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<del>IX</del> 1.	6.45	14th Bde	5th Div.		Brigade attacked at 6 a.m. No reports obtainable yet from Battalions.	Phone
2.	8 a.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.		Enemy seen surrendering and our stretcher parties working in I.21. Our troops seen in 27a. Movement seen in FLAMICOURT (falling back). Prisoners 1 officer 12 O.Rs reached 14th Bde H.Q. F.O.O. report. Our people through I.21. prisoners from I.27.c. Infantry working through PERONNE. Movement J.20. 25., 26. Enemy apparently withdrawing $\frac{1}{2}$ in that direction.	Phone
<del>2.</del> 3.	8.30	14th Bde	5th Div.		54th Battalion well of and up to PERONNE, over 300 prisoners Some Prussian Guards and Bavarians. 53rd Bn hung up on wire, bad time, but E of ANVIL WOOD and have been seen rushing BRICKWORKS.	Phone
4.	7.5	6th Bde	5th Div.		Our men seen advancing past BRICKWORKS in I.22.b. Small parties <del>seen</del> enemy seen retiring east.	Phone
4a	8.20	Div.Arty.	5th Div.		14th Bde reported in H.21.central., H.29.a. enemy retiring from FLAMICOURT. About 200 prisoners seen moving back.	Phone
5.	8 a.m.	Div.Arty.	5th Div.		Enemy shelling PERONNE and front of Wood in I.16.a. 8 a.m.	Phone
6.	8.55	14th Bde	5th Div.		107 prisoners - 14 Bav. 185th Div. Forward report - 28 R.I.R. 2nd Regt. Timed 7.30 from 53rd Bn, leading Coy. Am in I.21.central, our left flank in air, in touch with right Coy, enemy very active on our left. Timed 7.55 from Left support Coy 53rd Bn. I.21.a.5.2. Enemy still holds MONT St. QUENTIN, small party 23rd Bn with us.	Phone

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6 (continued)					6.45 a.m. "B" Coy. 54th Bn. Held up by M.G. fire from houses in PERONNE, endeavoured to cross bridges I.27.c.5.8, but could not cross. Holding line along I.27.c.9.8. 56th Battalion. 8.20 a.m. Bn is pushing ahead and is now approx 2l.central, estimated 15% casualties, M.G. fire. Bn H.Q. I.13.central, also 53rd Bn.	
7.	9 a.m.	2nd Div. Liaison	5th Div.		Aeroplane report 8.15 a.m. Flares shown I.26.b.5.9, I.26.b.9.6 3 flares PERONNE I.27.b.5.3. along Rue de Place. 3rd Div report have reached YASSA trench C.21.d. Prisoners 250., 1 battery 77m.m. Troops in PERONNE, patrols in main street, seem to be mopping up, Flares I.27.c.6.7. and 27 central. 50 prisoners 27.b.3.4 1 flare 26.c.8.9.	
8	9 a.m.	5th Div.	Corps 3 Bdes 2nd Div. CRA CRE ADMS 32nd Div		Reports received to 9 a.m. state our troops have reached and have entered PERONNE. Enemy retired from PERONNE and blew up bridges on eastern exits. ANVIL WOOD captured and troops advancing East of BRICKWORKS. Our troops along main road in PERONNE and mopping up the village. (Plane report) Enemy reported retiring from FLAMICOURT.	Wire
8 a.	9.15	Div.Arty.	5th Div.		Wheeled traffic on road going S.E. in I.30.a.b.d. 8.50 a.m. Phone Our left appeared to be doing well, our men advancing and enemy retiring. Considerable movement in I.30.	
9.	9.30	2nd Div.	5th Div.	GA 310	Message timed 7.15 a.m. states our men seen advancing past BRICKWORKS I.22.b. Enemy now shelling MONT.St.QUENTIN. Small parties enemy seen retiring East. 14th Bde reported in H.21.central H.27.a. Enemy retiring from FLAMICOURT. Prisoners to present seen moving back approx. 200	Wire

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10.	9.30	14th Bde	5th Div.		170 prisoners have reached Bde, H.Q. 9.31 a.m. 53rd Bn think 54th Bn well into PERONNE. Enemy still in possession of MONT St. QUENTIN at about 8.55 a.m. 53rd Bn guarding their left flank, in touch with people on left. 6th Brigade are developing another attack on MONT St. QUENTIN 9.32 a.m. Report timed 8.45 a.m. 55th Bn on road I.20.b.6.3 in touch with 56th Bn. Machine gun fire from MONT St. QUENTIN heavy. Casualties light. Identifications 95 I.R. 38 I.R. 53rd Bn hold St. DENIS BRICKWORKS cannot go further because of left flank.	Phone
11.	9.50	5th Div.	14th Bde		Thinking of sending more troops across to help 14th Bde. Bde say that 2 Battalions still untouched.	Phone
12	10.2	2nd Div. Liaison	5th Div.		6th A.I. Bde 10 a.m. states left Bn reports Left flank I.3.c.5.2 thence I.9. central road N.W. corner of MONT St. QUENTIN. N.W. corner being mopped up with the remainder of village. 2nd Div have a post in I.16.c.5.2 and in Sugar Factory I.22.a.	Phone
13.	9.30	5th D.A.	5th Div.		Our left appear to be doing well. Our men can be seen advancing and enemy retiring. Considerable number of enemy moving in I.30. and I.31. north easterly direction.	Wire
14.	9.30	2nd Aust. Div.	5th Div.	GA 311	Message from aeroplane states. Flares called for 815 a.m. answered at I.21.b. Troops in PERONNE. Patrols in main streets seem to be mopping up.	
15.	9.30	241st Heavy Bty,	5th Div.	SP 2	Your message. Divisions will arrange for the artillery fire of 60 pounders.	

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16	9.45	2nd Aust. Division Liaison	5th Div.		Telephone 8.20 a.m. report 14th A.I.Bde H.29.a. H.21.central Contact plane shows our patrols in PERONNE I.27.c.8.6. seem to be mopping up. 8.45 a.m. 3rd Aust.Div. report to have reached trenches C.21.d. prisoners 250 and 1 battery 77 mm.	Wire
17	10.15	15th Bde	5th Div.		Patrols 58th Bn crossed Canal in I.33. and joined up with people on their left (14th Bde). Reported by F.O.O. at 9.30 a.m. our infantry appear to be in I.35. and O.5.	Phone
18.	10.20	5th Div.	G.O.C. Corps		Informing Corps of above report, and also that 53rd Bn were in BRICKWORKS at St.DENIS.	Phone
19	10.25	Corps	5th Div.		6th Bde in possession of Sugar Factory, sending one Coy down road to link up with our people at St.DENIS. Enemy appears to be drawing eastwards and opposition in St.QUENTIN lessening. 6th Bde pushing on through village. Artillery fire on St.QUENTIN practically ceased. Boche mine exploded in I.16.c.	Phone
20.	10.32	5th Div.	14th Bde.		Seize high ground in I.23. and I.24. Not to be particular about flanks. To push out to I.23 and I.24. this being most important at present. Instructions to be given that they are to go on to this spur as soon as possible and hold line facing N. Best way to help 2nd Div is to advance on the spur in I.23. and I.24. If necessary Brigadier to wait till Bde on his left comes up a bit but he must endeavour to help people on his (14th Bde) left as much as possible.	Phone

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81	10.45	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 279	Crossing attempted at St.CHRIST last night, bridge constructed but destroyed by shell fire. Bridge completed in 0.15.d. but blown up by mine after completion. Bridges at GIZANCOURT and 0.15.a. nearly complete. Endeavouring to complete all above bridges by day. Some enemy M.G. but not considerable.	Wire
22	10.45	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GM 312	Phone message 10 a.m. from 6th A.I.Bde left Bn left flank at I.3.c.5.2 line thence I.9.central to road N.W. corner Mt. St.QUENTIN. Mt.St.QUENTIN being mopped up.	Wire
23	10.50	5th Div.	B.I.Corps	G23	Artillery F.O.O. reports patrols 58th Bn crossed Canal in I.33 and joined up with 14th Bde on their left. Above report timed 9.30 a.m. Our infantry appear to be in I.35. and 0.5. 14th Bde in possession of St.DENIS AAA Boche mine exploded in I.16.c.central	Wire
24	10.35	5th Div.	Div.Units	G 24	Following from 2nd Aust.Div. timed 9.30 p.m. 31st AAA Bridges over SOMME open for use. FEUILLERES for H.T. and Fld.Arty. H.35.b.8.8. for inf. in file. H.17.a.5.8 for H.T. and Fld.Arty. H.12.central to H.12.b.2.7 for H.T. and fld.art. H.12.b.3.6 for inf. in file. H.24.d.65.95 to I.19.a.30.65 for inf. in file. I.19.c.25.05 to I.19.a.30.65 d.0.9 for inf. in file. I.19.c.25.05 by Canal DU NORD to I.19.a.35.05 for inf. in file.	Wire
25	11	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G 649	Following from CRE 3rd Aust.Div. Bridges in causeways at G4D and G.5.c. and in causeway G.6.c. and d are now repaired and trafficable for horse transport. Crossing over River SOMME between G.22.a.3.6 and G.16.c.9.9. open to all traffic up to and including 3 ton motor lorries.	Wire

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26	11.5 a.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 572	Report from G.O.C. Bde now forward states Road Bridge in I.33.d.4.9 is passable for troops in fours. 58 and 59 Bns now passing across in touch with 14th Bde troops. Timed 9.30 a.m.	Wire
27	11.10	5th Div.	14th Bde		Informing above.	Phone
28	11.20	Liaison 2nd Div.	5th Div.		<p>Message timed 7.15 a.m. from 6th A.I. Bde states our men seen advancing, passed BRICKWORKS in I.21.b. Small parties of enemy seen retiring. Enemy now shelling MONT St. QUENTIN. Telephone message 8.20 a.m. 14th Bde reported in H.21. central H.29.a. and enemy retiring from FLAMICOURT. Prisoners to date seen coming along road back about 200.</p> <p>Report timed 7.15 a.m. from 6th A.I. Bde states our men seen advancing on BRICKWORKS and SUGAR FACTORY I.22.a. 8.55 a.m. 3rd Aust. Div. report have reached YASSA trench C.21.d. Prisoners 250 1 Battery 77 mm. 9 a.m. aeroplane called for at 8.15 a.m. show flares lit in I.26.b.5.9. I.26.b.9.6. Patrols in PERONNE I.27.a. 10 a.m. Telephone from 6th A.I. Bde states Left Bn report left flank I.3c52 thence I.9. central road N.W. corner now being mopped up with remainder of village. Post established I.16.c.5.2 Sugar Factory W of I.22.a. 10.5 a.m. 5th Div. "G" report they hold ST. DENIS and PERONNE. All bridges along PERONNE have been blown up. 10.10 a.m. 3rd Aust. Div. report General Line runs C.2. central C.28.a.0.8. C.28.c.6.6. I.4.a.2.7. thence I.3. central. 10.12 a.m. 6th A.I. Bde report that Mt. St. QUENTIN is now being mopped up by elements of 21st, 23rd and 24th Bns. One Coy of 14th Bde making for St. DENIS. Troops have orders to exploit forward to final objective. Mine has been blown at I.16.c. E. of main road. Artillery fire almost nil.</p>	

