE S. OF SOISSONS.

South-west of RHEIMS, 3 additional divisions have reinforced the ARDRE sector.

Up to date, 63 infantry divisions and one cavalry div. have been engaged in the battle since 15th July. There are now 5 fit divisions in reserve in the group of armies of the Crown Prince.

DISBANDING OF GERMAN UNITS.

9th BAV. RES. DIV.- A man of the 16th Bav. Res. Inf. Regt. (6th Bav. Res. Div) writes on the 7th July, 1918 :-
"We have received reinforcements from the 9th (? Bav. Res.) Div., which has been disbanded".

This report is confirmed by a letter written by another man, who writes on the 6th July, 1918 :- "We are now the 27th Bav. Inf. Regt. (12th Bav. Div). The 9th Bav. Res. Div. is disbanded, as we received no reinforcements."

The disbanding of these 9 battalions makes a total of 31 battalions which are now known to have been disbanded.

There are now 236 German infantry divisions in the field of which 203 are in the Western Theatre.

This division was in line near VILLERS-BRETONNEUX sector from 5th to the 30th April.

GENERAL.-

The situation remains unchanged.

The 9th Bav. Res. Div., formerly engaged on this front, has been disbanded.

The XIII Corps Staff, which formerly commanded the German divisions holding the line between ALBERT and SAILLY-LE-SEC, has been identified in the fighting in CHAMFAGNE. It is probable that the section of the front formerly under this Command has been taken over by the extension of front of the neighbouring Corps. The withdrawal of this Corps Staff is a further indication that the Germans intend no offensive action opposite the Fourth Army Front.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 26th July - to - 6 a.m. 27th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the morning movement observed in K.9.c. and on road in K.10.d. was engaged, enemy parties at E.28.c.7.6 and E.27.d.9.7 dispersed, and a medium minenwerfer in E.26.b. silenced. A hostile battery reported at K.31.c. 71.18 engaged on two occasions at the request of the Infantry. During the afternoon bursts of fire were put down on chalk pit in K.9.b.8.7, on road in K.2.a. and c., on K.8.central, K.17.c.1.9 and on K.10.c. An O.P. at K.14.d.9.4 was also engaged, and one casualty observed. An O.P. in trench at K.15.a.3.3 was bombarded, timber blown up. During the night bursts of fire swept occupied areas, roads, and centres of activity. Group concentrations of two rounds gun fire were put down on Headquarters and dug-outs at K.25.d.65.30, and on occupied rifle pits and dug-outs E.27.c.0.0 to E.27.c.30.25. A divisional burst was fired on road junction and new work at K.9.c.25.65. 6" Newton Trench mortars fired 80 rounds on enemy trenches and work in K.25.b, K.31.a. and c., E.20 a. and c., and E.26.b.05.45.
- (b) Patrols. - A fighting patrol of 1 officer and 16 O.Rs. attacked enemy post at K.19.d.8.1. The enemy about 20 in number evacuated the post on seeing our patrol advance. Fire was opened on them and casualties estimated at 10 were inflicted. One M.G. was brought back. Post at K.20.c.0.7 was found to be occupied. Posts at K.20.a.3.7 were reconnoitred. Terrace and road in K.2.a. were searched without seeing any sign of enemy. The river bank in E.26.a. was patrolled to bridge at E.26.a.6.9. Movement was seen on the North side of the river near the bridge.
- (c) M.G.'s. Right Company.- At intervals throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets :- K.8.b.65.20; K.8.d.53.04; K.8.d.1.9 to K.8.c.7.6; K.20.c.9.5; K.14.b.18.00; E.26.b.65.00; K.31.c.26.88; K.20.d.15.15; K.31.a.5.7.
- Centre Company.- Harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets during the night :- K.14.a.8.5 to K.14.b.2.5; K.9.c.4.4 to K.9.c.6.0; K.9.a.0.2 to K.9.a.35.30; K.8.b.3.7; K.8.b.65.55; K.3.c.4.7; K.8.d.7.3.
- Left Company.- Targets as under were engaged at intervals during the night with harassing fire :- Trenches E.14.a and b; cross roads E.20.b.60.60; roads K.2.d.05.10 to K.8.b.22.90; E.21.c.60.35 to E.21.c.80.25; Ammunition expended 30,750 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s fired on enemy posts and trenches.
- (e) Sniping. 2 casualties are claimed.
- (f) Gas. - 196 projectors were discharged by day on to K.14.b, and 175 by night on to E.20.central.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. This has been moderately active - our system in K.25.a. and SAILLY-le-SEC were bombarded throughout the day. The night was quiet. Minenwerfers were active on E.19. and E.25. The following areas were shelled :-

