

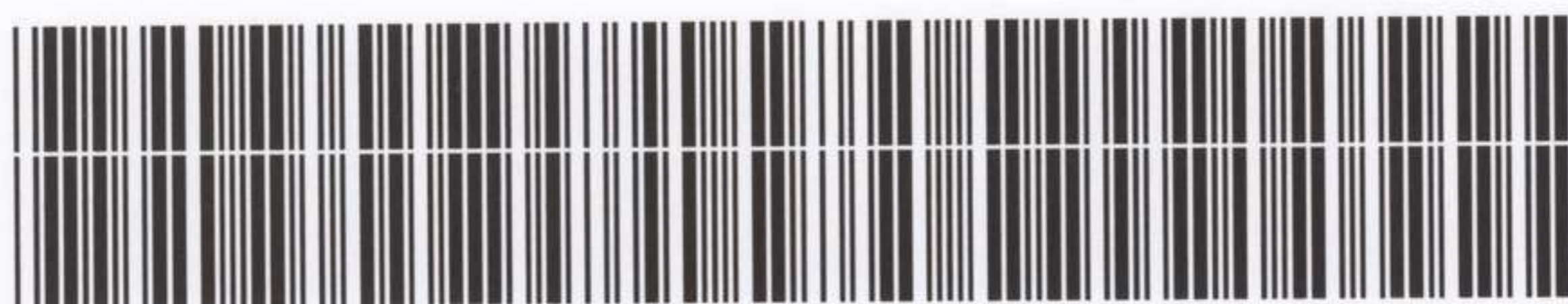
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Note	4.20 a.m.				Barrage opened to time.	
1.	4.38	15th Bde. 5th Div.			15th Bde in position. No enemy retaliation or flares.	Phone
2.	4.40	5th Div. Aust. Corps			Repeating 1.	"
3.	4.42	15th Bde. 5th Div.		BM 414	All troops safely in position.	Wire
4.	4.55	8th Bde 5th Div.			Everything going well.	Phone
5.	5.34	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G1	Reports received from both Divs. Attack started to time all going well. For first half hour practically no retaliation Left Div. has received reports that troops have entered ACCROCHE WOOD. Enemy wire no obstacle.	Wire
6.	5.36	14th Bde. 5th Div.		BM 257	In position 4.30 a.m.	Phone
7.	5.37	2nd A.Div. 5th Div.		G2	Prisoner from JAFFA trench 6th Co. 18th I.R. states not expecting attack.	Wire
8.	5.38	14th Bde. 5th Div.		BM 258	Movement commenced 4.35 a.m.	"
9.	5.58	15th Bde 5th Div.			14th Brigade passing through near their Headquarters.	Phone
10.	5.58	8th Bde. 5th Div.		BM 288	Brigade moved off 5.20 a.m. Enemy retaliation feeble.	Wire
11.	6.6	2nd A.Div. 5th Div.		G3	Right Co. Right Bn. Left Bde reported to be on JUDY REDOUBT some prisoners captured, retaliation light. Identification from 4th Bty 2nd Bde 27th Field Arty.	"

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12	6.32	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		7th A.I. Bde. report 1 officer 74 O.Rs prisoners.	Phone
13.	6.32	Div.I.O.	5th Div.		Prisoners 12th Co. 18 I.R. 41st Div. state relieved 2nd Coy at 11 p.m. night 7/8. No knowledge whatever of our attack. 2 Bns plus 2 Coys in line owing to previous casualties. Remaining two companies in French Cemetery V3a. No knowledge of reserves further back. Barrage and tanks described terrific morale poor. Coy strength 1 officer 52 O.R 5 or 6 L.M.G's.	Wire
14.	6.34	2nd Can. Div.	5th Div	G505	4th C.I.B. report 3 prisoners 22nd R.I.Regt 117th Div. They received last night and had no knowledge of impending attack. 7th Bde Australians prisoners 18th I.R. 41st Div normal. These prisoners also no knowledge of our attack.	Wire
15.	6.45	2nd Aust Div.	5th Div.	G5	Both Bdes report things appear to be going satisfactorily Heavy ground mist. Right Bde prisoners 1 officer 74 O.Rs Left Bde 1 officer 28 O.Rs latter from 152 I.R.	Wire
16.	6.59	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 290	Bde forward Sig. station established P29c. In touch with 32nd Bn. Situation appears satisfactory.	Wire
17.	7.12	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 291	"A" Co. 13th Tanks reports 6.50 a.m. 11 tanks moved forward One had breakdown but may be in line to cross green line.	Wire
18.	7.12	Liaison 3rd Div.	5th Div.		6.30 a.m. Prisoners previously reported Austrian proved normal. Wounded man reports GAILLY taken. Prisoner states expect counter attack south of FUSEE-AMIENS road. 58th Div reports tanks gained objective E of SAILLY LAURETTE 34 prisoners. In touch on left, remainder obscure.	Phone

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19	7.14	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G5	Canadians are reported across LUCE and neighbourhood of HANGARD. Met with very little resistance. Our observers on the left reported about 5.30 a.m. that 3rd Corps attack was going well. GAILLY and ACCROSCHE WOOD and JUDY REDOUBT have ben reported captured.	Wire
20	7.14	Div.H.O.	5th Div.		Prisoners 18th I.R. state order of Battle N to S 152 I.R. 18th I.R. 148th I.R. Latter regiments S of Railway. 2 prisoners 4th Co. 22nd R.I.R. 117th Div. state relieved 2nd Grenadiers night 7/8. 117th Div has just come down from rest near OSTEND. 2nd R.I.R. has 2 Bns in line and 1 in WARFUSEE. Coy ration strength 2 officers 200 O.Rs fighting strength 2 officers 120 O.Rs 8 L.M's. No known where 157 I.R. is. 11th R.I.R. disbanded 2 months ago and replaced by 11th Grenadier Regt. 22nd R.I.R. had no idea of our attack.	Wire
21.	7.25	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 292	Report from Bde forward station P29c63 7.10 a.m. Situation satisfactory. Tanks moving forward into position. Enemy action slight.	Wire
22.	7.37	Liaison 2nd Can. Div.	5th Div.	TK 1	Early reports state after initial barrage enemy retaliation light. Troops get away well. 4.40 a.m. Tanks going through. 5.7 a.m. 3 prisoners at forward Brigade viz 22 R.I.R. 117th Div. from LILLE detrained at PERONNE after 6 weeks rest. Knew of impending attack by Allies but no date. Div quite a good one. 5.55 a.m. 1st Can Div. report attack going well, some opposition in HANGARD WOOD. 6.6 a.m. 148 R. (41 Div) identified by 2nd Can.Div. right of railway line. 6.25 fog bad, prisoners report many unidentified Divs in back areas. 7 a.m. 1st Can Div. have identified 2 other Regts of 117 Div	D.R.

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22					(Contd) viz. 11th Grenadier Regt. and 156th I.Regt. came into line on night of 6/7 inst. 7.6 am 2nd Can. Div. report LEFT Bn 4th Bde now on outskirts of village (MARCELCAVE). 5th Bde. moving up behind 4th Bde. Shelling light. Situation so far satisfactory.	
23	7.37	2nd Can. Div.	5th A.Div.	G506	4th C.I.B. report prisoners belonging 22 RIR 117 Div. Divn. came into line yesterday relieving tired unknown Division British attack expected date unknown 117 Div entrained LILLE area two days ago detrained PERRONE no knowledge enemy offensives back area fairly full divns. unidentified.	Wire
24	7.37	8th Bde	5th A.Div.	BM 293	NUSA (13th AFA Bde.) moved forward 7.20 am	Wire
25	7.50	Div.Art	5th A.Div.		13th Bde report captured map shows Bn at Q.30.c.4.3.	Phone
26	7.58	5th A.Div	8th & 15th Bdes.		Repeated No. 25	Phone
27	8.4	Div.Art	5th A.Div.		14th Bde RFA have received a report that we have possession of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT and GREEN line beyond.	Phone
28	8.5	Div.Art	Div.		C.R.A. 2nd A.Div. confirms capture of GREEN Line	Phone
29	8.9	Liaison Off. 2nd A.Div.	5th A.Div.		5th Bde on both sides of and encircling WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT and have more prisoners than they can deal with	

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	a.m.					
30	8.10	15th Bde	5th A.Div.		Headquarters moving to P.34.d.5.2	Phone
31	8.11	2nd A.Div.	5th A.Div.		Troops on GREEN LINE	Phone
32	8.24	5th A.Div.	Aust. Corps		General HOBBS assumes command	
33	8.25	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G8	18th Bn report going on in good order. Number of prisoners seen coming from WARFUSEE which is being cleaned up. Reorganisation of old enemy system through P.22.d., 28.b. and d proceeding. Prisoners now total about 300.	Wire
34	8.25	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 296	29th Bn reports timed 7.30 am. In position in rear of valley P.30.a. No casualties.	Wire
35	8.25	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 7	Prisoner states two Bns and elements M.G.Coy. in wood in Q.29.	Wire
36	8.25	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 416	We close at once present location open at P.34.d.5.2.	Wire
37	8.30	5 A.Div.	Aust. Corps	G37	G.O.C. 5th Aust.Div. assumed command operations 8.20 am	Wire
38	8.34	8th Bde	5 A.Div.		30th Bn. 2 77's and 30 prisoners 1 L.M.G.	Phone
39	8.35	5 A.Div.	Corps "I"		Repeated No. 35	

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	a.m.					
40	8.36	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 9	Latest reports state WARFUSEE captured and 17th Bn through on both sides village. 18th Bn. also well forward on left. Casualties appear light. More prisoners taken than can deal with. Our arty and tanks now moving east in P22d 28b and d.	Wire
41	8.38	14th Bde	5 A.Div.	G 1	In position O.K.	Wire
42	8.45	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 297	Reports from 30th Bn timed 8.5 am are in position on GREEN line. In touch with both flanks. Casualties not exceeding 10 O.Rs. Captures 30 prisoners 2 77 guns 1 LMG. Identifications normal. From 31st Bn timed 8.3 am are in position on GREEN LINE ready to move forward. Casualties slight. From 32nd Bn in position in valley P30b and c H.Q. Quarry P30c88 casualties 4 O.Rs. Bde forward station established P30c88	WIRE
43	8.55	D.I.Offr.	5 A. Div.	Ig 1	Captured maps show Bn. Hqrs. at Q.30.c.4.3 and R.E. Park at Q.27.c.2.3 aaa Liaison informed.	Wire.
44	8.55	2nd Aust Div.	5 A.Div.	G. 12	Centre Bn. Right Bde. on GREEN line aaa	Wire.
45	8.55	Liaison 2 Cdn.Div.	5 A. Div.	T.K. 2	7.40 4 Bde. H.Q. moving now to CAVE COPSE aaa 8.25 no word from 4th and 5th Brigades aaa 8.30 out of touch with Bdes 4 and 5 8.40 4th Bde. report MARCELCAVE captured aaa obtained objective on NORTH reported on objective SOUTH but not verified yet. aaa 6 officers 300 O.R. prisoners 2 batteries guns aaa.	Wire D.R. 15

