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289	12.10	14th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 8	Documents found in Headquarters in P29d92 identify the 78th Artillerie truppenteil.	
290	12.10	GOC 1st Aust.Div.	5 A.Div.		1st Division would do attack to GREEN LINE with 1 Bde (2nd Inf.Bde) and also to RED LINE with 1 Bde if possible. Depended on Canadians. Explained to G.O.C. 1st Aust.Div. that attack to GREEN LINE would be by 15th Bde. as far as this Div. concerned and by 14th (Reserve) Bde if attack was to made to RED Line.	
291	12.50	Aust.Corps I	5 A.Div.	Ig 59	Prisoners so far counted 154 officers 5700 OR. Material so far counted 104 guns including 22 2-8' several 5.98m and 1-9.2 ins. railway gun with all parts several trucks of ammunition. Large number of M.Gs and trench mortars. Much other material including canteens and 1 train since been burnt. 1 motor car with driver captured by armoured car after officer occupants had been killed.	Wire
292	1.50	Liaison 8th Bde.	5 A.Div.		The RED line was captured by 8.30 am. Patrols were sent out and occupied the BLUE Line. BLUE Line captured 11.20 am. Only 1 Mark V Star tank gained the BLUE line. Roads: Main road from WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT to BLUE Line is now clear of timber and traffic can move both ways. BLUE LINE: Work has been pushed forward on this line and posts have been dug and consolidated. RED LINE: Consist of posts across Brigade front. A belt of double apron wire has been started 300 yards in front All posts in BLUE and RED LINE have a field of fire of at least 500 yards.	D.R.

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292 (contd)					<p>Enemy dumps: R.E. dump at Q27c23 consist of approx. 500 coils wire 800 long screws 30 cases stick bombs 500 mining sets. Elephant iron and other R.E. material also 400 coils French wire.</p> <p>Dump at Q25d75 200 coils wire 200 screws also mining sets R.E. stores and ammunition are being dumped at W5c28.</p> <p>Water: A number of wells have been found in this area and samples of water have been forwarded.</p> <p>Signal arrangements: In this Bde communication has been very good, all Bns have been in touch with Bde all day. Bde forward signal station is at Q35a80, lines are run from this station to all Bns.</p> <p>Bns are established as under.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">29th Bn. W4b82 30th Bn Q30c52 31st Bn W6c64 32nd Bn Q35d29 L.T.M.B. Q35d28</p> <p>Bde H.Q. are established at Q27c33.</p> <p>General disposition: BLUE line is held by 30Bn and 31st Bn each Bn having 2 Coys in front line and 1 support 200 yards in rear 1 in reserve 500 yards in rear. RED LINE is held by 32nd Bn with 4 companies, 29th Bn Bde. reserve with 2 companies at W5a & c, 2 companies at W4b & d. SOS posts have been established throughout Bde. Bde captures will be forwarded as soon as possible.</p>	

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	a.m.					
293	3.35	Cdn. Corps	5 A.Div.	G19	Following from 2nd Cdn Div. Begins. Situation 7 pm. We are holding all the Blue dotted lines on our front and are in touch with 1st Cdn.Div. on our right. On our left we are not in touch with 5 Aust.Div. on the BLUE dotted line but are in touch with them on the BLUE line about W23b04. The enemy is close to our left flank but we are not in touch with the enemy on our right flank. The Cavalry report they are unable to get into AUSIERES. From present indications any advance tomorrow should be made with tanks. Enemy has been shelling 6th Bde H.Q. in W22b with 4.2 and 5.9. Casualties not heavy estimate not yet available. 6th Bde up to present no casualties. All troops in good condition. Ehds.	Wire
294	4.5	5 A Div	Aust Corps.	G294	Instructions B No.2 copies 13-15 received.	Wire
295	4.35	14th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM12	Situation wire aas enemy intermittently shelled area with H.V. guns aas .	Wire
296	5.16	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	G74	Situation report aas all quiet latest enemy shelling of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT about midnight aas visibility bad.	Wire
297	5.59	4th Aust Div.	5 A.Div.	G168	Morning report situation quiet very little hostile activity aas.	Wire
298	5.59	2nd Cdn. Div.	5 A.Div.	G552	Situation on Right and centre unchanged aas on Left 5th Australian Division line reported from W.23.a.5.7 through I.7.d aas enemy snipers and M.G. fire very active against our left flank which is in touch with Austns. at about W.35.a.5.7	Wire

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298 (contd).					aaa Two sections placed North of railway had to be withdrawn aaa Patrols have taken prisoners of following units aaa 4 men of 376 Regt on Left flank and one of 26 Regt on Right flank aaa Enemy has been shelling MARCELCAVE with H.V. guns aaa Some shelling of forward area with field Hows.	
299	6.15	5 A.Div.	Aust Corps 2 Cdn Div, 1 & 4th A. Divs, Div. Art.	G.299	Situation report aaa intermittent shelling of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT and right Bde. Area with H.V. during night.	Wire
300	6.55	Aust Corps	5 Aust Div.	GA.1	Re para 5 battle instructions series "B" No. 1 Zero is 11 a.m. aaa Acknowledge aaa.	Wire.
301	7.25	5 A.Div.	8th Tk.Bn. 3th, 14th, 15th A.I.Bdes.	G.301	ZERO hour will be 11 a.m.	Wire.
302	7.40	15th A.I.B Bde.	5 A.Div.	B.437	Reports indicate enemy retiring aaa Have instructed leading battalion to keep touch by patrols train activity reported in VAUVILLERS and artillery informed.	Wire
303	7.52	14th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM.13	The following aeroplane message timed 6.45 am was received serial No. Q3 to CRV Corps and 3rd Cav. Div. situation report 5.10 am White Very lights sent up (1) between K.3.a.5.7 and K.3.c.6.7 (2) E.21.d.3.8 and E.28.c.1.9 5.20 am fire in VRELY and ROSIERES Stn. 5.55 am 1st Divn. H.Qrs at W.9.d.8.1, 3rd Div.H.Q. at D.12.c.4.7 signed W.T.REES 2/Lt. No.687 R.A.F.	Wire
304	7.52	5 A.Div.	Aust.Corps 8, 14, 22 AI Bdes, 1st & 4th 2nd A.Divs, 2 Cdn Div, Div.Art, MG Bn, 8 & 15 Tk.Bn.	G.304	Following from Right Bde. begins aaa Reports indicate enemy retiring aaa Have instructed leading Bn. to keep touch by patrols train activity in VAUVILLERS aaa Arty.informed.aaa ends aaa.	Wire

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305	7.52	4th Aust. Div.	5 A.Div.	GA 489	Battle Instructions No.1 Series "B" received.	Wire.																																	
306	7.55	14th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM.14	Battle Instructions Series "B" No. 1 - noted.	Wire.																																	
307	8.50	2nd Aust. Div.	5 A.Div.	G.365	Advanced D.R.Q. will be established at QUARRY O.28.c. at 11 a.m. to-day.	Wire																																	
308	8.50	Aust Corps "I"	5 A.Div.	BIS.490 a.	Reports from 4.30 am - 7.30 am aaa area E. to CHUIGNES - HERLEVILLE - ROSIERES under observation but no signs of movement in forward areas or signs of impending counter attack aaa 6.0 am 2 trains going S.W. entering MARCHELPOT 6.0 am 4 trains going S.W. between ETERPIGNY and MARCHELPOT aaa A.A. slight aaa E.A. active aaa 10 25-lb bombs dropped on R.15.d and R.ql.a aaa Weather fine visib. good.	Wire.																																	
309	9.10	5 A.Div.	8,14,15AI Bde.D.Art.	G.309	Canadian ZERO hour will be 10 a.m. ACKNOWLEDGE.	Wire.																																	
310	9.10	ADMS	5 A.Div.	Med.302	Total casualties passed through 2nd and 5th Aust. Divs. up to 9 p.m. 8.8.18 :- <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Officers</th> <th style="text-align: center;">O/Ranks.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1st Aust. Div.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Aust.Div.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">365</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Aust.Div.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th Aust. Div.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th Aust. Div.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">246</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canadians</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">115</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aust. Corps.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Imperial</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">198</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>47</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>1,007</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P. O. W.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">252</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Officers	O/Ranks.	1st Aust. Div.	-	7	2nd Aust.Div.	18	365	3rd Aust.Div.	2	18	4th Aust. Div.	-	60	5th Aust. Div.	11	246	Canadians	2	115	Aust. Corps.	-	1	Imperial	14	198		<u>47</u>	<u>1,007</u>	P. O. W.	14	252	D.R.L.S.
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311	9.12	5 A.Div.	8th Tanks.	-	Informed tanks of our and Canadian Zero hours.	Wire.
312	9.15	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G.71	Ref. para 3 Battle instructions series "B" No. 2 ZERO hour is 11 a.m. aaa acknowledge.	Wire.
313	9.23	15th AI Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM 439	Right Bn. now occupy old AMIENS LINE aaa uncertain if Right of Left Bn. yet in aaa Left Bn. report anti aircraft gun east along railway line about 900 yards from bridge X.24.c.1.9 aaa Two lines of trenches run from railway at W.24.d.4.8 aaa our cavalry about the bridge sniping at enemy in trench aaa a few men with fall packs approaching from X.25.d along the railway embankment aaa Cavalry intend working around flanks of party in trenches in W.24.d .	Wire
314	9.40	Fourth Army.	5 A.Div.	G.816	III Corps could not maintain footing on CHIPILLY SPUR line now runs K.33.central - K.27.d.8.0 - K.21.d.7.0 - K.15.c.2.4 - aaa Quiet night aaa Aust. Corps quiet night except for intermittent shelling of WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT and Right Bde. area aaa 2nd Canadian Div. report all quiet holding final objective and in touch with flank divs. aaa No report yet received from remainder Canadian divs.	Wire
315	10	5 Div. (Aust.)	8, 14, 15 AI Bdes, 1, 2, 3, 4 A.Divs, 2 Cdn Div. D.Arty, 8 Tk.Bn.	G.315.	8 Armoured cars of 17th A.C. Bn. will be operating along the WILLERS BRETONNEUX - WILLERS CARBONNET road and roads N. and S. of this road and in vicinity VAUVILLERS - FRAMERVILLE aaa Usual tank markings will be shown and French tricolor flag will be flown when returning or approaching British troops.aaa Acknowledge.	Wire
316	10.15	CABLE 454 5th A.Div.	5 A.Div.	HFI 1454	Following received from 14th Field Co. A.E. P.34.d.5.0 6.0 a.m. aaa RED LINE wired right across Right Bde front aaa single apron fence with French concertina wire placed on apron aaa Gaps every 150 yds. aaa Each gap 20 yds aaa BLUE LINE not possible to wire owing enemy M.G. fire aaa timed 7.30 p.m. 8th inst.	Wire.