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28 (contd)		Liaison 2nd Aust Div.			Small numbers of men have been seen dribbling east in I.17 and I.18, also gun teams standing by at HAUT ALLAINES. 10.45 a.m. relieved by Lieut. BROWN.	
29	11.30 a.m.	5th Div. Corps 3 Bdes CRA, C.R.E 2nd Aust & 32nd Divs.		G29	14th A.I. Bde have been instructed to capture spur in I.23 (wire) and I.24. 15th A.I. Bde are crossing river bt bridge I.33.d.4.9. 15th A.I. Bde will assist 14th A.I. Bde in capture of ridge in I.35 and O.5 and will support 14th A.I. Bde as required in capture of spur in I.23, I.24. Addressed 14th and 15th A.I. Bdes, repeated all concerned.	
30	11.40 a.m.	14th Bde	5th Div.	-	54th Bn. are in I.33.d, I.34.a, and are in touch with 59th Battalion on their right in I.33.d.6.3. 53rd Bn. not in touch with 54th Bn. 56th Bn. has been ordered to push S.E. and fill gap between 54th and 53rd Bns, objectives I.30.a.5.o - I.35.central, and connect up with 54th Bn. in I.34. 53rd Bn are in I.23.a and c and advancing on I.24 along spur. 55th Bn. to fill in gap between 53rd Bn and 6th A.I. Bde. St.QUENTIN still in enemy's hands. Our troops being fired on from there. Prisoners passed through 230, including 6 officers. Phone	
31	do	Aust. Corps	-do-	G 651	Situation report 9 a.m. 5th Aust. Div. is mopping up PERONNE. ANVIL WOOD has been captured. Our troops are moving EAST from Brickworks in Sq. I.22.b. Enemy reported retreating from FLAMICOURT. Apparently very stiff opposition in front of MONT. St QUENTIN. 3rd Aust. Div. line now runs I.3.cent - I.4.a.2.7 - C.28.c.6.6 - C.28.a.0.8 - C.21.cent. Success is being exploited north east towards C.16.cent. Addressed Fourth Army, repeated all concerned. wire	

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32	11.45 a.m.	5th Div	3 Bdes Corps, GRA CRE, MG Bn 2nd Aust & 32nd Divs.	G32	15th A.I. Bde timed 9.30 a.m. state bridge at I.33.d.4.9 passable for infantry in fours. 58th and 59th Bns. were then passing over bridge.	wire
33	12.5 pm	2nd Aust Div	5th Div	-	2nd Aust. Div. line runs: EAST of FEUILLAUCOURT, on western face of I.16.c. 2nd Div on western edge of MONT. ST.QUENTIN 3rd Div. I.3.c.cent - GRAS TRENCH - USTER TRENCH - SCUTARI TRENCH - C.28.a.1.8 - C.21.cent.	'Phone
34	12.5 pm	-do-	5th Div	GA 316	Phone message 11.20 a.m. from 6th A.I. Bde: Line now runs east of FEUILLAUCOURT - I.9.central - I.9.c.9.0 - I.15.cent I.16.c.1.2. Artillery will bombard village MONT St.QUENTIN till 1.30 p.m. after which infantry will assault. Village now held very strongly by enemy with nests M.G's. Artillery F.O.O. 11.15 a.m. reports PERONNE and DOINGT being shelled with 15 cm and 21 cm by enemy. Addsd Corps reptd all concerned.	Wire
35	12.25	5th Div	3 Bdes Corps CRA CRE ADMS MG Bn. 32nd Div. 2 Aust	G 35 Div.	When ridges in O.5 I.35 and J.30 J.24 have been captured 15th A.I. Bde will pass through 14th A.I. Bde and will attack and capture ridge J.20, J.26 mopping up DOINGT. Advance to be regulated by rate of advance of 2nd Aust Div. Defensive flank will be maintained on southern face of 5th Div. advance. G.O.C. 14th A.I. Bde remains in charge of operations as far east as N. and S. grid line between I.24. and J.19. G.O.C. 15th Bde will command attack east of that line. Addsd all concerned.	wire
36	12.40	14th Bde	5th Div	BM 170	Reported that 54th Bn are in I.33.d and I.34.a in touch with 59th Bn on right. Not in touch with 53rd. 56th Bn will push south east and fill gap between 54th and 53rd. Advance to	(wire)

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36 (contd)		14th Bde			objective in I.35. 53rd Bn. to advance their line into I.24. 55th Bn to connect between 53rd Bn and 6th A.I. Bde joining defensive flank.	
37	12.40 p.m	5th Div	Corps 2nd Aust & 32nd Divs 3 Bdes CRA CRE	G 37	Prisoners so far passed Bde H.Q. 15 officers 300 other ranks	(Wire).
38	Noon	5th D.A.	5th Div	-	F.O.O. left group crossed over with infantry and engaging targets with direct observation in I.28.b and I.29.a. Is in close touch with infantry. Continual enemy infantry movement in N.E. direction in J.21 and TINCOURT.	
39	12.50 p.m.	5th Div	3 Bdes 5th D.A.	G39	Area shoot on Mt. St QUENTIN until 1 p.m. Strongly held	Wire
40	1 p.m.	14th Bde	5th Div	-	O.P. H.24.a reports enemy in parties of 100 strong moving into woods in I.24 and I.30 and each 100 men is accompanied by a G.S. wagon. Similar movement taking place from BUSSU to wood in I.12.d and J.7.a	Phone
41	1.5 pm	5th Div	Corps 2nd A.Div 5th D.A.	-	Repeating No. 40 above	-do
42	1.25	14th Bde	....5th Div	-	Have good targets for artillery fire but their liaison officer cannot get touch with the artillery, and so cannot get on to them. Officer prisoner of the 25th Bavarians states that HALLE was the objective of yesterday's counter attack. Nothing definite known of a withdrawal. They have orders to resist strongly all attacks on EAST of River. He also states that there are fresh divisions in reserve. Another officer states 78 I.R. are in reserve. 67th Regt. sustained very few casualties in the withdrawal. Mt.StQUENTIN is to be held at all costs.	-do-

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43	1.45 p.m.	Aust Corps	5th Div	-	<p>Enemy identifications from N. to S. of Corps front:                      North of CLERY 446 I.R. ) 232nd Div.                      447 I.R. )</p> <p>94th I.R. % ? 38th Division</p> <p>4th Guards Grenadier Regt.) 2nd Guards                      1st Guards Grenadier Regt.) Div.</p> <p>Opposite MONT St. QUENTIN                      25th Bav. I.R. ) 4th Bav Div                      4th Bav. I.R. )</p> <p>65th R.I.R. ) 185th Div.                      28th R.I.R. )</p> <p>Most of the above divisions identified on 3rd Aust Div. front.</p>	Phone
44	2 pm	5th Div	5th D.A.	-	5th D.A. now shooting on I.24.a where enemy troops supposed to be concentrated.	phone
45	2.25	Liaison 2nd Div.	5th Div.	-	F.O.O. reports that he saw Infantry moving into MONT St. QUENTIN and they did not appear to meet much resistance. Time 2.10 p.m. At this time Hun shelling of village had died down very considerably.	Phone
46	2.30	5th Div.	14th & 15th Bdes CRA	G 46	2nd Aust Div report that between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. approx 250 men moved forward in extended order from vicinity THREE TUBS WOOD and appeared to occupy trench line in I.24.a. and c. They were engaged by Artillery .	Wire

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47	2.40	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		From 2nd Div. Artillery O.P. enemy retiring in batches up to 100 in I.10 and I.11.	Phone
48	2.45	14th Bde	5th Div		55th Bn report small parties of our troops moving east through Mt. St. QUENTIN. 53rd Bn have captured at least one field gun and are using it in their front line.	Phone
49	2.50	2nd A.Div Liaison	5th Div.		Infantry mopping up St. QUENTIN village. (From 6th A.I. Bde)	Phone.
50	2.50	Div. I.O.	5th Div.		Identifications established:- 4th Bavarian Infantry Regiment 8th " " " 25th " " " 28th R.I.R. 185th Division 14th Bavarian Division Order of Battle N and S opposite Divisional front appears to be:- 185th Div., 14th Bav. Div., 185th Div., Remnants.	
51	3 p.m.	5th Div.	14th, 15th Bdes. CRA M.G. Bn.	G 51	2nd Div report enemy retiring in batches of 100 in I.10 and I.11.	Wire
52	3.15	5th Div.	Corps. CRA 8th. 15th Bdes	G 52	14th A. I. Bde report 2nd Div troops moving E. through Mt. St. QUENTIN. 14th A. I. Bde have captured one or more field guns which they are employing against enemy.	Wire

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53	3.55	5th Div.	3 Bdes C.R.A CRE A.DMS., MG Bn. Pnrs "AQ"	G 53	Following received from C.R.E. 3rd Aust.Div.. Bridges in causeways at G.4.d and G.5.c. and in causeway G.6.c. and d are now repaired and trafficable for horse transport. Crossing over River SOMME between G.22.a.3.6 and G.16.c.9.9 open to all traffic up to and including 3 ton motor lorries.	Wire
54	3.40	5th Div.	Liaison 2nd Div.		Told them our total prisoners 24 officers and over 300 other ranks and more coming down. Identifications, 4th Bav.I.R. 7 offs. 72 O.Rs. 8th Bav.I.R. 13 offs. 56 O.Rs. 25th Bav. Regt. 2 offs 6 O.Rs., 28th R.I.R. 2 offs. 17 O.R's.	Phone
55	4.15	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		Following report from 5th Bde.O.P. About 3.30 p.m. 10 prisoners seen moving back from PLEVNA TRENCH in I.9.d. Previously had seen our infantry enter this trench apparently without opposition. They have also seen enemy moving S.E. from HAUF ALLAINES in the direction of I.12. Enemy shelling road between St.DENIS and St.QUENTIN heavily also woods in the vicinity. An English soldier captured on 21st March and who escaped into our lines last night reports enemy rear territory very much disorganised.	Phone
56	4.20	5th Div.	CRA. 14th 15th Bdes	G56	2 Div.O.P. report timed 2.45 p.m. states large numbers enemy constantly seen approaching west through I.24.d. and deploying then moving North West.	Wire
56A	4.20	C.R.E.	5th Div.		Engineers will have bridges for field guns across SOMME by midnight tonight.	Phone
57	4.50	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		Prisoner states that bridge in H.33.d. mined and that he knows where charges are located.	Phone