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46	9	2nd Aust Div.	5th A. Div.	G 11	Command of battle front handed over to G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. aaa	Wire.
47	9.7	2nd Aust. Div.	5th A. Div.	G 10	Right Bn. Right Bde. report having captured GREEN line .	Wire.
48	9.8	C.R.A.	5th A. Div.		13th Fld. Artillery Bde. have been in action about the GREEN line and are moving forward again.	'Phone.
49	9.10	5 A.Div.	Corps "G"		Repeating Serial No. 48.	'Phone.
50	9.13	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	B.M. 298	Brigade forward station report timed 8.55 am aaa Bde. moved from GREEN line about 8.20 a.m. aaa Bde. H.Q. will move to chalk pit P.30.c.8.8.	Wire
51	9.13	8th Bde.	5 A. Div.		Headquarters moving to P.30.c.8.8.	'Phone.
52	9.18	8th Bde	5th Div	BM 299	13th A.F.A. Bde reports timed 8.55 a.m. 3 batteries have engaged targets. 49th th Batt. S.E. WARFUSEE. 50th Batt. P.35.a. 51 N.E. WARFUSEE. 2 Batteries are moving forward at present.	Wire
53	9.20	C.O. 5th Pioneer Bn.	5th Div.		10 armoured motor cars passed through WARFUSEE at 7.40 a.m. This confirmed by Lieut-Colonel CARTER 17th A.C.Bn. who stated 2 armoured cars had broken down.	Phone
54	9.25	2nd Can. Div.	5th Div.	G208	Our 5th Bde report through MARCELCAVE to the North, on objective to the South, reported on objective not confirmed yet.	Wire

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55	9.25	15th Bde Rear	5th Div.	SC 719	Transport moving 9.30 a.m. from present location to 028c Messages to Div. Bomb Dump.	Wire
56	9.30	14th Bde	5th Div.		General STEWART reports 14th AI. Bde. in position. No enemy shelling.	Phone
57.	9.34	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 300	Bde H.W. closing at 024c23 now and opening P30c88 on arrival 9.15 a.m.	Wire
58.	9.38	Liaison 3rd Div.	5th Div.		8.40 SAILLY LAURETTE cleared. 3rd Corps report captured all objectives.	Phone
59.	9.40	2nd Aust. Div.	5th Div.	G13	Prisoner 18 I.R. states they were told on afternoon of 7th inst that tanks had been seen in VILLERS BRETONNEUX and 201st R.I.R. which which had just come out to rest came up to WARFUSSE that afternoon. 4 5 6 7 9 10 11 12 Coys 18 I.R. identified so far. 5 officers 241 O.R so far passed through Div. cage prisoner 2nd M.G. Coy 18 I.R. states Coy had 10 heavy guns forward and two with 2nd line transport ROMER GULLY Q23 or Q29. 1 Bn 152 I.R. also in this Gully and other reserve Bns of Regts in line reported there also. 15th I R. stated to be North of 52nd I.R. Coy strength 11 Coy 152 I.R. 2 effrs 90 O.Rs 5 L.M.G's. 152 I.R. heard motor traffic and tanks contin- uously two days ago. Officers are stated to have expected our attack but men know nothing. Main line resistance however was apparently withdrawn outpost being 600 - 700 metres in front.	Wire

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60	A.M. 9.45	2nd Cdn. Div.	5 A.Div.	G.509	Following identifications obtained 10th Dragoons observed and 79 FAR of 41st Div. and 233 FAR 117th Div. near MARCELCAVE first two identifications are officers two batteries appear to be taken without firing personnel asleep aaa Estimate of prisoners taken 60 Officers 300 O.Rs.	Wire.
61	9.46	2nd Aust Div.	5 A. Div.	G.14	Right Bde. report timed 8.50 am all Bns. on objective and digging in aaa Consolidation and reorganization in depth proceeding aaa 5 Div. passed through and cavalry and tanks then passing aaa Prisoners counted at Div. cage 10 8.30 a.m. total 651.	Wire.
62	9.49	Bch "I" Aust Corps	5th A.Div.	BIS 483 A.	Reports to 9.15 am aaa No contact patrol attempted at 1st objective owing to heavy fog.	Wire.
63	9.50	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G.10	Situation at 8.30 a.m. aaa WARFUSEE and MARCELCOURT captured and reports indicate GREEN line captured on whole of Aust. and Canadian Corps Front aaa Considerable number of prisoners and some guns taken aaa Our artillery and tanks moving forward in P.22 and P.28 aaa Enemy retreating rapidly on Left Div. front aaa Our casualties appear light .	Wire
64	9.55	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G.13	Fourth Army report timed 9.4 am begins aaa III Corps now on furthest objectives RED line aaa Ends. O.K.	Wire.
65	9.55 am	Aust Corps.	5 A.Div.	G.12	2nd Aust. Div. report everything/on GREEN line aaa 5 Aust Div. are going strong on GREEN line also tanks and cavalry aaaCanadian Corps captured two batteries field guns and one Bty. Heavy in MARCELCAVE including personnel.	Wire.

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66	Dixie 10.15	Div.I.O.	5 A.Div.		Further identifications Abeillung staff 79 F.A.R. also 2nd and 3rd Batteries. Also 3rd M.G.K. 18 I.R. 3rd M.G.K. 152 I.R. M.W. platoon 18 I.R. 3rd 4 and 11 12 coys. 152 I.R. 19 unwounded 1 wounded officer already examined. Document identifies 41st Div. as with 11th Army Corps on July 10. Officer 151 I.R. 37 Div. refuses all information. 18th Coy. 152nd I.R. 7 Coy 148 I.R. identified. Original order of battle confirmed. Present order of battle obscure.	Wire
67	10.19	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	I 6	Our attached mobile artillery have arrived and propose get into action rear of GREEN LINE.	Wire
68	10.19	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 18	Prisoners passed through Div. Collecting posts to 9.30 am total 20 officers and 880 OR. More still coming in.	Wire
69	10.23	15th Bde.	5 A.Div.	I 4	60th Bn. report timed 8.33 am. Hdqrs established V4d88 on MARCELCAVE WARFUSEE Road. Now pushing forward over GREEN LINE. Apparently all well with Canadians	Wire
70	10.31	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM431	Following from Right Bn timed 9.30 am. Cavalry passing through us in close formation preceded by scouts. Am in touch with Canadians on right who are going well ahead. Very little enemy shelling. One of our howitzers consistently dropping short in V.12.a.	Wire

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71	10.30	Div.I.O.	5 A.Div.		Further identifications 18 I.R. 1st Coy. and M.W. platoon 152nd I.R. 2nd 8 9 and 10 Coys and M.W. Platoon. 145 I.R. 6 7 and 10 coys and M.W. Platoon. 15 I.R. 6 Coy. further officers captured include Capt commanding 3rd Bn 15 I.R. and Lieut. acting O.C. 1st Bn 152nd I.R. Bn M.O. 2nd Bn and officer of 8 Bty 79 FAR. Twenty five unwounded and 1 wounded officer up to now.	Wire
72	10.41	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	I 28	Timed 7.50 Right Bn reports. We are at LABASTILLE MILL All well enemy shelling MARCELCAVE. We are in touch with Canadians on right who report they are going well. ENDS. All our troops now advancing from GREEN LINE. Our aeroplanes not sufficiently active.	Wire
73	10.45	4th Bde	5 A.Div.	GB 2	Additional identifications passed through to prison 97 IR 1st Coy 16th Foot Arty 1st Bty 58th Field Arty 9th and 4th Battys 17 Bearer Coys.	Wire
74	10.50	Liaison 2 C.Div.	5 A. Div.	TK 3	9 am 1st and 3rd Can.Divs reported on GREEN Line. 2 Can.Div. captured MARCELCAVE and GREEN LINE on North. 9.10 am about 6 off and 300 prisoners 5 Bde H.Q at V.7.a.9.6. 9.30 am 2nd Can.Div. captured GREEN LINE on time report confirmed. 10 am No further report from 5th Bde now attack RED objective.	D.R.

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75	10.50	15th Bde	5 A.Div.		57th Bn have captured 2 5.9 Hows. Passing BAYONVILLERS In touch both flanks. Cavalry and Mk. V Stars have gone through.	Phone
76	10.55	C.R.A.	5 A.Div.		54th Bty W.9.b.8.3. at 10.45 am	
77	10.55	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 17	Further identifications ABTEILUNG Staff 79th FAR also 2nd and 3rd Batteries. Also 3rd MGK 18 IR 3rd MGK 152 IR MW platoon 18 IR 3rd 4th and 11th 12th Coys. 152 IR. 19 unwounded 1 wounded officers already examined. Document identifies 41st Div. as with 11th Army Corps on July 10th. Officers 151 IR 37th Div. refuses all information. 8th Coy. 152nd IR 7th Coy 148 IR identified. Original order of battle confirmed Present order of battle obscure.	Wire
78	10.58	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 19	Prisoners now passed through div. cage total 977.	Wire
79	11 am	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 410	60th Bn reports our heavies firing short in W8a.	Wire
80	11 am	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM418	Prisoners 126th 152nd RIR and 27th Reft Arty captured by Left Bn.	Wire
81	11.8	5 A.Div.	Corps I 2 A.Div.	G 81	Prisoners 126 152nd RIR and 27th Regt. Arty by Left Bn left Bde.	Wire
82	11.8	5 A.Div.	Corps Flank Divs 4 & 3 A.Divs.	G 82	Several of our armoured cars passed through LA FLAQUE 9.18 am	Wire

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83	11.9	C.R.A.	5 A.Div.		5th Artillery Bde in position readiness in P30	
84		Liaison 4 A.Div	5 A.Div.		9.30 CERISY taken- 1 Field gun 200 prisoners MORCOURT taken 100 guns.prisoners.	
85	11.14	Sig.Co.	5 A.Div.		Interrupted enemy wireless message CT F 16 NICHT VERSTANDEN. <i>300</i>	Wire
86	11.15	5 A.Div.	Corps		Repeating No. 85.	
86A	11.16	C.R.A.	5 A.Div.		30th Bn advancing astride road with 4th A.Div. on left Enemy shelling Q29 with 77, Tank clearing Q27, Q23 Q23.	Phone
87	11.16	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 301	Bde H.Q. established at Quarry P30c85. Report from Bde I.O. who is at Q25d73. Bde moved past at 9.15 am. Forward Bns have not deployed and were moving along in good order. Tanks were moving in front and on flanks and Arty was moving in rear.	Wire
88	11.17	4 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	QT 228	87 55 238 IR identified in CERISY at 9.30 am.	Wire
89	11.18	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	I.O.3	Prisoners now total 34 identification 13 and 41 Div.	Wire
90	11.18	14 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 2	Detachment engineers not yet reported.	Wire
91	11.18	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 303	Message from Bde forward stn at Q35a80 RED line captured at 10.30 am prisoners estimated 300. Div. casualties light. Bde H.Q. is now moving to Cross roads Q25d79	Wire