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317	10.20 A.M.	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	G.72	<p>Following from advanced Canadian Corps timed 8.55 p.m. 8th aaa OPERATION ORDER aaa one aaa situation aaa Left and centre Divisions on BLUE DOTTED LINE to about E.11.d.6.0 aaa The line uncertain but believed to run approximately E.16.central, E.21.central, E.25.central, J.6.a aaa French are in J.4.central aaa Two aaa Divisions will consolidate line now held but 4th Canadian Division will use every effort to gain remainder of BLUE DOTTED LINE to-night and consolidate it aaa Artillery to be disposed to cover front with a barrage fire if necessary aaa Three aaa When BLUE DOTTED LINE has been secured Corps will continue to advance in general direction ROYE CHAULNES aaa Divisions will be prepared to advance to-morrow morning as follows aaa Third Canadian Div. down ROYE road keeping touch with French on Right aaa First Canadian Division via WARVILLERS ON BOUVROY aaa Second Canadian Division via ROSIERES on CHILLY aaa Boundary between Divisions aaa Between Right and Centre Divisions BEAUFORT inclusive to Centre Div. aaa Between Centre and Left Div. VRELY inclusive to Left Division aaa Fourth Division will remain in Reserve in BLUE DOTTED LINE aaa Independant force will continue to operate down ROYE Road aaa Fourth Bde. tanks will arrange for at least one Coy. tanks to accompany each advancing Division aaa ACKNOWLEDGE aaa.</p>	Wire
318	11.48	Aust Corps.	5 A.Div.	G.73	<p>Following from Advanced Canadian Corps begins aaa In contin- uation of G.72 of 9th aaa Canadian Corps has been ordered to advance to-day to general line ROYE - HATTENCOURT - HALLU aaa Aust. Corps is advancing to line LIHONS FRAMERVILLE aaa 31st French Corps are advancing with their left in direction of ROYE aaa Cavalry Corps are operating on the Corps front to assist the Corps in gaining its objective aaa Canadian Corps advanced will be resumed at 10 am aaa French are advancing on HANGEST earlier aaa 4th Div. will take LE QUESNEL and remainder of BLUE DOTTED LINE and thence continue to hold it South of CAIX aaa immediately the line has been captured 3rd Div will pass through 4th Canadian Division and take FOLIES aaa 18th Div. will take BEAUFORT and WARVILLERS aaa 2nd Div. will take VRELY and POSIERES aaa As soon as Divs have completed their first bound they will continue to advance as shown on the map "D" issued with instruction No.6 aaa 4th Tank Bde. will arrange allotment of tanks direct with</p>	Wire

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318 (Contd.)					Divisions aaa 4th Canadian Division will retain 3rd and 4th Cdn with 2 Bdes H.A. for attack in BLUE DOTTED LINE aaa When 3rd Division pass through 4th Div. 3rd Cdn. and 8th Cdn. Army Bde with 2 Bdes. H.A. will then come under 3rd Division orders aaa 1st and 2nd Divs will retain present allotment of Arty. aaa ends aaa Acknowledgesaaa.	
319	11.49	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 73	6 cars 17 A.C. Bn. are placed under the orders of 5th Aust.Div. from 9 am today.	Wire
320	11.55	5 A.Div.	Aust.Corps 2,4 A.Divs 2nd C.Div.	Ig320	Total prisoners to 10 am 36 offrs 1277 O.R.	Wire
321	11.10	15 Bde.	5 A.Div.	I 8	Prisoner taken in W18b this morning 2nd GrenRegt.109th Div.	Wire
322	11.17	8 Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM320	G300 noted.	Wire
323	11.22	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 74	6th Bde will remain in reserves to the 1st Aust.Div. until relieved by 1st Brigade. If phase 'B' of the operations develops today 5th Aust.Div. will hold one Brigade at the call of the 2nd Aust Divas a reserve Brigade until such time as the 6th Brigade returns to the command of 2nd Div.	Wire
324	11.22	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GR 4	G 315 noted	Wire

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325	a.m. 11.42	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 452	Ref. BM 439. We now hold whole of AMIENS Line one prisoner wire 2nd Grenadier Regt. 109 Div. also 2 heavy M.Gs.	wire
326	11.45	1 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 168	G315 noted.	
327	11.49	DADOS	5 A.Div.	RB 167	Advanced depot sheet 62D & P32a28	wire
328m	11.55	No.6 Sq. R.A.F.	Cav. Corps		8 am P.E. at E.8.d.8.2. Ground strips but no Panear. 8.5 P.B. at E.4.c.2.2. 8.12 V.B. at E.8.a.2.8. 8.10 Own troops assembled at E4b91-2 - 2nd Squadron 8.15 QUESNEL and HANGEST being heavily shelled, the latter on fire. Between 8.10 & 9.10 No movement observed along area and roads QUESNEL - K4 - E282217 - 12 - 6 W30 -19 - 13. No movement observed in ROOSIERES VAUVILLERS 8.25 GF call sent down on hostile battery observed firing at K24c27	Plane
329	12noon	Gen. GELLIBRAND	Gen.HOBBS	CHJ 4	Reciprocate hearty congratulations on splendid achievements yesterday of your Divn.	Wire
330	12.4	C.R.E.	5 A.Div.	HO 7	Battle Instructions Series B No.1 and Zero hour noted	
331	pm 12.5	14th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 18	Message referred to in my BM 17 and map attached to aeroplane message are forwarded herewith.	
332	12.10	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	IO 16	Enemy shelling back area active all night Q29 32 35 36 lightly shelled during the night. 4. 2 from 115° x 5. 9 from 198° x and heavy H.V. 4 guns at 76° all bearing from Q34b67. Heavy 38 cm gun seems to be about 3½ miles along the main road. Enemy planes & our active all night. Visib.fair	Wire

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333	12.10	8 Bde.	5 A.Div.	I O 17	Our patrols were active during the night one prisoner 18 I.R. captured by L Bn.	Wire
334	12.20	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	IO 15	9 Off, 643 O.R. passed through Bde Collecting Station yesterday. Prisoners this Bde now total 9 off. 501 O.R.	Wire
335	12.30	5 A.Div.	Corps 'I'	G 335	One prisoner 18 IR captured by patrol left Bde during night. 15th Bde also captured one prisoner 2nd Grenadier Regt. 109 Div and 2 heavy M.Gs.	Wire
336	12.30	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 75	All heavy artillery at present attached to divisional artillery Australian Corps will revert to B.G.H.A. from time of receipt of this wire.	Wire
337	12.54	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 456	H.Q. established at W8d83.	Wire
338	12.54	Meteor			Forecast wind westerly 10 to 15 mph. Backing later towards SW mainly fair but cloudy at times. Day visib. good but some inland mist or fog developing at night Temp moderate temp day 65 to 70 night 55.	Wire
339	12.54	15 Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM 454	Following from Right forward Bn. Am progressing slowly owing to M.G. fire. Left appears to be moving up alright Verbal. Parties of enemy moving towards us. Arty have been informed.	Wire
340	12.54	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 76	17th Div. distributed as follows. One Bde. BOIS L'ABBE two Bdes GLISY - VECQUEMONT remaining in G.H.Q. reserve under administration of Aust.Corps. It will be held ready to move at two hours notice.	Wire

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341	12.54	4 Army	5 A.Div.	G 820	From G.H.Q. 8.20 am. French hold FRESNOY. North of SOMME our troops unable to maintain their positions on spur N CHIPILLY and now hold line K33central K21d70 - K15c24. No further change reported on battle front. Prisoners taken by 4th Army at least 11000. Our line S of MERVILLE now approx as follows Q16central line of turbeate in Q10 and 4 line of old LYS in Q3 and K33d. New posts established by us east of Le Cornet Perdu (KH) 2 prisoners. 13 prisoners taken by us S of MERRIS yesterday afternoon.	Wire
342	12.56	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 322	Bde O.P. reports our troops and tanks crossing BLUE line 11.20 am.	Wire
343	1.10	Div.Obser- vers.	5 A.Div.		Our troops assisted by tanks advancing astride the railway in W24 at 11.45 am.	Wire
344	1.14	BIS Aust. Corps	5 A.Div	BIS 491A	Reports to noon. Area E to CHUIGNES-HERLEVILLE-X23 under observation. No signs of impending counter attack. 100 M.T. going E. on road R30d54 10.50 am 2 M.T. going E on road at 62C M26c54. 7.10 am 1 train shunting at CHAULNES junction. 10 25-lb bombs dropped on VAUVILLERS and HERLEVILLE. Weather cloudy visibility fair. EA fairly active. AA active.	Wire
345	1.25	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G 78	French have captured HANGEST and ARVILLERS Station half way between Arvillers and HANGEST. Canadians have captured LE QUESNEL. Canadian troops reported in BEUFORT. Total prisoners reported last night by Army 13,500 of which 3,200 were captured by the French. Total prisoners	Wire

