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119	1 a.m.	5th Div.	15th Bde.		Asking for acknowledgment of B.I. N <sup>o</sup> . 17, Series "C"	Wire
120	12.55	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 509	Relief complete, 14th 15th Bdes.	Wire
121	1.16	5th D.A.	5th Div.	BM 112	Acknowledgment.	Wire
122	1.10	5th D.A.	5th Div.	RA.58	All copies of Canadian Code Calls have now been destroyed.	Wire
123	2.30	8th AI Bde	5th Div	-	Verbal message - Prisoner captured by 54th Battalion belongs to 258 R.I.R.	Verbal
124	2.35	5th Div	Corps & 2nd Div.	GF.3	Repeating serial No. 123. Prisoner captured near St.DENIS.	Wire & 'Phone.
125	2.25	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM.194	Relief and move to new locations completed 12.10 am .	Wire.
126	2.45	14th Bde.	5th Div.	BM.193	8th Bde have selected positions in I.20 and will not take over from our units aaa Bns. will move in small parties at times and to areas as under aaa Footbridge in I.19 and bridge to south to be used for crossing aaa Units responsible troops do not crowd at bridges aaa 56 move 5.30 am to H.29.a and 23.c, 53rd 6 a.m. H.29.b and d and 30.c, 54th 6.30 am to H.23.a and b, and 22.b, 55th 7 am H.23.b and 24.a, and c aaa Report completion of move and location of H.Q. to Brigade at present location aaa T.M.B. move to vicinity of Bde aaa Acknowledge.	Wire

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127	3 a.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.		Acknowledgment	Wire
128	4.40	15th Bde	5th Div.		Pushed patrols to FLAMICOURT and found the place strongly occupied, heavy M.G. fire. Do not want 32nd Bn. and they are informing 8th Bde accordingly.	Phone
129	4.25	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 511	Situation report. During night enemy shelling was slight. At 3.30 a.m. he opened on PERONNE and Bridge south of it. Patrols report several M.G.'s firing from FLAMICOURT.	Wire
130	4.35	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 513	FLAMICOURT still held by enemy. 32nd Bn will not be required. They have been advised direct.	Wire
131	5.10	5th Div.	Corps, Flank Divs	Ig 131	Morning report. Situation unchanged. Enemy shelling slight. 3.30 a.m. enemy shelled PERONNE and bridge south of it. Hostile bombing planes slightly active in forward areas. Our patrols pushed out to FLAMICOURT and report it held by enemy and machine guns active.	Wire
132	5.3	2nd 3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	G 370	Morning report. Situation quiet. Hostile bombing planes active over forward are in early night otherwise no activity.	Wire
133	5.35	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	Ig 32	Morning report. Situation quiet.during night.	Wire
134	5.40	Div.Arty.	5th Div.		Artillery concentrating on FLAMICOURT for 1/2 hour, then searching out with bursts of fire to I.21.d. and Woods, also trench system I.35. and high ground I.35. Counter battery work on LE MESNIL (for gas)	Wire

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135	6 a.m.	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 316	Morning situation. Enemy artillery quiet but his machine guns active against canal crossings. Considerable E.A. activity. Prisoners Nil	Wire
136	6.30	Corps	5th Div.	G 291	Morning report. Situation quiet. Forward areas heavily bombed during early night. PERONNE and Bridge south of it shelled. Our patrols pushed out to FLAMICOURT which is strongly held.	Wire
137	8.45	5th Div.	Corps	G 137	Relief of 14th AI.Bde by 15th Bde now complete.	Wire

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138	8.45	5th Aeroplane	5th Div.		Contact message (map).	
139	10 a.m.	5th Div.	15th Bde	G 139	A Liaison Officer from 14th (English) Inf. Bde will report to your H.Q. today.	Wire
140	10.40	5th Div.	15th Bde.	G140	Is there any change in situation on your front.	Wire
141	10.50	5th Div.	3 Bdes	G16/2349	Whilst the Division is in its present location, the Brigade in the line will report the situation at least once in each hour.; this report may be sent to the G.S. Officer on duty. The morning and evening situation and any important intervening situation will be sent as at present in the form of a message.	D.R.
142	10.55	5th Div.	3 Bdes	G 142	Brigade H.Q. 14th Bde. will be established in the vicinity of FLAUCOURT today. Report location of place selected and time established.	Wire
143	11.40	8th Bde	5th Div.	EM 19	In position HALLE area. Bde H.Q. now located I.19.a.8.4	Wire
144	11.45	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 516	Captured 5 prisoners PERONNE 3rd Co. 1st Bav. Pioneer Bn.	Wire
145	12 noon	5th Div.	Corps		Repeated 144	Phone
146	12.15 p.m.	Corps	5th Div.	G 693	3rd Army report captured officer states owing to advance of Canadians his Div ordered to retire. Other prisoners 22nd Div captured in south east CAGNICOURT have heard proposed considerable enemy retreat intended. ends. Air reconnaissance reports all villages between MOISLAINS and YTRES on fire and several fires along railway same locality ends. Fires reported this front yesterday afternoon vicinity BUSSU and DOINGT. At 6.30 p.m. yesterday explosion reported at P13c02. Indications of enemy retreat to be carefully watched and reported.	Wire

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147						
148	12.30	Corps	5th Div.	G 692	G.H.Q. general news wire.	Wire
149	1 p.m.	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		2nd Div advise that the 6th A.I.Bde is going to try and bomb DARMSTADT TRENCH this afternoon and also establish a post in the Windmill in I.17.c.2.8. They have a post in I.17.a.6.5.	Phone
150	1.35	5th Div.	Corps	G 150	15th A.I.Bde. report 5 prisoners of 3rd Co. 1st Bav.Pioneer Bn captured around PERONNE.	Wire
151	2 p.m.	Meteor	5th Div.		Weather forecast	Wire
152	2.45	15th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 520	Two more prisoners from PERONNE. 4th J.R. and 89th Pioneers.	Wire
153	3 p.m.	Corps	5th Div.	G 695	Bridges at FEUILLERES now good for two way M.T. traffic	Wire
154	3.15	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O.84	Locations of H.Q. 53rd Bn H29c17 54th H22b53 55th H24a82 56th H29a83 Bde H.Q. will be located at H34all. Closing and opening will be notified later, all Bns now in position.	Wire
155	3.15	Corps	5th Div.	G 696	Third Army general news.	Wire
156	4.15	5th Div.	Div.Units.	G 156	Wire giving general information from all British front.	Wire
157	4.15	C.R.E.	5th Div.	N 317	15th Field Co. reports. Infantry footbridge 2 feet wide with handrail constructed over railway bridge at I33d76.	D.R.

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158	4.15	8th Bde.	5th Div.	I.O.6	Location Bde H.Q. I.19.a.8.4. 29th Bn.I.20.a.2.1. 30th Bn. I.26.a.7.3. 31st Bn. I.26.c.9.7. 32nd Bn.I.20.a.7.4. L.T.M.B. I.19.b.3.0	Wire
159	5.15	5th Div.	Units	G 159	Bridge FEUILLERES for two way M.T.	Wire
160	5.25	5th Div.	Corps Units	G 160	Infantry foot bridge 2 feet wide with handrail constructed over Railway Bridge I33d76.	Wire
161	5.45	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs	G 161	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy shelling normal. Our patrols entered western outskirts of FLAMICOURT but held up M.G.fire from Railway station. Prisoners through Bde H.Q. 7 O.T. through D.P.O.W. 1 Off. 5 O.R. total 1 off. 12 O.R.	Wire
162	6 p.m.	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 615A	Reports to 1 p.m. Area E of TEMPLEUX AU FOSSE ROISEZ VERMAND kept under observation. 10.30 a.m. 1 M.T. E. P28d 11.30 a.m. 1 M.T. W: P11b28 12 noon 1 M.T. E. J32b67 12.15 p.m. 2 M.T. W. P16d85 12.5 p.m. 2 enemy W J32d47 12.30 p.m. 6 M.T. W. P4c81 12.30 p.m. 1 M.T. E. J32d67 11.20 a.m.3 M.T. E U11b57. Line generally quiet. A.A. active. E.A. inactive. Waether fine. visib good.	Wire
163	6.2	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 375	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Intermittent shelling by 15 cm of Div forward areas during day. Captures last 24 hours 1 Off. 23 O.Rs.	Wire
164	6.5	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 324	Evening report. No activity shown by enemy infantry. A little shelling of areas round CIZABCOURT and U2b Bridges. Prisoners nil. Wind S.W.	Wire

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165	6.35 p.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	I67	Situation report. We have established post along railway at I28c15. FLAMICOURT still occupied by enemy. Enemy shelled Cemetery and Road in I21 during morning. Light shelling on SOMME south of PERONNE this afternoon. Our line I22a38 I22a80 I22c99 I22d1575 22d55 22d60 thence S.W. along edge of PERONNE. L Bn west of SOMME in O3.	Wire
166	6.35	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 616A	Reports to 4 p.m. Area E to TEMPLEUX AU FOSSE ROISEZ VERMAND under observation. 1.25 p.m. BF 2 M.T. W P28c55. Enemy artillery lightly shelling main road E, VILLERS CARBONNEL and trenches 019 and 20. 2 p.m. white light apparently signal light P18c58. 2.10 p.m. heliograph flash T27c19. 1.50 p.m. fire I35b28. Weather fine, visibility good.	Wire
167	6.55	Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast	Wire
168	7 p.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 522	Location Report 15th Bde 032d23. 57th Bn I27b25 58th 08a33 59th I26b28 60th I21c18.	Wire
169	7.1	M.G. Bn.	5th Div.	MGI 419	Location. 8th M.G.Co. I26a50 14th N14b87 15th N8b64 25th Coy with 15th Bde.	Wire
170	7.7	Corps	5th Div.	G699	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Our patrols entered western outskirts of FLAMICOURT but held up by heavy M.G. fire from Rly Stn. Intermittent shelling in vicinity of GIZANCOURT and forward areas North of SOMME during the day. Captures past 24 hours 2 officers 35 O.Rs.	Wire