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92	11.18	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 302	32nd Bn report timed 10.15 am H.Q. established at Q34a76. Prisoners now amount to 60. Identification n 152 IR. No reports from forward Bns 32nd Bn is support is is probable 30 and 31 have reached RED line.	Wire
93	11.18	8 Bde	5 A.Div.	I.O. 2	27 prisoners through collecting station. Identification 151 152 IR 58 and 151 Foot Arty Regt. 13 and 41 Div.	Wire
94	11.21	5 A.Div.	Corps I	G 95	8th Bde reports. 27 prisoners through Bde collecting station. Identification 151 152 IR 58 and 151 Foot Arty Regt 13 and 41 Div.	Wire
94A	11.27	C.R.A.	5 A.Div.		4th A.F.A.Bde. in position of readiness in V5a and P35	Phone.
95	11.27	Corps I	5 A.Div.	G 95	All arty now forward except 6th Army Bde A.F.A.	
96	11.28	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	Bm411	57th Bn reports progress and have captured 2 5.9 Hows Wounded Cavalry men returning states his troops in W.10 and 4 and out Inf. in W.16 meeting with opposition south of Rly. in W16c, Aeroplanes are dealing with this. A German balloon at Mag. bearing 134.30 degs. from P.35.d.5.2.	Wire
97	12.28	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	IO 4	Prisoners through Bde Collecting station new total 46	Wire

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98	11.28	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 21	Further identifications 18 IR 1st Coy. and MW platoon 152nd IR 2nd 8th 9th and 10th Coys MW Platoon. 148 th I.R. 6th 7th and 10th Coys. and MW platoon. 15th IR 6th Coy further offs. captured include Capt. Comdg 3rd Bn 152 IR and Lieut acting O.C. 1st Bn 152 IR Bn M.O. 2nd Bn and officer of 8th Bty 79th FAR. 25 unwounded and 1 wounded off. up to now.	Wire
99	11.28	13 AFA Bde	5 A.Div		H.Q. closing P30c88 reopening at Q25d74 8th Bde report 300 prisoners casualties very light.	Wire
100	11.28	5th Div.			Bayonvillers being mopped up resistance negligible.	
101	11.33	5th Div. xxxxx xxxx.	3 Bdes. D.Art		14th Inf.Bde will move to GREEN Line AAA 13th 14th and 6th F.A.Bdes will revert to command C.R.A. 5th Aust. Div. at 11.45 am. Acknowledge.	Wire
102	11.35	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	Bm 420	59th Bn reports timed 9.50 am states have reached point level with BAYONVILLERS. Advance going well casualties moderate.	Wire
103	11.35	Div.I.O.	5 A.Div.	JG 2	Identifications 1st and 2nd Bns 15 IR 3rd Bn 13 IR 1st and 3rd Bns 152 IR 58 FAR of 15 IR 2nd Bn in line 1st in support in trenches in front of WARBUSEE 3rd in reserve near MERICOURT. Very few of 2nd and 1st Bns got away 152nd IR 3rd Bn in line 1st support in Mercourt Valley 3rd in reserve near Guillaucourt railhead. No knowledge of attack.	Wire
104	11.35	Gen.HOBBS BIRDWOOD	Gnl.		Your Australian flag has been hoisted in HARBONNIERES at 11.3 am. All going well.	

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105 .	11.35 a.m.	5 A.Div.	17 A.C.Bn.		All 'A' Coy. 17th A.C. Bn. close to FOWCORECOURT with instns to mop it up and to proceed along road to the N. of the main E and W Road.	

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106	11.40	5th Div.			Verbal from Corps. Our Cavalry reported on MARCELCAVE -WEINCOURT road. Enemy seen near HAR BONIERE apparently in confusion.	
107	11.40 SM.	14th Field Co.	5th Div.	JC 1	Arrived at Adv.B.H.Q. 7.30 a.m. Wiring parties going forward O.K. Cannot locate light railway in vicinity LA BASTILE MILL.	D.R.
108	11.40	8th Field Co.	5th Div.	F19	Head quarters temporarily Q.32.a.2.2. Rear sections have Wire commenced work. R.E. dump with following at cross roads Q25d.73 wire netting 6 rolls, picks 200, shovels 60, barbed wire coils 100, mining sets 6 x 4 300, wooden pickets long 250, also quantity barbed concertina, slabbing (beech) and timber of various sizes also following Q25d23 barbed concertina 100 coils, babred wire 12 coils, screw pickets long 3 bundles.	
109	11.38	5th Div.	B.G.G.S.		Aust Had hoisted/flag in HARBONNIERES. Everything going well Armoured cars at 10.10 a.m. were in FOUENCOURT and had orders to mop it up.	Phone
110	11.45	C.R.A.	5th Div.		Wire from 14th A.F.A.Bde. 11.20 a.m. RED LINE captured tanks proceeding to BLUE LINE.	Phone
111	11.45	Liaison 2nd Can. Div.	5th Div.	TK 5	10.30 a.m. Reported tanks had no difficulty till passed through MARCELCAVE when two were reported knocked out. Tanks are now reported on RED LINE. 10.30 a.m. 15th Bde now V15b65 . 10.45 a.m. Reported at 9 a.m. 3- 18-pdr batteries with plenty ammunition had moved into positions east of MARCELCAVE. Res.Inf.Bde. (6th) had moved up to vicinity of V.11.and V.17. No enemy artillery fire.	D.T. H.Q.

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112	11.45	Liaison 2nd Can. Div.	5th Div.	TK 6	At V.10.c. 18th Can. Battery manning 77 captured guns likewise 5.9 in V.17. are being put into action.	D.R.
113.	11.52	5th Div.	Corps. 1.2.3.4. Aust. Div. Div. Arty.	G113	8th Brigade report RED LINE captured 10.30 a.m. Prisoners Wire estimated 300. Casualties light,	Wire
114	11.55	15th Bde.	Div.		All O.K. on BLUE LINE. HARBONNIERES and BAYONVILLES mopped up. Cavalry now operating in front of BLUE LINE.	Phone
115	12 noon	xxxx 5th Div.	Aust. Corps		Repeating 114.	"
116	12.1 p.m.	15th Bde.	5th Div.	BM304	From G.O.C. Brigade at RED LINE timed 11.28 a.m. Prisoners Wire estimated at 500. 30th Bn is pushing forward patrols to exploit BLUE LINE and if alright will move forward and occupy. Situation in front satisfactory. Bns gaining touch with flanks. Casualties appear to be light,	Wire
117	12.1	3rd Sq. A.F.C	5th Div.	AU 332	Acknowledgments Acknowledgement of instructions.	
118	12.1	15th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 414	59th Bn report timed 10.21 a.m. states we have gained RED Line. Estimated casualties of this Bn about 50. Cavalry armoured cars and whippets have gone through RED LINE. Flank intact,	Wire
119	12.1	17th A.C. Bn.	5th Div.		1 car knocked out anti-aircraft gun on main road Q26d53 10.30	Wire

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120	22.1	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	I.O. 5	Prisoners through Bde Collecting station now total 1 Offr 114 C.R.	Wire
121	11.21 am	Contact Plane	5 A.Div.		Called for flares at 10.50 and again at 11.3. Every thing going well no Popham panel received called Btms.	plane
122	12.1 pm	C.R.E.	5 A.Div.	HFI 1436	8th Field Co. (a) carried on the man (b) nil 14th Field Co. (a) carried on the man (b) nil 15th Field Co. (a) Carried on the man (b) nil	
123	12.5	5 A.Div. 15th Bde	C.R.A.		We hold the Blue Line.	
124	12.6	5th Bde	5th A.Div.	BM409	Bde forward station established in W8a. 60th Bn have passed this line with slight resistance from Guillaucourt but overcame this with assistance of Tanks.	Wire
125	12.10	Contact plane	5 A.Div.		11.30 - 11.40 5th Div. all appears O.K. Tanks and Cavalry well forward	plane

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	P.m.					
126	12.12	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 24	Unwounded prisoners passed through Div. cage up to 11.15 am total 1266.	Wire
127	12.13	C.R.E	5 A.Div.	F 20	Headquarters now located Q.33.c.1.7. Enemy R.E. dump at Q.27.c.3.2 has large quantities of timber mining sets barbed and plain wire also limited supply of corrugated iron, nails assorted, sandbags, screw pickets (large number) Sapper is being put in charge Transport should push forward as quickly as possible and easily reach Red Line. Pioneers are now getting into Road skirting BAYONVILLERS.	Wire
128	12.13	14 Field Co.	C.R.E.	JG 3	Large R.E. dump W.7.b. and d containing great quantities timber, wire and railway iron, details later.	Wire
229	12.20	5 A.Div.	Corps	G 129	8th and 15th Bdes on Blue Line	Wire
130	12.20	Corps I	5 A.Div.		Verbal from Corps 'I' Prisoners already counted 42 officers 2056 O.Rs.	
131	12.24	Div.I.O.	5 A.Div.		Further identifications 79 FAR 15th Foot Artillery Regt 24th Foot artillery Regt. 151st Btn 7th Pioneers 10 Dragoon 3rd Squadron. Previous identifying 151 IR incorrect given as officer only stated 151 Regt and refused further particulars.	Wire
132	12.24	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 306	31st Bn report timed 11.30 am. Am occupying BLUE LINE from W12b93 to X1a27 2 Coys in front 1 support 1 reserve. 30th Bn report timed 11.28 am Mark 5 Star tanks did not come through on left so patrols were sent forward and line occupied Casualties light.	Wire

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	p.m.					
133	12.28	15 Bde	5 A. Div.	BM 416	Our troops established on BLUE line with Cavalry operating east of this line. HARBONNIERES mopped up also BAYONVILLERS. No estimate of prisoners yet to hand. Enemy endeavouring to blow up with Hows the dump at W.7.b.3.1.	Wire
134	12.30	5 A.Div.	Corps 1,2,3,4 Aust.Divs 2.C.Div. 5 Div.Art.	G 134	Observers report 11.30 - 11.40. 5th Div. line appears O.K. Tanks and Cavalry well forward. Map follows.	Wire
135	12.33	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 413	Hows are shooting short on right just north of Rly in W16. Can nothing be done make them lengthen range.	Wire
136	12.35	14 Field Co..	C.R.E.	JC 2	Two F.T decauville tracks located. Disused and out of v repair east of La BASTILE MILL. 10000 long screw pickets and large stock plain wire north side of MARCELCAVE. Station.	Wire
137	12.37	Aust. Corps	5 A. Div.	G 21	2nd and 3rd Aust.Divs (less Artillery) will cease work on GREEN Line and will reorganise. They will rest and refit in the area between yesterdays front line and the GREEN Line. They will be prepared to move at one hours notice but it is not anticipated that they will be called upon before 5 am on 9th. One Brigade group of	Wire