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Area Shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
E.19.a.	7 a.m.	5	M.W.
VILLE-sur-ANCRE.	7 a.m.	45	4.2 H.E.
D.30.c.	8.45 to 9.20 am	40	4.2 H.E.
J.6.a.5.2	9.5 a.m.	25	77
J.17.b.	10.5 a.m.	lightly	4.2
J.7.b.	10.7 a.m.	12	4.2
J.16.b.	10.15 a.m.	25	105 mm
J.19	10.30 a.m.	90	4.2
K.7.a.	10.30 a.m.	20	77
J.12.a & K.13.a (Supports)	10.45 a.m.	50	4.2
D.23	10.45 a.m.	40	77
E.19	11 a.m.	30	105 mm.
D.23.b	11.5 a.m.	30	77
E.19. & 25	11.15 to 11.25 am	150	T.M's.
MERICOURT	11.15 am to noon.	15	105 mm.
J.10.c.	11.30 am to 12.5 pm	80	4.2 & 5.9
MARETT WOOD.	11.35 am to 12.15 pm	4.2 & 5.9	lightly.
VILLE-sur-ANCRE.	11.35 am	30	77
J.15.b.	11.45 am	50	5.9
J.19.a.	11.55 am	22	4.2
J.9.d.	Noon	30	5.9
J.17.d.	12.10 p.m.	30	4.2
J.30.d.	2 to 2.25 p.m.	35	4.2
D.24.a.	3 to 3.30 p.m.	30	4.2 H.E.
K.25.a.	Interm't during day.	350	77, 4.2, & 5.9 How.
K.13.	4.15 p.m.	25	77
E.19.d.	5.20 p.m.	20	Heavy T.M.
J.6.a.5.2	9.5 p.m.	25	77
Front line K.1 & 2.	9.10 p.m.	Lightly	T.M.
D.29.b.	11.30 p.m.	Heavy	4.2
J.10.c.	4 to 4.30 am	10	5.9
J.21.c, J.22.d.	Intermittent during night.		

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. New work has been done on road at K.25.c.0.3 on C.T. in K.20.c, at E.27.c.10.35 and E.27.d.8.5. Wire in K.19.d is about 30 yds in advance of post and not a serious obstacle. Further North in K.20.c. the wire is 6 or 7 yds thick and is composed of rolls of barbed concertina with several strands of barbed running through it. It stands about 3 ft. high (patrol). A new belt of wire has been erected from K.2.b.9.9 to E.27.c.2.6. New wire "S" shape appears at K.2.b.45.60, K.2.b.35.55 and K.2.b.6.3 M.G's were active from K.2.b.2.4. (patrol) and K.2.c.55.50 (A.A).

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy remains very quiet in his forward area.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. E.A. activity patrolled enemy lines during the day and appeared over our lines on 3 occasions in patrols of 4.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement was seen all day in trenches in K.4.b. and d. and K.5.d. 8 stretcher cases left the area of our day gas projector shoot. Constant transport movement was seen in R.25 and R.26. Working parties on new trench in Q.9.c.9.4 were again dispersed by H.A.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. At 8.55 p.m. a battery fired on T. 98° from J.17.c.95.30. Part II is attached.

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27th July, 1918.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

TRENCH NOMENCLATURE.

The following trench name has been adopted :-

NAME.	SHEET.	LOCALITY.	CORPS.
CANARY C. TRENCH.	62.D.	E.19.e.30.00 - E.19.d.35.70	ABST.

BOMBING RAIDS.

By day:- 16 112-lb and 40 25-lb bombs were dropped on ROSIERES, and 141 25-lb bombs on various targets. Several direct hits were obtained on ROSIERES.

By night :- 72 25-lb bombs were dropped on targets including ROISEL, WAICOURT and COBLES.

NUMBER OF HOSTILE DIVISIONS IN THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR REIMS AND THE FRENCH COUNTER-STROKE S. OF SOISSONS.

Between SOISSONS and the MARNE, The Germans have reinforced their front by 2 divisions, one of which was recently in reserve opposite this Army and belonged to Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group. Another division has also left Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group for a quiet part of the line in the WOEVRE.

Prince RUPPRECHT has now 26 divisions in reserve available for immediate operations, while the Crown Prince has 5.

24TH RESERVE DIVISION.-

This division has gone from the CAUDRY area to reinforce the battle front S.W. of FERRE-en-TARDENOIS. It was relieved in the SAILLY-le-SEC sector by the 43rd Res. Div. on 23rd/24th June.

77TH RESERVE DIVISION.-

This division has gone from Reserve in the CAMBRAI area to relieve 183rd Div. in the WOEVRE. The 77th Res. Div. was relieved on the 1st July in the ACCROCHE WOOD Sector. The reserves of the Second German Army have thus now been reduced to 5 divisions.

RE-GROUPING OF DIVISIONS IN THE SECOND GERMAN ARMY.

(a) A map recently captured shows that the 41st Div. now forms part of the XI Corps. This fact, when considered in conjunction with the identification of the XIII Corps Staff (formerly in command of the front between LEBERT and SAILLY-LE-SEC) on the AISNE battle front, strongly indicates that the Second Army now consists of three instead of four Corps.

(b) It is very probable that the XIII Corps has been replaced by a re-distribution of the divisions in line among the three remaining Corps Staffs and is now as under :-

233rd Div.)	--- XIV Corps) Second German Army.
54th Res. Div.)		
107th Div.)		
43rd Res. Div.)		

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13th Div.)	--- XI Corps.) Second German Army.
41st Div.)		
109th Div.)		
225th Div.)	... LI Corps.) Second German Army.
21st Div.)		
192nd Div.)		

(c) With reference to the XIV Corps, attention is called to the fact that General von GONTARD who commanded it is now in command of a Corps on the AISNE battle-front - it is not known whether his own or another Corps. Hence, it is possible that the XIV Corps as well as the XIII may have been withdrawn from the Second German Army, in which case a new Corps Staff (probably a tired one) will have taken over the divisions allotted to the XIV Corps in the above suggested distribution.
Confirmation is required.

TRAINING OF THE 1920 CLASS.-

A captured document, translated below, shows that the 1920 Class is to be given a minimum of 12 weeks' training in the depots in Germany before being sent to the field recruit depots in the Western Theatre :-

"C.G.S. of the Field Army.
Ie. No. 2006/op.

G.H.Q.
26.6.18.

"I fully appreciate the desire to reduce, as far as possible, the period of training in the depots in Germany in favor of the time spent in the field recruit depots.
"For political and economic reasons, however, I have agreed that, for the 1920 Class, the period of training in Germany shall also be 12 weeks.