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58	p.m. 3 p.m.	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 322	O.P. reports large numbers enemy constantly seen approaching West through I.24.d. and deploying and then moving N.W.	Wire
59	4.10	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 602A	Reports to 12.30 p.m. 9.32 a.m. 1 train S.W.P. 30b86 (light railway) 9.50 a.m. 1 train N. K16. 10.8 a.m. 1 train N.E. K10. 10.25 a.m. GF 6 mules Olla20. 1034 a.m. GF 10 M.T. W J.20.b.5.2 10.45 a.m. several isolated M.T. W. at P.16 and P.8.b. 9.5 a.m. 1 fire and explosion I35c. 9.50 a.m. 1 very large explosion cross roads I15d30. 8.50 a.m. 1 large fire in PERONNE I.22.d. 9.30 a.m. small explosion and fire I33c. Enemy seen in trenches along bank of Canal SOMME at 022 and 28. 9.10 a.m. explosion and fire I35a76. 9.20 a.m. fire at P28c28. 9.26 a.m. 2 fires possibly smoke from light railway trains at Q19d and P29b32. 10.1 a.m. small explosion MOSS LES CHAUSSEE. 10.10 a.m. 2 small explosions ATHIES.	Wire
60	2.30	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 601A	Contact patrol report to 9.0 a.m. Our troops seen I9c19 I9c62 along trench I15a97 to I15d18 I21b17 I21b35 I21b23 I21a72 I21a11 I27a41 I27c15 also in PERONNE I27b42 I27c95. S of River I32d75 I33c42 along W bank of Canal from O3central to U20central. No British troops seen E of River. 2 batches each 50 prisoners seen at I27b42 and I26b99 batch 100 prisoners I31a22. Very heavy MG fire MONT St.QUENTIN. M.G. fire from I34 06 22, 21, U9.,15.,22.,28. Line quiet south of SOMME. Observer reports single belt of wire W of AOTRULOGUE TR 0.4 and 1 apparently new. Trench system O16.,22.,28.,33.,U3.,15.,21. occupied by Huns and many M.Gs. No movement in St,CHRIST. All bridges from LA CHAPELLETTE S to U20 apparently destroyed. PERONNE being shelled. Height of patrol 200/300 feet, Weather fair visibility fair.	Wire

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61	3.20	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	G 325	Arty F.O.O. 2.10 p.m. reports our infantry seen entering Mt.St.QUENTIN village. Enemy artillery fore considerably lighter. Later Arty F.O.O. report our infantry mopping up Mt.St.QUENTIN.	Wire
62	3.20	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 324	Arty O.P. reports enemy retiring in batches of 100 in I10 and I.11. Prisoners reported to 2.30 p.m. result today's operation 381.	Wire
63	5.25	8th Bde	5th Div.		30th and 32nd Bns now moving forward to position near Canal 29th and 31st Bns occupying positions vacated by 30th and 32nd Bns	Phone
64	5.5.	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 327	Captured prisoner now at G30a00 states bridge over Canal and river in I33d is mined and he knows position of mines.	Wire
65	5.30	Corps	5th Div	G 658	After hard fighting yesterday French captured BUSSY CHIVILLY and CAMPAGNE and have made progress on Mont St.SIMEON capturing 200 prisoners. S. of AILLETTE river French and Americans captured TERNY SORNY with 1000 prisoners. 3rd Corps line runs from C16central through C16a C9b and d along W edge of St.PIERRE VAAST WOOD to U26cent.	Wire
66	5.30	5th Div.	Corps	G66	Evening situation report. Line now runs I22a69 - I22b20 - I22d60 on left Bde front. Situation on right Bde front still developing. During day enemy shelled St.DENIS - St.QUENTIN road heavily. Much movement seen in rear of enemy lines.	Wire

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67	5.30	Div.I.O.	5th Div.		<p>Further identifications:-                      65th I.R. 1st, 2nd 3rd I.M.G.K. M.W.K. 28th RIR) 185 Div                      1, 2, 3, 4, 2 MGK, 9th, 10th, 12th, 3 MGK Signals )                      161 I.R. 8 Coy )                      4th Bav.I.R., 7th. 8th MWK, 8th Bav.I.R. as before) 14th Bav.                      25th Bav. 3rd Coy 2nd MGK ) Div.</p> <p>94 I.R. 9th Coy. 95 I.R. 3, 4th Coys.) 38th Div.                      96 I.R. 2, 3, 4, Coys )                      1st Gd.Gren.Regt. 4th Coy.                      447 I.R. 232 Div. 3rd MGK                      221 FAR, 6th Batt. orderly to Liaison Officer. to 14th Bav.Div.                      185 FAR 4th Co. <sup>Batt</sup> do.</p> <p>It appears that the 14th Bav.Div. is in process of relief by the 38th Div.                      a few men from each of the regiments comprising the latter Div. being prisoners,                      and so mixed up with the Bavarians that a clear statement as to order of                      battle is not to be had. As near as possible it appears to be from North                      to South:</p> <p>446 )                      447 ) 232nd Div.                      445 )</p> <p>2nd Guards Grenadiers                      1st Guards Grenadiers</p> <p>25th Bav I.R. ) 96 I.R. ) mixed up                      8th Bav. I.R.) 14th Bav.Div with 94 I.R ) 38th as reliefs                      4th Bav. I.R.) 95 I.R. ) Div</p> <p>65 I.R.                      28 R.I.R. ???                      161 R.I.R. ???</p>	

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67 (contd)		I.O. 5th Aust. Div			Prisoner of the 95 I.R. states that the 4th, 8th, and 12th Coys have been divided amongst the remaining companies, and a man of the 96 I.R. had heard that this was about to happen in his regiment also. Same applies to 94 I.R. In several instances the men left behind with C.S.M's and returning wounded and leave men were hastily gathered together and rushed into the line into any regimental sector at all. Company strengths still given as averaging 30 - 35 men. Div. Commander 38th Div. L'Gen SCHULTHEIS Brig. Commander. Col SCHENK von SCHWEINSBERG Regtl. Commander Captain WENK. MORAL: Bad. Despairing of being able to hold our advance. INTENTION: Appears to be to hold on to the SOMME. Confirmation re disbanding 78 Res. Div.	
68	5.50 p.m	2nd Aust Div	5th Div.	G 328	Ground observers report at 3.20 p.m. our troops seen to occupy sunken road in I.9.b and d apparently with light casualties. At 3.45 p.m. same O?P. reports our troops seen in trench at I.9.b.9.2, prisoners seen coming back from quarry I.9.d.8.9. Enemy was seen moving from HAUT ALLAINES to I.12. central, and now no movement seen in village. Enemy also seen retiring from MONT ST. QUENTIN. Enemy shelling road heavily from SUGAR FACTORY I.16.c to PERONNE, also trenches in I.9.d.	wire
69	5.15	8th A.I. Bde	Div.	-	30th Bn. now at O.1.c O.7.a 32nd Bn. now at O.13.c O.1.a. have been halted here pending further instructions from Division. Informed by 15th A.I. Bde that 6 companies have crossed canal and are just west of FLAMICOURT, and that possibly they may have to come back owing to the heavy machine gun fire being directed upon them.	'phone

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69 a	6.15 p.m.	32nd Div	5th Div	G 288	situation quiet <del>aaa</del> Bridging operations over marshes attempted during daylight had to be abandoned owing to machine gun and rifle fire.	wire
70	6.18	8th Bde	-do-	-	Bns. of 8th Bde moving to positions ready to support 15th A.I. Bde halted in O.l.c, O.7.a, and I.3l.c, pending further instructions from Division.	phone
71	6.25	15th Bde	-do-	-	14th Bde not through PERONNE. N.E. edge still held by enemy and machine gun posted at every crossing. Every movement noticed. Unless 14th Bde push on, 15th Bde cannot do anything. G.O.C. proposes thinning out line, leaving posts to protect right flank of the 14th Bde. 54th Bn. say they cannot make any headway. Same conditions exist with 57th Bn; when they cross bridge they come under heavy machine gun fire. 15th Bde still on W. side of FLAMICOURT (a) 3 companies along railway (b) 3 companies in PERONNE. Both these places commanded by enemy machine guns.	"
72	6.30	G.O.C. 2 Aust. Div.	G.O.C. 5 Aust Div.	-	2nd Aust. Div. is to establish line on DARMSTADT trench. G.O.C. to tell General STEWART to arrange junction with General ROBERTSON.	phone
73	6.40	G.O.C. 5th Aust Div	G.O.C. 14th A.I. Bde	-	14th Bde directed to join up with 2nd Aust. Div. in MANNHEIM Trench. Must try and clear up the situation.	'phone
74	7.30	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	-	4 p.m. 5th Bde O.P. report. At about 3.30 p.m. 10 prisoners seen moving back from PLEVNA Trench in I.9.d. Entry into that trench was observed earlier apparently without much opposition. Enemy seen moving S.E. from HAUT ALLAINES in I.4. towards I.12. Heavy shelling on MONT ST.QUENTIN - St.DENIS Road and MT. ST. QUENTIN Wood .	

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74 (continued)					<p>Englishman captured on 21st March escaped into our lines last night, reports enemy rear apparently much disorganised.</p> <p>4.20. A Pioneer prisoner was captured who mined Bridge in I.33.b. at Adv.H.Q. G.30.a.O.O. He is being held here. Later arranged for prisoner to be handed over.</p> <p>Line at 2.30 p.m. C16d08, C21b85, C21b60, C28a07, along SCUTARI Trench to C28c66, thence to URSLER Trench to I4a27, thence through I.3.central Casualties heavy since reaching objective, estimated 250.</p> <p>5.30 officer of 24th reports enemy running away in all directions. Gas shelling on I.10.a. and c. Enemy artillery galloping away with ours firing at him. HAUT-ALLAINES held by M.G's. Line I.3.d.O.5. I.10.a.O.O. I.10.c.5.0 around E of village to I.16.d.7.0.</p> <p>5.45 3rd Div prisoners officially 9 officers 275 O.R's unwounded and 57 wounded up to 3 p.m. 341 total.</p> <p>2 Div. 326 passed line Bde H.Q. up to 5 o'clock.</p>	
75	6.30	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 603A	<p>Reports to 4.30 p.m. 11.45 a.m. 2 H.T. going E P29c76 12.10 p.m. 2 M.T. going E O18c95. 12.25 p.m. GF 4 M.T. going N.E. I.12a44. 1.45 p.m. slight dust going E O29a. A.A. and E.A. active. Weather fine, visib. good.</p>	Wire
76	6.35	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	Ga333	<p>Evening report. Our line reported by 6th A.I. Bde 5 p.m. runs I16c70 I16a80 I10c50 I10a00 I3d05. Officer of 24th A.I.Bn states enemy/running away east all along div front. HAUT ALLAINES held by enemy guns. Enemy infantry retreating east from the village. Enemy gas shelling I10a and c. Enemy arty galloping away <del>fast</del> east in the distance. Our artillery engaging these targets. 6th A.I. Bde in touch with left 14th A.I.Bde. Prisoners today through Bde H.Q. up to 5 p.m. 350.</p>	Wire