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	P.M.					
137 (contd)					2nd Divn. (less Artillery) will be prepared to act as reserve Brigade to 1st Aust. Divn. Brigade Commander will report to H.Q. 1st Aust. Div. at RED Chateau VILLEPS-BRETONNEUX today at an hour to be notified by 1st Aust. Div. 2nd Aust. Div. will inform 1st Aust. Div. and Aust. Corps which Brigade is detailed. Acknowledge.	
138	12.37					

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139	P.M. 12.38	Liaison 2nd Cdn. Div.	5 A.Div.	TK 6.	11.45 am 4th Brigade report aaa Estimated prisoners 500 aaa 109 R. who were relieved by 117th Div. last night stated they believed a British attack to take place, but did not think it imminent aaa 12.10 Flares reported from Corps (Canadian) approximately on BLUE LINE on both Corps Fronts. 12.10 2 Cav. Div. H.Qrs. moving forward to about 1 p.m. I am moving forward also with them. Canadian Artillery EAST of WIENCOURT. Information from Bdes. difficult owing to TANKS cutting telephone wires. Advanced Divisional H.Qrs. not yet decided.	D.R.L.S.
140	12.35	5th A.Div.	-		17th Armoured Car Bn. officer instructed to get all possible topographical information within the rough triangle FRAMERVILLE - VAUVILLERS - LIHONS and report as soon as this information was obtained.	Verbally.
141 X	1.0	Fourth Army.	5 A.Div.	G.803	Attack appears to progress favorably aaa GREEN line captured on whole front and believed final objective on III Corps front aaa Advance now proceeding to RED line aaa Armoured cars have gone forward on St. QUENTIN road aaa Aust. Corps report some guns and prisoners already captured E. of GREEN line aaa Leading Bdes. of 1 and 3 Cav. Divs. have crossed the GREEN line aaa Total captures reported large our casualties slight aaa .	Wire.
142	1.5 pm	5th A.Div. Aust. Corps 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th Aust. Divs. Div. Art.		G.142	59th Bn. reports aaa 10.21 a.m. gained RED LINE estimated casualties of Bn 50 aaa Cavalry cars whippets gone through RED LINE aaa G.O.C. 8th Bde reports aaa 11.28 am Bde on RED LINE estimated prisoners 500 aaa 30th Bn pushing forward patrols to exploit BLUE LINE aaa Situation in front satisfactory Bns gaining touch with flanks aaa Casualties	Wire.

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142 (Contd).					light aaa Prisoners actually counted at Bde Collecting station 1 officer 114 O.Rs aaa Armoured car knocked out A.A.gun on main road at Q.26.d.5.3 at 10.30 a.m. asends.	
143	1.0	8th Bde.	5th A.Div.	I.O. 7	4 officers 366 O.Rs. passed through Bde. collecting station prisoners still arriving.	Wire.
144	1.5	8th Bde.	5th A.Div.	BM 307	In reply to No. G.101 - Noted.	Wire.
145	1.5	2nd Aust Div.	5th A.Div.	G.26	Further identifications 79 F.A.R. 15th F.A.R., 24th F.A.R. 15 1st Bn. 7th Pioneers 10th Dragoons, 3rd Squadron aaa Prisoners identification 151 I.R. incorrect .	Wire.
146	1.8	Aust. Corps.	5th A.Div.	G.16	CERISY VILLAGE captured by 15th Aust. Battn. aaa Report unconfirmed 300 prisoners taken in village aaa 4th Division also report MORCOURT village captured and contact aeroplane reports infantry on RED line in this vicinity and tanks and infantry rushing on to BLUE line aaa BAYONVILLERS captured by 57th Aust. Bn. aaa prisoners taken and two 5.9 How. aaa 15th Aust. Bde. report 1st Cavalry Bde have passed through them aaa Ground observers about P.35 report our troops can be seen moving in W.9.c aaa 15th Bde also report Mark V (STAR) tanks pushing through aaa .	Wire.
147	1.10	Liaison 2nd Cdn.Div.	5th A.Div.	T.K.7	12.35 p.m.- From a map dropped by aeroplane at 11.45 pm at Div. H.Q. untimed - Flares were seen along line as follows :- W.16.c.1.9; W.15.d.0.0; W.20.central; W.20.a.0.5; V.24.d.5.3; V.30.central; V.29.d.4.6; DYLEX D.5.a.1.9; D.17.c.4.4; D.27.b.central. No further word here from forward Brigades.	D.R.L.S

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148	1.14	15th Bde	5 A.Div.		200 prisoners have just passed Bde. H.Q. on their way down.	Phone
149	1.18	2 A.Div	5 A.Div.	GJ 230	Our plane flying 500 feet reports at 10.24 am our troops in HORCOURT and at Q16d93 to Q23a centl to Q23d30 to Q22d25 to Q28a centl. to Q28c38 also parties in Q28d centl. Q29a78 and 3 parties from Q23d88 to Q23d84 2 Tanks in Q17c 2 in Q23a 1 in Q24c 5 in Q28c and d 5 in Q29a and c 3 in Q30a and c. Infantry advancing Enemy seen along road in Q24a.	Wire
150	1.18	8th Bde	5 A.Div ¹	I.O. 6	308 prisoners through Bde Collecting Station. Latest identification 43rd R.D.	Wire
151	1.30	5 A.Div.	1, 2, 3, 4 Aust. Divs 2 C.Div. A. Corps Div. Art.		Repeating No. 133.	Wire
152	1.30	Div. I.O.	5 A.Div.		Further identification for 24 Foot Arty Regt. 151 Bn read 151 Foot Arty Bn. Officer of this unit lied deliberately but other ranks gave correct identification. Sergt Major of 10th Dragoons was in O.P. near LA BASTILLE MILL identification 3 ABT. FLIEGER FUNKEN 243rd FAR. Bearer Coy. 17 Foot Arty Bn 163. Several batteries were blown out by our C.Bs before firing a shoot. Officers now 33 unwounded 1 wounded.	Wire

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153	1.30	E. J. ROTHINGS FRAMERVILLE	5 A.Div.		Our infantry going strong and in places are past HARBONNIERES our arty nil here enemy infy. nil here except few snipers in houses enemy Arty none at all here the roads are very full of transport dozens of horses the road is blocked at southern side everygoing going excellent.	Wire
154	1.35	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	G 26	Arrange to rally all fighting tanks at suitable points not too far to the rear. Those which have gone forward to the RED and BLUE Lines should be rallied somewhere in the vicinity of BAYONVILLERS-WIENCOURT. Tanks which have survived will be refitted as soon as possible. It is proposed if possible to give the tanks 24 hours rest but must be prepared for employment anywhere on present front. A report is required as soon as possible as to the number of tanks in each Battalion fit to go into action again tomorrow 9th inst.	Wire
155	1.35	17th A.C. Bn.	5 A.Div.		No.7 Sect.(2 cars) were at Cross Roads R28c53 at 11.15 am Captured a Flying Corps officer and brought back his car killed several and made prisoners. No.8 Section at R.33c63 at 11.25 am proceeding to FRAMERVILLE. No. 6 Sect. at Q29d33 at 12.15 pm Had engaged good targets. No.5 Sect. engaged moving train fired at engine and stopped train which is now burning. One A.Car damaged by AA gun on main Road. All sections report stragglers retiring and no formed bodies of troops were seen. Armoured cars now engaging enemy in front of our final objective. Our troops are visible about 300 yards from this point. They reached the skyline at 12.30	D.R.

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156	1.40	5 A.Div. Corps		Ig156	8th A.I. Bde report capture 4 officers 366 O.Rs. 58,151 27,16, 7,7th Res. Foot Arty Regts. 15 IR 18 IR 152 IR 27 RIR 201 RIR. 865 Ammn. Column 13th Div. 332 Searchlight Coy. 11 Army Corps 110 Lab. Bn.	Wire
157	1.40	ALLEN	5 A.Div.	DC 1	^{our} infantry proceeding to BLUE line our artillery advancing enemy infantry surrendering and retiring Enemy Arty practically nil. No. of Tanks proceeding to BLUE line six.	Wire
158	1.45	Liaison Off. 5 A.Div. 2 C. Div.		JK 8	12.30 report from 1st Can.Div. 1st Can.Inf. Bde on RED line. 2nd Inf. Bde and Cavalry have gone through RED line 3rd Can. Inf. Bde reorganising on GREEN LINE. 1.15 pm. 5th Can. Inf. Bde. H.Q. moving to V.18.c.O.O. estimated casualties 20 Bn. 2 K. 15 wounded 19 Bn. 200 casualties. No further information from 2nd Can.Div. forward Bdes. They are believed in vicinity of RED Line and passing through 2 Div. H.Q. have not yet moved. Will notify you when and where.	D.R.
159	1.53	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	G 18	French reported as having taken VILLERS AUX BRABLES and had reached MEZIERES at 8.40 am. 5th Aust. Div. report all their armoured cars have passed through LA FLAQUE a mile east of BLUE Line at 9.30 am. 4th Aust. Div. report timed 9.3 am states CERISY taken. One field gun and 300 prisoners taken in CERISY and our casualties slight.	Wire

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159 (contd)					4th Aust.Div. report timed 4.46 am states MORCOURT taken. 100 prisoners reported taken in MORCOURT to date. Contact patrol reports 5th Aust.Div. on RED Line throughout and troops and tanks moving on to BLUE Line. 3rd Corps reports their line running through MALARD WOOD at 9.45 am.	
160	1.53	No.5 Sect. 5 A.Div.			Our infantry are at Q.3.b.5.3 enemy infantry on CHIPILLY Ridge. Enemy Arty are firing from CHIPILLY Ridge objective gained 9.30 a.m.	Wire
161	1.58	5 A. Div. Corps 2 C. Div. 4 A. Div.			Repeating No. 155.	Wire
162	1.58	2 A.Div. 5 A.Div.		G353	A.P.M. reports of W. up to 12 noon throughout Div. Cage 1395 all ranks. No civilians rescued so far.	Wire
163	1.58	2nd A.Div. 5th Div.		G 27	5th and 7th Bdes with attached M.G.Coys will stop consolidating and re-organise and refit between GREEN Line and yesterdays front line. 6th A.I.Bde will reorganise and refit in present position. 6th Bde groups comprising 5th M.G.Co. and 7th Field Co. will be prepared act as reserve to 1st Aust.Div. Bde Comdr will report H.Q. 1st Aust.Div. RED CHATEAU VILLERS BRETONNEUX at hour to be notified by 1st Aust.Div. All units will be ready move at one hours notice after 4 p.m. todaybut it is not they will be required before 5 a.m. 9th	Wire