(sgd) LUDENDORFF!

Note.- The 1920 Class was mustered generally throughout Germany during March and April, and called up for service during April, May and June, 1918. The majority of this Class were not, however, called up until June.

Drafts of the 1920 Class are reported to have left Germany for the BEVERLOO Training Camp in June, and individuals of this Class have already been captured.

In accordance with LUDENDORFF'S order, quoted above, it is unlikely that many recruits of the 1920 Class will be sent to depots in the Western Theatre before August, but large numbers may be expected in these depots towards the end of September. The average age of this Class is now only 18 years.

LOSSES IN PRISONERS SUFFERED BY SOME GERMAN DIVISIONS IN THE RECENT FIGHTING BETWEEN SOISSONS AND THE MARNE.

11th Bav. Div.	...	41 off.	and 2314 O.R.	prisoners.
241st Div.	...	49 "	"	2264 "
14th Res. Div.	...	30 "	"	1486 "
42nd Div.	...	25 "	"	1360 "
47th Res. Div.	...	20 "	"	1090 "
3rd Res. Div.	...	3 "	"	728 "
115th Division.	...	12 "	"	588 "

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 27th July - to - 6 a.m. 28th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the day registrations were checked, and some sniping carried out. At 9 p.m. movement of troops on road in K.4.b. and K.5.a. was engaged and dispersed. From 10.30 to 10.35 p.m. a gas concentration was fired on Minenwerfer and M.G. positions at K.14.b.2.1. At 3 to 3.5 a.m. a gas concentration was fired on M.G. positions and dug-outs in area K.8.a.7.1 - K.8.b.1.1 - K.8.d.1.6 - K.8.c.7.6. Group concentrations were fired on Minenwerfer and M.G. positions at K.20.d.00.45, also on communication trench junction and machine gun position at K.2.b.75.05. A divisional burst of two rounds gun fire was put down on the road junction and centre of activity K.8.b.70.55 at 3 a.m. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 60 rounds on enemy wire and works K.20.a.15.15 to K.14.d.4.3, and from K.7.d.90.00 to K.7.d.90.80, effective shooting being reported.
- (b) Patrols. - Covering parties and listening patrols heard no sign of the enemy in NO MAN'S LAND.
- (c) M.G.'s. - Right Company. Throughout the night harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets :-
K.21.a.34.70; K.14.c.64.56 to K.14.d.24.42; K.27.b.20.88;
K.21.b.31.69; K.26.b.95.26; tracks in K.9.c. and K.9.a; K.31.b.1.4 to K.31.b.5.8.
- Centre Company. - Harassing fire was maintained on the following targets at intervals during the night :-
K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.00.65; K.2.c.9.9 to K.2.c.9.6; K.2.d.7.3 to K.2.d.95.40; K.8.b.3.7; K.8.d.7.3.
Ammunition expended 20,000 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s. fired on enemy posts and trenches along the Divisional Front.
- (e) Sniping. - 1 casualty is claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING. A few rounds of Blue Cross gas on J.14 at 7.10 pm
The following areas were shelled:-

Area Shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
K.13	9.15 a.m.	10	5.9 How.
J.30.b.	10.20 a.m.	30	77 mm.
J.30.b.	10.55 a.m.	40	4.2 How.
J.10.c.	11 am to 12 noon.	50	5.9 How.
J.22.a. & b.	11.50 am to 12.20pm	20	77 mm.
J.15	3.15 to 4.30 p.m.	57	5.9 How.
J.11.a & b.	2.5 p.m.	12	4.2 How.
J.9.d.	3 to 6 p.m.	80	5.9 How.
Cross roads J.10.c.9.0.	4.5 p.m.	40	77 mm.
J.9.d & J.10.b	4 to 5 p.m.	Lightly	4.2 How. Time H.E.
J.24.d.	6 to 6.40 p.m.	20	77 mm.
J.24.b. & c.	6.50 to 7 p.m.		77 & 4.2 How.
J.14.	7.10 p.m.	12	H.E. & B.C. Gas.
F.L. in K.7. & K.13.	7.30 to 10 p.m.		4.2 How. Heavy bursts.
J.24.d. & J.30.c.	7.15, 7.18, - 7.35 pm		77mm bursts.
J.22.c. (Ravine)	Intermittent during night.		
J.27.	8.5 p.m.	20	5.9 How.
K.1	8.15 p.m.	Light	4.2 How.
J.30.c.	3 to 3.45 a.m.		Short bombardment of 4.2's.

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4. ENEMY DEFENCES.- New wire is reported at K.2.d.3.8.
5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.- Artillery was more active than usual during the night.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Bombing planes were very active during the night, bombs being dropped in reserve areas.
7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. At 8.35 p.m. 75 men in parties of 15 came down track in K.5.a.3.8 and disappeared at K.4.b.8.8. In the early morning hay was loaded into wagons in K.4.a, and b. Movement was seen in trenches in K.5.a and b. all day.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. 186 gas projectors discharged on K.2.d.

Jim. A. Chapman, Capt.
for
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

28th July, 1918.

Part II.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

German Reserves. -

No fresh divisions have been identified on the battle fronts yesterday. The Crown Prince still has 5 fit divisions in reserve, Prince RUPPRECHT has 29, while there are 3 in the two Southern Groups available for immediate operations.

RED CROSS FLAG.-

On the 25th July, after the raid by the Northern Corps, there was no firing by the enemy on the Red Cross flag and our bearers were allowed to collect our wounded from "No Man's Land" unmolested.

This would indicate that the order recently captured in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector (Division Summary 21st July) was probably of a Regimental or Divisional nature, and does not apply to other sectors of the Army front.