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345 (contd)					captured by Aust. Corps to date unwounded 154 Off. 5,700 O.Rs wounded 21 Off. 500 O.Rs total 175 Off. 6200 O.Rs	
346	1.35	Aust. Corps	5 A. Div.	Ig 77	Army air report. 5.40 am 1 train to MISERY from S.W. CHAULNES Station undershell fire. ROSIERES appeared deserted. front area between FOUCAUCOURT -LAMOTTE quiet. At 5.40 am 30 M.T. FAUCAUCOURT to CHAULNES. At 5.35 am 25 to 30 parties of 30 approaching BOUCHOIR from SE along ROYE Road. Area north of BRAY very quiet.	Wire
347	2 pm	Liaison	5 A. Div.		Battle Inets. No.1 Series 'B' acknowledgea.	
348	2 pm	14 Bde.	5 A. Div.	BM 17	Aeroplane message No.6 Squadron to Cav. Corps H.Q. and V.B. dropped 9.15 am reads. 8 am PF at E8d82- Ground ships but no Paneau 8.5 am PB at E4c22. 8.12 V.B. at E8a28 8.10 our troops assembled at E4c91 two squadrons 8.15 QUESNEL and HANGEST heavily shelled latter on fire between 8.10 and 9.10 am No movement observed along area and roads QUESNEL K4 E28-22-17-12-6 W30-19 13 No movement in ROSIERES VAUVILLERS 8.45 GN call sent down pn hostile batteries observed firing at K24c27 ends.	Wire

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349	2 pm	14 Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 16	G 309 noted	
350	2.5	C.R.E.	5 A.Div.	HPI 1460	Following received from 8th Field Co. AE Q33c17 Lt. Isaacs states light tramway alongside main road and between Red and Blue Line is in good condition as is also line in rear of Blue Line. Pontoon wagons delivered screw pickets and French wire at W6b23 at 4 pm and work now proceeding wiring right Bn front Blue Line. Pontoon wagons now on way up with screw pickets and heavy French wire from German dump. These loads to be delivered at Q36b63 for Left Bn front. Coy H.Q. is still at Q33c17. Engine trucks and 9/ H.V. gun was found on loop at R31c.central. Steam was raised and train and gun brought in to W5central. Attempt will be made to repair B.G. line at this point to night to get train further back. Following was brought back from W6c to W5c62 by 4th Pioneers. 1 Engine Steam (Baldwin), 7 Bogey Well Wagons, 1 Bogey Water wagon, 3 small tip trucks, 2 truck loads decauville. Timed 8.30 pm. Reference my F 34 of today. H.V. gun is 11½" not 9"	Wire
351	2.5	8 Field Co. A.E.	5 A.Div	F38		Wire
352	2.10	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM214	Our troops in position in advance of GREEN Line on left . Coy of 31st Bn established on line X1d59 to X1d52 joining with left Coy. of 29th Bn. Right Coy. rests rests at X1a99. No report from Centre Coy. 29th Bn. Right Coy. held up by M.G. fire on line X7c52 X7c75 One tank going forward now to deal with enemy M.Gs nest at approx X7d52. Remainder of tanks appear to be out of action. Our casualties through enfilade fire fairly heavy.	Wire

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353	2.20	5th Tank Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 992	Following message received from Tank Aeroplane Squadron 10.15 PROYART no movement. 10.25 RAINECOURT no movement apparently empty. 10.30 transport moving from RAINECOURT to FRAMERVILLE which is empty. Noon 3 tanks 300 yards East of FRAMERVILLE.	Wire
354	2.25	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G368	2nd Aust.Div. Advanced H.Q. established at Quarry 028c.	Wire
355	2.30	5 A.Div.	Corps, 3 Bdes.	G355	Repeating No. 353.	Wire
356	2.30	15th Bde	5 A.Div.		Capt. Salmon reports from Lt-Col. Marshall that 1st Aust.Div. passing through 5th Aust.Div.	Phone
357	2.47	5th M.G.Bn	5 A.Div.	MGA770	Approximate trench strength. 8th M.G.Coy. 12 Off. 203 OR 14th M.G.Coy. 9 Off. 197 OR 15th M.G.Coy 13 off. 188 O.R. 25th M.G.Coy. 14 off. 187 OR H.Q. 2 Off. 1 O.R. total 50 off. 786 O.R.	Wire
358	2.47	Div.Art.	5 A.Div.	RB 25	Series 'B' No.2 noted.	
359	2.47	4 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GA485	G 315 noted.	
360	2.47	4th Army	5 A.Div.	G824	Prisoners taken by 4th Army and now in cages and C.C.S. up to 8 am 9th approx. 300 officers 13,000 O.R. more probably to come. Guns 200 including 9.2 RG gun complete with 3 trucks of ammunition. One complete railway train . T.Ms and M.Gs in large numbers also immense quantity of stores and material of all description. French also took about 3,500 prisoners.	Wire

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361	2.50 p.m.	Adv. 5th Tank Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM 993	Message from tank aeroplane Squadron. 12.55 reinforcements are arriving along CHAULNES Road apparently infantry and field guns. Message dropped on Company of Tanks at W16 moving east along railway at 1 pm.	Wire
362	3 pm	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 319	Attack will be resumed 9th inst. Final objectives and boundaries are shown on marked maps of all concerned. First phase will be carried out by 1st Aust.Div. right 8th A.I.Bde on left. 29th Bn will advance to GREEN LINE on right passing through 59th Bn and 31st Bn on left within boundaries as shown to all concerned. Detailed arrangements will be made by C.O.'s and Artillery support will be arranged by C.O. 13th Bde AFA. C Coy. 8th Tank Bn. with 7 tanks will support the attack. Details of assembly will be arranged in conjunction with C.O. 29th Bn Zero hour will be 11 am. After capture of GREEN LINE 2nd Aust.Div. will pass through to RED LINE. Artillery programme: At Zero hour a creeping barrage will start from S.O.S. lines and advance at the rate of 100 yards a minute to VAUVILLERS. At Zero plus 13 it will lift from VAUVILLERS to rear. FRAMERVILLE will be kept under fire from Hows. and 6th Army Bde will put a standing barrage on left Bn front during the operation as a diversion.	Wire
363	3	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	G 81	Can. Corps reports that a deserter from 46th Inf. Regt. 119th Div. states his Div. rested in rear NESLES morning 8th Embussed 10 am and then debussed VREILY 8th. Right flank	Wire

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363 (contd)					of his Div. is just in front of ROSIERES. This appears to indicate that the enemy is endeavouring to establish a definite line of resistance and ascertain amount of fighting will probably result.	
364	3 pm	5 Div. Sig.Co.	5 A.Div.	P 20	Battle instructions Series B No.2 acknowledged.	
365	3		5 A.Div.		15th Bde report being on GREEN LINE	Phone.
366	3.25	1 A.Div.	5 A?Div.		Tanks now passing through squares X14 20 and 21	Phone
367	3.27	Div. Observers	5 A.Div.		1 pm enemy battery observed travelling in E direction on road X23c and d came into action in X30a firing on Right Div. 1.30 pm our troops advancing in artillery formation from main road Q30 to HARBONNIERES W12 also 1 tank advancing in W6 going E.	Wire
368	3.30	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 225	29th Bn on line approx X7c52 X7c75 X7b55 X1d80 where they join with 31st Bn who are on a line X1d92 X1d25. Machine gun fire heavy. We intend waiting on the line until Right Divn come up and GREEN LINE will then be established.	Wire
369	3.33	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig 82	Air report 11.12 noon. Considerable M.T. movement south eastwards on main ROYE QUESNOY Roads. 11.5 big explosion in LA FLAQUE dump. 12.15 . Heavy hostile AA M.G. fire from Wood N PROYART R7d R8c. Six British Tanks $\frac{3}{4}$ mile NW ROSIERES firing into village.	Wire

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370	3.45	15th Bde	5 A.Div.		2nd Aust. Bde have passed through 15th A.I. Bde who are now reassembling South and East of HARBONNIERES. 8th A.I. Bde are reported to be in VAUVILLERS. Our troops are reported to have brought down a plane near VAUVILLERS.	Wire Phone
371	3.40	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 329	VAUVILLERS being mopped up by 29th Bn. Prisoners coming in.	Wire
372	3.40	1st A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G17 G180	GREEN LINE reported taken. Our advance continues.	Wire
373	3.40	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig 79	Following received from Tank aeroplane Sqdrn. PROYART no movement. 10.25 RAINECOURT no movement. apparently empty. 10.30 transport moving from RAINECOURT to FRAMERVILLE which is empty. Noon three tanks 300 yards east of FRAMERVILLE.	Wire
374	3.40	3 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GB223	Divisional H.Q. will close BUSSYles-DAOURS and reopen at QUARRY P.7.a.05.30 5 pm	Wire
375	3.40	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 457	Advanced Brigade H.Q. now established W17c94 Photo taken today shows CAPPY Bridge intact.	Wire
376	3.40	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig 8		
377	4.5	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig 84	French report 54th Div. relieved 204 N of COMPIEGNE hence will not be available to reinforce this front and 204 Div. will probably be opposed to the French.	Wire
378	4.5	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 525	Following verbal report received. Attack started 11 am heavy fighting at first but progress improving by 11.30 am. Left Bde reported going well with tanks in front	Wire