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164	1.58	No.5 Sec.	5th Div.		Our infantry are at Q3b53 enemy infantry on CHIPILLY RIDGE Wire enemy artillery are firing from CHIPILLY RIDGE objective gained 9.30 a.m.	
165	1.58	17th A.C. Bn.	5th Div.		Have sent Lieut. A.C. Wood and the No. 4 Section Car which joined from PISSY this morning, and Lieut. Yoeman with his two cars on the Special Mission. They left at 1.35 p.m. Lieut. N.C. Wood reports that the main road badly blocked by transport knocked out by the Armoured cars, 1½ miles west of FOUCA COURT. I have instructed sections to work round by roads branching North and South of Block. All Section Commanders report that cars did much damage to enemy transport and personnel.	
166	2.1	Major ALLEN	5th Div	DC 1	Our infantry proceeding to be due line our artillery advancing enemy infantry surrendering and retiring enemy artillery practically nil No. of tanks proceeding to BLUE line six.	Wire
167	2.10	FRAMER- VILLE	5th Div.	H1	Enemy infantry retreating through FRAMERVILLE in disorder enemy artillery none seen entered FRAMERVILLE but ran into artillery limbers which blocked road.	Wire
168	2.15	17th A.C. Bn.	5th Div.	HQ 5	<p>NRXB Following is a copy of message received from O.C. D.R. "B" Co. timed 12.15 p.m. "Herd (O.C. No.6 Section) has returned and reports FRAMERVILLE was full of Boche including a quantity of limber(?) transport. They appeared to be quite taken by surprise. What movement there was (at 10.30 a.m.) appeared to be leisurely proceeding towards main road. Herd sent a pigeon message to above effect to Corps. They did a great deal of damage". Message ends</p>	

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169	2.16	2nd A. Div.	5th Div.	G 28	Material captured so far counted 29 guns 23 trench mortars over 150 machine guns 1 wireless set.	Wire
170	2.28	C.R.E.	5th Div.	HFI 1441	Received from 14th Field Co. 12.40 p.m. Good road for horse transport 029d74 to 036a26 to V3a26. Track along decauville from V3a26 to V12a69 good for limbers.	D.R.
171	2.28	C.R.E.	5th Div.	HFL 1442	Received from 14th Field Co. 1 p.m. Tracks and roads and open country forward of V.W. grid line in right Bn sector good for horse transport.	D.R.
172	2.28	C.R.E.	5th Div.	HFI 1445	Received from 14th Field Co. 1 p.m. Large supply R.E. material in good condition at W7d. Barbed wire concertina girders mining sets and square timber all sizes matting pit props round and square explosive wire-netting heavy cupolas plain wire malthoid corrugated iron camouflage duckboards. All in large quantities. Also shell proof accommodation for 8 men.	D.R.
173	2.28	C.R.E.	5th Div	HFI 1437	Received from 14th Field Co. 1.15 p.m. Right Bde. Wiring party in contact with one supply tank at RED LINE in right Battalion sector. Time of message 10.40 a.m. 4 limbers with wiring stores passed V12b52 at 10 a.m.	D.R.
174	2.28	C.R.E.	5th Div.	N46	Well located at Q26c83 contains good drinking water. 1 measure of bleaching powder per water cart. Windlass attached. Water tested and found fit for drinking.	D.R.
175	2.30	8th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 311	Captured material cannot yet be estimated. Includes full Bn transport and cockers, 50 horses 2 searchlights complete many M.G's cavalry and aeroplanes destroyed 2 trains and captured personnel.	Wire

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176	2.41	5th A.Div.	14, 15, 8th Bdes, 2 Cdn.Div. 4, 1st A. Divs. Aust. Corps.	G.176	14th A.I.Bde (Reserve) will be disposed in depth between the RED and GREEN LINES ready to Support troops in front or on flanks aaa over distribution is to be avoided as Bde. may be wanted to act quickly aaa Bde may be required for action 9th inst. aaa This confirms verbal instruction given to Staff Captain aaa.	Wire.
177	2.38	CRE, 5th Aust.Div.	5th A.Div.	HFI 1446	Received from 14th Field Company 2.20 p.m. aaa About 800 tons road metal at MARCELGAVE station north side aaa road from V.4.d.5.5 to V.4.d.7.0 requires repairing fit for motor transport from V.4.d.7.0 to V.12.b.7.0 few shell holes only to be filled.	Wire.
178	2.45	Aust. Corps.	5 A.Div.	G.19.	Wing B.I.O. reports aaa 6.10 am five groups infantry each 100 men going W. FOUCAUCOURT - ESTREES with 20 M.T. head of column aaa 8.40 - 9 our cavalry moving on MARCELGAVE - WIENCOURT road and roads to S. of it aaa our transport also seen on these roads aaa Tanks in action on line E. of WIENCOURT S.W. of GAYEUX and N. to Q.25 Bosche transport moving E. of HARBONNIERES apparently in confusion aaa.	Wire. head of col
179	2.52	12th Bde.	5 A. Div.	C.B. 1	Identification element 55 I.R., 13 I.R., 15 I.R., 152 I.R., 58 Fld. Arty. Regt. 16 foot Arty. Regt. 6 telephone detachment prisoners.	Wire.
180	2.52	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A. Div.	BM314	Consolidation on BLUE line proceeding aaa Bnd.report in touch on both flanks.	Wire.
181.	2.55	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A. Div.	I.O. 8	9 Officers 375 O.Rs. have passed through Bde. collecting Station aaa Latest identifications 11 Gren. Regt 109th Div. 120 Aircraft Detachment 163 Foot Arty. Bn.	Wire

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182	2.58	4th A.I Bde.	5 A. Div.	EB. 3	Prisoners passed here total 11 officers 495 O.Rs at present aaa all 12 Corps and 3 M.G. Coys of 55I.R. identified aaa 58 Field Artillery 2nd Battery also identified .	Wire
183	3.0	4th Aust Di.	5 A.Div.	G.A.470	Hostile aircraft very active on Divisional front aaa Five of our machines brought down aaa shelling increased from direction of BRAY-sur-SOMME.	Wire
184	3.1 p.m.	5th D.Art.	5 A.Div.	BM 32	In reply to No. G.101 - Noted.	Wire.
185	3.2 p.m.	Liaison 2nd Cdn. Div.	5 A. Div.	TK 11.	2.27 p.m. - 1st Canadian Division have advanced to BLUE dotted line 2nd Canadian Division. - 5th Bde. on RED and BLUE lines in touch with both flanks at 1 p.m. Cavalry have passed through BLUE line at 1.15 p.m. 6th Inf. Bde. have been ordered to take over BLUE dotted line aaa Now moving aaa Above message sent by G.S.O.1 2nd Canadian Division at SNIPE COPSE at 2.27 p.m.	D.R.L.S.
186	3.5 p.m.	5 M.G. Bn.	5 A. Div.	MGA 767	Approximate Trench strength 8 MG Coy 12 offr. 205 ORs. 14th MG Coy. 9 offr. 201 ORs. 15th MG. Coy 13 offr. 195 ORs. 25th M.G.Coy. 14 offr. 197 O.Rs. H.Q. 2 offr. 1 O.R. Total 50 offr 799 O.Rs.	Wire.
187	3.8	5 M.G Bn.	5 A. Div.	MG A 766	Daily casualty report aaa Nil.	Wire.
188	2.11	2nd Aust Div.	5 A.Div.	G. 30	Further identifications aaa For 24 foot Arty Regt. 151 Bn. read 151 foot Arty Bn. aaa XXXXX 3 H.B.T. Fliegerfunken 243rd F.A.R. bearer Coy. 17 foot arty. Bn 163.	Wire.
189	3.11	CRE 5 Aust.Div.	5 A. Div.	N.50	Water in well at Q.32.c.5.3 tested and found drinkable aaa Requires two measures bleaching powder per water cart aaa Windlass and bucket fitted.	D.R.L.S.

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190	3.17	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 419	59th Bn. report timed 1.25 pm states considerable enemy movement in X7c and X13b. Enemy apparently assembling the line on the left except on the extreme north did not reach the BLUE LINE owing to strong M.G. fire from the southern flank, since dealt with by artillery fire. The line on the left Bn sector runs generally the line of the railway through W12c and d thence light railway to BLUE LINE. Efforts being made to push out to the BLUE LINE from whence at present considerable M.G. fire is coming.	Wire
191	3.20	3rd Aust Div.	5th A.Div.	G 609	9th 10th 11th A.I. Bdes will reorganise and rest in area between GREEN line and old front line. Brigades will remain tactically disposed with local precautions against surprise Units will be prepared to move at one hours notice from 3 a.m. 9th inst.	Wire
192	3.20	5 A.Div.	A. Corps 4 A.Div. 2 C.Div.	G 192	Following from 17th Tank Bn. timed 2.0 pm. Have proceeded personally to railway crossing Q26d42 where cars held up by A.A. gun beyond roads. No sign of enemy or shell fire anywhere. One car entered CHUIGNOLLES which was held by enemy about 11 am. Two cars passed through PROYART at 11 am shot many at xxxx lunch through the windows of the houses. FRAMERVILLE is undamaged by fire but roads are blocked by transport shot by armoured cars. No signs of trenches or wire. Corps Commanders AUSTRALIAN FLAG hoisted in FRAMERVILLERS at 11.15 am by Lieut. HOLLINGS car shot four officers there.	Wire

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193	3.25	17 A.C.Bn	5 A.Div.	O 48	8 Tanks crossed RED Line at 10.50	Wire
		04bcent.				
194	3.25	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 420	Further report/ ^{un} timed from front received here at 2.40 pm from Engr. Officer states that our front line on the Right is established at approx. W17a00 - W17a66 but us at present held there. Enemy M.G. fire is holding up our overland traffic near the line.	Wire
195	3.25	17 A.C.Bn 0.46) W17c.cent)	5 A.Div.	Tanko 46	To Major BEST C Coy. 15 Bn. 6 tanks at W17c.central have been told by Major FERRES to stand by here as counter attack expected.	Wire
196	3.25	17 A.C.Bn W16d54	5 A.Div.	D.Route 2/Lt.	Our Infantry BLUE Line consolidated tanks released tank 9544 ORRONG.	Wire
197	3.35	4 A.I.Bde	5 A.Div.	EB 4	Additional identification 1 OR 53 R.Field Arty Regt. Prisoners passed here to present 569 OR 11 offrs.	Wire
198	3.35	Div.I.O.	5 A.Div.		Further identifications. 27 F.A.R. staff 2nd A.B.T. Also prisoners 2nd Grenadiers 376th IR 109th Div. captured at HARBONNIERES by our Cavalry. Also 139 flash spotting Sextion and 96 Lab.Bn. Total captures to date by 2nd Aust.Div. 36 Offrs. 1443 O.R.unwounded.	Wire
199	3.35	4 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GA 471	Confirm that BLUS LINE held. In touch with 5 Div.	Wire