TRENCH NOMENCLATURE.-

Following names for trenches, woods, etc., in enemy territory, have been adopted :-

Name.	Locality.	Sheet.	Corps.
MAIARD C.T. ...	K.20.c.30.95 - K.20.d.20.30	62.D.	Aust.
STAFFORD TRENCH ..	K.20.a.50.90 - K.25.b.95.90	62.D.	Aust.
CLOSE TRENCH. ...	K.20.a.20.00 - K.25.d.30.85	62.D.	Aust.
MORTAR COPSE. ...	K.31.a.55.75	62.D.	Aust.
WERFER COPSE. ...	K.26.c.30.80	62.D.	Aust.
MINEN COPSE. ...	K.26.c.05.75	62.D.	Aust.
TRIG AVENUE ...	K.20.a.70.99 - K.20.b.95.75	62.D.	Aust.

DISCIPLINE IN THE GERMAN ARMY.-

The following order confirms previous information obtained from prisoners of a projected mutiny on a large scale among Alsatian and Polish troops at BEVERLOO Camp in May, 1918.

According to prisoners' statements, some 10,000 Alsatis and Poles arrived there from the Eastern front in April and May. A general mutiny was organized with a view to deserting to Holland. It was, however, discovered a few days before the date fixed, and large drafts of Alsatis were at once sent from the camp to various parts of the Western front :-

Commandant's /

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"Commandant's Office,
Infantry Training Camp, BEVERLOO.

13.5.18

ORDER .

"To be communicated immediately to all N.C.O's and men,
then to be displayed in each company barrack room.

"Comrades of the Infantry Training Camp.

"Amongst the men who have come from the Eastern Front are a large number, born in ALSACE-LORRAINE, whose aim it is to disown and betray their fatherland. Guided and led by unscrupulous subjects, who are in the enemy's pay and have been won over by the enemy's spies and agents, these misled and misguided soldiers intend to break their oath of loyalty and escape into Holland. The attempt has failed entirely, and the ringleaders are already under lock and key or will be apprehended shortly. These criminal traitors to the Fatherland must have the ground cut from under their feet once and for all. In this I rely upon your assistance. Everyone who reports one of these traitors will be doing his duty to his country and make our Homeland and our splendid comrades at the front indebted to him. Therefore, assist me to arrest these scoundrels in so far as it has not been done already. You will also be doing your duty to the brave Alsatians who are fulfilling theirs. By the use of the French language, the singing of French songs, and by meetings in lonely places and woods, these misled and contemptible men attempt to inspire themselves to do the work of the enemy and injure the Fatherland. I therefore find myself obliged to take the following measures, under which many innocent men must suffer for the time being. It depends upon these, and particularly upon the best elements amongst N.C.O's and men, as to when these measures may be removed, or whether they will have to be made more severe.

"I Order :-

"1. That the sentence regarding ALSACE-LORRAINIERS given in Appendix I be carried into effect at once. Distribution to take place at 1.30 p.m., 14.5.18. They are to be distributed within the battalions equally among the companies, and within the companies equally among the platoons.

"2. I hold company commanders personally responsible for the strictest supervision over these N.C.O's and men and for their instruction.

"3. In accordance with Appendix II, it is forbidden, until further notice, to leave the camp without a pass.

"Certified correct,
von MENTZ.
Capt. and Adjutant.

(sd) WOIDE.

Lieut.- General."

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 28th July - to - 6 a.m. 29th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. E.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Infantry.- At 12.30 a.m. and 1.25 a.m. the Division attacked the enemy front line system from K.8.a.1.0 to J.30.d.95.30 under an artillery and T.M. barrage. The enemy front and Support Lines were captured on a front of 4,000 yds. to an average depth of 500 yds. Opposition was met with on the left but was overcome in hand to hand fighting. On the right the enemy offered little resistance. Captures to date total 4 officers and 139 O.Rs., 36 M.Gs. together with several M.W. 3 counter attacks were launched against the left sector but all were easily beaten off with very severe loss to the enemy. The toll of enemy dead is very high.
- (b) Artillery.- During the day registrations were checked, and minor movement sniped. Active T.M. and M.G. positions at J.36.b.6.0 - K.31.a.00.80 were engaged and silenced on three occasions. At night, between 9.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. searching fire was maintained on routes, and centres of activity, bursts of fire being put down on trenches, M.W. and M.G. positions, and suspected H.Q. At 12.30 a.m. barrage fire was opened in support of Infantry operation, whilst 4.5" Howitzers and Heavy Artillery bombarded selected points. This operation was in squares K.13, K.14, K.19 and K.20, and entailed six lifts of 100 yards each. At 1.25 a.m. barrage fire was opened in support of Infantry operation in K.25; this also entailed six lifts of 100 yards each. Both operations were reported entirely successful, standing barrage ceasing at 2.5 a.m. A prisoner reported that the enemy were massing in E.31.b and K.26.c. This valley was accordingly searched by Heavy Artillery and 4.5" Hows at 2.50 a.m. for 10 minutes. At 4.30 a.m. fire was again opened on protective barrage line for 10 minutes, to cover flight of contact planes. 6" Newton Trench Mortars supported operation by bombardment of selected strong points.
- (c) M.G.'s. - Right Company. In conjunction with the operation of the 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. a barrage was put down commencing from zero hour and continuing until 1.10 a.m. from K.14.d.80.85 to K.20.b.75.70 to K.26.a.2.4 as per map issued with Operation Order No. 29. In co-operation with the advance carried out by the 14th Brigade a barrage was placed on lines.-
K.20.b.4.3 to K.26.central; K.26.c.75.40 to K.32.a.5.8
K.31.b.7.2. to K.3.d.3.8; between 1.25 a.m. and 2.5 a.m.
- Centre Company.- Usual harassing fire was carried out till zero hour, when guns fired on tasks as per map issued with operation orders. Ammunition expended 208,500 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M.'s co-operated in the infantry operation.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 2nd Bn. 227th R.I.R.)
1st Bn. 232nd R.I.R.) 107th Division.
3rd Bn. 232nd R.I.R.)