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	p.m.					
378 (contd)					now approaching ROSIERES. Austns. seen coming up on left. Our Right Bde apparently on the move about 1200noon. two enemy balloons reported shot down in flames. ROSIERES reported full of transport. Time of last report 12.00 noon.	
379	4.5	Liaison 14 Bde	5 A.Div.		Battle Instructions No.2 Series B acknowledges.	
380	4.10	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig 83	Message from Tank aeroplane Sqdrn. 12.55 reinfts are arriving along CHAULNES Road apparently infantry and field guns. Message dropped on company of tanks moving east along Railway at 1 pm.	Wire
381	4.10	C.R.A	5 A. Div.		F.O.O. reports VAUVILLERS taken and cleared at 1.50 pm Our troops in X14c and d.	Wire
382	4.10	Liaison 2 Can.Div.	5 A.Div.	TK 12	11.15 am 2 Can.Div. moved off. 6th Bde met with quite a lot of opposition -M.G.fire-. In touch with Austn 15th Bde. 12 noon Left Bde advancing on ROSIERES. Quite a lot of Artillery fire. 12.30 2nd Canadians advancing steadily. 1.25 pm 6th Bde captured ROSIERES. 2.15 pm Situation on left unchanged. Advance slowed down to conform with Australian line.	D.R.
383	4.10	Liaison 2 Can.Div.	5 A.Div.		Following received by 2nd Can.Div. 15th Aust. Machine Gun Corps have moved forward. Ammunition urgently required Very little resistance and few casualties.	
384	4.20	Aust.Corps	15 A.Div.	SG 86	Air report. 1.15 pm Saw about 1000 enemy retiring east from here X8-14-20-26 between 1.15 and 2 pm. Engaged by pilot with M.G. fire from 100 feet. 1.30 pm body about	Wire

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384 (contd)					200 enemy infantry also retiring east in X4. 6 25-1b bombs dropped on party majority of which believed killed or wounded.	
385	4.20	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig88	Prisoner 1st Res. Div. state 6th Res. Div. was disbanded 6 days ago after French attack 6th Res. Div. was last identified east of ST QUENTIN. If correct remnants of 6th Res. Div. will probably be drafted to other Divs.	Wire
386	4.30	5 Tank Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 994	Message dropped by Tank aeroplane Squadron. 2.5 pm to 2.50 pm 8 Tanks advancing with infantry W24 east 3 tanks advancing with infantry X19b N east. 8 tanks successfully in action with infantry at X26 enemy seen X21. Infantry in ROSIERES. Situation very quiet from north of VAUVILLERS. 2.15 to 2.45 Tanks seen with infantry ROSIERES station. Enemy shelled tank persistently. Considerable activity behind enemy lines.	Wire
387	4.35	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	Bm 326	GREEN LINE objective captured at 2.15 pm. 1st Division have not arrived yet. Our men advancing to encircle VAUVILLERS.	Wire
388	4.45	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 458	Prisoners since 10 am minimum estimate 125.	Wire
389	4.45	A. Corps	5 A.Div.	G 85	Total number of prisoners reached cages in 4th Army up to 8 am today approx. 300 Off. 13,000 O.R. 200 guns including a 9.2Rly. gun complete with three trucks of ammunition have been captured. 1 complete railway train also captured. Trench Mortars and M.Gs in large numbers also an immense quantity of stores. In addition to above French took about 3500 prisoners. Contact patrol reports	Wire

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	p.m.					
389 (contd)					Canadians reached western outskirts of ROSIERES and VRELY. 4th Army reports French have captured ARVILLERS	
390	4.45	15th Bde	5 A. Div.	SC 726	Estimated casualties. 6 Officers 130 O.Rs	Wire
391	4.49	Col. MARSHALL Liaison 15th Bde.	5 A.Div.		Canadian 6th Bde gone through ROSIERES.	Wire
392	4.49	15 Bde	5 A.Div.	19	2nd Bde has passed through. We have halted and are reforming wire on and in front of BLUE LINE.	
393	4.50	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig 90	Air report. Road LIHONS-CHAULNES packed with enemy transport going east. FOUCOUCOURT-BRIE Road fairly clear. Area north of SOMME seemed quiet. N 30 enemy retiring on positions in R22b R23c R29b and west slopes of Valley. 12.10 pm several tanks entering ROSIERES from north west. Enemy retiring over siding south east village. British infantry advancing on line X25central E6.central, E17.central E22.central .	Wire
394	5 pm	5th D.A.	5 A.Div.	AC 15	Casualties. 14th(a) Bde RFA killed 1 OR wounded 2 OR and Cpt. A/Mjr W.S.WINGATE-GRAY MC 8/8/18. 4th Aust.F.A.Bde wounded 5 OR injured Cpt.P.T.KELYNACK 9/8/18 AAVC attached. 9th A.M.T.M.Bty wounded 1 OR. 5th DAC killed 1 OR. 13th AFA Bde wounded 9/8/18 Lieut.H.JONES and 5 O.R.	

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	p.m.					
395	5	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 333	We are holding a line eastern outskirts of VAUVILLERS to cross roads Xld58. 2nd Div. in position ready to move through. 11 prisoners passed Bde. H.Q. 376 I.R. 109 Div.	Wire
396	5.4	5 A.Div.	Aust.Corps	I G 396	11 prisoners captured by 8th Bde 376 I.R. 109 Divn.	Wire
397	5.7	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 334	Forward Bns report 2nd Div. moved through 4.40 pm. Shelling fairly heavy on left Bn. front and Q35.	Wire
398	5.8	14th Bde	5 A.Div.	BO 26	Situation report. Situation quiet except for scattered enemy shelling by H.V. guns.	Wire
399	5.15	A.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 91	VAUVILLERS has been captured by 8th Bde.	Wire
400	5.30	A.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 95	Instructions contained in para. 9 Battle Instructions Series 'B' no remain in force. C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div. remains in command of artillery of Centre Divn. sector until further orders.	Wire
401	5.35	5 A.Div.	Aust.Corps	G 402	G 95 Acknowledged	
402	5.30	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 332	Three prisoners captured up to 2.15 pm 396 Regt.109 Div. Lieut-Col. McARTHUR wounded not seriously Major CHARLTON MC will take command.	Wire
403	5.37	5 Div.	Aust.Corps 1, 2, 4 A.Divs. 2nd Can.Div.	G 403	Situation report. 8th Bde on BLUE LINE byom V.B. road to cross roads exclusive at Xld52. 8th Bde on GREEN LINE from Xld52 thence through X8a to eastern outskirts of VAUVILLERS which was mopped up by 29th Bn 8th Bde.	Wire

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403 (contd)					at 1.30 pm. 2nd Aust.Div. troops passed through 8 Bde at 4.40 pm 15th Bde reformed South and East of HARBONNIERES after 2nd Bde passed through. 1st Div. going well and enemy reported retiring before them. No report from Armoured cars to date. Many prisoners as result of operations. Our casualties not yet known. H.Q. 8th Bde Q27c33 15th Bde #17c94 14th Bde P29d33. Enemy shelling valley 035 fairly heavily.	
404	5.45	Div.O.P.	5 A. Div.		4.45 pm our troops assisted by tanks attacking FRAMERVILLE entering village going well. Troops assisted by two tanks observed crossing Road in X8b.	Wire
405	5.50	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 42	Total prisoners through Div. Cage and dressing stn taken by 2nd Aust.Div. to 9 pm 8th inst. Unwounded 37 Off. 1463 O.R. wounded 7 off. 95 total 44 Off. 1558 O.R. Both 2nd and 5th Div. wounded passed through same dressing stns. impossible to state which Div. took them so equally divided by mutual agreement between G.O's C. concerned. Guns reported for 8th inst. now 42.	Wire
406	6	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 331	GREEN line captured 2.15 pm and VAUVILLERS captured by 29th Bn. 2.55 p.m. some prisoners number not yet known.	Wire
407	6	3 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	Ig 500	H.Q. established P.7.a.0.3.	Wire
408	6	3 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GA 1	H.Q. closed BUSSY at 5.20 pm and reopened P.7.a.0.3 same hour.	Wire