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77	5.20	32nd Div.	5th Div.	YA 1	Advanced Div.H.Q. established at SOYECOURT S4b44.	Wire
78	7.10	15th Bde.	5th Div.	I 64	Prisoners 65th Regt 185 Div captured 133 states has been in line 4 days, coy strength 80. Was told attack would come from flank as frontal attack impossible.	Wire
79	7.35	Liaison End A.Div.	5th Div.		<p>11 a.m our artillery and M.G's inflicting heavy casualties. Battlefield well strewn with dead. Our casualties very light so far. All Battalions report heavy fighting. Estimate of prisoners 500. Div.right flank I.3.c.6.2.</p> <p>11.10. 3 Div reported on objectives N and S through C10central C16central.</p> <p>11.25 a.m. Enemy reported shelling North of PERONNE and West of DOINGT with 5.9" and 8". Bridge at H17a58.</p> <p>12.10 p.m. General GELLIBRAND considers it is the finest Battlefield he has seen. Considers number of prisoners can be estimated at 1000.</p> <p>Enemy Order of Battle this morning. Prisoners statements and identifications.</p> <p>446 I.R.) 232 Div. 447 I.R.) 94 I.R.? 38 Div. 4 Gren.Gd. ) 2nd Guard Div. 1st Gren Gd.) 25 Bav.I.R.) 4th Bav.Div. 4 " " ) 65 R.I.R.) 185 Div. 28 R.I.R.)</p> <p>Most of these units also identified by 3rd Div. rather indicating a mixing of units.</p> <p>12.45 p.m. It is reported that enemy was shelling Mt.St.QUENTIN an hour ago.</p> <p>2.10 p.m. Artillery say infantry have moved into Mt.St.QUENTIN Village and did not appear to meet much resistance. At that time Hun shelling had died down very considerably. (received 2.20)</p> <p>2.40 Artillery O.P. report enemy retiring in batches up to 100 strong in I10 &amp; 11.</p> <p>2.45 6th Bde report mopping up St.Quentin Village.</p>	

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80	7.10 p.m.	C.R.E.	5th Div.	N 299	15th Field Co reports that foot bridge in <del>est</del> O.S.d. across D.R. SOMME CANAL and swamps is completed. 50 men have passed over bridge but were held up by M.G.Fire.	
81	7.30	Corps	5th Div.	G 659	Evening report. PERONNE, BADEGONDE and ANVIL WOOD captured this morning. Left Div. reports line runs as follows G16d08 C21b85 C21b60 C28a07 along SCUTARI Trench to C28c66 thence to URSTER TRENCH. to I4a27 I3central I3c17 . Progress made in consolidation. Attack still in progress E of LEVILLACOURT, Mt.St.QUENTIN and PERONNE. Also attack through FLAMICOURT to Hill in I.35 going well. No change in right Div front. Still heavy M.G. and rifle fire from E bank of SOMME CANAL. Prisoners still coming in, estimated captures past 24 hours 26 officers 1300 O.R's.	Wire
82	7.30	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 336	Prisoners captured today and passed through Div. cage up to 6 p.m. 1 officer 383 O.R's unwounded. Wounded through Field Ambulances up to 6 p.m. 27 O.R's. Totals 1 and 410.	Wire
83	8.35	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde reports line to now run I.4.c.2.2 - PLEVNA TRENCH - I.9.d.5.2 - I.10.c.3.0 - I.16.a.4.8 - I.16.a.2.4 - I.15.b.8.0 - GOTT-MITT-UNS Trench - I.15.D.6.5. Are not in touch with left Bn of 14th A.I.Bde.	Phone
84	9.15	Corps	5th Div.	Ig 661	Air report. 4.15 p.m. large number of Cavalry HARCOURT - TINCOURT - BRIENCOURT road. Horses seen on edge of wood BIRE and TINCOURT.	Wire

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85	9.15	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 604A	Reports to 6.30 p.m. 6.25 p.m. CID calls received TANKS P23c99 3 HT going E J20b and 18 oblique plates exposed. 5.55 p.m. very large fire HAM 6.20 p.m. dense column black smoke from fire apparently petrol or oil dump. 3.40 p.m. one fire W23b52. A.A. active., E.A. active. Weather fine, visib. good.	Wire
86	9.15	Corps	5th Div.	G 660	Further to Evening report. Left centre Div at 5 p.m. held line I16c70 - I16a80 - I10c50 - I10a00 - I3a05 and enemy reported to be running away east along Div front. All Bns of left Div report severe fighting. Our arty and M.G. fire inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and battle field well strewn with dead. French report capture of high ground west of VOYENNES.	Wire
87	9.15	Corps	5th Div.	Ig 662	Air report. 6.35 p.m. one tank seen P23c99.	Wire
88	9.25	5th Aus. Div	8th Bde	-	C.O. 32nd Bn. to attend conference at 8th Bde H.Q.	phone
88a		2nd Aust Div	5th Div.	GA 337	Prisoners of war admitted to div. cage from 5 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. today, 3 officers 449 o.r.. Total prisoners from 5 a.m. 31st August to 8.30 p.m. today through div. cage, 16 officers 1081 o.r. Wounded through Field Ambs. 6 p.m. 30th August to 6 p.m. today 1 officer 83 o.r Grand Total 1181.	wire
89	9.40	Corps	5th Div	IG 640	Air report 5.15 to 7.10 p.m. 6.30 p.m. 12 M.T. MANANCOURT to NURLU. 16 M.T. from VENDHUILE to LEMPIRE. Considerable amount of activity in (Sheet 62C) D.13.b About 15 H.T. and 200 men loading or unloading.	wire
90	-do-	2 A.Div.	5th Div	G 338	Locations 6 a.m. 2nd. No change Div.or Bde H.Q.	

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91	11 pm	Liaison 2nd Aust. Div	5th Div	-	Operation to be carried out by 2nd Aust Div at 5.30 a.m. 2nd instant. Formation of a defensive flank along KOROS ALLEY I.16.a and b to I 17.a.25.65 thence along trench N. to RUPPRECHT TRENCH along this trench to the ST.DENIS - NURLU Road, along this road at D.26.a.3.0. 1 platoon of 6th and 11th Bde in I.3.d south of Canal.	
92	11.15	Corps	-do	G 665	III Corps will continue the advance in the direction of NURLU tomorrow 2nd September at 5.30 a.m. In conformity with this the 2nd Aust Div will form a defensive flank to cover the advance of the III Corps along the spur running from MONT St.QUENTIN to AZIECOURT. The general line of the defensive flank will be I.16.central - road bend in I.11.d - thence along the road as far as AZIECOURT - sq. J.1. 3rd Australian Division will mop up the triangle between the CANAL DU NORD and the Corps boundary along the grid line running east through C.27.central conforming to the movement of the 74th Div. 3rd Aust. Div. will place 2 Field Artillery brigades at the disposal of the 2nd Aust. Div. for the operation. Acknowledge. Addressed 2nd and 3rd Aust Divs., repeated III Corps, 5th Aust.Div. and G.O.C. R.A.	wire
93	11.30	5th Div	3 Bdes D.A. M.G.Bn.	G 93	2nd Aust Div carrying out operations at 5.30 a.m. Form- defensive flank KOROS ALLEY I.16.a and b to I.17.a.25.65 thence along trench N. to RUPPRECHT TRENCH along trench to I.11.d.4.4 along road to D.26.a.3.0 Line at present I.15.d.7.5 - I.15.d.85.90 - road to I.16.a.40.70 due north to I.10.c.3.6. KOVERLA TRENCH to I.4.c.5.0 I.4.c.15.00	wire
94	11.45	2nd Div	5th Div	G.A. 340	Line now runs: I.15.d.7.5 thence along GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH to I.15.d.85.90 thence along road to I.16.a.40.70 to trench I.10.c.3.6 along KOVERLA Trench TORTELLE Trench to I.4.c.5.0 due WEST to I.4.c.15.00.Flank liaison	wire

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94 (contd)					post 1 platoon 11th Bde, 1 platoon 6th Bde established on south bank canal in I.3.d.	
95	11.55 p.m.	5th Div	14th Bde 15th Bde	G95	Contact patrol 'plane will fly over spur from MONT ST. QUEBETIN to AIZECOURT 7.30 a.m. and 9 a.m. 2nd.	wire
<u>2nd September 1918.</u>						
96	12.5 a.m.	-do	Corps 3 Bdes, Flank Divs	G96	Total prisoners through Div. P.O.W. to 6 p.m. today, 30 officers 303 o.r. Includes 4th Bav I.R. 1 officer 72 o.r. 8th Bav I.R. 13 officers 56 o.r. 25th Bav R. 2 officers 6 o.r. 28th R.I.R. 2 officers 17 o.r. Also includes 65 I.R. 28 R.I.R. 161 I.R. three regts 38th Div. 1st Guards Gren. Regt. 447 I.R. and some F.A.R.	wire
97	12.20	15th Bde	Div	BM587	Escaped prisoner of 7th Bn A.I.F. came in through 57th Bn lines p 9 p.m. tonight. Captured in front LIHONS 12th August. Name number: 1146 Pte A.H.KEATING.	wire
98	12.30	Div	Corps 1st Aust Div	G98	Repeating No. 97 above	
99	12.45	Div	Corps Flank Divs	G99	At 6 a.m. Div H.Q. M.9.d.7.1. 8th Bde H.Q. H.32.c.6.8 14th Bde H.Q. H.17.a.9.0. 15th Bde H.Q. I.32.d.3.3	wire