2nd Bn. 203rd R.I.R.)
3rd Bn. 203rd R.I.R.) 43rd Reserve Division.

Prisoners - Normal.

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3. PRISONERS.-

(Unwounded).		Offr.	O.R.
227th R.I.R....	5th Coy.		1
	6th Coy.		12
232nd R.I.R....	2nd Coy.		7
	4th Coy.	1	7
	11th Coy.		7
	12th Coy.		8
203rd R.I.R....	6th Coy.		4
	7th Coy.	1	16
	9th Coy.		13
	10th Coy.	1	12
	11th Coy.		6
Wounded.			
Unidentified.		1	32
			14
T o t a l	...	4	139

4. MATERIAL.- 36 Machine Guns, 1 Minenwerfer.

5. ORDER OF BATTLE. (P.S.).

3rd Battalion	1st Battalion	} 227th R.I.R.
2nd Battalion		
3rd Battalion	2nd Battalion	} 232nd R.I.R.
1st Battalion		
3rd Battalion	1st Battalion	} 203rd R.I.R.
2nd Battalion		
		201st R.I.R.

6. HOSTILE SHELLING. Slightly less active - weak retaliation to our operations during the night. The following areas were shelled :-

Area Shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
J.29.d.	8 a.m.	10	77
J.19	8.20 a.m.	10	5.9
SAILLY-le-SEC	8.30 a.m.	15	5.9
J.30	8.35 a.m.	10	4.2
J.16.a. and b.	9.30 to 10.30 a.m.	40	105 mm.
RIBEMONT	Interm't during after-noon.	50	15c m
J.9.b.9.9 & J.3.c.9.1	4 to 4.30 p.m.	50	5.9
K.13.b.	4.20 p.m.	40	77
J.17.a.	5.53 p.m.	30	77
J.17.a.3.3	5.50 p.m.	50	77 & 4.2
MERICOURT & J.4.d.2.5	5.55 to 6.45 p.m.	60	5.9
K.13.b.	6.5 to 6.45 p.m.	44	77
F.L K.13	8 p.m.		77 & 4.2 Bursts.
J.15.a.50.80	12.50 p.m.	20	Gas.
(Bty position)	to 1.10 a.m.		
K.7.d.	2.35 a.m.	Lightly	4.2 & 5.9.
J.17.a. & b.	3.7 a.m.	60	4.2 H.E. & Gas.
J.9.c.& d.	3.15 a.m.	60	4.2 (Mustard Gas)

7. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy trenches in K.13, K.14, K.20 and K.25 are well drained and in good condition.

Supports and Reserves. (P.S.)

203rd R.I.R. - Reserve Bn. is in valley in K.32.b.
Support companies are in terraces in K.31.a. and b.
227th R.I.R. - Support Companies are in dugouts in K.9.d. and 10.c.
MORLANCOURT is not occupied by Support troops.

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8. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy was completely surprised by our attack. Prisoners thought that the artillery bombardment was one of our usual nightly shoots. Artillery counter fire was generally very moderate, and fell mostly on front line and close supports.
9. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 2 patrols of 5 E.A. were over our lines during the period.
10. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. Movement was seen during the day in K.5.a. and K.4.b. At 5.15 p.m. a large number of men were seen working near siding in R.25.d.
11. MISCELLANEOUS.- Reliefs in Division opposite the Sector. (P.S.)
3rd Battalion, 203rd R.I.R. relieved 1st Battalion on night 27/28th.
2nd Battalion, 203rd R.I.R. relieved 3rd Battalion about night 20/21st.
3rd Battalion, 232nd R.I.R. relieved 2nd Battalion night 27/28th.
There was an inter-company relief in 2nd Bn, 227th R.I.R. last night 29/30th.
Enemy Casualties in Line.-
Battalions of 232nd R.I.R. and 203rd R.I.R. in line suffered casualties of 3 to 5 men per company for the 3 days in line.
Gas.-
2nd Bn. 227th R.I.R. has suffered heavily from our projector shoots near MORLANCOURT.
6th Coy, 203rd R.I.R. suffered 15 casualties from a projector bombardment in K.25 about 3 weeks ago.
On 18th June 3rd Bn. 203rd R.I.R. had to be relieved after one day in line on account of very heavy casualties from gas bombardment in K.25.
Enemy casualties to-day from artillery fire and hand to hand fighting have been very heavy. It is estimated that 250 enemy were killed in the forward system.

29th July, 1918.

W. Chapman Major
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Part II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

CASUALTIES.- (152nd I.R., 41st Div).

The 1st Coy. consists of 5 M.G. Groups and 3 or 4 infantry groups, 3 runners, and 4 stretcher bearers, about 90 men in all. Heavy losses have been entailed since the company came into the line, heavier so far than during the entire 8 weeks spent in the HEBUTERNE area, and caused chiefly by machine gun bullets, particularly ricochets. There have been two cases of gas poisoning in the company since coming into the line. The artillery have also suffered heavily. Prisoner knew of casualties being caused by our bombing at DOUAI last month.

ENEMY POLICY IN FARFUSEE SECTOR.