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171	p.m. 7.45	Corps	5th Div.	G 700	Following from 4th Army begins. 3rd Army report. MESNIL-EN-ARROVAISE in our hands. As result of successful operation by 5th Army line runs E of RICHEBOURG STVAAST 1500 yards E of CROIX BARBEE PONT DUHEM thence along LA BASSEE ROAD to PONT LEVIS. 100 prisoners. and 6 officers taken. Road Bridges at PONT DE NIEPPE and railway bridges W of ARMENTIERES reported blown up.	Wire
172	8.15	5th Div.	Corps Flanks	G 172	Report received from 15th A.I. Bde. Post established along railway I.28.c.1.5. Enemy occupies FLAMICOURT.	Wire
173	8.15	5th Div.	Units	G 173	Repeating 171.	
174	8.55	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 617A	Reports to 6.15 p.m. Area E to VILLERS AU FAUCON ROISEL under observation. 4.20 p.m. CIB 4 HT N.E. J18a 4.40 p.m. GF 4 MT E. P16a80 4.25 p.m. CIB much dust moving NE on roads VILLERS FAUCOIX ROISEL TINCOURT LONGEVESNES apparently inf. and HT. 4.25 p.m. dust on roads D24.,30.,J19. Enemy shelling U13 and 19.,B29 line otherwise quiet.	Wire
175	9.5	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.		Asking that our artillery fire be kept up DARMSTADT TRENCH as 7th Bde are bombing down it tonight with a view to occupying it.	Phone
176	9.10	G.O.C. 5th Div.	C.R.A.		Fire to be kept off DARMSEADT TRENCH.	Phone
177	9.15	5th Div.	2nd A.Div.		Informing them that artillery will not fire on DARMSTADT TR. during night 3/4th Sept. unless particularly asked to do do by 2nd A.Div. 2nd Div. to inform us how far down trench 7th Bde get.	Phone
178	9.15	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 618A	Reports to dusk. Area E to AIZECOURT- CARTIGNY MONS ATHIES under observation. 6.55 p.m. CIB about 8 MT going E J34b44. 6.45 p.m. CIB HT and MT on road E of ROISEL. 5.20 pm very light from J14d. 7.15 pm explosion P25c95. A.A. active. E.A. very active.	Wire

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179	9.30 <del>9.30 p.m.</del>	15th Bde.	5th Div.	BM. 524	Situation 7.20 p.m. unchanged aaa enemy shelled buildings on railway I.28.b and occupants put up double green flares aaa enemy shelling I.33.a.9.9 aaaI.33 also receiving attention aaa ..	Wire
180	11.35	Corps	5th Div.	G 705	Warning Order. 2nd Aust.Division will be relieved in the line by the 74th Div. on the North <del>of</del> and 5th Aust.Div. on the south.on the night 4/5th Sept. The junction between 74th Div. and 5th Aust.Div. in the front line will be at the grid running out through I.12.central. Details of relief will be arranged by Divisional Commanders.	Wire
181	12 md.	BGGS Corps	5th Div.		Boche opposite 1st Corps have retired. 3rd Corps believe same taking place on their front. Possibly retire to NURLU RIDGE. Wants Div. to have troops ready to follow enemy if same happens on our front. A Brigade of Artillery will be detailed to Pursuing Force.	Phone
182	a.m.				<u>4th September 1918</u>	
182	12.10	5th Div.	3 Bdes.CRA CRE.,MG Bn 9th Bde RGA	G 182 "AQ"	Message from Aust.Corps begins. Enemy opposite 1st Corps have retired and 3rd Corps believe same to be taking place on their front. Enemy will probably retire to NURLU ridge. 8th and 15th Bdes will be prepared to have troops ready to follow enemy if retirement takes place on our front. CRA will detail one Bde of Artillery to be ready to take up the pursuit. Close observation of enemy movement necessary,	Wire

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183	1.20	5th Div.	14th Bde (English)	G.183	Location wire 15th Aust Inf. Bde.	Wire.
184	2.35	5th D.A.	5th Div.	BM.124	Acknowledgment wire to our G.182.	Wire.
185	5.50	5th Div	Aust Corps 32nd Div, 2nd Aust Div. 5th D.A., 9th R.G.A. Bde.	G.185	Morning report aas Our artillery very active and carried out organized shoots on FLAMICOURT aas enemy artillery quiet compared with previous nights aas Our patrols active and have succeeded in pushing forward our line on left to I.16.d.8.1 on the north and connecting with our present line at I.22.d.2.8. Enemy machine guns very active.	Wire
186	5.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 382	Morning report. Situation unchanged. Slight gas shelling of Battery areas reptd 11 p.m. blue cross employed. Infantry reliefs successfully carried out. E.A. active during early part of night. Prisoners and material nil	Wire
187	5.30	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 378	Morning report. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery M.G's and T.M's normal. E.A. Nil. Our arty active. Post established I.12.a.7.3. during night. Heavy gas shelling I.5. during night.	Wire
188	5.50	15th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 522	Situation. Our arty very active throughout night and carried out organised shoots on FLAMICOURT. Enemy arty quiet compared to previous nights. Our patrols active and have succeeded in pushing our line on left forward to 016d81 on the north and connecting with our previous line at 022d28. Line at this point now established about 50 yards EAST of road. Enemy machine guns active. Situation otherwise unchanged.	Wire

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189	7.10	15th Bde	5th Div.		Left post of 60th bn is at I.16.d.9.2. and right post of 2nd Div is at I.17.a.3.3. This leaves a gap of about 500 yards between our left and their right. B.M. 15th Bde did not consider it necessary to occupy this gap with troops as they can cover it with fire from the posts on either flank.	Phone
190	8.15	Corps	5th Div.	G 707	Morning report. Situation quiet. Our arty active during night. Slight hostile blue cross gas shelling of Bty areas right div. at 11 p.m. Fairly heavy green cross gas shelling of area E of HAUT ALLAINES during night. Post established at I.28.c.1.5. I.16.d.8.1. and I.12.a.7.3.	Wire
191	8.20	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 521	Line on left now runs from I22b22 NE along road and 50 yards east of it to I16d92. 2nd Div. right posts at I17a33 leaving gap of 500 yards. This gap is well covered and need cause no concern. Can be adjusted tonight.	Wire
192	10.40	C.R.E.	5th Div.	N.325	Bridge I.33.b.4.1 completed for M.T.	D.R.L.S.
193	10.40	C.R.E.	5th Div.	HFI 1765	Reference my wire N.325 of to-days date aaa Correct location I.33.b.4.1 to read I.33.b.3.5	D.R.L.S.
194	10.40	2nd Aust Div.	5th Div.	GO.380	Ref. our GA.378 of today for post established at I.12.a.7.3 read I.17.a.7.3.	Wire
195	12.5 pm	15th AI Bde	5th Div.	BM.525	Our planes brought down two enemy observation balloons this morning aaa One opposite 32nd Div. and the other opposite 2nd Aust Div. sectors.	Wire
196	12.20pm	5thDiv	2nd A.Div 9th Bde RGA CRA.	G.196	From Capt. G. map on 2/9/18 aaa H.Q. 14 Bay. Div. approx J.11.a.0.0 aaa HQ 185 Div. BUIRE aaa 21st Div. approx AIZECOURT aaa.	Wire

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197	1.10	Corps	5th Div.	G 711	Following from 4th Army. timed 11.35 p.m. 3rd. 3rd Army reports line runs high ground W. of HANANCOURT and ETRICOURT with patrols in latter LEHELLE W. of YTRES (our troops reported entering W. of RUYAULCOURT of HERMIES and DENICOURT. Situation at BOURSIES uncertain thence east of INCHY. Our patrols reported in MOEUVRES. Prisoners captured since Sept. 1st 5204 and 22 guns. Later from 4th Army timed 10 a.m. today. 3rd Army front unchanged First Army west bank of CANAL DU NORD S. of ARRAS-CAMBRAI road thence RUMAUCOURT LE CLUSE (both incl) and as previously reported. Second Army's line runs W of LAVENTIE SAILLY - NIEMPE - WULVERGHEM (all incl). Total prisoners since Sept. 1st from all Armies 14000.	Wire
198	1.10	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 382	Alsatian 96th I.R. states his Bn withdrew last night from DARMSTADT to SILESIE trench and will gradually withdraw out of the dangerous salient in the south created by our advance at ALLAINES on 2nd inst. Early relief by Wurtembergers expected. Regiments hopelessly mixed up along the front. No knowledge of extensive withdrawal.	Wire
199	1.10	Meteor	5th Div.		Weather forecast.	Wire
200	2 p.m.	5th Div.	3 Bdes CRA	G 200	Repeating 198.	Wire
201	3.15	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 619A	Reports to 8.30 a.m. Area E to VILLERS - FAUCON - ROISEL VERMAND under observation. 6.46 a.m. 1 train S. E23 7.5 a.m. 1 train SW Q14. No other movement. 6.36 a.m. fire P27d45 large fire BOUVINCOURT 6.37 a.m. fire P28d66 7.50 a.m. very large fire BEAUMETZ 7.55 a.m. large fire ATHIES 6.25 a.m. fire MOWSEN CHAUSSEE 6.40 a.m. 2 fires P28 1 fire O35c7.0 a.m. fire 66D D1 and 7. Special feature this morning large number of fires. E.A. inactive AA nil. Weather fine, visib fair. line quiet.	Wire

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202	5.5	5th Div. Corps Flank Divs CRA 9th Bde		G 202 RGA	Evening report. Enemy arty very quiet. Line runs I.16. d.9.2. 50 yards E of road to I.22.b.3.2 to I.22.d.15.75 to I.22.d.5.4 I.22.d.6.0. thence SW along E edge of FERONNE.	Wire
203	5.25	Corps	5th Div	G 712	Situation opposite 3rd French Army.	Wire
204	5.25	Corps	5th Div.	Ig 725	Prisoners captured by Corps on our left state. Alpine Corps were relieved in HATTENCOURT sector night 31st/1st and moved to BUSSU by Bus. Believe but not certain 2nd Jaeger Regt relieved by 156 I.R. (11th Res.Div). 10th Jaeger Bn reinforced line at MOISLANS morning of 2nd. 10th Res.Jaeger Bn is in line on Spur in D19 and 25. 10th Jaeger Bn to be withdrawn from MOISLAINS tonight leaving a rearguard. Line to be occupied thought to be line of trenches in D14 and 20. No knowledge of the dispositions of 14th Res.Jaeger Bn or of the other two Regts of Alpine Corps. 10th Jaeger Bn appears to have relieved elements of 2nd Guard Gren Regt and 256 Pioneer Co. Coy strength throughout 10th Jaeger Bn 80 rifles. M.G. Coy has 8 heavy machine guns.	Wire
205	5.25	Corps	5th Div.	Ig 713	Air report. 8.50 to 9.15 a.m. two trains SAUY to St.QUENTIN Train with steam up ROUVROY MORCOURT ESSIGNY Le GROND and 2 at St.QUENTIN. RS at St.QUENTIN 500 trucks. M.T. movement active in St.QUENTIN. 45 M.T. ROUPY to St.QUENTIN 100 M.T. VERMAND to BELLENGLISE 6 guns and limbers BELLENGLISE to St.QUENTIN.	Wire
206	5.25	Corps	5th Div.	IG 716	Order dated 27th August by 38th Div states 38th Div is to be relieved by 119th Div in the outpost line MISERY - LICOURT and main line East SOMME on night 27/28th. The 38th Div to become an attack Division.	Wire
207	6 p.m.	Corps	5th Div.	G 370	Situation on 3rd Army front.	Wire