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100	2.30	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G 668	<p>Following from 4th Army timed 4.40 p.m. 1st. 3rd Army report capture of MORVAL and BEAULENCOURT Ridge E of BANCOURT and FREMICOURT high ground E of VAULX VRAUCOURT trenches in C15a and C9c BULLECOURT and HENDECOURT. Fighting in progress N.E. outskirts LE TRANSLOY. Estimated prisoners 325 including Bn Commander and Staff. 1st Army advanced line in U12c and 26d this morning capturing 200 prisoners. French have captured ROUY-le-PETIT N.E. of NESTLE. Following from 4th Army timed 7.45 p.m. Further reports show that 2nd Aust.Div. was counter attacked at least ten times yesterday evening on MONT St.QUENTIN but maintains grip of that place although the line on each flank of ANVIL WOOD and FEULLAUCOURT was pushed back as reported this morning. 1 Brigade of 5th Aust.Div. crossed SOMME this morning at FEULLERES and advancing eastwards behind leading Brigades of 2nd Aust.Div. recaptured ANVIL WOOD, mopped up PERONNE and FLAMICOURT and attacked towards BOIS des BACKETS and des FLACQUES this attack still progressing. Another Brigade of 5th Aust.Div. crossed SOMME S. of PERONNE and captured the high ground in I35. 2nd Aust.Div. was very heavily shelled in front of St.QUENTIN but has advanced east of that place and recaptured FEULLAUCOURT. Heavy fighting took place round Mt.St.QUENTIN. 3rd Aust.Div. have reached W. outskirts of ALLAINES and high ground in C21central All Divs report the number of enemy dead exceptionally high and prisoners taken by Australian Corps estimated 1300 one complete battery and few other guns. 3rd Corps attack entirely successful and has captured all objectives. Line now runs from C16central along W edge of PIERRE VAAST WOOD attack made by 58th, 47th and 18th Divs. Number enemy dead reported very large. Capt. BLOFIELD Comdg 142 T.M.B. after bombarding trench N. PRIEZ farm advanced with one man and took 80 prisoners. Estimated prisoners at 1000 also 4 T.M's and numerous M.G's. 18th Div in conjunction with 5th Corps now attacking SAILLISEL. As result of today's operations FLAMICOURT PERONNE BOUCHAVESNES PRIEZ FERME FREGICOURT RANCOURT have been captured. Total prisoners since August 8th now exceed 34,000 465 guns Following from 4th Army timed 9.30 p.m. 3rd Army Report. 3rd Corps after heavy fighting during day reached to W side of SAILLY SAILLESEL U2central. LETRANSLOY still strongly held by M.Gs. Captures past 24 hours 400 prisoners including 2 Bn Cmdrs 2 guns and several machine guns.</p>	Wire

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101	2.10 a.m.	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 172	56th Bn to be relieved at once in line by 54th Bn. 56th Bn will withdraw to assembly position on Company front facing East with start line approx on Grid line running N and S through I21central and bounded on North by E and W line through Sugar Factory at I22a6595 and on S by E and W line through I22central. 56th Bn will attack between above boundaries on one company front objective N and S grid line between I23 and I24. When leading Company 56th passes ST.DENIS WOOD another company is to extend its flank to the south increasing 56th Bn front on final objective southwards to approx E and W line through I29central. First phase of attack will be followed by two companies 55th Bn. and when attack approached objective these two companies 55th Bn will swing south and make good the high ground in I35. They will endeavour to gain touch with 15th Bde who are to cross river and attack due east, 7th Bde are passing through 6th Bde and attacking in conformity and 55th & 56th Battalion will be accompanied by 4 machine guns from 14th Coy. aa Artillery preparation similar to today half hour bombardment of rampart in I.22.c St.DENIS WOOD brick works and swamp in I.291a aa Zero 6 a.m. aa acknowledge	Wire
102	2.30 a.m.	5th Div.	2nd Aust Div.	-	Repeated Serial No. 101 over 'phone.	'Phone.
103	2.40 am	C.R.E.	5th A.Div.	N.303	15th Field Coy report aa Bridge at I.33.d.4.9 now fit for field artillery aa Bridge at I.33.b.2.6 is down gap 40 ft. aa From I.33.b.2.5 to I.27.c.8.0 there are two "A" type and one timber bridges intact aa Charges have been withdrawn from these.	D.R.L.S.
104	2.50 am	5th Div.	Corps 2nd Div.CRA.ADMS 8th,14th Bdes	G104	Repeating No. 103	Wire
105	3 a.m.	14th Bde	5th Div	I080	Prisoner 6 K 95 I.R. identified	Wire

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106	3.45	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 70	Prisoner 6 K 95 I.R. identified.	Wire
107	3.45	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs.	G 107	Prisoner 6 Coy 95 I.R. 38 Div identified in I22c	Wire
108	4.45	15th Bde	5th Div.	I 64	Situation report. Enemy shelling valley of SOMME south of PERONNE constantly with 4.2 and 77's. Otherwise quiet.	Wire
109	5.40	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs	G 109	Situation report. Enemy shelling valley of SOMME south of PERONNE constantly with 4.2 and 77's. Left Bde report light scattered shelling in their area	Wire
110	5.50	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 293	Morning report. Situation quiet. At 11.50 p.m. last night enemy sent up single red lights on right Bde front followed by heavy shelling of outpost line. Bridge at GIZANCOURT reported completed no reports of other bridges yet received.	Wire

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1.	6a.m.				The 14th A.I. Bde in conjunction with the 15th A.I. Bde and in co-operation with troops of 2nd Aust. Div. on the left were to attack at 6 a.m. 2/9/18.	
2.	6.18	14th Bde	5th Div.		The 56th and 55th Bns were in position before ZERO, Have no further news.	Phone
3.	6.32	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 179	Bns report they were O.K. at 5.50 a.m.	Wire
4.	6.45	14th Bde	5th Div		Bde O.P. report timed 6.35 a.m. states our men seen moving forward in I.22.b. but mist makes visibility bad.	Phone
5.	7.23	Corps	5th Div.	G 670	Morning report. Situation quiet on whole Corps front. Enemy shelling valley of SOMME south of PERONNE constantly with 4.2's and 77's. Early last night single red lights sent up by the enemy were followed by heavy shelling of outpost line.	Wire
6.	7.25	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 180	O.P. report timed 6.35 says our infantry advancing in I.22.b. near BRICKWORKS. Visibility bad owing to mist and smoke.	Wire
7.	7.42	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		Asked for information. Told them that 14th A.I. Bde. O.P. saw our men moving forward in I.22.b. and that 55th and 56th Bns were in position half an hour before Zero. 2nd Aust. Div. state that they have no news except that a heavy Boche barrage came down a few minutes after ours started but has now died away.	Phone

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8	8.10	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		Operation going well. M.G. fire heavy. Identification 2nd Guard Div. 38th Div. 5.30 a.m. report states when our barrage opened enemy put up red and green flares from HAUT ALLAINES, also shelling brickworks at I.22.b.	Phone
9	9.30	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 346	Following from 7th A.I.Bde. timed 7.30 3 attacking Bns appeared to move past well before enemy barrage came down. Very heavy bombardment on Western slopes MONT ST.QUENTIN and towards PERONNE at 7 a.m. ceased at 7.30. Prisoners coming down of Pioneers 2nd Guards Div. and 122 Fus.Regt. 243 Div.	Wire
10.	9.30	14th Bde	5th Div.		14th Bde received from 53rd Bn over the <del>fx</del> phone following- 53rd received this from 56th Bn. 56th have had very heavy casualties losing all Company Commanders. Sending to Bde for reinforcements. Casualties caused by M.G. fire from ramparts in PERONNE. Unable to say how far they have got.	Phone
11.	9.40	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		11th Bde/after severe hand to hand fighting captured 200 prisoners inflicting heavy casualties on enemy. At 8.30 a.m. centre Bns of 2nd Aust.Div. were along road on objectives in I.6.d.9.4. - I.11.d.3.0 (a little beyond objectives).	Phone
12.	9.45	G.O.C. 14th Bde	G.O.C. 5th Div.		Held up in I.22.a. along road. Has received no report from 54th. Appears only thing to do is to mop up PERONNE before attempting to advance. G.O.C. Div. says to dig in on present position and so be able to hold ground in event of counter attack.	Phone

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13	9.50	G.O.C. 15th Bde	G.O.C. 5th Div.		Cannot get in touch with 2nd Div at all. 59th are on left 60th on right. Colonel SCANLAN says his left flank is just south of main Road ST.QUENTIN - ST.DENIS WOOD about I.22.a.7.5. I.22.d.9.7 where he is in touch with 54th Bn on his right. C.O. 54th Bn had distinct orders to get on with mopping up. 15th Bde to dig in as appears to be nothing else for it. (from G.O.C.) Fire to be brought on St.DENIS WOOD and I.17.	Phone
14.	10	G.O.C. 5th Div.	G.O.C. 2nd A.DIV.		Asking for information about 2nd A.Div. right. 2 Bns between St.DENIS WOOD and Cemeterie in I.21.d. Being cut up by fire from high ground in I.16. and I.17. 2nd Div. say they are in touch with Bns on right and left flanks. Appears to be no junction between 5th Div. left and 2nd Div. right. G.O.C. 2nd Div. asked to bring artillery fire to bear on high ground in I.17.	Phone
15.	10.5	G.O.C. 14th Bde.	G.O.C. 5th Div.		55th Bn reported position at present I.22.a and c, meeting with very heavy resistance. Casualties heavy. Mainly from Ramparts and St.DENIS WOOD. In touch with 56th on left. Asking for fire to be brought on Ramparts and St.DENIS WOOD I.22.d. Repeated conversation from 15th Bde. From 59th Battalion. 56th Bn on left and 60th on his right. Elements of 55th, 56th and 3 Coys 59th at FACTORY I.22.a.7.5 (left flank). Line runs N.&.S. behind I.22.a.7.4 and zigzagged back in front of Cem. I.21.d.9.7 In touch with 54th Bn across PERONNE. Heavy M.G. fire from I.16.b. and from Windmill in I.17a. and Ramparts. Impossible to go on. 58th Bn sending three Coys through PERONNE being ordered to establish along light Railway R of PERONNE. Enemy is reinforcing St.DENIS WOOD. 58th and 59th Bn. H.Qs. (I.27.b.1.9)	Phone

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16	10.25	G.O.C. 2nd A.Div.	G.O.C. 5th Div.		Artillery 2nd Division being instructed to take on enemy trenches in I.17.c. and d.	Phone
17.	10.35	G.O.C. 5th Div.	C.R.A.		Our troops just west of BRICKWORKS in I.22. then line runs to Cemeterie in I.21.d. then to I.21.c.9.4. Our troops getting heavy casualties M.G. fire. Not to fire W of ST.DENIS - ST.QUENTIN Road. Wood in I.22.a.9.9. to be dealt with by 5th Div.Arty., 2nd Div. having agreed to fire into their sector. 5th Div.Arty to barrage St.DENIS - Mt.St.QUENTIN Rd. and right of barrage BRICKWORKS St.DENIS.	Phone
18	10.45	G.O.C. 5th Div.	G.O.C. 14th Bde		G.O.C. 14th Bde state do not want Artillery fire on St.DENIS	Wire
19	<del>Exors.</del> 10.55	G.O.C. 15th Bde	G.O.C. 5th Div.		situation 10 a.m. Remnants 55th, 56th and 59th Bns are in line. I.22.a.72 extending to about I22a79. 60th Bn holding this line supported by 59th in I.22.a.5.5. 16 14th Bde held up by heavy machine gunfire in I.22.b., I.17.a. and St.DENIS WOOD. Enemy reinforced St.DENIS. Heavy M.G. fire intense at every moment from St.DENIS WOOD. Enemy has now enfilade and reverse fire on our left. It is essential that considerable artillery fire on enemy position Mt.St.QUENTIN before we can make any advance. Our line digging in in above line. Headquarters both battalions I.27.b.2.4. 58th Bn. making good progress in PERONNE and have captured four officers including Bn. Comdr and staff, and 100 o.r. Still meeting with strong opposition from N.E. extremity of village. Impossible to advance beyond village until situation on left relieved. 58th Bn. casualties 4 officers 58 o.r. Most machine gun fire is coming from ST.DENIS.	Phone