The enemy is evidently very nervous in this sector, and special vigilance has been ordered every night for forward and support troops in anticipation of a possible attack in this sector. No counter-attack is expected. The 5th Coy. were ordered to counter-attack after our attack, but the Coy. Commander refused owing to heavy casualties sustained. It is rumoured that the artillery have been ordered to shoot as little as possible to endeavour to make this sector a quiet one.

APPENDIX.

EFFECT OF OUR BOMBING AND ARTILLERY FIRE.

A prisoner recently captured states that on July 11 or 12, our artillery successfully set fire to, and practically destroyed, a large ammunition dump north of the ST. QUENTIN - AMIENS road, just east of HERLEVILLE; the aerodrome just behind this dump was also wrecked.

The dump referred to is clearly FOUCAUCOURT, N.E. of HERLEVILLE; the aerodrome was very successfully bombed on the 15th July.

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ST. QUENTIN DIVISION

28th July, 1918

INSPECTION FROM OTHER DIVISIONS

CASUALTIES - 1st Div. 1st Bn. 1st Lt. ...
[Faint text detailing casualties and other military information.]

REMARKS - The enemy is ...
[Faint text providing remarks on the situation and enemy movements.]

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 29th July - to - 6 a.m. 30th July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. Enemy parties were again active and many live targets were satisfactorily engaged. At request of the Infantry movement in K.26.a. and c, K.36.d, and K.31.a. and b were shelled. Enemy reported massing in ravine K.31.a.6.0 - K.31.b.25.67 were engaged. Hostile T.Ms and M.W. J.36.b.6.0 - J.36.b.84.42 were silenced on two occasions. During the day registrations were carried out and new S.O.S. lines checked. At night two gas concentrations were fired on valley from K.21.c.45.95 to K.21.c.60.60 and dug-outs K.9.b.40.90 to K.9.d.90.65. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on tracks and roads, centres of activity, trench systems and strong points. At 11.15 p.m. a crash was put down on S.O.S. plus 500 yards and at 3.30 a.m. a creeping barrage from S.O.S. plus 300 yards to S.O.S. plus 500 yards by Left Group.
- (b) Patrols.- Protective and listening patrols saw no sign of the enemy.
- (c) M.G's.- Right Company. Harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets at intervals throughout the night :- C.T. K.14.d; K.15.a.15.50; K.26.d.1.1; K.26.c.6.1; K.26.b.60.05; K.21.a.3.6. Information was received of enemy concentration, and fire was distributed from K.31.b.6.2 to K.31.c.7.6.
- Centre Company.- Throughout the night, the following targets were engaged with harassing fire :- K.8.d.7.3; K.8.d.7.6; K.2.d.0.2 to K.2.d.2.0; K.8.b.3.5. Ammunition expended 22,000 rounds.
- (d) L.T.M's.- L.T.Ms fired on targets along the Divisional Front.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 6th Coy., 203rd R.I.R. (Normal).
(Wounded prisoner - found in K.25).

3. PRISONERS. A further wounded prisoner was brought in during the night. Total of prisoners from operation of the 29th Inst is 4 officers and 127 O.R.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING. This has been moderately active. Our front line systems were bombarded throughout the day - considerably more active at night. The following areas were shelled.-

Area Shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
J.22	6 a.m.	30	Gas.
J.15.c.	7.35 a.m.	10	77 Gas.
J.10.c.	9.30 to 9.40 am	Lightly	77
J.2	10.5 to 10.20am	Lightly	15 cm & 77 mm.
Road J.12.a & b.	10.10 a.m.	10	10.5 c.m.
Front line J.7	10.25 a.m.	Lightly	15 c.m.
J.17.a.	11 a.m.	15	Gas.
J.12.b. & K.7.c.	11.30 am to 1 pm.	40	5.9
J.12.a.	1.55 p.m.	14	4.2
Front Line K.14. & 20.	3.30 p.m.	Lightly	H.V.
J.16.c.	4.40 p.m.	8	4.2 How.
Front Line K.17. & 13.	4.45 p.m.	20	77
Front Line K.13.& 19	Interm't during afternoon.		5.9 How.

K.25.c/

APPENDIX. 2

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<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>
K.25.c.	5 p.m.	10	77
J.30.c.	5 p.m.		77
J.10.b. & c.	5.5 p.m.	Lightly	77
J.10.b	5.10 p.m.	10	77 Gas.
J.24.d.	5.10 to 5.20 pm	12	4.2
Scattered	5.15 to 5.30 p.m.	18	77
SAILLY-leSEC.	5.30 to 6.15 pm	Lightly	5.9
J.18	5.35 p.m.	Lightly	4.2 How.
J.30.a.	6.10 p.m.	6	5.9
J.12.a & b.	7.40 p.m.	10	77
Line in K.1 & K.8	10 p.m.	Lightly	5.9 How.
K.13.a. and b.	11.20 p.m.	50	77
J.17.a. & b.	11.20 to 12.15 am	8	4.2 & 5.9
K.13.a. & d.	1.45 a.m.	10	77 gas
J.14.b, J.15.a & J.16.a	2.30 to 3 am	1000	4.2/& 77 (Mustard).
J.9	2.45 to 3.46 am	15	77
J.12.a.	3.25 a.m.	12	5.9

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Shell holes from K.31.b.85.80 to K.26.c.0.0 have been consolidated. Post at K.14.c.90.75 is heavily wired. M.G's were active from K.20.b.4.8, K.26.a.8.2, K.14.d.2.8, and K.14.d.10.45. M.W. were active from K.26.c.15.15 (approx), K.20.b.5.7, K.20.b.0.9, K.20.b.20.95, K.21.a.3.8, K.21.a.5.1, K.14.b.2.0 and K.14.b.05.90.