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409	6.15	5 A.Div.	Aust.Corps	-	Repeating Serial No. 404 and 406.	'Phone
410	6.15	5 A.Div.	2 Aust. Div.	-	Repeating Serial No. 404.	'Phone.
411	6.25	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	G.86	In reply to G18/4625 Major CHARETON required to command battalion aaa Please substitute Major B.A. WARK D.S.O. 32nd Bn.	Wire.
412	6.27	5 A.Div.	3 Bde, 1st, 2nd, 4th Aust.Divs.	G.412	As soon as you are satisfied that 2nd Aust Div. troops are on their final objective and in touch with 4th Aust. Div. and 1st Aust Div on left and right flanks respectively the 8th A.I. Bde will be reorganised under cover aaa Acknowledge.	Wire.
413	6.25	4th Aust Div.	5 A.Div.	Ga 594	Evening report aaa Situation generally quiet enemy artillery activity slight over forward and support area aaa E.A. active	Wire.
414	6.25	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	J.18	11 or 376 I.R. 109th Div passed through C.S.	Wire.
415	6.25	55th Bn	5 A.Div.	-	8 Officers 203 O.R. through Div. Cage to 4.45 pm aaa Identifications all 3 Bns. 2nd Gren Regt. also 3 Bns. 26th I.R. and 1st Bn. 376 I.R.	Wire
416	6.40	Div.O.P.	5th Div.		5 p.m. 10 of our tanks moving forward in an E. direction from HARBONNIERES.	Wire
417	6.40	15th Bn. Tanks.	5th Div.		Birds returned from 15th Bn Tank Corps have received instructions that they are not now needed.	Wire

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418	6.46	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	AA 763	Wire received from General BIRDWOOD begins. First class everything as completely satisfactory as felt sure it would be with all the excellent arrangements made will you please convey my heartiest and sincere congratulations to Divisional Generals and all concerned. I only wish every man could realize my feelings for him. Will inform MELBOURNE when have more details.	Wire
419	6.46	Div.I.O.	5th Div.	Ig 3	Total unwounded prisoners through Div. cage to 6 p.m. 8 officers 225 other ranks. 3rd Bn 26 R.I.R. practically wiped out. Heavy enemy losses during dau from M.G. fire. Prisoners know of no other troops behind.	Wire
420	6.50	D.I.O.	5th Div.		30 prisoners passed through. Identifications 3rd Bn 2 Gren and 2 Bn 376 I.R. Practically no organised troops of 376 I.R. left after today's attack. Many losses from M.G.'s today	Wire
421	7.5	15th Bde.	5th Div.	I 12	Report having reached me that our troops having very bad time for want of artillery support. Most tanks knocked out. Enemy artillery reported firing point blank at our men short range. Have taken responsibility advising our artillery take action protect them.	Wire
422	7.5	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 20	Following from 55th Battalion begins. Two seater plane No. B4175 landed at Q33b25 pilot Lieut. NUDDS 8th Squad. R.A.F. wounded observer name unknown wearing ring with monogram P.L. killed private belongings being forwarded. Plane not badly damaged and in charge of military police. ends.	Wire

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423	7.15	15th Bde.	5th Div.	I 11.	Canadian liaison report timed for 4.35 p.m. At 3 p.m. infantry had passed ROSIERES and VRALEY to a depth of 2/3000 yards. Enemy counter attack front of ROSIERES but was repulsed. Our tanks short of petrol and ammunition. Prisoner states enemy has div. with tanks in rear.	Wire
425	7.30	D.G.O. 5th Aust. Div.	5th Div.	GT 174	Gas shelling 24 hours ending 9 a.m 9th. Nil.	Wire
425	7.22	5th Div.	Aust. Corps	G 424	Identifications.	Wire
426	7.40	Corps	5th Div.	G 99	The following from Can. Corps. timed 5.30 p.m. begins. Situation. Line Canadian Corps runs approx ROYE road K.14.b. central thence along rly to E.28.c.9.0. thence E.22.b. to western outskirts VRELY to ROSIERES. Considerable hostile eastern movement noticed along roads leading west to east to line MEHARIYCUA - ROUVROY - BOUCHOIS. Unconfirmed reports state British tank seen western outskirts ROUVROY.	Wire
427	7.40	Corps	5th Div.	G 100	As soon as objective for day has been gained tanks should rally under divisional arrangements in convenient support positions and report will be rendered to Aust. Corps as to the number of tanks in each Battalion fit for action.	Wire
428	7.58	8th Bde.	5th Div.	I.O.19	30th Bn report capture 1 officer 14 O.R. prior to new advance identification 232 I.R. 107 Div. Prisoners state their regt left MONSAUCHESSE 20 miles in rear 1 p.m. yesterday arrived here 4 p.m. with instructions to hold on.	Wire

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429	7.58	8th Bde.	5th Div.	I.O.20	One officer 61 O.R. have passed through Bde C.S. identifications 376 I.R. 109 Div 227 I.R. 107 xxx R.Div,	Wire
430	7.58	1st Cav. Div.	5th Div.	IQ16	Ground observers report 3.10 p.m. our infantry advancing into BEAUFORT WOOD tanks have passed through chasing large numbers retreating bochs who are retiring on WARVILLERS and on farm in K6d. R.H A. guns co-operating with tanks successfully. Our infantry reached E.30.b.8.3. in front of WARVILLERS WOOD and outskirts of BEAUFORT VILLAGE?	

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431	8.27	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	IG 106	Document indicates a regiment is being placed at disposal of division at ECLUSIER (N.E. CAPPY) as reinforcements. ECLUSIER was H.Q. of 13th Div.	Wire
432	8.27	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	IG 107	Air report. About a Bn PERONNE - VILLERS - CARBONNEE road. 25 M.T. west of CHAULNES to LIMONS. 50 M.T. in LIHONS facing west.	Wire
433	8.27	58th Bn.	5th Div.	P.231	1st Div. passed through us. My H.Q. at W18c sheet 62D SE	Wire
434	8.33	2nd Aust Div.	5th Div.	G 48	Right Bde reports left Bn on RED LINE right Bn apparently on objective but no definite information as to touch with left of 1st Aust.Div. Right and Left Bns of 7th A.I.Bde in touch.	Wire
435	8.34	2nd Aust. Div.	5th Div.	G 46	Right Bde reports 6 p.m. all going well prisoners captured from 376 I.R. 109 Div. Left Bde reports 6 p.m. on RED LINE prisoners so far 60 from 227 R.I.R. 107 Div.	Wire
436	8.34	Div.O.P.	5th Div.		6.35 p.m. Our troops assisted by tanks observed advancing along MORLANCOURT RIDGE in K.16 K.16. 6.45 p.m. quiet on our front at present.	Wire
437	8.38	8th Tank Bn.	5th Div.	HA 15	8th Tank advanced Bn H.Q. open at Q32c34. 2 tents in field.	Wire
438	8.43	8th Bde.	5th Div.	SCA 700	Trench Strength. 29th Bn 24 offr 443 O.Rs., 30th Bn 13 offr 506 O.Rs. 31st Bn. 24 offr 600 O.Rs 32nd Bn. 26 Offr 396 O.Rs	Wire

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439	8.56	5th Div.	Div.O.P.		Should Check your wire 5.p.m./Reference X8b read X4b.	Wire
440	9.19	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G 110	Situation. Aust Corps line now runs CHAULNES rly at F3b05 X27central - X15central thence E side of FRAMERVILLE then along REDLINE to its junction with out line of yesterday in R.9.c. Enemy resistance appears stiffening. Canadian troops occupy ROSIERES. Our cavalry occupied VRELY at 4.10 p.m. and at same time our tanks followed by Cavalry were advancing towards MBHARICOURT. 4.30 p.m. our cavalry estimated about 2 regts seen advancing on WARVILLERS at E30d58 and E29b99 supported by tanks. 1st Canadian Div reports 4.30 p.m. infantry through WARVILLERS and support Bn has reached the town.	Wire
441	9.43	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	IG 111	Air report. 5.50 p.m. half mile of troops and transport east BRIE going west. 4.45 p.m. continuous M.T. movement both ways FOUCAUCOURT - ECTREES road.	Wire both
442	9.43	Beh.I. Aust. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 492A	Contact patrol right Div. sector height 300-400 feet 2.30 p.m. Position of line taken by discs. X1a23 X1b03 X1d68 X7b69 X7b54 X7d88 X13b89 X14c65 X14c91 X21c27 21c20 27a21 27c13. Tank apparently out of action X14a65 also at X20d72. Troops and tanks along road between X20b and X26d halted. 2.0 p.m. in trenches at X14 enemy apparently disorganised troops retired at 2.5 p.m. about 200 strong. 1.45 p.m. field piece going east at X21d59 engaged by M.G. apparently disabled. 1.50 p.m. about 200 enemy straggling and retiring at X21b and a. Contact patrol left div sector height 300 feet. Flares called for at 2.0 p.m. but none lit. About 12 discs were flashed and line pinpointed from discs V3 and troops. Our line apparently runs N - S discs Q18b19 18b3290 18b1070 18b4075 18b3268 R13a5945 R13a7300 R13c6935 R19a9720 R19c9083 R19d0555 R25a4548 white V3 out at R13c8581 R13c7501 Trench system from Q12b98 to R7a0530 apparently held by enemy as heavy M.G. fire was encountered from this point. Heavy M.G. fire was encountered from R26c14. Trench from R20a5005 to R20c9778 apparently occupied by enemy. No movement in MERICOURT and PROYART	Wire