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208	6 p.m.	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 620A	Reports to 1.30 p.m. 9.10 a.m. little dust E. P27. at intervals 9.30 a.m. 1 train stationary J33d 8.15 a.m. explosion J18c98 9.50 large fire LE MESNIL 9.10 a.m. 2 fires MONCHY 9.40 a.m. large explosion J1. 9.52 large explosion and fire MONCHY 10.7 a.m. small fire MONS EN CHAUSEL Area E to VILLERS FAUCON and VERMAND kept under observation. 10.40 a.m. slight dust road E R25 10.55 slight dust road E K2d 11 a.m. slight dust road E L26 11.40 a.m. slight dust road E K17AD 12.35 p.m. slight dust W R25c 12.50 p.m. slight dust road W L4c 10.30 a.m. 2 large fires ROISEL 1 large fire MOWSEN CHAUSSEE 1 large fire MONCHY 11 a.m. large fire HAM 12.15 p.m. large fire ROISEL 12.35 p.m. large fire and explosion ROISEL. Line generally quiet. Active M.G. emplacement at 034a28. A.A. active.	Wire
209		Corps	5th Div.	Ig 725	See 204	Wire
210	6.10	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 390	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Intermittent shelling of Div. forward areas during day. Captures last 24 hours 1 O.R.	Wire
211	6.15	15th Bde	5th Div.	I 70	Situation report. Enemy arty very quiet. M.guns firing occasional bursts. Our arty very active. Line runs I16d92 along and 50 yards E of road to I.22b22 to I.22.d1575 to I22d54 I22d60 thence SW along E edge of PERONNE 1 Bn west of SOMME in 03 with posts on railway in I33.	Wire
212	6.30	Corps	5th Div.	G717	Evening report. Situation unchanged. Enemy arty very quiet E of PERONNE. Intermittent shelling forward areas left div front. Nothing to report on right Div front.	Wire
213	6.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 341	Evening report. Situation quiet. Enemy registered St.CHRIST village E of SOMME during early afternoon.	Wire

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214	7.45	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 621A	Reports to 4.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m. lot of dust on road E. of ROISEL 1.50 p.m. dust on road Q27d apparently going W 1.50 p.m. dust at VERMAND. 1.20 p.m. 1.45 p.m. fires at ROISEL 12.32 p.m. red signal signal flare VADENCOURT 2.10 p.m. explosion ENNEMAIN 2.22 p.m. fire J32a53 2.20 p.m. large red explosion U18a 2.40 p.m. fire P18c also 3 p.m. 1.43 p.m. large fire and explosion J32d. 1 enemy balloon up O29b. A.A. very active. E.A. inactive. Enemy artillert lightly shelling PERONNE and O25a. Many fires in villages on Right Corps front. Weather fine, visibility good.	Wire
215	8 p.m.	Liaison and A.Div.	5th Div.		Situation on 2nd Div. front. Quiet.	Phone
216	8.15	5th Div.	Units	G 216	Air report. 1.20 p.m. 1.45 p.m. fires at ROISEL. Large explosions ENNEMAIN 2.22 p.m. U18a 2.40 J32d. Many fires in villages right Corps front.	Wire
217	8.20	15th Bde	5th Div.		Patrol have pushed out and have occupied station in I22d85 Would like artillery kept off as patrols pushing further out.	Phone
218	8.25	5th D.A.	5th Div.	BM 127	Artillery adjustment completed.	Wire
219	8.40	15th Bde	5th Div.		Gained Light Railway in I22d. Want to know general line of advance and boundaries.	Phone
220	10.15	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 531	Our patrols have been pushed forward and occupied station at I22d85	Wire

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221	10.15	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 622A	Reports to dusk. Area E to VILLERS FAUCON ROISEL TINCOURT CARTIGNY ATHIES kept under observation 4.28 p.m. GF scattered MT going E on road at Q30c and d. 6.40 p.m. CIB call 1 train going E at K21. A.A. slight E.A. none seen. 14 25-lb bombs on ATHIE and U17b weather indifferent visib fair.	Wire
222	10.15	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 529	Our arty heavily bombarded bank at I28b25 to I29a17 at 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Twenty enemy seen to run away and believed casualties caused. Much damage to area and M.G. positions in the vicinity. Our patrols now investigating. Situation otherwise quiet.	Wire
223	10.47	5th Div.	3 Bdes CRA	G 223	3rd Army situation.	Wire
224	11 p.m.	Meteor	5th Div.		Weather forecast.	Wire
225	11.30	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 622A	Reports to 6.30 p.m. Area east to VILLERS FAUCON ROISEL VERMAND under observation movement 3.25 p.m. 6 HT E P8b45 GF 3.50 p.m. 12 MT W. J18d42 GF 4.0 p.m. CIB about 20 MT both ways HAMEL 4.30 p.m. party 8 men going E J35b98 5 p.m. GF 11 men and three horses at J36c28 E engaged by machine fire 3 p.m. 1 large fire and explosion J31c 1 p.m. large fire and explosion J34b 3.5 p.m. small fires burning BOUVINCOURT 3.30 p.m. very large explosion in BEAVOIS 3.5 p.m. heavy smoke screen on right Corps front. 4 p.m. heavy explosion and large fire J35a19 several very large explosions in back areas enemy shelling slight pilot thinks enemy withdrawing from DOINGT.	Wire

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226	11.50	8th Bde	5th Div.	MB 23	Location H.Q. 29th Bn I8d62 30th Bn I21c18 31st Bn I20a74 32nd Bn I.11.c.1.9.	Wire
227	12 md.t.	CRE	5th Div.	HFI 1768	Road bridge at I33b41 has been completed for MT. This includes preparations and construction of abutments. Bridge is of 26 feet span two girders 15 inches by 6 inches at 5 feet 6 inches centres. Width of roadway between ribands 7 feet 6 inches. It is fit for 8 tin axle load.	D.R.
228	12. md.t	5th Div.	Corps	G 228	Repeating 227.	Wire
229					<u>5th September 1918</u>	
229	a.m. 12.35	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 397	Right Bn established post in DIRMSTADT Trench at I.17.a.6.6 where in touch with 5th Div who have post approx. I.7.c.2.1.	Wire
230	12.40	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 535	Relief complete 11.30 p.m. 4th	Wire
231	12.55	8th Bde	5th Div.		Relief complete.	Phone
232	1 a.m.	5th Div.	Corps	G 232	Relief vide para 2 of B.I. "C" No. 18 complete 12.45 a.m.	Wire
233	1.15	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 536	57th Bn line now runs along railway from I22d6095 to I29a0580 58th Bn report that one company has worked through FLAMICOURT and is in touch on left with patrol of 57th. Remainder of 58th Bn is working south of FLAMICOURT.	Wire
234	1.15	5th Div.	C.R.A.	G 234	Repeating 233	Wire

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235	1.20	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 26	Relief complete.	Wire
236	1.20	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 955	Command of new sector passed to G.O.C. 74th Div.	Wire
237	2.20	2nd A.Div.	5th Div.	GA 396	Command of Sector passed from G.O.C. 2nd Aust.Div. to G.O.C. 5th Aust.Div. and 74th Div.	Wire
238	2.40	8th Bde	5th Div.		All quiet on front	Phone
239	2.45	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 535	Situation unchanged. Enemy lightly shelling PERONNE. M.G's firing bursts at intervals. Occupation of our advanced line still in progress.	Wire
240	5.10	5th Div.	Corps	G 240		
241	5.15	8th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 7	Situation report. Enemy artillery not very active. Front and support lines lightly shelled with H.E. and blue cross gas during night. No later information about posts in DARMSTADT Tr.	Wire
242	5.50	8th Bde	5th Div.		Left Bn are in DARMSTADT Trench at I17a60. Not sure how much of the trench is occupied.	Phone
243	6.a.m.	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 350	Situation quiet. E.A. nil captures nil. Patrols report enemy still in position on EAST of RIVER. Bridges and approaches were fired on by enemy's M.G's and T.M's.	Wire

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244	6.30	8th Bde	5th Div.	I.O.8	Both Coys R.Bn now in DARMSTADT Tr and in touch. L Coy extends to I17a60. Enemy in SILESIE Tr and CTS I17b. M.G's active from about I17b84 and I17b73 in C.Ts. 1 77mm gun firing on DARMSTADT Do not yet know if in touch with 15th Bde.	
245	6.45	15th Bde	5th Div.		Line runs I23ccentral to Rly at I29a18. In touch with 8th Phone Bde on left. SILESIE Tr. is strongly held. Our troops occupy FLAMICOURT but exact line not known.	
246	9 a.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 543	Our line now runs from South to North I34b57 along TRANSYLVANIA (Wire TRENCH to I34b57 I28d61 I28b84 I29a16 I23d14 thence along DARMSTADT TRENCH to Northern Bdy. At present working down DARMSTADT TRENCH. Patrols out keeping touch.	
247	9 a.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 544	Line at 8.15 a.m. From South. I34central I34b26 I34b57 thence as advised in BM 543. Patrols on right 100 yards in advance keeping touch.	Wire
248	9.55	5th Div.	Units	G 248	Situation 8.15 a.m. We have captured FLAMICOURT have patrols in O4bcentral and I.35.central DARMSTADT is now occupied by us. Our line now runs S to N I34central - I34b28 - I34b58 - I28b84 - I29a16 - I22d23 thence along MANNHEIM DARMSTADT RUPPRECHT, TRENCHES and ANTIGONE ALLEY in I.11.d.	Wire
249	9.55	8th Bde	5th Div.	I.O.9	R. Bn in touch with 57th Bn on right.	Wire
250	10.15	Corps	5th Div.		Air report. Area E to VILLERS FAUCON ROISEL VERMAND under observation. to 8.30 a.m. No movement observed W of LONGAVESNES - MARQUAIX - HANCOURT - VRAIGNES - CARTIGNY - MONS-en-CHAUSEE - ATHIES - St. CHRIST - BRIE apparently deserted. Fires seen in J, P, Q and V Squares. Enemy aircraft inactive. Artillery very quiet. Visibility fair.	Phone