6. ENEMY ATTITUDE. No enemy counter attack was attempted during the night. Artillery was very active on our Forward positions.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. At 8 p.m. 100 men were seen in K.26. During the forenoon working parties were seen working in shell holes in K.31.b. Continual movement was seen during the day on road at K.26.c.2.0. Enemy stretcher parties were busy all the morning on Left Brigade Front.

8. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. E.A. were over our lines at 7 a.m., 9.10 am and 7.10 p.m. Enemy contact plane was shown their front line by means of white flares, fired from the ground.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Green flares were fired by the enemy as a signal to lengthen range. Enemy S.O.S. signal on morning of 29th appeared to be 2 reds. At 10 p.m. a dump was set on fire behind enemy lines in direction of ACCROCHE Wood.

CORRIGENDA: Under Miscellaneous - Reliefs - of yesterdays Summary.- dates :-
 27/28th should read 26/27th and
 29/30th should read 28/29th.

R. M. ...
 Lieut-Colonel, G.S.
 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

30th July, 1918.

P.T.O.

BOMBING RAIDS.-

(a) Ours.- By day, 12 112-lb and 164 25-lb bombs were dropped on various targets, including LAMOTTE and OMIECOURT dump. Several bursts were seen on and around village of LAMOTTE.

By night, in connection with the operation 1 112-lb and 60 25-lb bombs were dropped south-east of MORLANCOURT on hostile batteries.

GERMAN RESERVES.-

No fresh divisions were identified in the fighting yesterday. The German Crown Prince has, therefore, 7 fit divisions in reserve. There are also 3 fit divisions in reserve belonging to the two Southern Army Groups which are available for reinforcing the Crown Prince's Army.

The strength of Prince RUPPRECHT's reserve is now estimated at 27 infantry divisions and 1 dismounted cavalry div. available for an immediate offensive.

POSSIBLE RE-ORGANIZATION OF GERMAN FIELD ARTILLERY.-

Recently captured documents, supported by the statements of prisoners, indicate that the number of pieces in certain field gun batteries has been raised from 4 to 6. No instances of a similar increase in field howitzer batteries have yet been reported.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Period 6 a.m. 30th July - to - 6 a.m. 31st July, 1918.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

Ref. Map sheet 62.D N.E. 1/20,000.

1. OPERATIONS. (a) Artillery. During the morning "S.O.S" lines were registered and active Minenwerfers at K.21.a.30.80, K.26.b.0.9 and K.20.b.20.80 silenced. During the afternoon an enemy O.P. at J.36.b.70.50 was engaged and a destructive shoot carried out which was reported successful. An O.P. at J.15.b.30.70 was also bombarded and three direct hits registered. Movement in the vicinity of dugouts at K.9.c.60.60 was dispersed, a hostile Trench Mortar at K.20.b.35.70 silenced, and an enemy party in K.22. scattered. During the night gas concentrations were fired on Reserve Company's dugouts K.9.d.80.45 to K.10.c.00.35, and on valley K.32.b.45.85 to K.32.b.70.50. A divisional burst was fired on occupied trench K.15.a.95.40, and group bursts on centres of activity. Harassing fire on enemy communications was maintained. At 11 p.m. a special concentration was fired on active Minenwerfers at K.20.b.35.70, K.20.d.40.70, K.20.b.50.70, K.21.a.30.80 and at K.21.a.50.16. The ravine at K.31.a.60.80 to K.31.b.25.67 was swept at intervals. 6" Newton Trench Mortars engaged enemy works and strong points, and at night co-operated with Artillery in bombardment of enemy Minenwerfer positions and trenches.
- (b) M.G's. Right Company.- At intervals throughout the night harassing fire was distributed on the following targets:- K.31.a.5.2; K.21.b.5.7; K.15.c.20.37; K.26.c.20.05; K.31.c.9.4; K.20.d.90.84; K.27.a.7.4; K.26.c.45.70. Ammunition expended 8,000 rounds.
- (c) Patrols.- Sounds of work were heard at K.14.a.7.6. No enemy was seen along the divisional front.
- (d) L.P.M's.- Working party at K.14.d.15.70 was dispersed at 10 a.m.
- (e) Snipers.- 36 hits claimed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 11th and 12th Coys. 232nd R.I.R. (Prisoners-normal)

3. PRISONERS.- Two prisoners came into our line in K.14.c. They had lain hidden in "No Man's Land" since our advance.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.- Quiet during the day, considerably more active at night, particularly on the left and centre, including heavy Minenwerfer fire. This was quietened by counter battery concentrations and bombardments of enemy system. The following areas were shelled :-

Area Shelled.	Time.	Rds.	Calibre.
J.11.a.	Interm't during morning		4.2 & 5.9 How.
J.17.c.	2.50 p.m.	4	42 H.V.
J.17.a.	3.15 p.m.	18	77
F.L. K.20.d.	2. to 5 p.m.		4.2 & 77
	Interm't shelling.		
J.17.a. & b.	3.45 p.m.	28	77 H.E. & Gas.
J.17	4 to 4.45 p.m.	20	5.9
		30	4.2
K.20.c.	4.5 to 4.45 p.m.	22	4.2 & 5.9
SAILLY-le-SEC.	4.18 p.m.	100	4.2
J.24.c. & d.	7.30 p.m.	50	4.2
J.21.c.	8.5 p.m.	30	4.2
K.19.c, K.25.a.	8.25 p.m.	50	77