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20	A.M. 11.30	G.O.C.	G.O.C. 15th Bde	-	The only thing left to do is to dig in until the 2nd Aust. Div can clear up spur. In the meantime St.DENIS wood is being dealt with. Would like FLAMICOURT dealt with, also trenches on spur in I.35. Not to fire into PERONNE. 78th Div according to prisoners captured is supposed to be very strong. Company strength 120, trench strength 100.	'phone
20A	11.35	5th Div	Corps		Repeating information re 78th Division.	'phone.
21	11.40	G.O.C.	14th Bde	-	Corps Commander has decided that the best thing to do is to dig in. Meantime artillery shelling wood in St.DENIS, and village of FLAMICOURT. Line runs: From Sugar Factory to 22.a.7.9 through junction railway and road at 22.a.3.3, thence to ramparts of PERONNE at 22.c.2.6. Above line held from right to left by elements of 56th and 59th Battalions. 1 Co. 55th Bn joins from Sugar Factory with 2nd Division, somewhere in I.16.c. 56th Bn have had over 160 casualties. Enemy using much mustard gas. 58th Bn mopping up of PERONNE proceeding quite satisfactorily. Bombarding FLAMICOURT. 130 prisoners passed through 14th Bde.	
22	11.45	G.O.C.	G.O.C. Corps	-	Corps Commander advised that St DENIS wood, FLAMICOURT and trench system in I.35 and O.5 now being effectively dealt with by heavy artillery.	'phone
23	11.55	G.O.C.	G.O.C. 2nd A.Div.	-	Giving co-ordinates of line as at present known. 2nd Aust Div going to fire on I.17.	
24	12.15	15th Bde	5th Div	I.70	80 prisoners taken PERONNE apparently elements of several divisions. Following identified 38th Div, normal. Included are several machine gunners of 95th Regt, 67th Regt, 258th Regt 78th Div.	wire

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25	12.15	15th Bde	5th Div.	I 71	Prisoners of 258th Regt 78th Div state moved into PERONNE 1st Sept. coming from MARREZ where they had been resting. Left MARREZ on 26th August. Co. ration strength 120. saw troops 161st Regt. in PERONNE and stated that there had been Bavarians there.	Wire
26	-do-	Div	Corps 2nd Aust 32nd Div 5th D.A.	Div Ig 26	Situation 11.30 a.m. Our line runs Sugar Factory in I.16.c with a company extended northwards in touch with 2nd Aust Div - BRICKWORKS I.22.a.9.6 - junction road and railway I.22.a.3.3 - ramparts of PERONNE in I.22.c.2.6. Enemy shelling with yellow cross on our front line. Mopping up of PERONNE proceeding satisfactorily. Battalion commander and staff captured. 100 o.r. captured and numbers killed. Other prisoners coming through.	wire
27	12.25	Div	Corps	-	Repeating message No. 25 above.	'phone.
28	12.35	14th Bde	5th Div	BM 183	Prisoners captured: 10 from 2, 3, and 11 Cos. 122 I.R. 1 officer and 1 o.r. from 94 I.R.. 1 officer and 1 o.r. 10th Co. 96 I.R. 1 from 1st M.Coy 65 I.R. 2 from 3 Coy, 11 from 5th Coy., 2 from 6 Coy, 1 from 7th Coy 1st Guards Regt. 1st Guards holding line this morning through I.16.central. Their losses yesterday were slight. One prisoner stated counter attack probable. Officers are of opinion that present line would be held. 122 I.R. holding line on right of 1st Guards.	
29	-do-	14th Bde	5th Div	I.O.75	Total prisoners captured 2 officers and 121 o.r. Prisoners state that Guard Regt. is to be relieved tonight. by Jager Regt.	wire

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30	12.40	Corps	5th Div	G672	Following from C.E.: - Track forward infantry in file from H.24.d.7.9 to I.19.a.3.6 now good for horse transport.	wire
31	12.45	Corps	-do-	-	Third Corps heavily counter-attacked and now withdrawn to (wire) C.17.b and d, C.23.b and d. 2nd Aust Div left flank E. of HAUT. Left centre battalion line runs more or less N.W. Enemy movement reported, evidently preparation for counter-attack in I.6.a. Enemy movement westwards in C.30.a. engaged by our artillery.	
32	12.50	15th Bde	5th Div	BM 594	Situation at 10 a.m. Remnants of 55th and 56th Battalions(D.R) mixed with 59th Battalion at I.22.a.7.2 to I.22.a.7.9. The 60th Battalion supporting this line in I.22.a.5.5. 14th Brigade advance was held up by heavy M.G. fire from I.16.b and I.17.a and St.DENIS Wood. They report heavy casualties. Enemy has reinforced St. DENIS Wood area. Enemy M.G. fire intense at every movement from St.DENIS Wood and from I.16.b and I.17.a. Whole attack held up. Enemy has now enfilade and even reverse fire on my left. It is essential that considerable artillery fire on enemy positions and a further advance along the spur EAST of MONT St. QUENTIN be made before I can make any advance. My line digging in in above positions. H.Q. both battalions I.27.b.2.4. 58th Bn. making fine progress in PERONNE. Have captured 4 officers (including battalion staff) and 100 o.r. to date, and killed about 100. Still meeting strong opposition from M.G. from extremity of village and it will be impossible to advance beyond village until situation on left is relieved. Casualties 4 officers wounded, and about 60 o.r. Of these Major FERRES and Capt.FORSYTHE are at duty but will shortly have to be evacuated as they are suffering severely. Am <sup>n</sup> arranging to send Capt. PEACOCK from 57th Bn. take charge.	

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33	1 p.m.	5th Div. Corps	Flank Divs.	G 33	14th Bde report total prisoners captured 2 off. 121 O.R. Units identified 122 I.R. 94 I.R. 96 I.R. 65 I.R. 1 Guards Regt. AAA 1st Guards holding line this morning through I.16.central. Their losses yesterday slight. One prisoner states counter attack probable. Offs are of opinion present line would be held. 122 I.R. holding line on right of 1st Guards. Prisoners state that Guard Regt is to be relieved tonight by Jager Regt.	Wire
34	1 p.m.	5th Div. Div.Units		G34	Fourth Army wire re War News.	Wire
35	1.10	5th Div. Div.Units		G 35	Following from Corps. Track forward Inf.in file from H24d79 to I19a36 now good for horse transport.	Wire
36	1.15	2nd Div. 5th Div.			Shelling I.17.c and d ceased 1 p.m. Particular attention was paid to Windmill.	Phone
37	1.20	5th Div. 14th,15th Bdes.		G 37	The 78th Div has evidently been placed in the line with the object of retaking PERONNE and has established itself on the high ground in I.35. FLAMICOURT and CHAIR WOOD. These points are now being heavily shelled by us. The advanced troops of the 78th Div in PERONNE itself have been dealt with by our mopping up troops. The 15th Bde will take special measures to cover all approached to PERONNE from the direction of the above localities.	Wire
38	1.30	15th Bde	5th Div.	I.28	10 additional prisoners taken PERONNE. One prisoner 10th Field Co. 185 Div. Three days ago was putting up wire in front of DOINGT. Knows nothing of mines.	Wire Repeated to Corps,flank Divs.

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39					Since cancelled.	
40	1.35	Corps	5th Div.	Ig 676	Air report. 5.15 to 7.45 a.m. Area BRIE HAM ST.QUENTIN VERMAND ROISEL PERONNE visib fairly good. Rail, activity slight. RS 7 ST.QUENTIN 3 trains steam up RS 3 train. Roads scattered transport 50 M.T. in all between ST.QUENTIN and HAM both directions. 10 M.T. going east between MONS and VERMAND 35 M.T. towards PERONNE from TERTRY latter possibly indicates reinforcements.	Wire
41	1.35	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 606A	Reports to 9 a.m. Area East to MOISLANS - LEMESNIL - ATHIES under observation. 7.45 a.m. GF 6 M.T. E. ESTREES en CHAUSSE No other movements seen. Contact patrols south of SOMME report our troops seen in railway cuttings W. bank of SOMME O.26.b. M.G. and rifle fire encountered from O5d Olla O22 (REYLAUTR) O28 and 33 (GOTHA) and (FRIEBURGERS) U9d U21b LENGIFTR. A.A. slight. E.A. active. Weather bad. visib fair.	Wire
42	1.40	2nd Div.	5th Div.	GA 350	Right Bn report 8.40 a.m. that holding KOROS ALLEY and Trench in I.17.a. and in touch with centre Bn in I.11.e. Some elements enemy S.E. corner I17a. Enemy M.G. active I16c and d I17a., b., c. One Bn support Bde now moving TORTILLE TRENCH. Our artillery now bombarding trenches in I17c and d.	Wire
43	1.45	Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast, wind westerly 15 to 20 m.p.h. but high in squalls. Cool and unsettled. Cloudy with some squally showers at first and probably occasional rain later. Visib good, temp day 60 to 65 night 50	

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44	1.50	Corps	5th Div.	G 674	2nd Aust.Div. has established itself on the objective line along KOROS ALLEY to the PERONNE-AZINCOURT road centre Bn thence north east along the road to I6d94 in touch with Bn on its left. No report from Bn on extreme left.	Wire
45	1.55	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 608A	Reports to noon. Contact patrols of front N of river attempted but machine driven off by E.A. Another machine leaving when weather clears. 9.45 a.m. 1 train E Q29a 10 a.m. dust E Q29d 10 a.m. dust W P27d. M.G. and rifle fire encountered from I24c I30b J19a and c O27b. 9 a.m. fire in train. 35 Sqn report majority of HAUT ALLAINES apparently in our our hands enemy shelling I16d 9.30 10 a.m.. Patrols interrupted by rain and E.A. who are very active. A.A. very active.	Wire
46	1.55	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 184	Line now runs approx I16c72 22a79 22a32 22c26. Present held by elements of 55th, 56th and 59th Bns but reorganising and pulling 59th back into support. In touch with 7th Bde on left. Collection and evacuation of casualties proceeding and consolidation on line given being carried on.	Wire
47	2 p.m.	5th Div.	3 Bdes C.R.A.	G 47	Following from Aust.Corps. 2nd Aust.Div. has established itself on objective line along KUROK ALLEY to the PERONNE-AZINCOURT road centre Bn thence North east along road to I6d94	Wire
48	2.30	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 497	58th Bn left flank at I22b32 then line runs south to I22d00 where 54th Bn connect and continue round southern edge of town facing swamp. 59th Bn now intend pushing forward their right flank along the line of Ry through I22a and b to road junction in I22b33 pivoting on I22a97 where 56th Bn are reported to be.	Wire