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200	3.35	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	G 30	Right Divn reports infantry of both Brigades established on BLUE Line. Left Division reports infantry established on BLUE Line. More complete confirmation required as regards Left Division.	Wire
201	3.40	4 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GA 469	12th Bde Observers at Q26b98 report enemy blowing up dumps which appear to be along 4th and 5th Div. fronts Dumps being destroyed in all directions.	Wire
202	3.40	12th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	CB 2	Identifications 5 7 8 Coys 203 IR prisoners	Wire
203	3.41	14th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	G 2	In position P30 P35 H.Q. P35b49. In touch with forward Bde.	Wire
204	4	1st Cav. Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 3	As infantry have reached all their final objectives this Brigade is now moving South towards the line W24 - W30 to assist the 1st Cav.Div. to attain their objectives.	D.R.
205	4.3	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	BIS 486A	Contact patrol machine on right divl. sector reports our line apparently runs N to S as 11.30 am R31a4872 R31b4890 X1a3570 X1c1245 W12b9990 W12b9570 W12b9946 W12b9918 W12d9888 W12d8055 W12d7019 W12d7019 W18b5870 W18d5895 W18d8170 W18c7385 W33b9990 W17d2010 W17c7155 W17c1366 W16d7970 W16d2585. Isolated flares at X7b2169 X7b2518 W5c4168 W6c0338 W4d7909 W10d4055 W10a2510 W10c0545 W10c0580. Our troops and tanks well forward. 11.35 am enemy shelling W10 W5 Q18 24 also scattered shelling over all the front. Our Cavalry behind HARBONNIERES	Wire

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205 (contd)	P.m.				also small body of Cavalry along road in Q36d and W6a behind ridge Discs were very easily distinguished flares more difficult to see.	
206	4.20	BIS Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.		Contact patrol machine on left div. front reports our line apparently runs flares Q30a2575 Q30a73 Q30a7015 tanks Q17central Q17d0838 Q17d2515 Q23b4080 Q23b4958 our troops. Our troops digging in on line from Q23d88 to Q30c7045 Many of our troops seen occupying road from Q17c40 0 to Q23d94 light shelling of Q23d94 Q23a. 11 am 2 armoured cars moving E along E.W. road at R25c0745. M.G. fire encountered from Q18c. Apparently not much opposition. Many prisoners seen in valley Q21. 10.57 am 1 long train burning R31c45. Tanks and infantry moving forward without opposition. No other movement seen. AA slight. 10.59 am 1 low flying EA over W6c firing at our troops.	Wire
207	4.24	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 31	Further identifications. 27th FAR STAFF 2nd ABT 2 Grenadiers 376 IR 109th Div. captured at HARBONNIERES by our Cavalry. 138 Flash Spotting Section 96 Labour Bn. Total unwounded prisoners through Div. Cage 2.30 pm 36 Off. 1475 O.R.	Wire
208	4.25	Div.I.O.	5 A.Div.		14 Off. 798 OR passed through 5th A.Div. Cage to 3.50 pm.	D.R.
209	4.28	8 Sec. B Coy. 17 A.C. Bn.	5 A.Div.		Our infantry are on the 3rd objective. If they wish they could go further all is clear our artillery nil. Enemy infantry surrendering very freely have sent scores back and killed scores. Others running away. Enemy Artillery nil. Have toured round FRAMERVILLE and upset their transport etc. AUSTRALIAN flag hoisted at 11.15 am on German Corps H.Q. FRAMERVILLE.	Wire

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	PM					
210	4.38	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 412	Large dump of Engineering material captured at approx. Q26c74	Wire
211	4.38	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	IO 9	9 Offrs 482 ORs have passed through Bde Collecting Station including 125 O.R. captured by Dragoon Guards. This Bde total now 9 Offrs 357 O.Rs.	Wire
212	4.38	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 422	Noted. G 101	Wire
213	4.39	8 Bde	5 A.Div.	I.O.10	30th Bn captures include 12 M.G Field Ambulance R.E. dump well stocked one searchlight 2 kitchens and 1 canteen.	Wire
214	4.39	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	15 Bde SC 721	Bde transport lines Q31c15. This will be Bde. refilling point. 3 Supply tanks this Bde arrived safely one Blue two red.	Wire
215	4.43	Corps 'I'	5 A.Div.	BIS434A	WIXX Contact patrol machine on left divl. front reports line from N to S as indicated by tanks and troops at 10.0 am as follows tanks at Q17c77 X23a4560 23a4335 23a4010 23A9279 24c2420 30a2840 30c2892 30c1675 (10.6 am) infantry at Q23c3550 23c14. Line advancing with transport close in rear. Apparently not much opposition. 10.23 am party of about 70 enemy seen in cutting Q24a.central engaged by tank at Q17c. Many isolated small groups of enemy seen in front of left division. Numerous prisoners seen. 10.7 am 1 train 2 trucks going SW R25d66 10.7 am 1 train 7 trucks R31a99	Wire

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216	4.45	5 Div. Art.	5 A.Div.	AG 14 c	Casualties. 14th A.F.A. Bde killed 6 OR wounded 7 OR. 6th (a) Bde. AFA D.O.W. 1 OR wounded 4 OR W.A.D. 1 O.R.	D.R.
217	4.45	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	I.O.11	Latest identifications. 18 217 373 R.I.R. 47 Light Arty. Regt. 259 Sanitary Coy. 225 Telephone Coy. all of 225 R.D. L.S. I.V. R.L. 376 IR 2 Gren Regt. 109 Div. 22 RIR 11 Gren Regt 233 ¹ / ₂ Field Arty Regt 117 R.Div. 79 Field Arty Regt. 26 Pioneer Bn and wireless of 31 Div.	Wire
218	4.47	W.E. Smith	5 A.Div.		14th Inf. Bde established at P.29.d.3.2.	Wire
219	5	Lt-Col CARTER	5 A.Div.		Have been to railway crossing Q26d42 where cars are held up by A.A. gun at cross roads R28c23 No signs of enemy and no shell fire. One of my cars entered CHUIGNOLLES about 11 am. It was then occupied by enemy and blocked two cars passed through PROYART at 10.40 and shot enemy sitting at lunch. FRAMERVILLE was entered by Lt. ROLLINGS it is now blocked by shot horse and motor transport 4 officers were shot outside H.Q. and Australian flag hoisted at H.Q. at 11.15 am by same officers have obtained 5 German pigeons from there. FRAMERVILLE is little damaged, there are no signs of wire or new trenches anywhere. Have just sent cars to LIHAUS	Wire

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220	5.5	4 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GI 234	Further identifications. Ranouen Battery No.10 15 Cm guns. This bty under 13 Div. As Res. Foot A.R. Arrived from LILLE area yesterday. Total prisoners 3rd and 4th Aust.Divs to 4.45 pm 54 Off. 2405 O.R.	Wire
221	5.5	5 A.Div.	Aust.Corps 1,2,3,4 A.Divs. 2 C.Div. 5 Div.Art.		Repeated No. 209	Wire
222	5.20	Div. I.O.	5 A.Div.		Total unwounded prisoners through Div. Cage to 5 p.m. 18 off. 831 O.Rs also 4 vehicles 17 horses 2 mules.	
223	5.25	4 A.Div.	Corps 2,4 A.Divs. 2 Can.Div.	G 223	Repeatded No. 222	Wire
224	5.30	II W12d50	5 A.Div.	Y I	Our infantry 59 Aust. held up at W12d50 by enemy Machine guns at X13c06 time 2.15 pm cur artillery nil enemy infantry machine gunners in RAINECOURT HERIEVILLE FOUCAUCOURT the enemy is digging in along crest SE of W12d50 at 2 p.m. enemy artillery anti-aircrafts guns active anti-tank guns at R27b road blocked by steam wagen at W12d50.	Wire
225	5.34	17 A.C. Bn	5 A.Div.		No.7 Sect. (2 cars) were at Cross Road R28c53 at 11.15 am captured a flying Corps officer and brought back his car killed several and made prisoners. No.8 Sect. at 33c63 at 11.25 proceeding to FRAMERVILLE. No.6 Sect. at O.29.d.3.3 at 12.25 pm had engaged good targets.	

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226 (contd)					No.5 Sect. engaged moving train fired at engine and stopped train which is now burning. One A.C. damaged by gun on main road. All sections report stragglers retiring and no bodies of formed troops were seen at 12.30. Our troops were attacking the rising ground north east of this point in the vicinity of Q24 and R19 and have passed over the stay line.	
226	5.45	17 A.C.Bn.	5 A.Div.		Our infantry digging in on Blue N of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT FOUCAUCOURT Road. Our artillery quiet enemy infantry occupy old trenches N of CHOIGNOLLES enemy artillery nil. Have patrolled PROYART-BRAY Road as far as road junction ref. R4a also road through CHUIGNOLLES village enemy have numerous M.G. posts in old trenches N of this village time 1.30 p.m.	Wire
227	5.55	17 A.C.Bn	5 A.Div.	B 1	Our infantry at Blue line with tanks 10.5 am our army barrage lifted 9.30 am enemy inf. 300 E of PROYART-FRAMERVILLE X road in full retreat 10.15 am enemy Arty active E of PROYART-FRAMERVILLE X Roads Car out of action steering broken 500 E of PROYART FRAMERVILLE X Roads 10.30 and ditched Roads excellent also field roads	Wire
228	6.3	17 AC Bn.	5 A.Div.		Our infantry on Red line our artillery good enemy infantry mostly prisoners rest retiring enemy artillery harassing from CHIPILLY tank 33 hit and out of action engine alright and can be run.	Wire
229	6.12	17 AC Bn.	5 A.Div.		Our infnty 16th Bn AIF have obtained their objective (BLUE) line (our arty) no firing to speak enemy infantry no signs of counter attack enemy arty fairly quiet shelling of BLUE and	Wire