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443	9.43	8th Sq. R.A.F.	5th Divv.	W29	<p>Machines landed at 6.15 and 6.25 p.m. report. 3.55 p.m. mark 5 tank on N.W. edge of VAUVILLERS. 3 others in X14, 4 p.m. aeroplane was machine gunned from enemy line running just east of ROSIERES VRELY - WARVILLERS - FOLIES. 4.5 p.m. 3 mark 5's in F20a advanced few hundred yards heavily shelled. 1 caught fire remainder returned. 5.5 p.m. 3 tanks at X27 and 1 on fire F3b. 8 tanks advancing simultaneously from behind road ROSIERES - VRELY - WARVILLERS strongly supported by infantry and cavalry. 5.15 p.m. opposition on this line seemed to have collapsed and our infantry advanced all along the line. Enemy retiring along a line in disorder stretching from F4 to F27. Cavalry in large numbers advanced along road from VRELY to F21c where they massed. 1 plane reports cavalry entering MEHARICOURT with parties of infantry and pursuing transport along CHILLY road about 10 minutes later. 5.20 p.m. infantry believed British digging in about 1 mile east of ROSIERES. 5.35 p.m. infantry advancing along railway F4a and b 5.45 p.m. 3 mark 5's 1 on fire in X28a and c. 2 mark 5's at forked roads F22c67 and 3 advancing into village about F16a. 10 whippets advancing at F20b followed by cavalry about 3000 strong. 5.50 p.m. infantry advancing through MEHARICOURT on to CHILLY road preceded by one mark 5 and followed by cavalry and whippets. General situation about 6 pm appeared to be our troops cavalry infantry tanks on a line running from X.28 through F.11, 17, 23, 29, L.5, L.11 Western outskirts of FOUQUES COURT with advance from this line proceeding well at time aeroplanes returned. LIHONS and CHAULNES crowded with German motor and horse transport. aeroplane dropped bombs on enemy transport in LIHONS knocking out four motor lorries and personnel. adv. H.Q.s 3rd 4th and 5th Tank Bdes. reported by wire to advanced H.Q. tank Corps and 22nd Wing R.A.F.</p>	Wire
444	9.45	2nd Aust. Div.	5 A.Div.	G.44	<p>Left Brigade reports holding line X.3 central along road in R.33.c and a post at R.6.d.9.4 thence defensive flank along North side of main road in P.21.d & c and P.25.d & c. a.a.s.</p>	Wire.

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445	9.45	Aust Corps.	5 A.Div.	G.112	17th Division H.Q. is established at ALLOVILLE to-night and will establish an adv. H.Q. at LA HOUSOYVE to-morrow.	Wire.
446	9.50	2nd Aust Div.	5 A.Div.	G.53	In continuation my G.49 Left Bde. reports enemy seen on ridge R.35 X.5 may be consolidating.	Wire
447	10.5	5th Tank Bde.	5 A.Div.	AB.32	5th Tank Bde. Adv. H.Q. closes FOUILLOY 8 p.m. to-night and opens dugouts P.30.a. same hour aaa Signal exchange remains at FOUILLOY .	Wire
448	10.12	4th Army	5 A.Div.	G.832	Situation report aaa Canadians have captured BOUCHOIR - POILIES - BEAUFORT - WARVILLERS - VRELY and ROSIERES aaa Australians have captured VAUVILLERS and FRAMERVILLE aaa our line now reported to run E. of BOUCHOIR - K.12.central E. of WARVILLERS - VRELY - ROSIERES thence to F.3.b.0.5 - X.27.central - E.21.central - X.15.central - E. of FRAMERVILLE to R.7.c aaa III Corps attack N. of SOMME reported going well aaa Our troops reported in K.29.a and c and all round MORLANCOURT aaa Success signal from CHIPILLY SPUR at 6.10 pm aaa No. of prisoners captured to-day not yet known.	Wire
449.	10.30	17th Arm Car Bn.	5 A.Div.	-	In accordance with instructions received , 6 armoured cars moved off from position N.30.c.7.5 at 11 am and took up a position at P.25.c.3.3 on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX road, afterwards moving forward to positions at Q.32.a.4.3 No. of BAYONVILLERS. From this point 4 cars were sent forward to HARBONNIERES with instructions that 2 of them were to work forward North of a line drawn E. and W. through VAUVILLERS and the other two to the South of this line. They were instructed to obtain information of the situation in front of the attacking line if possible and to take every opportunity of harassing the enemy's communications. The two cars working N. of the line were unable to proceed further than the N.W. outskirts of VAUVILLERS as they at once came under observed	D.R.L.S.

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449 (contd).					fire which appeared to be from Field Guns situated in the valley N.E. of the village . The other two cars got as far as point 109, about 2 kilos W. of LIHONS on the LIHONS - HARBONNIERES road where they also came under observed artillery fire and were unable to proceed further. All cars returned to rallying point P.25.c.3.3 by 7 p.m. No casualties.	
450	10.35	Aust Corps "I"	5th Aust Div.	BIS 493a	Contact patrol right Div. front height 400 feet aaa Flares called for at 2.30 pm none lit aaa line pin pointed by tanks and troops aaa Tanks at X.14.d.5.5 - X.20.b.8.9 - X.20.d.32 X.21.b.2.6 - X.26.d.5.6 aaa troops at X.20.d.1.5 - F.2.b.3.8 F.2.b.6.0 - F.7.b.5.5 aaa 2.30 pm clouds of dust on MEHARICOURT SHILLY road also LIHONS CHAULNES aaa Tanks in front followed by infantry apparently no opposition aaa Heavy M.G. fire encountered from X.15.b aaa Contact patrol centre Div. front height 300/500 feet aaa fires called for at 2.0 pm 3.0 pm but none seen aaa 2.17 pm line of about 40 troops advancing in X.7.d and X.8.a aaa White Vs out Q.36.b.70.72 and R.25.c.1.4 aaa 2.48 p.m disc flashed at X.1.d.9.1 aaa 2.42 pm red flare X.7.d.8.3 aaa Our troops seen in short trench X.7.d.7.7 aaa 2.5 pm heavy rifle and M.G. fire encountered from wood in X.15.c.1.2 and X.14.d.6.7 aaa 2.29 pm 50 - 75 enemy returned E. from X.9.a.2.2 in threelines about 200 yards long scattered.	Wire
451	10.37	Aust. Corps "I".	5 A. Div.	BIS 494a	Continuation patrol height 300/500 feet aaa Flares called for at 4.25 pm 2 discs shown at R.31.c.9.2 and R.27.a.8.7 aaa 4.30 pm trench from R.15.a.55.75 to R.15.b.5.5 occupied but no flares given nationality unknown aaa 4.30 pm isolated movement of men going both ways on VAUVILLERS and FRAMERVILLE aaa.	Wire
452	10.46	Aust Corps "I"	5 A. Div.	BIS 496a	Counter attack patrol 3.55 pm to 5.05 pm aaa timed Area E. to CHUIGNOLLES - HERLEVILLE - X.29 under observation aaa roads and approaches watched in forward area but no	Wire

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452 (contd).					but no/ signs of impending counter-attack aaaa 4.30 p.m. small party of 15 Bosche scattered near hospital X.8.b.85.70 dispersed by M.G. fire aaaa heavy M.G. and rifle fire encountered E. of PROYART when bombing.	Wire
453.A.	10.47	Aust. Corps "I"	5 A.Div	BIS 495a	Counter attack patrol 1.20 pm to 4.40 pm area as far E. as CHUIGNES - FOUCAUCOURT - VERMANDOVILLERS - CHAULNES kept under observation aaaa no sign of impending counter attack aaaa 4.20 p.m. much movement on E. and W road in R.29 and 30 moving in westerly direction ends about R.29.d aaaa much dust on road PETAIN - CHAULNES LINONS aaaa about 50 troops in R.29.d moving W. engaged by infantry fire aaaa 3.50 four of our tanks moving E. in X.21 and X.27 aaaa 3.30 p.m. 2 of our tanks burning in X.7.b.0.5 and X.8.a.8.7.	Wire
452.A.	10.47	5 D.Art.	5 A.Div.	RA 404	In reply to No. G.10/4922 - Noted.	Wire.
453	11.0	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G.117	Canadian Corps report at 7 p.m. aaaa front line roughly as follows BOUCHOIR doubtful - FOLIES inclusive WARVILLERS inclusive VRELY inclusive ROSIERES inclusive aaaa troops believed to be entering ROUVROY aaaa ground observers report at 7 pm our infantry seen 1000 yds east of MEHARICOURT and III Corps report timed 7 pm attack going well aaaa enemy reported retiring in E.5, 11, 17 E.27.d E.28.a aaaa our troops reported in K.29.a & c and all round MORLANCOURT aaaa Success signals from GHIPILLY SPUR 6.10 p.m. aaaa.	Wire
454	11.0	8th A.I. Bde	5 A.Div.	I.0 24	Prisoners now total 2 officers 153 o/ranks aaaa.	Wire.
455	11.0	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	I.0 22	Prisoners taken by this Bde since 11 am now total 2 offr. 153 o/ranks.	Wire