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49	2.30 pm	14th Bde	5th Div	IO 76	Identifications: 1, 8, and 9 Coys 478 I.R., 2, 3, and 6 Coys 94th I.R., 10 and 11 Coys 4th Guards Regt, 5 Coy 2nd Guard Regt, 1st and 10th Coys also 3 M.G. Coys 122 I.R. 94th I.R. in front of BUSSU.	wire
50	2.35	-do -	-do-	BM 186	Statement by wounded officer awaiting confirmation as follows: PERONNE cleaned up, 100 prisoners taken. 1 Co. parallel to N. and S. road in I.22.d and 200 yards EAST of it. One company on northern outskirts of town in I.22.c in touch on both flanks. One company vicinity I.22.c.O.O. One company left post I.27.d. central thence along road to right post at I.33.d.6.4. 54th Bn have been asked to confirm.	wire
51	2.40	15th Bde	Div	BM 500	Following from 14th Bde timed 1.5 p.m. begins: Line now runs approx. I.16.c.7.2, 22 a.7.9, 22.a.3.2., 22.c.2.6. Present held by elements of 55th, 56th, and 59th Battalions, but reorganizing and pulling 59th back into supports. In touch with 7th Bde on left. Collection and evacuation of casualties proceeding and consolidation on line given being carried out. Eds.	wire
52	3.5	5th Div	3 Bdes D.A. M.G. Pioneers	Ig 52	Repeating war news from Fourth Army.	
53	3.10	2nd Div	5th Div	-	Report shelling along whole line but do not know what enemy intentions are. Enquiring whether our troops hold DARMSTADT TRENCH; if not 2nd Div. intend to shell it. Replied that we do not occupy DARMSTADT TRENCH.	'phone

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54	3.15	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 351	Message timed 12.30 p.m. from 7th A.I.Bde begins. Line of right Bn front along KOROS ALLEY to I.17.a.3.7 to I.17.a.3.8 elements of this Bn are believed to be in I16c and d. Centre Bn runs from I17a38 up to and along LOGOS TR. to I.11.b.7.3. position of Left Coy not fixed but in touch with left Bn whose line at 10.20 ran HERRA ALLEY and sunken road I.5.b. and d one Coy in BRUNN TR. "B" Co. 16th Sussez Regt. extending flank through I.5.a. and b. Right Bn passed through heavy gas shelling and M.G. fire east of Mt.St.QUENTIN this morning. Line confirmed by contact plane.	Wire
55	3.20	5th Div.	14, 15th Bdes.	G55	Construct a strong supporting point at St.DENIS and move forward and occupy the line of DARMSTADT TRENCH.in I.23.a. and c. Addsd 14th Bde repta 15th Bde.	
56	3.20	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs. C.R.A.	G 56	Situation 2.30 p.m. Our troops have captured and mopped up St.DENIS capturing 1 officer 10 O.Rs 2 M.G's. A strong point is now being constructed at this place. Line now established St.DENIS - I.22.d.5.5. - I.22.d.0.0. BOULEVARD PERONNE. 14th Inf.Bde have been ordered to occupy DARMSTADT TRENCH in 23a and c. Total prisoners today 230.	Wire
57	3.50	M.G.Bn.	5th Div.		Have 10 guns in action between I.21 and I22 central facing S.E. Casualties have been very heavy, 2 officers and 66 O.Rs from one group. Four to Five guns have been blown out. Two of these have been replaced.	Phone
58	4 p.m.	C.R.E.	5th Div.	N 308	Foot Bridge completed across moat at I.27.b.2.6 during yesterday Sept. 1st.	D.R.

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59	4.15	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		74th Div are at I.5.b.9.5. Elements in I.5.a. and b and across to C.28.central. Position is obscure between C.28.central and C.22.d.7.7. Line runs approx C.23.c.1.0. C.17.central C.11.c.7.0.	Wire
60		5th Div.	Div.Units	G 60	Repeating 58.	Wire
61	4.30	Aust.Corps	5th Div.	G 678	Contact patrol at 1.0 p.m. reports flares as follows. NERA ALLEY from I.6.a.3.3 to I.6.d.4.8. ANTIGONE ALLEY from I.11.b.3.1. to I.11.c.2.7. I.11.c.25.25 - I.17.a.3.9 I.16.b.95.65 - I.16.b.6.6.- I.22.a.8.4. - I.22.a.85.10 I.22.c.90.80.- FIUME TRENCH from I.4.a.6.9 to I.4.a.2.4 thence GRAZE TRENCH to I.3.d.5.9. Enemy holds DEPMSTADT TRENCH from I.17.a.6.5 southwards.	Wire
62	4.30	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 353	Prisoners so far reported today 5 officers 105 O.Rs unwounded.	Wire
63	4.35	Div.I.O.	5th Div.	CTB 5	Further identifications. 94 I.R. 2nd Co. 10.R. 3rd Co. 1 Off. D.R. 1 O.R. 6th Co. 2 O.Rs. 2nd M.G.Co. 1 O.R. 95 I.R. 6th Co. 10.R. 96 I.R. 10th Co. 1 O.R. 1st Gren.Bd.Regt, 2nd Co. 1 O.R. 5th Co. 2 O.Rs. 8th Co. 3 O.R. 2nd Gd.Gren.Regt. 5th Co. 1 O.R. 4th Gd.Gren.Regt. 10th Co. 1 O.R. 11th Co. 1 O.R. 3rd Gd.Pioneer Co. 2 O.R. 162 Fus.Regt. 11th Co. 2 O.R. 3rd M.G.Co. 3 O.R. III BN. Signals 4 O.Rs. 478 I.R. 8th Co. 1 O.R. 9th Co. 1 O.R. Order of Battle. area HAUT ALLAINES appears as 479(?) I.R. 478 I.R. 122 Fus. Regt, reinforcing respectively 94, 95, and 96 I.R. 4th, 2nd and 1st Gren Regt. mixed up in small apties evidently. Reliable NCO 122 Fus. has been back as far as EPEHY seen no sign of reserves. III Bn. 478 I.R. 34 men strong used as a company. Whole Regt. since three days ago 190 men strong. Regts are so mixed that definite sectors cannot be established.	

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64	5 p.m.	5th Div.	15th Bde.		There will be a conference at 15th Bde H.Q. this evening soon after 5.30 p.m. as possible. Following to attend, G.O.C. and Gl., Brigadiers 8th, 14th and 15th Bdes and CRA.	as Phone
65	5 p.m.	Liaison 2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		2nd Div. consolidating HERR ALLEY, line then north to C29d60 to C29b60. 11th Bde occupy ALLAINES TRENCH north of Canal. Div on left reported to be in SCUTARI TRENCH and BROUSSA Trench.	Phone of
66	5.5	5th Div.	Corps, Flank Divs.		Repeating 63.	Wire
67	5.5	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 503	Right Co. 58th Bn report timed 3.15 p.m. enemy massing in front of FLAMICOURT and in Wood on grid between I.28 and I.29. D.A. informed.	Wire
68.	5.10	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 609A	Contact patrol N of river reports 12.30 p.m. our troops seen along HER VALLEY I6a23 to I6d39 BRUNN TR I5c58 to I.11.a48 LUGOS TR I.11.b73 to I.11.b37 S to I.17a22 I16b86 Brickworks I22b to I22b80 also GRAZ and FDUME TRs. M.G. and rifle fire from I.17.c. and d I29b, party 6 men seen COLOGNE Tr. Olla rifle fire from here. Enemy artillery shelling PERONNE HAUT/ALLAINES I.10., 11., 16., 22. No troops either side seen in I.35. and O.5. 12.35 2 engines seen TINCOURT 1 apparently going E.	Wire
69	5.10	14th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 187	Construct a strong point at St.DENIS and move line forward and occupy the DARMSTADT Trench line I23c15 to I23a72 to I17c62 You have at your disposal 55 56 and may call on 53 if you require further assistance. Select your time for operation and inform Bde and flank Bdes as soon as possible time chosen. Arrange with 2nd Div. unit on your left to assist in protection of your flank. sent Col. Woods reptd Div.	Wire

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70	5.15 pm	5th Div	15th Bde	-	Verbal order to effect that 15th Bde will relieve the 14th Inf Bde tonight 2/3rd. 57th Bn must relieve 58th Bn. 58th on relief to move to present position of 57th.	'phone
71	5.30	2nd Div	5th Div	-	74th Div. on left on left of 2nd Aust Div captured a Pioneer of 356th Regt., who is an Alsatian. He reports that 232 Div expect to be relieved tonight by Bavarian Div which is being brought up by 'bus. 2nd Guards will be relieved at same time. There are rumours in his Coy. that a counter attack by 25th Div is to be made, but nothing definite known. Both Pioneer companies of 232 Div have been put into line. 356 Pioneer Co. was dispersed by our artillery fire last night whilst going through MOUSLAINS and few reached position allotted. 4th Field Co. Pioneer Battalion 26th Regt. and Pioneer Co. 233 Regt are in NURLU. 5th Artillery Regt. also seen.	'Phone
72	5.50	5th Div	Corps	-	Repeating message No. 67.	'Phone.
73	5.53	Branch "I" Corps	5th Div	BIS 1	Ref our message BIS 609A, 28th text; I.11.b.3.4 should read I.11.c.3.7.	wire
74	5.55	14th Bde	-do-	BM 188	Front line in left portion of sector now runs approx. I.22.b.6.8 - I.22.b.2.1 thence along east edge of RAMPARTS to I.22.d.3.3	wire
75	6 p.m.	5th Div	Corps Flank Divs D.A.	G75	Evening report; Line remains unchanged. Hostile shelling on our front line heavy. Much enemy movement westward especially from O.33.b towards DOINGT. PERONNE been heavily shelled throughout afternoon.	wire
76	-do-	15th Bde	5th Div	BM 502	Situation unchanged. our line remains same as previously given. Enemy shelled our new front line at 12.30 for 20 minutes causing many casualties. Much forward movement from O.33.b towards O.29.b and DOINGT.	wire

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77	5.55	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 80	Situation wire timed 5 p.m. enemy has shelled our front line fairly heavily during the afternoon special attention has been paid to PERONNE including N.E. edge and its approaches.	Wire
78	6 p.m.	Div.I.O.	5th Div.	CJB 6	Further identifications . R.I.R. 258, 1st Co. 4 O.R. 1 Off. 2nd Co. 2 O.R. 3rd Co. 11 O.R. 4th Co. 12 O.R. 1 M.G.Co. 16 O.R. 1 Btn H.Q. 1 O.R. 67 M.G. Scharpsshooters abteilung 2 MGK 4 O.R. R.I.R. 258 is attached to 185 Div. 1 Capt. prisoner 65 I.R. commands Bn consisting of remnants 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Cos 65 I.R. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cos 258 R.I.R. plus 1 MGK 65 I.R. and 1st MGK 258 I.R. Total about 200 men. Pioneer Co.28 1 O.R. Pioneer Bn. 185, 1 O.R.	D.R.
79	6 p.m.	5th Div. Corps Flank Divs.		G 79	Repeating 78	Wire
80	6.25	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 356	Evening report. 7th A.I.Bde line now runs KOROS ALLEY to I.17.a.3.7. thence N to I.11.c.2.2 thence RUPPRECHT Tr to main road at I.11.d.5.5. Thence LUGOS ALLEY in I.11.c. and b trench in I.12.a. thence ANTIGONE ALLEY to junction with HERA ALLEY in I.6.d. thence along HERA ALLEY to I5b95 thence to C29d60 thence to C29b61. About 50 men of right Bn occupy shell hole positions in I16c and d. 3 weak Coys of Sussex Regt are with left Bn in I5a and I5d. In touch with 11th A.I.Bde. establishing a platoon post at C28d00 on north bank of Canal. Heavy enemy Artillery fire on FEUILLAU COURT ALLAINES Valley and ridges in I.10d and I.11. Estimated prisoners captured 5 officers and 150 O.Rs unwounded and 50 M.Guns. Very many Germans killed by our men in our advance and by our artillery fire.	Wire
81	6.35	5th Div.	Corps	G 81	One of our planes numbered F 2170 landed at H33a94 with engine trouble airmen unhurt.	Wire