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229 (contd)					support intermittently Tank 31 32 33 34 37 40 obtained their objective Tank 33 34 31 out of action Tanks 26 39 36 somewhere in rear of objective owing to mechanical trouble.	
230	6.19	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM434	Captured guns two 8 inch one in BAYONVILLERS and one in sunken road K10c92. Seven 5.9 and five 77mm. Arrangements made to destroy if necessary and attempts will be made to get the guns out earliest opportunity.	Wire
231	6.25	Liaison	5 A.Div.		Verbal message from Forward Canadian Corps H.Q. timed 5.57 pm Aeroplane reports Canad. Line B6 E11b E10a & d E16c & b E21b & c thence along road to LEQUESNEL Bosche still in LE QUESNEL. Cav. Corps H.Q. next move forward will be to Church CAYEUX-en-SANTERRE. From	
232	6.25	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	G 42	Armoured cars had every successful day. Penetrated deeply into enemy lines and upset back organisations considerably At FRAMERVILLE column of transport was met. First wagon turned and endeavoured to bolt with result that whole column was thrown into confusion and was raked up and down by M.G. fire. 4 mounter officers galloped up to see what was the matter and were all shot on the road. A flying officer was met and in his car and he and the car were brought back by the armoured car Bn. commander Further reconnaissances proceeding.	Wire

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233	6.40	C.R.E.	5 A.Div.	HFI 1448	R.E. Dump north side MARCELCAVE Station contains 10000 long screw pickets.	Wire
234	6.40	5 A.Div.	Units	G234	The Divisional Commander most heartily congratulates and thanks you for your share in the magnificent result of today's action.	Wire
235	6.42	C.R.E.	5 A.Div.	HFI 1447	Water in well at Q25a79 tested and good for drinking One measure bleaching powder per water cart. Well is large and covered with heavy timbers fitted with pump which is in good working order. 3½ inch feed pipe.	Wire
236	6.42	C.R.E.	5 A. Div.	HFI 1449	Deep dugout at P.34.d.4.0 60 feet long 8 feet gallery 15 feet overhead cover, 2 entrances facing west.	Wire
237	6.47	14 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 6	My H.Q. now at P.29d91	Wire
238	6.40	C.R.E.	5 A.Div.	HFI 1450	Received from 14th Field Coy. 5.25 pm. Following from Lieut. Morrison Left Bn. Right Bde. Have reconnoitred BLUE LINE. Machine gun and snipers bad cannot do any wiring in daylight. One tank with stores arrived at RED LINE and have transferred all the party to RED LINE Ends. Time 1.30 pm.	Wire
239	6.50	BIS Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	BIS 489A	Contact patrol left Divl. sector our line apparently runs (N to S) 3.20 pm. Q18b2295 Q18b3373 Q18b881 Q18b7860 R13a3550 R13a5520 R13a7095 R19a8021 R19c9291 R19d0975 R19d0550 R25a3840. 3.30 pm tank apparently out of action at Q17b4015. Trenches at in	Wire

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239 (contd)	p.m.				R.7 apparently held strongly by enemy who are being engaged by a tank situated at R13a5899. Heavy rifle and M.G. fire encountered from trench system in R7. No other movement seen.	
240	6.57	1st A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GX 8	Advanced D.H.Q. now open at Red Chateau VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	Wire
241	7.5	15 Tank Bn	5 A.Div.		Ref. BM 418. Of 8 tanks attached to 8th A.I.Bde 6 have dropped M.G. personnel on Blue Line have rallied at Q29central. One to other tank is on its way. One is out of action and must be handed over to salvage and one is ditched in W6c. 9 tanks attached to 15th A.I.Bde have orders to rally on Q29a91 on release to refill. No report has as yet been received from them . It will be necessary for these tanks to refill before they are in fighting trim I am endeavouring to make arrangements to direct them to a rallying point in W2central and to send them petrol, oil and grease there.	
242	7.5	C.R.E.	5 A.Div.	HFI	Received from 8th Field Co. Q33c17 4.45 pm. Company H.Q. moving at 3 pm to Q35c92 approx. Capt. Stradwick will maintain present location as rear H.Q. Right Bn left Bde in Blue Line. Strong points commenced at 12 noon at W6a39 W6a34 W5d99 and W5d83. No reports yet from left Bn. Pontoon wagons with wiring material should arrive at above strong points at about 4 pm or 5 pm today. Two storage tanks 10 feet diameter 10 feet deep with 5 inch main located at Q28d84. Tanks empty main being followed up.	Wire

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243	p.m. 7.5	4 Army	5 A.Div.	G 812	Situation report 4.30 pm. Latest report shows that Canadian Corps has captured BEACOURT CAIX and AMIENS Outer defences E of CAIX. 4th Canadian Div. is advancing east of BEACOURT on LE QUESNEL co-operating with Cav. who are S and E of CAIX. We are in touch with French on Right about MAISSON BLANCHE. Aust. Corps has reached final objectives all along front which runs HARBONNIERES incl - R13centl along outer AMIENS defences to SOMME at Q11d. Line in front of 3rd Corps runs W bank of SOMME in Q5centl K29a & c wedge GRESSAINE WOOD Brickyard K16c K14c54 K14a57 K8c90 Crusifix K2c. Armoured cars reported to have reached FRAMERVILLE and FOUICOURT. 1st Cav. Div. is operating in front of Aust. Corps and has reached FRAMERVILLE. Cav. still advancing supported by whippets. Enemy blowing up dumps in all directions these transport and limbers are streaming eastwards to SOMME affording excellent targets for our airmen who are making all use of their opportunity. Prisoners up to 3 pm 7000 in cages and over 100 guns. Many prisoners still coming in.	Wire
244	7.20	5th Div.	1,2,3,4, Aust.Divs 8,14,15 Bdes Div.Arty.	G244	Prisoners through Div. cages to 6.30 p.m. 28 officers 1097 O.Rs. Further identifications 109th Div. 117th Div. 43rd Res.Div. 225th Div. 2nd Army Survey Unit.	Wire
245	7.20	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G48	Following from Adv. Canadian Corps begins. Contact Patrol reports received 4.20 p.m. Considerable fast traffic rushing to front up roads through ROUVROY VRELY and ROSIERES. Enemy has infantry defence in front of ROSIERES and EQUENEL Heavy artillery ordered to bombard ROUVROY VRELY and ROSIERES.	Wire

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246	7.30	Divl. Cmdr.	Divl. Cmdrs. 2nd, 4th, 3rd Aust. Divs & 2nd Cdn. Div.	G.246	Heartiest congratulations to you and the 2nd Australian 3rd Australian, 4th Australian, 2nd Canadian Division on your splendid success today from your comrades of the 5th Australian Division.	Wire
247	7.35	Aust Corps	5 A. Div.	G.49	13th Bde. will rejoin 4th Aust. Div. on 9th inst. under orders of 4th Aust. Div. and will relieve 1st Bde. aaaa On relief 1st Bde. will rejoin 1st Aust. Divn. under arrangements to be made between Divs aaaa Ack aaaa	Wire
248	7.35	2nd Cdn. Div.	5 A. Div.	G.523	Divisional H.Qrs. moving to V.18.a.8.0 aaaa advice will be sent when move is complete aaaa Till then messages to N.35.c.2.2.	Wire
249	7.35	A.GORDON JEAVONS Q.14.d.cent.	5 A. Div.	-	Pigeon SCE our infantry on RED line our artillery good enemy infantry mostly prisoners rest retiring enemy arty harassing from CHIPILLY tank 33 hit and out of action engine alright and can run.	Wire.
250	7.45	Cavly. Corps.	5 A. Div.	G.14	Situation 5.30 p.m. aaaa Cavalry have reached their first objective on the whole line with the exception of a portion in K9a to K8d S.E. of LE QUESNEL aaaa Second Cav.Div. has been ordered to push forward in direction of ROYE and 1st Cav. Div. to push forward one Bde. which has not been engaged up to the present in the direction of CHAULNES aaaa Cavalry have captured during day about a thousand prisoners who have been handed over to infantry and some heavy guns.	Wire.
251	8.0	14th A.I. Bde.	5 A. Div.	BM 7	Aeroplane message from No. 6 Squadron to Cav. Corps timed 7.8 pm states 250 our cavalry in sunken road from W17c47 to W.28.c.3.8 with outposts in front.	Wire.

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252	8.3	5th Aust Div.	Aust Corps 8th, 14th, 15th Inf. Bdes, D.Arty.	G.252	Following received from Lieut-Col. KAMSAY FAIRFAX Comdg Mark 5 star tanks begins aaa Of 9 Tanks attached to 8th A.I. Bde 6 having dropped M.G. personnel on BLUE LINE have rallied at Q.29.central aaa One other Tank is on its way one is out of action and must be handed over to salvage and one is ditched in W.6.c x aaa 9 tanks attached to 15th A.I. Bde. have orders to rally at Q.29.a. 9.1 on release to refill aaa No report has yet been received from them aaa It will be necessary for these tanks to refill before they are in fighting trim aaa I am endeavouring to make arrangements to direct them to a rallying point in W.2.central and to send them petrol, oil and grease there. aaa ends.	Wire
253	8.0	Aust Corps.	5th A.Div.	G.50	Further to armoured car reports aaa 12.15 pm engaged moving train fired at engine and stopped train which is now burning aaa all sections report stragglers returning and no bodies of formed troops seen aaa 1.30 p.m. patrolled PROYART BRAY road as far as road junction R.4.a. also road through CHUIGNOLLES village aaa enemy have numerous M.G. posts in old trenches N. of this village	Wire
254	8.0	11 Arm. Car.	5 A. Div.	Y.2	Pigeon MGE no message.	Wire.
255	8.15	D.Arty.	5 A.Div.	-	S.O.S. from air W.11.d.9.4.	
256m	8.16	5 A.Div.	15th Bde.	G.256	Repeated Serial No. 255	Wire.
257	8.17	C.R.E. 5th A. Div.	5 A.Div.	HF11451	Officer in charge det. 2nd Aust Tunnelling Co. attd. 15th Bde. reports cannot find any dugouts of any practical use between GREEN line and HARBONNIERES and villages have had no excavating done in them.	Wire.
258	8.17	2nd Cdn. Div.				

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258,	8.17	2nd Cdn. Div.	5 A.Div.	G.160	At 2.30 p.m. 5th C.I.B. reported consolidating W.23.central E.4.a.central and W.15.b.1.5 to W.26.b.5.7 and at 3.00 p.m. 6th C.I.B. still moving forward to BLUE dotted line H.Q. since reported W.22.b.7.6 aaa At 3.00 pm 6th Bde. C.R.A. were pushing guns forward on line W.13.b.central to W.19.a.0.5 aaa 5th Bde. C.F.A. on line W.15 W.21 and W.20.d aaa parties of infantry moving S.E. E.2 and E.7	Wire
259	8.20	Genl. BIRDWOOD	Genl. HOBBS	-	Delighted to get your wire and to know that 5th Div. has done as well as ever which I felt confident it would do aaa Please convey my heartiest congratulations and good wishes to everyone who has taken part in this really successful fighting.	Wire
260	8.23	5th Aust Div.	8th, 14th, 15th Inf. Bde. 5 Div. Art. 5 MG Bn.	G.260	Following from Advanced Canadian Corps aaa Contact patrol reports received 4.20 p.m. aaa Considerable fast traffic rushing to front up roads through ROUVROY VRELY and ROSIERES aaa enemy has infantry defences in front of ROSIERES and LE QUESNEL aaa Heavy artillery ordered to bombard ROUVROY VRELY and ROSIERES aaa ends.	Wire
261	8.25	5th Aust. Div.	Aust. Corps. 5th D. Arty.	G.261	15th Bde. report capture two 8" guns one in BAYONVILLERS one in sunken road K.10.c.9.2 aaa seven 5.9's and five 77 mm aaa Arrangements made to destroy if necessary aaa attempt will be made to get guns away at earliest.	Wire
262	8.45	C.R.E. 5th A.Div.	5 A.Div.	HFI 1453	R.E. dump North side MARCELCAVE Station contains 10,000 long screw pickets.	Wire.