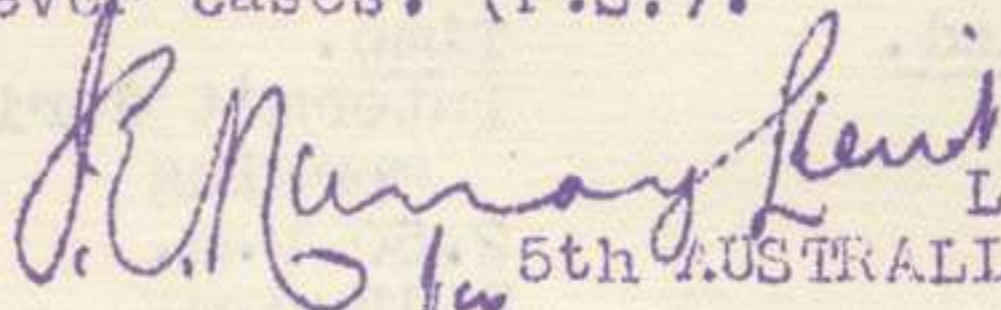
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Area Shelled.	Time.	Res.	Calibre.
K.13.d.	8.25 p.m.	30	4.2
K.25.a.	8.35 p.m.	50	77
F.L. Centre.	10.15 p.m.	Heavy	T.M.
F.L. Left Bde.	9 to 11.20 p.m.		77, 4.2, & 5.9, Hows. Interm't Heavy Bursts 10 mins. interval.
J.16.a.	12.30 a.m.	10	4.2 H.E. & Blue Cross gas.
J.17.a.	1.30 to 1.55 am.	600	77, 4.2, Phosgene gas
K.27.b.	4.10 a.m.	30	77 mm.

5. **ENEMY DEFENCES.** Enemy is reported to be digging a line in K.20.b. (observers).
Wire.— A wiring party was heard at K.14.a.7.6 (patrol).
M.G's were active from K.14.c.9.1.
M.W. were active from K.14.b.2.5 and K.14.d.8.3.
 There are several light and medium M.W. on road just to left of C.T. at K.14.d.25.30, and among trees on road in K.14.b.(P.S.). Reserve Battalion, and kitchens of 232nd R.I.R. are in the valley in K.23. (P.S.).
6. **ENEMY ATTITUDE.**— Enemy is nervous at night and snipes at any movement Machine Guns were extremely active firing across our low line and C.T's on Left Bde. sector.
7. **AERIAL ACTIVITY.**— An enemy artillery observing aeroplane patrolled in front of our line all day. At 6.30 p.m. one E.A. flew low over our lines and fired flares over K.20.a., whereupon the artillery opened fire on the area.
8. **MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.** At 5 p.m. a large party of the enemy was seen in K.22.d. Movement was seen near dugouts at K.3.b.40.75 and K.3.b.7.8. An enemy working party at K.3.b.90.95 was dispersed by artillery.
9. **MISCELLANEOUS.**— Gun flashes were observed from K.14.a.25.35 :-
 5.9" 127°, 78°, 80°, T.B.
 4.2 and 77 92°, 107°, 117°.
 M.W. 152°, 118°, 121°.
 There are a great number of batteries in the valley in K.23.(P.S.).
Enemy Casualties.—
 Artillery personnel have suffered heavy casualties in GRESSAIRE WOOD from our artillery fire. Certain direct hits have knocked out entire battery crews. (P.S.).
 The kitchens in K.23. have also suffered severely - several being knocked out by direct hits. (P.S.).
 About 22nd instant heavy casualties were caused in BRAY by our shelling. One shell caused 18 casualties in the stretcher bearers' company.
 The town is clear of reserve troops. The hospitals in BRAY are full of gas and fever cases. (P.S.).

31st July, 1918.


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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Part II.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

PRISONERS' STATEMENTS CONCERNING MORALE AND STRENGTH OF COMPANIES IN THE MORLANCOURT AND SAILLY-LE-SEC SECTORS.

From the examination of prisoners belonging to the 107th and 43rd Res. Div. captured yesterday, it would appear that both

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divisions are very weak. The prisoners were physically a very poor lot of men. Their morale was also bad. An Officer, on whose statements reliance can be placed, said that the morale of both officers and men had been very adversely affected by the success of the Allied counter-stroke of the MARNE.

He further stated that companies were very weak, and they were receiving no drafts. He knew of only one division in back areas.

(Note.- This division is probably about the line of the SOMME near PERONNE).

ENEMY INTENTIONS.-

Officers and men captured yesterday know of no intention on the part of the enemy to attack. They state their strength is too weak to allow of this. They have been told to expect a continuance of raids and minor operations on our part.

BOMBING RAIDS.-

(a) By Day :- 116 25-lb bombs were dropped on various targets, including area E. of MAILLARD Wood. Results could not be observed on account of the low visibility.

(b) By night:- 2 112-lb and 4 25-lb bombs were dropped on BRAY siding.

GERMAN RESERVES. -

One division (50th Res. Div), from reserve near CAMBRAI has been transferred to the battle front south of SOISSONS, and Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies now consists of 75 Infantry and 2 dismounted cavalry divisions, of which 26 infantry divisions and 1 dismounted cavalry division, fit to fight, are in reserve.

In addition to 1 division from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group, 2 divisions from close reserve and 2 divisions from the two southern Groups have been engaged on the battle front, where a total of 71 Infantry Divisions and 1 dismounted cavalry division have been engaged. There are now 5 divisions, fit to fight, in reserve in the German Crown Prince's Group, which have not yet been identified in the fighting.

Including 1 division in the two southern Groups, there are 32 Infantry Divisions and 1 dismounted cavalry division in reserve in the Western Theatre available for immediate operations.

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