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82	6.35	8th Bde	5th Div.		One of our planes numbered F 2170 landed at H33c94 engine trouble, airmen unhurt.	Phone
83	7.5	G3 5th Div.	5th Div.		G.O.C. is at 15th Brigade.	Phone
84	7.5	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 357	Further 52 O.R. belonging to 3rd Bn 122 I.R. 1st Bn FRANZ 1st Bn ALEXANDER AUGUSTA 2nd and 3rd Guard Pioneers and 4th 96 I.R. 243 Div and Guard prisoners agree that ALLAINES was to be held at all costs. No known knowledge of withdrawal or relief. Order of Battle still apparently hopelessly confused guards being scattered all along Corps front.	Wire
85	-do+	32nd Div	5th Div	G308	Evening report: situation quiet. Nothing of note to report	wire
86	-do-	Meteor	5th Div	-	Forecast.	
87	-do-	5th Div Corps	-do-	G680	Fourth Army general news wire.	wire.
88	7.30	Corps	5th Div.		Unofficially reported that INCHY EE - SAINS LE MARQUION - SWACHY-les-ETREES OISY have been captured. Unofficially reported that enemy is evacuating LENS	Phone
89	7.35	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 610A	Reports to 4.30 p.m. Area east to DRIENCOURT LE MESNIL ATHIES under observation. 1.50 p.m. 1 M.T. going E P30d44 2.10 p.m. CIB about 10 going E and W P30c. 1.58 p.m. GF 1 train going E. K19. 2.27 p.m. much dust road between TEMPLEUX AU FOSSE and ROISEL lasting half hour. 2.55 p.m. little dust road NE I.5. to I.19. going N.E. 2.50 p.m. little dust road BERNES VENDELLES. Weather bad visib. fair.	Wire

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90	8 p.m.	2nd Aust Div.	5th Aust Div.	G.358	Lieut RICH 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battn reports having received information from a German prisoner that the STATION TOWN HALL CITADEL and all principal buildings in PERONNE have been mined.	Wire
91	8 p.m.	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 189	Ref BM 187. Attack cancelled.	Wire
92	8.15	A.P.M.,	5th Div.		Total P.O.W. through Divisional P.O.W. Cage from 9 p.m. 1/9/18 to 7 p.m. 2/9/18.	D.R.
93	8.45	5th Div.	Units	G 93	Repeating 90	Wire
94	8.20	Corps	5th Div.	G 683	Evening report. HAUT ALLAINES and St.DENIS captured during the day after heavy fighting. Peronne mopped up and a number of prisoners captured including a Battalion Commander and Staff. Our line now runs west bank of SOMME south of PERONNE thence boulevard of PERONNE between I.27.d.0.0. and I.22.d.0.0. thence St.DENIS inclusive to I.16.a.6.3. to I.17.a.3.7 to I.11.d.5.4. to I.11.b.3.0. along ANTICONE ALLEY to I.6.d.5.7. thence HERA VALLEY to I.5.b.9.5. to C.29.b.6.1. to Canal in vicinity of C.29.a.6.0. Enemy heavily shelled during the day PERONNE area west of St.QUENTIN ridge in I.11. and valley south west of ALLAINE. Large numbers of enemy reported killed. Prisoners captured during past 24 hours about 10 officers 500 O.Rs beside number of machine guns.	Wire
95	8.20	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O.82	Location of H.Q. 53rd Bn I21c54 54th Bn I20d01 55th Bn I20b66 56th Bn I20b52.	Wire

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96	8.25	5th Div.	Units	G 96	Reported unofficially that INGHY SAINS MARQUION and SAUCHY LESTREES have been captured. The evacuation of LENS is also unofficially reported.	Wire
97	8.40	5th Div.	Units	G 97	Repeating 92	Wire
98	8.50	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs	G 98	FLAMICOURT and CHAIR WOOD heavily shelled by our artillery during the day. Shelling still in progress. Reports received of enemy leaving FLAMICOURT owing to shelling. Reconnaissance will be made tonight to ascertain whether village has been evacuated.	Wire
99	9.30	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 505	Report from 58th Bn timed 5.40 p.m. states our line from I22d28 I22d44 I28b39 roughly about 400 yards from railway. Our troops report they think FLAMICOURT unoccupied as number of enemy seen leaving there and entering railway line in I19c. They also report having seen Aust. troops on road running N.E. from St.DENIS. through I22b and I17c. Shelling appears to be coming from wood in I30 and I31. We have mounted 5 enemy M.G's against him.. We intend pushing patrols into FLAMICOURT tonight to ascertain situation and occupy with another Bn of 8th A.I.Bde.	Wire
100	9.30	2nd Div.	5th Div.	G 372	Locations 6 a.m. 3rd. DHQ G25d24 5th Bde H19a80 6th Bde H19c58 7th Bde H32c68.	Wire
101	9.50	M.G. Bn.	5th Div.		25th M.G.Co. relieving the 14th M.G.Co. tonight 2/3rd Sept. Locations follow.	Phone

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102	10.10	5th Div.	3 Bdes "AQ"	G 102	On 14th Bde moving back into reserve tomorrow the two troops of A.L.H. at present attached to 15th A.I.Bde and Cyclist Platoon now attached to 8th Inf.Bde. will be attached to 14th A.I.Bde and will be accommodated in reserve area under arrangements to be made by 14th Bde.	Wire
103	10.12	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	Ga 364	Confirming verbal instructions 7th A.I.Bde will consolidate and reorganise in its present battle front. 11th A.I.Bde are placing a platoon in trench at C28d00 with a post in Canal at C28d84. 7th A.I.Bde will establish a post on Canal at C28d93. One Bn of 6th A.I.Bde will remain at disposal of G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde as at present.	Wire
104	10.27	15th Bde	5th Div.	Bn 506	SOS lines I29a89 28d29 34a08 23d30 17d20 . This will allow of exploitation in 23a and c. 29a89 to 34a08 will lift 50 yards on receipt of information that patrols or troops are entering FLAMICOURT.	Wire
105	10.28	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 612A	Contact patrol report 7.20 p.m. Our troops seen I.16.b77 I.16b67 along KOROS ALLEY 16b24 to I.16c49 and Quarry I.16a96 I22a29 to I22a37 I22b07 to I.16a65 I22b32 to I22b32 to I22b20. Huns seen at CASTOR TR.I.17.d. trenches I.23a.central. Enemy strong point I.17.d.90 M.G. fir encountered from above replied to by machine. Enemy ruse. 1 white flare fired from I17d52 while machine was calling for flares. CARDINAL WOOD occupied by enemy. Enemy barraged I.16a from 6.30 p.m. to 6.35 p.m. No actual counter attack seen. Above mentioned enemy trenches appear strongly held.	Wire

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106	10.40	14th Bde	5th Div.	Bm 191	Bde to be relieved by 15th tonight. Opposite numbers 54th and 57th. 55th and 56th <sup>by</sup> 59. 53 by 60. Bns move to positions west of wood in I21c and east of river. Remain in that position for night as support Bde and relieved by 8th tomorrow. Report completion of the relief and the completion of move and location of H.Q. Any captured trophies to be brought out.	Wire
107	10.56	Corps	5th Div.	G687	In view of possible relief by Alpine Corps opposite the front tonight H.A. are placing extra harassing fire on the Corps front between the northern boundary of Corps and the grid line south PERONNE. Div. Artilleries will co-operate as far as possible.	Wire
108	11 p.m.	Corps	5th Div.	Ig 616	Prisoner 258 I.R. states. Regt arrived in this sector 8 days ago and was intended to reinforce 185 Div but owing to enemy disorganisation it has not yet joined 185 Div but has reinforced front. Prisoners 38 Div. 243 Div and 2nd Gd. Div state they are to be relieved tonight by Alpine Corps. One prisoner Gd. Div states an advanced party of a Jager Regt has already arrived in <del>the</del> trenches.	Wire
109	11.1	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div	BIS 613A	Reports to dusk. 6.50 p.m. 1 train going N.E. at E24A 7 p.m. 1 train going S from ROISEL 7 p.m. 1 train going N from ROISEL. No other movement. 6.25 p.m. fire P2c48 7.7p.m. 1 large fire I.10. 7 p.m. 1 large explosion O18d17 5.45 p.m. fire and explosion P1A 6.20 p.m. fire P13d.	Wire
110	11.5	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	A 432	Prisoners 2nd Aust.Div. Aug.31st to 7 p.m. today 21 officers 1204 O.R.	Wire

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111	11.15		5th Div.	3 Bdes. Div.Arty.	G 111	P.S. 2nd Guards to be relieved by ALPINE CORPS tonight. One prisoner states advanced party of Jager Regt. has arrived in trenches. 9.30 p.m. Corps. H.A. are putting down extra harassing fire.	Wire
112	11.7		Corps	5th Div.	G 688	Fourth Army General News Wire.	Wire
113	11.10		Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast	Wire
114	11.46		Corps	5th Div.	G 689	Lieut. Rich 2nd Aus.Pion.Bn. reports having received information from a German Prisoner that the STATION TOWN HALL CITADEL and all principal buildings in PERONNE have been mined.	Wire
115	11.26		Corps	5th Div.	G 669	Supplies	Wire
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	a.m.					<u>3rd September</u>	
116	12.15		Corps	5th Div.	G 227	Re. visit Aust.Editors and Newspapers proprietors.	Wire
117	12.44		Corps	5th Div.	Ig 690	Late air reconnaissance. 7.30 - 7.45 p.m. Trenches between BUSSU WOOD and NURLU-AIZECOURT road and trench round E of AIZECOURT full of enemy. Heavy enemy barrage between HAUT ALLAINES and AIZECOURT. Many gun flashes seen from GURLU and BUIRE WOODS and woods south east of BUSSU	Wire
118	1.25		5th Div.	Units	G 118	Repeating 117.	

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