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251	10.20	5th D.A.	5th Div.		O.P. reports our men seen advancing in I34 and I35 towards DOINGT.	Phone
252	10.25	15th Bde	5th Div.		Patrols moving in O10 and O11. 57th Bn in trench I29b MANNHEIM TRENCH. 58th Bn protecting right flank. 57th Bn side slipping to right. 60th Bn coming in on their left.	Phone
253	10.20	Liaison 2nd Div.	5th Div.		Location of 74th Div. H8be central. 229th Bde B26b90 230th Bde C25b52 231st Bde C25b52 Bns later.	Wire
254	10.20	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 346	5 prisoners 258 RIR taken I29. Enemy machine guns active 100 yards in front of left Bn front line.	Wire
255	9.2	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 762	Left Bde reports. Patrol reports MENDETTE trench held by enemy. Wire E of COUTURES COPSE.	Wire
256	11 a.m.	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs Div.Units	G 257	Situation 10.30 a.m. Our patrols now in O10 and O11. MANNHEIM TRENCH in I.29.b. has been occupied.	Wire
257	11.5	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 547	57th Bn have pushed forward to MANNHEIM Trench in I29. 58th Bn have pushed patrols south as far as AULNAIES WOOD in O10 and land are now establishing a line of posts along our right boundary. Patrols pushing forward towards DOINGT. 58th Bn have occupied MANNHEIM TRENCH meeting slight opposition and intend working to <del>make</del> south to make room for 60th Bn who will come in on their left. 59th Bn in vicinity PERONNE awaiting instructions.	Wire
258	11.10	5th Div.	Corps	G 258	Repeating 248 and 256.	Wire

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259	11 a.m.	5th Div	3 Bdes "A"	G 259	Two troops ALH attached 14th A.I. Bde will report forthwith to 15th A.I. Bde at ORME de BARLEUX O.2.c. where orders will await them.	Wire
260	12 noon	Liaison 74th Div.	5th Div.		At 11.30 a.m line approx D9central - D15a88 - D15central - and along trench running SW - D19 and 25 and AIZECOURT.	Phone
261	11.45	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 623A	Reports to 8.30 a.m. Area E to VILLERS FAUCON ROISEL VERMAND under observation. 6.35 a.m. 1 MT and 15 HT scattered on road at K18a K12 engaged by machine gun. 6 a.m. 1 HT J14a W. No movement seen west of LONGAVESNES MARQUAIX HANCOURT VRAIGNES . CARTIGNY DOINGT LE MESNIL MONS- <del>an</del> -CHAUSEE ATHIES St. CHRIST and BRIE apparently deserted many fires J, P, Q, V, and U squares. A.A. No west of LONGAVESNES MARQUAIX BRAUMETZ E.A. inactive.	Wire
262	12.10	Div.O.P.	5th Div.		At 11.20 a.m. our men seen advancing in extended order in I35d and O5b going SE. Between 20 to 30 enemy got out of trench in P1a and c. Were in full marching order.	Phone
263	12.10	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G356	14th Inf. Bde has crossed the SOMME in O22 and 21, 97 Inf. Bde has not been able to cross yet. aaa 14th Inf. Bde. will occupy German reserve trenches in Q.22, 29 and 35 assist 97th Inf Bde. to cross the river and come up abreast and will push patrols forward aaa 14th Inf. Bde. will eventually be relieved by 5th Austn. Div and when this has been done northern boundary of 32nd Div. will be HAPPLINCOURT (inclusive) BRIE MONSEN CHASSE VERMAND all exclusive aaa 14th Inf. Bde. when relieved will move into new 32nd Divl. zone in rear of 97th Inf. Bde. group aaa OC 32nd Bn. M.G.C. will allot 1 coy to each of 14th and 97th Bde groups aaa all ranks are to be warned against booby traps aaa 9th Inf. Bde group will be ready to move at 2 hours notice after receipt of this order aaa acknowledge	Wire

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264	12.17	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 357	Left Bde have established 2 Coys of left Bn in Maize trench 021b and d remaining two Coys of this Bn are now crossing. Right Bn of this Bde been ordered to cross at BRIE or if serious opposition is met with at this place to cross further north. where bridgehead has been established and work south eastwards. Right Bde has been ordered to cross marshes but no information yet received.	Wire
265	12.30	Corps	5th Div.		2 Troops L.H. still to remain at disposal of 5th Aust.Div.	Phone
266	12.30	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs Units	G 266	Situation 12 noon. DOINGT has been captured by us and our troops are in touch on right with 32nd Div. Our left Bde is now moving on to BUSSU. in touch with 74th D iv.	Wire
267	1 p.m.	Corps	5th Div.	G 722	General situation wire. from G.H.Q.	Wire
268	1.5 p.m.	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 970	Adv. Gd. Bde now advancing to PERONNE-NURLU road. Next bound will be TEMPLE OX TRENCH in J24d28 D22.	Wire
269	1.40	Corps	5th Div.	G 724	32nd Div have occupied MAINZ TRENCH 5th Aust.Div reports DOINGT has been captured and our troops now moving on BUSSU. 3rd Corps have occupied MIDNETTE Tr. Square D19 D25 and the trench system D9b D15b and is advancing East. Battle Instructions Series "D" No. 1 will come into operation forthwith. Divisional Commanders will report as soon as battle fronts have been taken over.	Wire
270	2 p.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 551	Prisoners 258 RIR lately attached 38 Div. One states they were relieved in BUSSU on night 3/4th by Alpine Troops. Others do not confirm. N.C.O. states his orders were if attacked heavily to retire to next line of posts. No knowledge of mines.	Wire

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271	2 p.m.	Corps	5th Div.	G 723	Situation at noon. FLAMICOURT has been occupied by our troops. DARMSTADT TR. and MANNHEIM RR. as far S as I29b have been captured. Line East of PERONNE now runs I34central - I34b28 - I34b58 - I28b74 - I29a16 - I22d24. Patrols are operating in O35central - O4central - O10 - O11. Patrols of right Div have crossed SOMME CANAL at ETERPIGNY and occupy MAINZ TR. in O21b & c.	Wire
272	2 p.m.	74th Div	5th Div.	G 975	230 Bde had reached MINDETTE trench at 10.15 a.m. and was pushing on to PERONNE & NURIU road. Thence an immediate advance will be made to the next objective which will be J4cent D28cent - D22c and a. 231 Bde will form a defensive flank along ridge in J7a and b J8a and b. No advance will be made beyond objective except by patrols until touch has been established with 47th Div and position made good. Reserve Co. M.G. Bn will come under orders of 230 Bde to consolidate objective.	Wire
273	2.5	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	CHJ 29	11th Bde group will move forthwith to vicinity of PERONNE and will take over from 8th Bde when latter reach the line BUIRE - DRIENCOURT road.	Wire
274	2.10	Div.O.P.	5th Div.		Enemy observed setting alight to huts in P8b and P4d. Enemy also seen retreating back over bridges in rear. Many villages observed on fire.	Phone
275	2.10	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 364	Our troops reported to have reached O34c O28d pursuing the enemy who are retiring. Right Bde is crossing river at GIZANCOURT & St. CHRIST - and BRIE. No opposition reported. Artillery engaged targets obtaining good results East of BRIE. Enemy reported retiring.	Wire

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276	3.45 p.m.	Div.O.P.	5th Div.		Our men seen at 2.30 p.m. in I.17.d. and I.23.b. advancing on BUSSU. Also in trench in P.l.c.	Wire
277	3 p.m.	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 624 A	Reports to 10.30 a.m. 8.40 a.m. 6 Huns E V13b56 CIB 7 Huns E V7d94 CIB 9.10 a.m. GF 3 HT to U12b05 GF 20 huns and 1 HT E 036d55 10 a.m. GF 50 Huns leaving trench 027D E.10.10 a.m. GF 100 Huns E 018d42 9 a.m. 30 Huns Quarry J2c88 1 M.G. firing from trenches J8a23 fires HANCOURT BERNES MONTIGNY GAULANICOURT BEAUVOIS. A.A. slight over TINCOURT. 2 Balloons up K29., Q17., 9.40 balloon Q17 down in flames. M.G. fire encountered Q27A and Q33B. 8.40 a.m. GF train stationary ROISEL.	Wire
278	3 p.m.	Corps HA	5th Div.	B 7494	Ref. H.A. Scheme for Mobile Warfare. Your Bde will be attached to Div. forthwith. Brigade Commander to report to Div. at once. Arrange to attack remaining batteries to linked Bde.	Wire
279	3.10	5th Div	Units	G 279	Div. P.O.W. cage now established at N.4.a.2.1. Sheet 62C 1/40,000	
280	3.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 369	4 men 4th Co. 21 Bav.I.R. taken at 021d62 and a couple of 2nd Co taken at BRIE. Were outposts guarding bridges with L.G's. Order Battle N. to S. 19 Bav. 21 Bav. 7 Bav.Regts. all 5th Bav.Div. Orders apparently to hold bridges as long as possible then retire indefinitely. 2nd Co. 30 strong., <del>4th</del> 4th Coy 30/40. Other Battalions of 21 Bav.I.R. evidently very weak.	Wire
281	3.50	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 977	Our troops have occupied posts in D25a55 and D25a58. Enemy M.G. location at D25d93 enemy also in occupation of LARRIS TRENCH.	Wire
282	4 p.m.	5th Div.	Units	G 282	Repeating 280	Wire