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456	11.0	8th Bde.	5 A.Div.	10.21	2 Officers 134 O.R. captured by this Bde. since 11 am aaa latest identifications 232 R.I.R. 107 R.D. aaa.	Wire
457	11.0	Aust Corps "I"	5 A.Div.	BIS 497a	Counter attack patrol 6 pm to 7.10 pm areas as far E. as CHUIGNOLLES - FOUCAUCOURT - HERLEVILLE kept under observation aaa No signs of counter attack or massing of troops observed aaa small party of about 10 men observed at R.15.d.8.8 aaa No M.T. or R.T. etc. observed aaa 6.0 barrage being laid down in N. of SOMME to MORLANCOURT aaa	Wire.
458	11.5	1st A.Div	5 A.Div.	G.189	6th Bde. in Reserve to 1st Aust. Division will be relieved by 1st Aust. Bde to-night aaa on arrival 1st A.I. Bde will be quartered in Squares W.10, W.16 and W.17 aaa at same time 6th Bde will revert to command of 2nd Aust Div. and remain located about square W.9 aaa Disposition of 1st Aust. Div. will be 2nd Aust. Bde in line as far back as BLUE line 3rd Aust Bde. in square X.13 and X.19 W.18 and 24 1st Aust Bde as above aaa. ack.	Wire
459	11.10	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div	10 23	Situation aaa now quiet except for 2 4.2 H.V. guns firing on Q.30, Q.35, Q.27 aaa Heavy shelling 5.9, 4.2 Q.35, Q.36 all afternoon aaa at about 8 p.m. one of our planes brought our forward balloon down in flames aaa 5.15 pm 4 field guns seen moving back at about X.16 aaa.	Wire
460	11.15	C.R.E. 5 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	N. 75	Wells at the following locations contain good drinking water which requires one measure bleaching powder W.11.c.1.5 aaa W.11.d.1.5 aaa W.11.d.3.7 aaa well at W.11.c.7.7 contains water only drinkable after 3 measures bleaching powder aaa all wells in working order aaa Brigade informed.	D.R.L.S
461	11.20	1 A.Div	5 A.Div	G.191	RED line taken on whole front patrols out in front of that line aaa In touch with Canadians on Right.	Wire

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462	10.24	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	IO 25	Disposition aaa 29th bn. under instructions has moved back to GREEN line W. of VAUVILLERS 3 Coys in line 1 Coy BLUE LINE X7a, aaa 31st Bn. moved back to old position BLUE LINE other Bns. unchanged aaa Location 32 B.H.Q. now at Q34c22 29 B.H.Q. X.7.a.0.2 remainder unchanged.	Wire
463	11.40	15 A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	BH 460	(1) Our advance to-day progressed satisfactorily. Details as to position of line on this front will be forwarded when received. (2) The 15th A.I. Bde. will rally at once and will establish an outpost line from the railway at K.19.c.8.0 to the dump at X.13.d.1.9. (3) Battalions will be responsible for the following frontages :- 60th Battalion from railway at X.19.c.0.0 (railway exclusive) to the railway at X.19.a.8.1 (railway inclusive). 58th Battalion from railway at K.19.a.8.4 (railway exclusive) to the dump at K.13.b.1.9 (dump inclusive). (4) 57th and 59th Battalions will remain as at present disposed. 58th Battalion will move to a position in W.18.c Any necessary adjustment of area will be made between O.C's 58th and 60th Battalions. (5) The outpost line may be lightly held and men will be given every opportunity to rest. (6) In the event of attack the Brigade will "turn to" and will maintain the present outpost line at all costs. (7) Reports to Bde. H.Q. which has now opened. (8) ACKNOWLEDGE.	Wire
464	11.40	15th AI Bde.	5 A.Div.	I. 12	We are located at W.24.b.4.6 which is an old enemy divisional H.Q. aaa There are large numbers of papers and maps here which appear useful aaa Want of transport prevents them all being sent back aaa could a car call here and collect.	Wire
465	11.40	8th Bde Liaison Offr.	5 A.Div	FK.7	GREEN line captured by 2.15 p.m casualties caused by M.G. fire 3 offr. killed 7 wounded 80 O.R. Line held up on right for some time owing to one division not moving forward VAUVILLERS captured 29th Bn. 2.55 pm Disposition of Bde.H.Q. same as yesterday.	Wire
466	11.45	4th A.Div	5 A.Div	BA 509	Artillery instr. No. 6 noted.	Wire.

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467	A.M. 12.10	14th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div	OO No.165	(1) The 14th A.I. Bde has been allotted as reserve to 2nd Div. whose role has been communicated to you. (2) Units will remain in readiness to move at short notice. (3) Ack.	D.R.L.S.
468	12.20	14th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM.24	Enemy bombed BAYONVILLERS about 10 p.m. to-night. (9th)	Wire.
469	12.30	8th A.I. Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM 336	Additional captures aaa 1 heavy minenwerfer 5 light minenwerfer 2 M.Gs 2 searchlights large quantity of signalling gear.	Wire
470	12.30	5 A.Div	Aust Corps 1st & 2nd A.Divs.	G. 470	Following from 8th Bde aaa Additional captures 1 H.M.W. 5 L.M.Ws 2 M.Gs 2 searchlights large quantity of signalling gear.	Wire
471	12.35	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G.121	On relief by the 1st Aust. Bde of the function of reserve to 1st Australian Division 6th Australian Brigade will come under the command of 2nd Australian division aaa The Bde of the 5th Australian Div. now under the command of the 2nd Aust. Div. will return to Command of 5th Aust. Div aaa 5th Aust. Div will then be withdrawn to reserve in the HAMEL and AUBIGNY areas aaa Command of the Armoured car battalion will pass from 5th Aust. Div to 1st Aust Div. aaa Acknowledge .	Wire
472	12.45	Aust. Corps.	5 A.Div.	G.122	Headquarters 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery will relieve Headquarters 5th Aust. Div. Artillery in the centre Divisional sector aaa C.R.A. 5th Aust. Div. will take over the duties of command of artillery groups in Corps reserve from C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. aaa Acknowledge.	Wire

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473	12.46	Aust Corps "I"	5 A.Div	BIS498a	Reports to dusk aaa 2 successful contact patrols carried out between 7 and 8 pm aaa area E. of CHUIGNES - FOUCAUCOURT S.28 (Sheet 62.C) under observation but no signs of counter attack aaa 7.0 to 8.40 p.m. small scattered movement of enemy in R.5.a and b going W. aaa 8.0 pm isolated movement parties of one or two men on road at R.29.c and d 8.30 p.m. 1 H.T. going E. on road K.29.c engaged aaa A.A. slight A.A. E.A. active aaa 8.20 pm 1 enemy balloon down in flames S.23 aaa weather fine visib. good.	Wire
474	1.0	15th A.I.5 Bde.	5 A.Div.	BM 461	Adv. Bde. H.Q. now established at W.24.b.4.8 former enemy Div. H.Q.	Wire.
475	1.17	Aust Corps "I"	5 A.Div	Ig.124	Following message intercepted 9 p.m. MARICOURT area aaa translation aaa In map square 5223 (S.E.CHIPPILY) our own line pushed back over SOMME aaa Enemy attacking on hill 85 near point 159/2 with strong patrols in advance aaa signed B.O. 2/247 aaa Second message reads aaa GRESSAIRE WOOD penetrated aaa We are holding out S.E. wood aaa signed WENDEL 1 Batt 120 aaa parts of our own infantry still on Western edge of our own line resistance is now S.E. of wood aaa Third message from GRESSAIRE wood reads aaa Send at once fresh reserves 3/479 pass also through 53rd Brig by ground line aaa Fourth message reads aaa 3/479 almost knocked out by tank attack aaa Cannot write longer. aaa Added all Divs. repts R.A. and H.A.	Wire

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476	1.55	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 125	4th Aust.Div. will take over command of the Battle front north of the SOMME as far as the BRAY-CORBIE Road from the 58th Divn. at 8 a.m. on the 10th. Arrangements will be put in hand as soon as possible to reassemble all troops not actually employed in the battle front. The following troops will come under command of 4th Aust.Div. on relief 131st American Regt. elements of 183rd and 174th British Bdes. holding the battle line elements of 53rd and 55th British Bdes of 18th Divn. and elements of the 184th and 173rd British Bdes. all four on line about 1500 yards in rear of the battle line. Following artillery come under the orders of 4th Aust.Div. 58th Divl.Arty 5 Army Royal Horse Arty Bde all under the command of Brig-Gen. MAXWELL C.R.A. 58th Divn. Following heavy Arty will come under the command of B.G.H.A. Aust.Corps 51st Mobile Bde RGA. 3rd Corps is arranging for the C.C. 131st American Regt. which is holding the battle line between the river and the BRAY-CORBIE Road to report to 4th Aust.Divl.H.Q.	Wire
477	2	14th Bde	5 A.D.iv.		Bombs dropped vicinity WARFUSEE ten pm tonight. Intermittent shelling BAYONVILLERS WARFUSEE with H.V. gun during day otherwise shelling very slight Brigade area.	WIRE
478	2.22	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G 127	5th Aust.Div. less Arty and detached units will move into Corps reserve in the HAMEL-VILLERS BRETONNEUX-AUBIGNY area on 10th instant. Tent sub divisions of Field Ambulances will not move.	Wire
479	2.40	8th Bde	5 A.Div.		3 men of a British Regt. escaped from PERONNE being sent on to Div.	Wire Phone

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480	4.46	8th Bde.	5 A.Div.	I.O. 27	Enemy arty inactive situation quiet clear morning	Wire
481	4.46	15th Bde	5 A.Div.	65/1919	15th M.G. Coy. Casualties from 8xk to 9xkp.m. 9th inst 1 O.R. killed 9 O.R. wounded.	Wire
482	4.46	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	I.O. 28	3 British soldiers who escaped from P.O.W. cage at ETERPIGNY afternoon 8th inst reached iur lines on main Amiens Road have been forwarded to you under escort. Men state all enemy movement is BACK. Transport and guns have been moving back since commencement our attack Enemy seen tonight at road junction R30 and in trenches R29 on NORTH side main road.	Wire
483	5.6	14th 14th Bde	5 A.Div.	BM 26	Situation normal.	Wire
484	5.38	4 Can.Div	5 A.Div.	G 84	H.Q. will open at 1st Can.Div. report centre V23d75 at 6.30 am and not as stated in OO 100	Wire
485	5.50	4 Can.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 83	Ref. para 8 Operation order 100. The 10th and 12th Bdes will time their advance from assembly position to reach the line WARVILLERS VRELY ROSIERES by 8 am.	Wire
486	6.20	5 A.Div.	Corps 'I'	G486	Repeating No. 482	Wire
487	6.30	4 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	GI 248	Morning Report. No enemy activity. Light scattered on South of MERICOURT. 13th Bde moving one Bn to N. side of SOMME to occupy reverse slope CHIPILLY SPUR in support 174 Bde. BLUE Line occupied on southern outskirts MERICOURT	
488	6.30	8th Bde	5 A.Div.	IO 29	Ref. Bde Order 199. for 7 am read 8 a.m.	Wire