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263	8.45	C.R.E. 5 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	HFI 1452	Following from 14th Field Co. right sector Right Brigade aaa Blue line at present established at W.17.a.0.0 - W.17.a.6.6 but held up aaa Enemy M.Gs at W.18.central are holding up a overland traffic and I have withdrawn all my parties on to Red line aaa In addition to supply tank I have dropped on red line two limber loads and 2 pontoon loads aaa Limbers have gone back to BOSCHE Dump to refill which I will take to Blue line if possible aaa Tank for right Bn. of Blue Line has dumped its stores correctly at W.17. a.5.2 but position is at present unapproachable to working parties. DECAUVILLE track from railway at W.16.d.4.4 to W.10.d.8.0 is in good condition but no rolling stock on my sector am going forward to reconnoitre Blue Line again now. It is full of Cavalry and Tanks who are not moving.	Wire.
264	8.47	Aust. Corps.	5 A.Div.	G. 51	Situation from Fourth Army 3 p.m. aaa Latest reports show that Wire. Canadian Corps have captured BEAUCOURT CAIX and AMIENS outer defence E. of CAIX aaa 4th Canadian Div. is advancing E. of BEAUCOURT on LE QUESNEL co-operat- ing with cavalry who are S. and E. of CAIX aaa We are in touch with French on Right about MAISON BLANCHE aaa Aust. Corps have reached final objective all along front which runs HARBONNIERES incl. R.13.central along outer AMIENS defences to SOMME at Q.11.d aaa Line in front of 3rd Corps runs W. bank SOMME Q.5.central - K.29.a and c - W. edge CRESSAERE WOOD - Brickyard K.16.c - K.14.c.6.4 - K.14.a.5.7 - K.8.c.9.0 Crucifix K.2.c aaa Armoured cars reported to have reached FRAMERVILLE and FOUCAUCOURT aaa 1st Cavalry Div. is operating in front of Aust. Corps and has reached FRAMERVILLE aaa Cavalry still advancing supported by Whippets aaa Enemy blowing up dumps in all directions and their transport and limbers are streaming eastwards to SOMME excellent targets for our airmen who are making full use of their opportunities prisoners up to 3 p.m. 7,000 cages and 100 guns aaa Many prisoners still coming in aaa.	Wire.
265	8.50	Aust Corps.	5 Aust. Div.	G.57	Armoured cars report outpost line about 750 yards in advance of BLUE Line aaa Can you confirm.	Wire 2436

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266	8.55	5 A.Div.	15th A.I. Bde.	-	265 - G.O.C. Division also stated he did not wish any infantry 'Phone. action in force to clean small pocket and BLUE? Line as it would lead to unnecessary casualties and tanks could clean it up in the morning.	
267	8.55	5 A.Div.	8,14,15 AI Bdes, 5 MG Bn, 5 Pnr. Bn, 5 D. Arty, 5 Eng, 5 Div. Sigs, ADMS, APM, OC ALH det. Att. Div. Cyc Platoon.	G.267	General BIRDWOOD sends his heartiest congratulations to all troops engaged in to-days successful operations.	Wire
268	8.56	5 A.Div.	C.R.E.	-	G.O.C. instructed C.R.E. to prepare the captured 12" railway gun and 8" Hows. for demolition in case of enemy making temporarily successful counter-attack.	'Phone.
269	9.5	Aust. Corps "I"	5 A.Div.	I.G. 52	Air Report aas German infantry seen in trenches X.13.d X.19.b and d aas Germans digging in F.1 slightly north of ROSIERES - HARBONNIERES Road aas enemy also digging in just West of FRAMERVILLE North of main road East of LA FLAQUE dump aas report 2 to 2.30 p.m. by Army Squadron General retirement appears to be taking place on roads running East between CAPPY and ESTREES aas Large numbers of troops and transport going East for BRIE bridge aas East end of BRIE bridge appears damaged aas 1.25 p.m. artillery moving West BRIE to VILLERS-CARBONNEL aas 400 to 500 cavalry halted at FEUILURES national unknown.	Wire.
270	9.23	C.R.A.	5 A.Div.	-	2 6" Mortars are in action. Three more expected to be in action shortly.	Wire

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271	9.25	Genl. MACLAGAN	Major-Genl. HOBBS.	GA 480	Many thanks for your kind congratulations which are heartily reciprocated by comrades of 4th Aust. Div.	Wire.
272	9.25	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A. Div.	A.80	No. of guns captured ten.	Wire.
273	9.25	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	I.O 12	Nine off. 617 O.R. passed through Bde. Collecting Station aaa This Bde total of unwounded prisoners now amounts to 9 off. 484 O.R.	Wire.
274	9.30	Liaison Dawson.	5 A.Div.	-	Map of 4th Aust. Div. dispositions around Div. H.Qrs.	'Phone.
275	9.30	2nd Cdn. Div.	5 A.Div.	G.166	Div. H.Q. closed at N.35.c.2.2 and opened at V.18.a.8.0 8.30 p.m.	Wire.
276	9.50	5 A.Div.	15th A.I. Bde.	G.276	Aeroplane message from No. 6 Squadron to Cavalry Corps timed 7.8 p.m. states 250 our cavalry in sunken road from W.17.c.4.7 to W.28.c.3.8 with outposts in front.	Wire.
277	10.10	Liaison 2 Cdn. Div.	5 A.Div.	T.K. 12	7.45 p.m. 2nd Canadian Division . Situation at 5 p.m. to-day 6th Bde established line W.23.d.9.9 - W.29.central - E.5.a.1.0 approximately aaa cavalry patrols out in front aaa in touch with 15th Aust. Brigade at W.23.b.5.3 approx.aaa 6th Canadian Bde. H.Q. at W.22.b.7.8; 5thCanadian Bde. H.Q. at V.18.c.0.0. 2nd Canadian XXXX Division H.Qrs. now at V.18.a.4.6 approx. Too far away to communicate by wire aaa Am now sending mounted orderly back to 5th Div. till morning. Situation quiet.	D.R.L.S.
278	10.15	5 A.Div.	Aust. Corps 4th & 2nd Aust. Divs. 2nd Cdn. Div.	G.278	Further identifications 27 Foot Arty 47 and 233 Foot Arty 225 Pioneer Bn 23rd Labor Bn 259th stretcher bearer Coy. 26 Pioneer Bn aaa Total prisoners through Div. Cage to 7.45 p.m. 28 Offr. 1,117 O.R.	Wire.

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279	10.20	2nd Cdn. Div.	5 Div. (Aust).	-	We are establishing advanced H.Qrs. at V.18.a.2.2. We hold all the BLUE DOTTED LINE on our front since 5 p.m. We are in touch with your troops on our BLUE LINE W.23.b.0.4 Cavalry patrols are in front of our troops. Would you instruct Major DAY who is doing liaison duty with you to report to his Brigade H.Qrs V.18.c.1.4 as he is urgently required on account of casualties. I will send another Liaison Officer to you when your H.Qrs. advances.	D.R.L.S.
280	10.20	Major-Gen. ROSENTHAL	MAJ-GEN. HOBBS.	G.	Please accept very sincere thanks from myself and 2nd Division for your kind congratulations aaaa They are very heartily reciprocated aaaa Let us hope to-morrow and succeeding days efforts will be equally successful.	Wire.
281	10.50	Aust. Corps "I"	5 A. Div.	Ig.58	Air report aaaa 3.10 p.m. British cavalry in column going E. from ROSIERES aaaa PERONNE bridge and footbridge near ETERAGNY broken aaaa VILLERS-CARBONNEL main road packed with troops and transport going E. aaaa all roads in area BRIE-CHIRCOURT-NESLE area full traffic going E. aaaa QUESNEL full M.T. aaaa 3.40 p.m. 100 infantry going N. 62.D, L.24.a aaaa R.S. for 3 trains and one train steaming in CHAULNES aaaa 3 trains steaming PERONNE aaaa Great activity DOINGT dump aaaa 6 trains steaming NESLE aaaa BAPAUME quiet aaaa about Bn enemy apparently digging in E. PROYART scattered by M.G. fire from AIR aaaa 3.15 p.m. column 400 cavalry nationality doubtful galloping to OMIECOURT-PERTAIN aaaa four 2-seater machines seen/on ground in ROUVRAY-BEAUFORT area with our troops around aaaa large fires at MORCHAIN and POTTE aaaa 4.15 p.m. enemy digging in at intervals W. CHUIGNES to N. RAINECOURT aaaa .	Wire.
282	11.00	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A. Div.	BM 316	Additional captures aaaa 85 M.Gs 4 4.2 Hows, 1 Wireless Set, 1 Searchlight, 3 water carts and other transport aaaa Large quantities of war material.	Wire.

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282	11.40	15th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	B.M. 601	Brigade H.Qrs closes now at P.34.d.5.2 and immediately opens at W.8.a.4.5 aaa .	Wire
284	11.50	C.R.E. 5 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	N. 61	Main WARFUSEE Road cleared of all debris right up to the front at 9.45 p.m.	Wire
285	11.55	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	I.O. 13	30th Bn. report capture of armoured train with nine inch gun aaa Train which was just forward of our lines was brought in and is now at W.6.c.5.4 aaa Locations aaa 29th Bn. W.4.b.8.2, 30th Bn. Q.30.c.5.2; 31st Bn W.6.c.5.4 32nd Bn. Q.35.d.2.9, L.T.M. Q.35.d.2.8 aaa Brigade H.Qrs Q.27.c.3.3.	Wire
286	11.55	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	I.O. 14	631 prisoners passed through Bde. Collecting Station aaa Total for this Brigade 9 Offr. 480 O.R. .	Wire
287	11.55	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	S.C. 4	Brigade Headquarters established Q.27.c.3.3.	Wire.
288	12.00 midnight	2nd Aust Div.	5 A.Div.	G.362	Intercepted wireless message from CAVALRY CORPS begins aaa SO HK PM HNO S/N FM 23 8th Observation officer reports that at 7pm he observed a force of enemy estimated at one Division marching from WARVILLE aaa ends aaa	Wire.

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