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283	4 p.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	G 283	We are in touch with 16th H.L.I. at O.11.d.8.0. Line runs approx I.35.b.27 due south to O.11.d.8.0. Intend to advance to road running N and S to O.12. enemy retiring gradually under covering fire of M.Gs. Six dumps in fire in vicinity O6 and 12. At least 30 prisoners. Enemy resisting in eastern outskirts of DOINGT. Our troops inflicting many casualties in this location. Now carrying out concentrated bombardment on Woods in J25a and c. L.H. have been detailed to despatch and reconnaissance duties.	Wire
284	4 p.m.	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 982	At 12.30 p.m. our troops were east of BUSSU WOOD east of AIZECOURT thence along PERONNE - NURLU road to div. boundary and pushing on to TEMPLEUX TRENCH.	Wire
285	4 p.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 62	Right Bde now established on line of road through O6c and O12a and c and in touch with 16th H.L.I. at O.12.c.6.1.	Wire
286	4.20	5th Div.	14th Bde		Cyclist Platoon to move with 14th Bde.	Phone
287	4.20	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 370	2 Coys left Bn right Bde have crossed river at BRIE and are working forward through square U3 and 4 to envelope St. CHRIST from the North Patrols crossed the river at GIZAUCOURT but are believed to have been withdrawn owing to heavy M.G. fire from Copse in U15d43 Crossing at St. CHRIST has not yet been made. Left Bde have captured ATHIES WOOD in O29a O36a and are occupying WHRZBERG trench. Reserve Bn of this Bde has now been ordered through to occupy high ground in O36d P31c U6d U6b and Via. Left Bn left Bde has been ordered to conform with advance of 5th Aust. Div. and if possible to occupy BADE and KONITZ trenches.	Wire
288	4.30	5th Div.	Corps Flank Div. Units	G 288	Situation 4 p.m. Our right Bde now established on line of road through O6c and O12a and in touch with 32nd Div troops at O12 c61. Enemy resistance E of DOINGT being dealt with and heavy casualties inflicted. 30 prisoners so far. Our left Bde troops have taken BUSSU and are now established 300 yards E of that point.	Wire

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289	4.15 p.m.	231st Inf Bde	5th Div	P. 130	Locations of our Bn. H.Q. Right Bn, I.11.a.2.6. Left Bn., C.29.c.6.6. Reserve Bn. I.4.a.2.6.	wire
290	4.20	3rd Aust Div	-do-	CHJ 30	Reference Battle Instructions Series "D", No.2 of today. 10th Bde group will move to vicinity of CLERY and FEUILLAU-COURT (excl) commencing at 5.0 p.m. today. 9th Bde group less 3rd Aust. D.A. will move to area between CURLU and HEM at 5.0 p.m. today. 3rd Aust D.A. will be prepared to move later at short notice. Div. Battle Headquarters will be opened at H.4.d.8.4 at 7.0 p.m. today.	"
291	4.30	C.R.E. Corps	5th Div	HFI 1775	Bridge at I.28.a.3.0, Sheet 62C passable now for Field Art.	Wire
292	5.10 pm	Corps	-do-	G 726	Reference Corps wire G722 of today. General news wire.	Wire
293	5.30	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 563	14 prisoners including 3 wounded of 4/19 I.R. 5th Bav. Div. captured 0.6. N.C.O. states 10 men of each Coy in the Regt are acting as rear guard. Instructions today were to give ground slowly if pressed and retire to CARDLET P8B there to dig in and await instructions. Coy trench strengths 22,40,50.	Wire
294	5.30	5th Div.	Units	G 294	Repeating 291.	Wire
295	5.30	D.G.O.	5th Div.	GT 109	Gas shelling 24 hours ending 9 a.m. 5th inst. Blue cross 4.2 and 5.9 on I23a10 and I.16.b at 4 a.m.	D.R.
296	5.35	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 26	Situation report. Left Bn report BUSSU captured and two platoons established 300 yards east of BUSSU. Right Bn temp held up with M.G. fire from CARDINAL WOOD.	Wire

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297	5.40	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 208	The Brigade group will move to an assembly area between BARLEUX and ETERPIGNY today. Move to be completed by 9 p.m. Units will send representatives to Staff Captain at E. end of BARLEUX by 6 p.m. for allotment of areas. Guiding arrangements to be made by units. Notify closing of H.Q. at present location to this office. and completion of move to new location. Bde closes here and opens O.14.d.5.2 at 8.30 p.m. Move to be in small parties and across country where possible.	Wire
298	5.45		5th Div.		Road from PERONNE to I.29.a.,b.,d. in good order. Bridge at DOINGT being repaired by engineers.	Phone
299	5.47	Div.O.P.	5th Div.		Large fire in J.28.a. and c.	Phone
300	6.5	5th Div.	Units	G 300	Amendment to Battle Instructions No.1.	Wire
301	6.10	Corps	5th Div.	G 728	Moves for 6th inst AAA One Brigade group 1st Australian Division will move by bus from MORCOURT to an area east of CLERY. Transport will move by road. 3rd Australian Division will leave sufficient area in the general locality of squares C2 - 7 8 - 13 for this Brigade. One Brigade Group of 4th Australian Division will move by bus to the north east of BIACHES, Transport will move by road., staging for the night 6/7th in the vicinity of MORCOURT One Brigade of 6th Division is to move under orders of 4th Army to the vicinity of VILLERS CARBONNEL by bus quartering area will be allotted by 2nd Division.	Wire
302	6.15	5th Div.	Corps Units	G 302	Repeating 293.	Wire
303	6.20	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 982	Advance Guard Bde report they are advancing to trenches J4central - D28central - D22a. They have already passed MIDINETTE TRENCH.	Wire

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304	6.35	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 372	Right Bde reports St. CHRIST and approximately 50 prisoners taken and advance continuing. Left Bn right Bde are advancing on ATHIES. Left Bdes have received no reports from Bns directed on high ground at junction of squares O., P., U., V., but last seen advancing without opposition. Left Bn of this Bde reported in touch with 5th Aust. Div in O12c. Approximately 70 prisoners and several M.G.'s captured. Later report <del>2</del> 2 officers and 50 O.R.'s captured at St. CHRIST of 58., 59., 46 I.R. 119th Div.	Wire
305	6.40	M.G. Bn.	5th Div.	MGA 944	Warning order. 14th A.I. Bde are moving forward in support of 8th A.I. Bde. 15th M.G. Co are allotted to support 14th A.I. Bde. 14th A.I. Bde H.Q. from 9 p.m. tonight ETERPIGNY. An Officer from 15th Coy to be detailed for liaison duty with 14th A.I. Bde H.Q. Detailed order following.	Wire
306	6.40	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 565	Left Bn held up at CARDINAL WOOD but now advancing and established on road in I.24.c. I.30.a and c. to I.29.d.9.1. thence south along road as previously reported. In touch with troops on both flanks.	Wire
307	6.55	Div. I.O.	5th Div.	CJB 7	Identified 8 Coy 258 R.I.R. 5 O.R. relieved Pioneer Unit number unknown this morning early along road I29b and d Both flanks in the air since taking position. No knowledge of Order of Battle or intentions.	Wire
308	7.20	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 624A	Reports to 1.30 p.m. 11.55 a.m our troops advancing I28d 35A and c O21b and d (真) O27B. Enemy retreating along road to CARTIGNY enemy occupy SAXE and MENNINGEN trenches and NOTRE DAME Tr. Rifle fire from ULM Tr. 11.55 a.m. one gun on road P22a96 going E engaged by machine. 11.20 a.m. scattered huns about 100 moving E both sides ST. CREN. A.A. slight, 2 balloons seen.	Wire

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309	7.20 p.m.	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 624A	Reports to 4 p.m. Our troops seen Olla <del>of</del> 05B and D trenches 022 28 034 and C. 2.30 - 3 p.m. our barrage seen W edge of BUSSU also W of DOINGT Woods. 2.45 p.m. 2 Hun stretchers seen I24B. No movement in LE MESNIL. 2.10 p.m. 6 Huns NE P27a55 engaged by machine. Active M.G. firing from V13b48. A.A. slight. E.A. fairly active. Numerous fires in enemy back areas. Weather cloudy, visib good.	Wire
310	8.30	4 th Aust.Div.	5th Div.	GA 765	13th Bde group composed of 13th Bde 13 M.G.Co. 13 Fld Co. 13 Field Amb. and A.A.S.C. Co. will move to morrow 6th inst by bus to NE of BIACHES under orders of G.O.C. 13th Bde. Transport by road staging night 6/7th in vicinity of MORCOURT. Further details later.	Wire
311	7.35	13th L.H.	5th Div.		Asking where the 13th L.H. Squadron were moving to.	Phone
312	7.55	5th Div.	13th L.H.		Cpl of L.H. is here waiting to huide Squadron to ETERPIGNY The Squadron leader was in this afternoon and has gone forward. The L.H. troops should have arrived here by now.	Phone
313	8.10	Corps	5th Div.	G 731	Reference Aust.Corps G728 of today. Brigade Group of 4th Aust.Div. will move to NW of BIACHES and not to NE as stated.	Wire
314	8.10	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 625A	Reports to 5.15 p.m. 3.30 p.m. Our troops seen advancing I.12.,18.,24.,J.31.,D.12.,6. 3.40 p.m. O.29. 4.25 p.m. cross roads P.25.c. 3.15 p.m. GF 50 Huns E P8b76 3.45 p.m. 20 Huns small parties E. P.8. and 14. 4 p.m. 3 mounted officers E railway line I.23.d. 4.5 p.m. 4 guns limbered E K14c87 also 100 Huns round hutments heavy M.G. fire from here 4.15 p.m. party 12 Huns J23a85 4 p.m. party 20 mounted Huns E. P18a19 4.15 p.m. 20 Huns small parties E near DRIENCOURT heavy M.G. fire J8 and 12 numerous fires in all villages 3.15 p.m. heavy explosion and fire BRUSLE 3.20 explosion and fire wood P15bcnt1 3.52 p.m. heavy explosions VERMAND enemy arty quiet.	Wire