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489	6.45	2 A.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 373	Morning Report. Quiet night on front. Patrol through RAINECOURT no opposition in village. In touch on flanks. Scattered shelling forward area EA very active early part of night. One O.R. 19th Aust. Inf and O.R. KOYLI both captured VILLERS BRET. last April escaped to our lines last night. Details follow on further examination.	Wire
489A	6.45	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G 128	Morning situation quiet. Light scattered shelling of forward area and some M.G. fire. Patrols moved into RAINECOURT and PROYART during night. 2 O.Rs one 19th Aust. Bn one KOYLI both of whom were captured last April came into Centre Div. last evening.	Wire
490	7.24	4 Can.Div.	5 A.Div.	G 88	Reference O.O. 100. The 10th and 12 Cgn. Inf. Bdes will NOT cross the line WARVILLERS VRELY ROSIERES without further orders and not before 9 a.m. owing to non arrival of tanks before them.	Wire
491	7.35	Aust. Corps	5 A.Div.	G 129	Staff or specially selected officers from Divisions and Brigades should be detailed to watch the progress of the fighting each day from forward positions and keep in touch with the movements of their units. Opportunities for inflicting loss enemy artillery have been lost owing to some of our guns not being sufficiently far forward. Dispositions of artillery should admit of one gun per battery being well forward with advancing infantry.	Wire

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492	8.55	5th Aust Div.	Aust. Corps 1, 2, 3, 4 A. Divs, 2 Cdn. Div 3 Bdes, 5 D.A, Pnr MG Bn.	G.492	Prisoners taken during operations by this Div. up to 6 pm aaa 5th inst. 36 Officers 1274 O.R. aaa 9th inst. unwounded 8 officers 225 O.R. wounded 3 offr. 134 O.R. aaa Total 47 offr. 1633 O.R.	Wire
493	9.5	Fourth Army.	5th Aust Div.	G.837	Morning report aaa No report received yet from Canadian Corps this morning aaa latest last night they had captured MEHARICOURT and part of ROUVROY aaa Austns. captured LIHONS yesterday evening with Divl. H.Qrs complete aaa Austns. patrols have entered RAINECOURT and PROYART aaa III Corps attack yesterday evening successful their line now runs approx K.24.c. K.17.central, K.11.c.4.3, K.4.c.2.7, E.28.c., E.28.a.5.7, E.21.b.0.7 aaa prisoners latest taken by Fourth Army now exceeds 17000.	Wire
494	9.7	5th Aust Div.	5th Div. Art.	G.494	Headquarters 2nd Aust. Div. Arty will relieve H.Qrs 5th Aust. Div Arty in the centre Divl Sector aaa CRA 5th Aust Div will take over the duties of command of Arty Groups in Corps reserve from C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div. aaa acknowledge.	Wire
495	10.10	2nd Aust Div.	5th Div. (Aust)	G.78	6th Brigade has now returned to Div. control and will be held in Div. reserve in its present position aaa 14th Bde will return to command of 5th Div. aaa acknowledge.	Wire
496	10.20	15th A.I. Bde.	5th Aust Div.	-	3rd Brigade report have whole of BLUE line.	Wire
497	10.38	Liaison 4th A. Div	5 A. Div	G.497	Ref. Order No.222 para 2 aaa 14th A.I. Bde will now move back to Bde. area north of VILLERS BRETOUX aaa Bde H.Q. O.24.c.3.2 aaa Attached personnel will rejoin their units.	Wire

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498	10.40 A.M.	2nd Aust Div	5 A.Div	G.74	Right Bde. report timed 9.30 am that 25 Bn troops attacking BLUE line were seen advancing over right in K.10.d aaa this means troops would be on BLUE line aaa 1 Div troops were overlapping into our sector also in the advance aaa.	Wire
499	10.50	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig.130	11 prisoners taken this morning by 1st Div. belong 7th Bav Div aaa Division came into line at 3 this morning from ARRAS aaa.	Wire
500	10.50	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	-	Telephone message - All armoured cars with headlights to be ready to-night.	Phone.
501	11.20	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	BIS 499a	Reports to 9.0 am aaa area E. to CHUIGNES FOUCAUCOURT VERMANDOVILLERS CHAULNES under observation but no signs of counter attack impending aaa 6.30 am scattered isolated movement seen on E. W. road R.28.c and d aaa 5.30 am 1 H.T. going E. in N.30.c (62.c) into ESTREES aaa No other movement aaa Active over PROYART aaa E.A. fairly active aaa 18 25-lb bombs dropped on selected targets aaa weather fine aaa visib variable .	Wire
502	11.40	CRE, 5th A.Div	5 A.Div.	H.87	Water in well at P.56.a.1.7 is drinkable after two measures bleaching powder per water cart.	Wire
503	11.40	2nd Aust Div.	5 A.Div.	G.75	Left Bde. reports timed 9.15 am aaa situation quiet aaa in touch with flanks aaa line now runs R.26.d.0.3 - R.33.c.5.4 thence as before aaa Posts RAINCOURT and line on left Bn. had to be withdrawn on account of short shooting by our heavies which caused some casualties amongst our men and has badly shaken two coys. right Bn.	Wire

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504	11.40	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	Ig.134	Following from Cav. Corps timed 9.5 am begins aaa Following are dispositions of Cav. Corps from 5.30 am aaa 3rd Cav. Div. concentrated about R.15. E.15 aaa 6th Cav. Bde ready to move with patrols in close touch with infantry on front ECUCHOIR ROUVROY both inclusive aaa 7th Cav. Bde. ready to move with patrols on front ROUVROY (excl) MEHARICOURT ROSIERES (incl) in close touch with infantry aaa 14 and 2nd Cav. Divs. have been withdrawn into reserve in valley between CAYEUX and CAIX aaa 3rd Cav. Div. will assist advance of Canadian Corps aaa 3rd Tank Bde co-operating with Cav. Div. aaa ends.	Wire
505	11.50	Aust Corps	5 A.Div.	G.136	Following artillery reliefs will take place to-night under arrangements between Divisions concerned aaa 2nd Divl. artillery and 14th R.F.A. Army Bde. will relieve 5th Div. artillery and the 6th Aust Army Bde in the centre Divisional sector aaa 2nd Divl artillery will leave wagon lines at 3 p.m. moving in small bodies at long intervals aaa They will be followed by 14th R.F.A. Army Bde which will commence to move at 5 pm aaa Acknowledge aaa.	Wire
506	P.M. 12.15	C.E.	5 A.Div.	F.1	Have ordered 5th Pioneers rejoin Div. 12 noon to-day aa 15th Fld. Coy rejoins 6 p.m. aaa Div. informed.	Wire
507	12.55	Liaison 4th Aust Div	5 A.Div	-	At 12.5 p.m a car observed moving back to BRAY (presum. Bosche). Our infantry observed in L.13.b moving in open order in N.E. direction. Our infantry in L.13.d came under heavy artillery fire and retired to L.13.e L.H. patrols having being sent out to investigate.	D.R.L.S.

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508	12.55	Meteor	5 A.Div.		Forecast wind Northerly 5 to 10 mph nearly calm at night Probably becoming N.E. later fair warm and hazy with inland fog developing at night visib fair temp day 70 to 75 night 55 to 60 NOTE fair weather to continue over Sunday.	Wire
509	1.14	B.I.S. Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	BIS 501A	Reports to noon. Area E to DOMCIRRE FOUCAUCOURT VERMANDOUILL CHAUNES under constant observation. No movement or signs of impending counter attack observed. A.A. active over HERLVILLE. E.A. fairly active. 6 25-ld bombs on trenches R32a. Weather fine visib. fair.	Wire
510	2.20	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G140	Notify 5th A.Div. at once location Headquarters 17th A.C. Bn. Addsd 5th Tank Bde reptd 5th A.Div.	Wire
511	2.55	5 A.Div.	Aust.Corps Div.Units	G511	30 further prisoners captured yesterday make Div. total 47 Off. 1663 O.R.	Wire
512	3	Aust.Corps	5 A.Div.	G142	3rd Aust.Divl.Artillery will relieve 4th Aust.Divl.Arty in the left divisional sector south of the SOMME forthwith C.R.A. 3rd Aust.Div. will take over command. On relief 4th Aust.Divl.Artillery will be emplaced in positions to cover the Divn. north of the SOMME. C.R.A. under direction of 4th Aust.Div. will relieve C.R.A. 58th Divn. 3rd A.F.A. Bde will relieve 189th Army Bde RFA in the right divisional sector. 189th Army Bde RFA will move into positions of rest in Corps reserve and will come under orders of C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div. Details to be arranged between divisions concerned.	Wire
513	3.7	5 A.Div.	5 Div.Art.	G513	Repeating No. 512.	Wire

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514	7.0	3 Bdees	5th Aust Div.	-	By telephone message. All 3 Brigades reported in Reserve	'Phone.

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