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315	8.10	Corps	5th Div.	G 736	Reference Aust. Corps G 728 of today. Brigade Group of 1st Aust. Div. will move to area West of CLERY and not East as stated. Advance parties will report to Area Commandant, SUZANNE. 1st Aust. Div to acknowledge.	Wire
316	8.40	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 989	At 3.50 p.m. Left Bn reported pushing on to second objective. Wire (TEMPLEUX TRENCH). They report large gap on right battn beyond MIDINETTE trench but it is not know how far. Appears to have been counter attack from near BUSSU and M.G. were reported in MESSERITZ tr.	
317	8.45	Corps	5th Div.	G 730	Evening report. DOINGT LE MESNIL BRIE ST. CHRIST and ATHIES WOODS have been captured. The report of capture of BUSSU not yet confirmed. The enemy offered stubborn resistance in places, very heavy fighting taking place E. of DOINGT and at St. CHRIST. Prisoners past 24 hours 2 officers 150 O.Rs. The advance along the whole Corps front continues.	Wire
318	8.45	Corps	5th Div.	G 727	Reference this office G728 of today. For squares C2 7 8 and 13 read Squares 1,2,7 and 8 and 13.	(Wire
319	9.40	C.R.E.	5th Div.	N 348	Ref my HFI 1768 of 4th inst. For I33b41 read I33b24.	D.R.
320	10 p.m.	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 992	Advanced Guard Bde report right Bn on line D27c to J2dcentral.	Wire.
321	10 p.m.	Div.I.O.	5th Div.	CJB 8	New identifications 5 Bav, Div. 19th Bav, Inf. Regt. 1st Co. 6 ORs 2 Coy 3 O.Rs. 4th Coy. 2 O.Rs.. Line held along road LE MESNIL DOINGT with 10 men per company remainder of 1st Bn retired to road CATELET CARTIGNY here they intend to hold on tonight. 2nd Bn reported to be S of LE MESNIL and 21st Bav. Inf. Regt. believed S of them. Nothing known of 3rd Bn 19th. 7th Bav. Inf. Regt. believed to	)Wire

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321 (continued)					N of 19th but statements contradictory. Outposts had orders to fall back on CATELET line after dusk tonight. Coy strength 20 to 40 men machine gun Coys only have 2 to 3 H.M.Gs each. Bitter against Prussians whom they blame for leaving them continually in the lurch and causing them heavy casualties. No drafts lately beyond 3 or 4 men for some coys no knowledge of reserves. Expect further withdrawal.	Wire
322	10 p.m.	5th Div.	Bdes DA "AQ"	G 322	Bridge at DOINGT has only shell hole through decking being repaired. Roads O.K. C.R.E. report.	Wire
323	10.15	14th Bde	5th Div.		14th Aust. Inf. Bde. now located 014d52	Phone
324	10.20	I.O. 5th Aust Div	5th Div.	CJB 8	New identifications 5th Div 19th Bav. Inf. Regt. 1st Coy 6 O.R., 2nd Coy, 3 O.R., 4th Coy 2 O.R., Line held along road LE MESNIL - DOINGT with ten men per company remainder of 1st Bav. retired to road CARTIGNY where they intend to hold on to-night 2nd Bav. reported to be south of LE MESNIL and 21 Bav. Inf Regt. believed south of them nothing known of 3rd Bav. 19th 7th Bav., I.R. believed to be north of 19th but statements contradictory outposts had orders to fall back on CATELET line after dusk to-night aaa Company strength 20, 40 men M.G. Coy only have 2 to 3 H.M.G. each aaa Bitter against Prussians whom they blame for leaving them in the lurch and causing them heavy casualties no drafts lately beyond 3 or 4 men for some companies aaa No knowledge of reserves aaa Expect further withdrawal ..	Wire
325	10.20	5th Div.	8th A.I. Bde.	-	14th Bde. (32nd Div) H.Q. now at N.24.d.3.6 GABY Trench. General information re roads in PERONNE and around DOINGT. 8th Bde. report following wire from 11th A.I. Bde : 11th Bde. has now assumed responsibility for front from E. to W. grid line through P.3.d.central - 0.3.d.central on south. On north K.12.central. all 4 <del>was</del> bns. 8th bde. can be withdrawn.	Phone.

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326	10.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 382	The advance will be continued tomorrow up to the line No. 3 Copse in Plie - BOUVINCOURT (incl) - ESTREES-en-CHAUSEE (incl) - MONTENCOURT (incl) - FLEZ (incl). The Cavalry Squadron will reconnoitre the high ground in W.1. MONCHY and the ridge east of it and the ridge East of DOUVIEUX. Should the line of trenches running from North of TERTRY through MERAUCOURT and the east of MONCHY and DOUVIEUX not be seriously held G.O.C. 97th Bde will occupy that line and consolidate his position there joining up northwards along the ridge through Q31c and a Q25c to join the Bde on his left in P30a. A proportion of field guns will be pushed forward boldly in conjunction with cavalry squadron to harass enemy in his retirement. Head of 96th Bde to cross SOMME at 8 a.m. and move to vicinity of ENNEMAIN report position to Div.H.Q. Div.H.Q. will open at MISERY at 10 a.m. with advanced report centre at A16a38 at 11 a.m.	Wire
327	10.40	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 997	Probable locations at 6 a.m. 6th inst. 229 Bde HQ B26b90 230 Bde HQ D25d 231 Bde C25b52 74 M.G.Bn B27d21 Pioneers B26a33 Div.HQ H3bcentral	Wire
328	10.40	3rd A Div.	5th Div.	CHJ/3	3rd Aust.Div.H.Q. H4d84. 11 A.I.Bde HQ I9d63 10 A.I.Bde HQ H6a55	Wire
329	11 p.m.	Liaison 32nd Div.	5th Div.		Join with 5th Aust.Div. at O18a88. Line runs P19b27 thence 5th along BABE TR. through P31B and D thence U6B50 thence E of ENNEMAIN.	Phone
330	11.15	8th Bde	5th Div.	SC 6	Following received from 11th A.I.Bde. The 11th A.I.Bde has now assumed responsibility for front from East West Grid line P3Dcentral Q3Dcentral on south to J12central K12central on north. All four Bns 8th Aust.Bde to be withdrawn. Message ends. 30th and 32nd Bns have received instructions to withdraw at once.	Wire

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331	11.15	Meteor	5th Div.		Weather forecast.	Wire
332	11.15	Corps	5th Div.	G 742	General news wire.	Wire
333	11.15	74th Div.	5th Div.	G 100	25 R.W.F. are establishing their H.Q. at BUSSU WOOD I7a97 and endeavouring gain touch with Suffolks. 25 R.W.F. are in touch with Australians who are reported to be 300 yards E of BUSSU.	Wire
334	11.35	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 386	Ref. G 382 of 5th. For "G.O.C. 97th Bde" read G.O.C. 97th Bde Group". For head of 96th Bde read "Head of 96th Bde group" Brigade Groups will be formed in accordance with GS 1882/19/2 of 5th Sept. as soon as infantry Bdes have crossed the SOMME bearer sub-divisions only of Field Ambulances will accompany Bde Groups tent sub-Divisions acting under orders direct from ADMS. 218 Field Co.R.E. will not join 96 Bde at once as it is at present employed on work in connection with Bdes over the SOMME.	Wire
335	11.45	14th Bde	5th Div.		Bde HQ 014d40 29th and 31st Bns attached by phone.	Phone
336	11.45	9th Bde	5th Div.	L 24.	Ration strength.	Wire
337	11.50	5th Div.	Units	G 337	The advance tomorrow will commence at 7 a.m. as follows. 8th Bde Group to GREEN LINE. 14th A.I. Bde Group to general line P.13.central P.19.central. 15th Bde Group remains in present area.	Wire
338	11.50	5th Div.	Corps 3rd A.Div.	G338	11th A.I. Bde has taken over responsibility for 3rd Div. sector. Our troops now moving into 5th Div. sector.	Wire

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339	11.50	U Sq. 13th ALH	5th Div.		Squadron not yet reported at ETERPIGNY.	Phone
340	11.55	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 387	Situation as reported 10.45 p.m. We hold ENNEMAIN. Line then runs northwards through U6D and U31D where touch exists between Bdes. Line then runs along BADE TRENCH and KONITZ TRENCH to about P19B then NW to O18A where touch exists with 5th Aust. Div. Villages of ATHIES and PRUSLE apparently not held by us.	Wire
341	11.55	Corps	5th Div.	G 713	DOINGT bridges now all good for motor transport. BRIE bridges will be good for M.T. midnight 5/6th.	Wire
342	11.58	Liaison 32nd Div.	5th Div.		Acknowledgment.	Wire
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343	a.m. 12.10	C.R.E.	5th Div.		Do not rely on bridges at ETERPIGNY and FARM, being finished tomorrow.	Phone
344	12.15	5th Div.	13th L.H.		Re Troops for 14th Bde. Ascertained they left at about 10.30 p.m. to report to 5th Div.H.Q. Delayed waiting for men to turn up.	Phone
345	12.30	Div. Arty.	5th Div.	BM 128	Re-adjustment of Arty to cover new Div. front completed.	Wire
346	12.30	5th Div.	"C" Sq. 13th ALH		Advised that troops had not yet reached here.	Phone
347	12.40	5th Div.	8th Bde		Location 14th Bde HQ O.14.d.4.O. 29th and 31st Bns are in phone touch.	Phone

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348	1 a.m.	C.R.E.	5th Div.		Rang up about bridges and spoke to G1.	Phone
349	1.7	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 87	Brigade HQ established at 014d40 at 11 p.m. 53rd Bn 013 b9585., 54th 014d6030., 55th 014d4050., 56th 09c1040. 14th LTMB 014d2020 Cyclist Platoon 014d6000 14th Fld.Co. 014d4050	Wire
350	1.10	5th Div. <del>14th Bde</del>	Units	G 350	repeating 341	Wire
351	1.35	Corps	5th Div.	G 745	Ref Aust. Corps G 728 of 5th inst. Move of Bde Group of 1st Aust. Div. 105 Busses will be in position with head of column facing north at Q.16.c.8.4. (62D) at 1.30 p.m. and move via MORCOURT - MERICOURT - Cross roads R9b12 - FROISSY - BRAY - SUZANNE - CURLU - cross roads A30b75 (62C) to H3d95 (62C) where personnel will debus. Lorries will return via cross roads H3c55 cross roads H3a46 thence on same route as above. to BRAY to CORBIE to Park.	Wire
352	1.35	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	CHJ 5	3rd Aust. Div has relieved 5th Aust. Div. in the left Div area (Wire of Aust. Corps. Exact location of front line is indefinite but endeavour will be made to advance to GREEN LINE as shown on map issued by Dawn on 6th inst or as soon as possible thereafter,	
353	1.40	5th Div.	C Sq. 13th	LH	Advised that Squadron was just leaving these H.Q.	Phone
354	1.45	Corps	5th Div.	G 744	Move of Brigade Group of 4th Aust. Div.	Wire
355	1.45	D.A.	5th Div.	BM 129	Acknowledgment.	Wire
356	1.45	5th Div.	Corps		Re-adjustment of artillery to cover new div. front completed.	Phone

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357	2.5	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 390	Amendment to D.O. 198.	Wire
358	2.17	5th Div.	Corps		Acknowledgment.	Wire
359	2.17	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 394	Ref. relief by 8th A.I. Bde. Location 14th Bde as follows. Rt. Bn. Dorsets 029c05 left Bn 15th HLI 029a87 Reserve Bn Royal Scots 028a33. Line of Rt. Bn now reported P27., P33 on GREEN LINE.	Wire
360	2.30	5th Div.	8th Bde.		Repeating 359.	Wire
361	2.40	5th Div.	Corps	G 361	Repeating 352.	Wire
362	2.41	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	I 93	Following from 11th A.I. Bde. timed 11.5 p.m. begins. At 9 p.m. we hold line I.11.central I.17.central - I.29.central I35central - 05central - At this hour patrols of 11 8 and 15 A.I. Bdes in vicinity J.13.central I.24.c.central I.30.c.O.O. I.6.c.O.4. Vanguard expects to reach GREEN LINE during night 5/6th and at 4.30 a.m. will move on towards RED LINE	Wire
363	2.45	5th Div.	Div. Arty.		Repeating 352	Phone
364	3 a.m.	5th Div.	Units	G 364	Repeating 352	Wire
365	3.21	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 627A	Report to dusk. 6 p.m. CIB party enemy P.15. 6.5 p.m. CIB 50 infantry P28 P33. 6.7 p.m. CIB M.G. P14. Rifle fire encountered P26. All villages burning in back areas. A.A. slight E.A. normal.	Wire
366	3.40	5th Div.	Units	G 365	Repeating 365	Wire

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367	4.5	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 210	Acknowledgment.	Wire
368	4.5	Div. Arty.	5th Div.		Order No. 82.	D.R.
369	5.25	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 393	Morning report. Quiet night with very little arty activity. Line of Left Bde now reported to run through squares P27 and P33 on GREEN LINE.	Wire
370	4.40	5th Div.	8th Bde		Telephoned for Morning Report.	Phone
371	4.40	8th Bde	5th Div.		Received Morning report.	Phone
372	5.10	5th Div.	Units Corps	G 372	Morning report. Situation quiet. 8th Bde formed up ready to pass through. Left Bn a little in advance of DOINGT ATHIES ROAD. Right Bn in vicinity of same.	Wire
373	5.25	8th Bde	5th Div.		Bde H.Q. closing at HALLE reopening at ETERPIGNY.	Wire
374	5.42	5th Div.	3rd A.Div.		Repeating 373.	Phone
<del>375</del> 375	5.45	5th Div.	32nd Div.		Repeating 373.	Phone
376		5th Div.	D.A.		Acknowledgment.	Wire
377	5.52	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	IG 4	Morning report. Relieved 5th Aust.Div. front from I.ll.central to Q5central. Situation quiet during night. Progress made east of patrol line held by 5th Aust.Div. towards GREEN LINE.	Wire
378	5.55	5th Div.	Div. Arty.		Repeating 373.	Phone

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379	6.14	Corps	5th Div.		Enquired position of our front and advised as per morning report. (Wire 32nd Div were in front.	Wire
380	6.16	D.A.A.G.	5th Div.		Brig.Gen. TIVEY advised him by phone that 8th Bde were established in BTERPIGNY.	Phone
381	6.19	5th Div.	8th Bde		Enquired time 8th Bde was moving forward. Told 7 a.m.	Phone
382	6.21	5th Div.	32nd Div.		Advised our troops moving forward 7 a.m.	Phone
383	6.25	5th Div.	Corps		-ditto-	"
384	6.30	5th Div.	Div.Arty.		-ditto-	"
385	6.35	5th Div.	3rd A.Div.		-ditto-	"
386	6.50	8th Bde	5th Div.		Brigade H.Q. established at 0.14.d.45.00	Wire
387	7.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.		Enquiring our objective for today. Reply was GREEN LINE.	Phone
388	7.32	Contact Plane	5th Div.		Location map.	Plane
389	8 a.m.	5th Div.	Div.Arty.		Locations from Contact 'plane map.	Phone
390	8 a.m.	Corps	5th Div.	G 747	Morning report. During the night our line was further advanced (Wire Patrols have now reached the line approx FOURQUES - HAM ROAD V13a V13d through squares P33 P27 P19b NW to O18a O6c DOINGT I24central J13central Some prisoners have been captured. Enemy arty quiet during the night. Our advanced guards are continuing the advance this morning.	Wire

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391	8.5	M.G. Bn.	5th Div.		Operation Order	DRLS
392	8.25	Plane	5th Div.		Location map.	Plane
393	8.25	8th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 26	Troops advancing to GREEN LINE 7 a.m.	Wire
394	8.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.		32nd Div. have permission from Corps to go through us to objective mentioned in their order G 382. Our troops to rest today and pass through them tonight.	Phone
395	8.35	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.		Enquired our position. Given as per G 392. Their line approx 100 yards east of GREEN LINE.	Phone
396	9.10	Corps	5th Div.		same as 390	Wire
397	9.10	8th Bde	5th Div.		same as 393	Wire
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399	9.15	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	IG 7	11th A.I. Bde reports timed 6.10 a.m. Four coys vanguard reached GREEN LINE at 3.15 a.m. No information from fifth Co. on right. At 5 a.m. L.H. patrols were East of GREEN line and also operating to one flank.	Wire
400	9.45	5th Div.	Units	G 400	Contact plane message dropped by aeroplane 8.20 a.m. Shows our men advancing P22d and d P33d and d V3d and b V15b and d French in V22, 27. Hun approx outpost line held by MG pits runs L27central L34central R16central R31central W5central W17central.	Wire
402	10.15	Liaison 74th Div.	5th Div.	ES	Will report to 3rd Aust.Div. this morning.	Wire

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402	10.50	Corps	5th Div.	G 748	Air reconnaissance 9 a.m. reports no enemy between enemy outpost line and our advanced guards. Enemy outpost line definitely reported as under. E. of BEAUVOIS to E of CAULAINCOURT through VERMAND through VADENCOURT through LE VERQUIER to E of JEANCOURT to TEMPLEUX LE GUERARD. Our advanced guards reported in touch with French N. of GUISAN COURT E of DEVISE E of MONS-en-CHAUSEE E of CARTIGNY E of BUIRE to south of DRIENCOURT.	Wire
403	11.30	5th Div. Units		G 403	Troop L.H. with 15th A.I. Bde will rejoin Squadron with adv. guard. 2 sections Cyclist Platoon to report 8th Bde and 2 sections to remain with 14th Bde.	Wire
404	11.35	Corps	5th Div.	G 739	Bridges at BRIE - St. CHRIST good for field arty. BRIE crossing not yet fit for M.T.	Wire
405	11.40	32nd Div.	5th Div.	GA 1	H.Q. opened at MISERY T17b54 10 a.m.	Wire
406	12 noon	5th Div. Units		G 406	Bridge BRIE St. CHRIST good for F.A. Air reconnaissance 9 a.m. Enemy outpost line E. BEAUVOIS E. CAULAINCOURT through VERMAND through VADENCOURT through JEANCOURT TEMPLEUX LE GUERARD. Our advanced guard in touch with French N. GUISAN COURT. E. DEVISE E. MONS-en-CHAUSEE E. CARTIGNY E. BUIRE S. DRIENCOURT	Wire
407	p.m. 12.10	32nd Div.	5th Div.	GA 2	BRIE and St. CHRIST bridges open for Divsnl troops guns and transport. Uncertain if 60 pounder guns can pass.	Wire

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408	12.20	Liaison 3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	ES 7	Dispositions of units. 3rd Aust.Div. Div.Command Post H.4.d.80.40. H.Q. SUZANNE Chateau. 9th Inf.Bde. H.Q. H.1.a.20.20. 10th Bde H.Q. H6a5050. 11th Bde Command Post I.9.d.80.30. H.Q. H.5.d.80.40.	Wire
409	1 p.m.	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 219	Crossing was completed 10.10 a.m. and forward Bn were then moving forward in touch with 8th Bde units. Intend to halt head on approx line I.13.central - I.19.central and establish there for night.	Wire
410	1 p.m.	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 89	Reference BM 219 instead of I.13 and I.19.central read O.13. and 19 central	Wire
411	1.10	Div.Arty.	5th Div.	BM 131	5th Aust.Div.Arty will close at present location and reopen at ETERPIGNY at 014D at 3 p.m. today.	Wire
412	2 p.m.	5th Div.	8th Bde 3rd Div.	G 412	11th A.I.Bde report bridges between BUIRE and BRASLE destroyed preventing L.Horse operating S. of TINCOURT. Arrange for your Squadron to co-operate in that area.	Wire
413	2.45	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	Ig 8	Following from 11th A.I.Bde. timed 10.30 a.m. begins. Our patrols held screen at 8 a.m. running 2000 yards E CARTIGNY thence BRUSLE BUIRE thence J22D J22B thence BOIS DE BUIRE inclusive. At 6.20 a.m. patrols of 14th A.I.Bde were in touch on right 700 yards E of CARTIGNY.	Wire
414	3 p.m.	C.R.E.	5th Div.	HFI 1784	The following received from 32nd Div.CRE begins. BRIE and St.CHRIST bridges open for Divisional troops guns and transport. Uncertain if 60 pounder guns can pass but will verify as soon as possible.	Wire

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415	3.10	5th Div.	14th Bde. (English)	G 415	Location of Bde H.Q. 5th Aust.Div. 8th Bde Line BIAS Fme (P.15.a.). 14th Bde. Support ETERPIGNY(O.14.c.9.3). 15th Bde Reserve I.32.d.3.4	Wire
416	3.10	1st A.Div.	5th Div.	G/760	Nucleus Battalions will not be reformed until further notice.	Wire
417	3.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 404	Ref. this office No. GA 2 of today. Bridges at BRIE and St. CHRIST fit for guns and M.T. up to 6 inch How weight.	Wire
418	3.30	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 404	Situation 12 noon. Line runs along objective as stated in G382 dated 5/9/18. Patrols entering VRAIGNES and Valley Woods in Q.32.a. Liaison obtained with French whose left is at CAUCHY. No opposition encountered as yet 2 prisoners and 7 T.Ms captured.	Wire
419	3.40	9th Bde R.G.A.	5th Div.	01	9th Bde R.G.A. will be at LE MESNIL ina short time.connected to 14th Inf.Brigade H.Q. forward exchange two 6-inch How batteries are in LE MESNIL O.17.a.6.1. and the 60 pounder battery should be there if it has not been stopped from crossing bridge at BRIE.	Wire
420	3.40	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 91	Battn H.Q. now established as follows. 53rd Bn. O.18.a.80.45 54th Bn P.25.d.65.60. 55th Bn P.13.central. 56th Bn. O.30.d.30.60. 14th LTMB O.22.b.40.40., Brigade Report Centre O.22.b.20.80	Wire
421	3.40	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	I.G. 12	11th A.I.Bde reports three prisoners captured vicinity BUSSU. Identification 94 I.R. 38 Div. state retirement of enemy in accordance with pressure exerted on them. Their Regt retired at 7 a.m. this morning to location unknown.	Wire

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422	3.40	Corps	5th Div.	G 750	Ref. B.I. Series "D" No. 1. Moves for 7th inst. Bde Group of 1st Aust.Div will move by bus to Mt.St.QUENTIN - HALLE - ANVIL WOODarea. Bde Group of 4th Aust.Div. will move by bus to squares 07 - 8 - 13 - 14. 3rd and 5th Aust.Divs will leave these areas free for Bdes of 1st and 4th Aust.Divs. Transport of Bde group of 4th Aust.Div. will stage at MORCOURT on night 7/8th 1st Aust.Div.H.Q. are moving to SUZANNE on 7th inst. Moves of formations of 6th Div will be notified later.	Wire
423	3.40	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 90	Reference I.O. 89 instead of 0.13 and 19 central read P.13. and 19.central.	Wire
424	4 p.m.	Liaison 32nd Div.	5th Div.		Left Bde. P.25.c.0.5. Right Bde. W.10.c.5.0. Rear Bde U.17.c.2.4.	Phone
425	4 p.m.	5th Div.	Corps HA Div.Arty.	G 425	Repeating 419.	
426	4 p.m.	5th Div.	Div.Arty.	G 426	Repeating 417.	Wire.
427	4.15	8th Bde	5th Div.		Established P.21.a.3.7.	Wire
428	4.15	C.R.E.	5th Div.	HFI 1792	Same as 417.	D.R.
429	4.15	Corps	5th Div.	G 121	ERIE and St.CHRIST bridge now fit for M.T.	Wire
430	4.15	Sig.Co.	5th Div.		Acknowledgment.	
431	4.30	5th Div.	14th Bde (English)	G 431	Ref. this office G 415 for location 8th Bde read P.21.a.3.7.	Wire

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432	4.35 p.m.	3rd Aust Div.	5th Aust Div.	Gb 1	Vanguard now on line J.29.a, J.16.d.8.5, enemy shelling this line fairly heavily, wood J.11.d and east edge of BUIRE WOOD. No touch with 230th Brigade on left nor 8th A.I. Bde on right. Support Bn left reports in touch with English troops on north.	wire
433	4.47	32nd Div	-do-	G 405	2 N.C.O's and 1 man (Alsatian) 11th Co. 56 R.I.R., 2 men 9th Co. 46 I.R. 1 man 10th Co. 58 I.R. 119 Div taken 6 p.m. 5th inst (AETHIES). Order of Battle N. to S. 58, 46. I.R., 46 R.I.R. Lieb Regt, last very doubtful but Bav. State Regt. 262 withdrawn 2nd inst and relieved by 46 R.I.R. extending north. 46 I.R. were to retire 12 km. north of St.CHRIST yesterday, make temporary stand there, after retire further distances unknown but rumour says SIEGFRIED STELLUNG. StQUENTIN to become winterline	wire
434	5 pm	5th Div	8th Bde	G 434	Forward situation report	wireless.
435	5.40	Corps	5th Div.	G 756	Move of Bde Group of 4th Aust.Division.	Wire
436	5.50	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 409	Evening situation. Front quiet. Our patrol in VRAIGNES VALLEY WOODS TERTRY. No enemy seen. Line remains unaltered. 7 T.Ms captured and 2 prisoners.	Wire
437	6.5	8th Bde	5th Div.	SC 7	Evening situation report. 8th A.I.Bde established on GREEN LINE. All preparations ready for further advance hostile aircraft very active. Many large fires noticed in rear of enemy lines.	Wire
438	6.30	5th Div.	Corps Flank Div.	CRA		

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438	6.30	5th Div.	Corps Flank Units	G 438	Evening situation. 8th A.I.Bde established on GREEN LINE 14th (English) Bde approx on RED LINE. E.A. very active. Many large fires in rear of enemy lines.	Wire
439	6.32	3rd Div.	5th Div.	CHJ 11	14th Army Brigade RFA will relieve 16th Army Brigade RHA in forward area this evening 6th inst. 16th Army Brigade will return to wagon lines. Two Bns 10th A.I.Bde will move at 9 a.m. 7th inst to positions of readiness in vicinity of J14 and 20 and will take over forward area under command of Lieut-Colonel LORD at 8 p.m. 7th inst. Instructions as to remainder of 10th A.I.Bde will be issued later.	Wire
440	6.33	Meteor	5th Div.		Weather forecast.	Wire
441	6.47	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	IG 5	Evening report. Our line at 12 noon ran J.17. TINCOURT J.30., J.36.a. Advance continuing. Enemy Artillery. Occasional shelling from 4.2s and 5.9s long range on J19 and BUSSU. Resistance offered by M.Gs from BUIRE WOOD and J.36. Three prisoners captured. Identification 1st and 10th Coys 94 I.R. 38th Div. Enemy plane at 11.30 a.m. made reconnaissance of forward area.	Wire
442	7.30	Liaison 32nd Div.	5th Div.		Aeroplane contact message just received gives line as follows. W19c00 W2c00 Q32c00 Q27c00 K32d60 not certain if we hold HANCOURT K31a89 K19c60 K13a60.	Phone
443	7.30	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 92	Bde report centre now established at 024b35.	Wire

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444	7.40	Corps	5th Div.	G 759	Evening report. Advance continued during the day with little opposition South of CARTIGNY but more opposition North of this town. both from M.Gs and Arty fire. Long range fire on J19 and BUSSU. Enemy aircraft active. BUIRE - COURCELLES - MONS-en-CHAUSSÉE - CACHE - ESTREES - BOUVINCOURT - BEAUMETZ - and CARTIGNY have fallen into our hands. Platoon posts have been established North of LANCHY (where we are in touch with the French) TETRY - VRAIGNES. From VRAIGNES line runs Q.14.a.2.0. - P.12.c.0.0. - P.11.central - N to J.29.central - J.17.c.0.0 and E of BOIS de BUIRE. A few prisoners were taken.	Wire
445	7.45	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 629A	Reports to 3.30 p.m. Area E to HARGICOURT and VERMAND kept under observation. 1.12 p.m. 3 M.T. E. Q24b11 CIB 1.45 p.m. 5 H.T. E. K12d99 CIB 2.15 p.m. 7 M.T. E. K22b16 CIB 2.25 p.m. 50 FAN E K22c CIB 2.20 p.m. active M.G. K22d45 CIB our troops seen W1b Q31 25 P24 Numerous fires still burning. Very large fire at ROISEL and VERMAND 3.7 p.m. large fire K28b73. A.A.normal. E.A. fairly active. Weather fine.	Wire
446	7.45	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	IG 15	Further to evening report. Line as established by personal reconnaissance of Arty officer 1 p.m. P5d and b central J35central J30c00 J30central J23central (advancing on TINCOURT) J17d and b J18a J12c central.	Wire
447	7.55	5th Div.	3 Bdes C.R.A.	G 447	HQ of flank units 7 p.m. 32nd Div. 14th Bde P25c05 97th Bde W10c50 96th Bde U17c24. 3rd Aust.Div. command post H4d8040 9th A.I.Bde R1a2020 10th A.I.Bde. H6a3050 11th A.I.Bde. J14c46 14th Bde is coming into 32nd Div.reserve tomorrow.	Wire
448	9 p.m.	BI.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 630	Reports to 5.30 p.m. Contact patrol reports our troops K7d28 (Wire K13c58 K19c95 K25c46 K25c71 K31a86 K32c29 along trench to Q2b59 Q2d63 Q8b62 Q14b69 E. Morse Copse Q20c32 Q26d55 Q26d90 along road to Q32c34 thence west to TETRY to BEAUVOIR COPSE (W13d) SW to Y24b. 5 p.m. small party 6 hunns K33b. Enemy lightly shelling VRAIGNES.	Wire

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449	9 p.m.	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 94	15th Machine Gun Co. 021b76 54th Bn. P25d60 Advanced Dressing Station P27ccentral.	Wire
450	9 p.m.	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 413	Contact patrol reports line as follows / W13c00 - W13ccentral (Wire - W2c00 - Q32c00 - Q27c00 - Q14d60 - K32a20 - K31a85 - K19c70 - K13c86	Wire
451	9 p.m.	9th Bde RGA	5th Div.	BM 133	9th Bde RGA HQ are at 018c66 2 6 inch batteries in LE MESNIL and 1 60 pdr gun at P8a00. I have laid a line to 8th Inf.Bde 3 60 pdr guns cannot yet get across the river.	Wire
452	9.10	5th Div.	D.A.	G 452	Repeating 451.	Wire
453	9.30	14th Bde	5th Div.	I.O. 88	Ref. Bde Order No. 177 1 B southern boundary instead of 030b37 read 032b37.	Wire
454	9.30	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 217	Ref Order 177 para. 5. For 2000 yards read 1000 yards.	Wire
455	9.30	14th Bde	5th Div.	SG 163	Ref Bde Order 177 please make followinf corrections. Para. 1 Divisional boundaries Southern read 030b37 036a07 Q31b07. Para. 3 line two after 010 read 016 (not 06 as given)	Wire
456	10 p.m.	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 222	Advance will continue in present relative position.at 6 a.m. to the approx line BOUVINCOURT - BEAUMETZ. Order follows.	Wire

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457	10 p.m.	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 411	Aust Corps is to continue the advance tomorrow with 32nd Div. on right and 5th Aust.Div. on left. The advance of the 32nd Div will be carried out as follows between boundaries shown on maps issued with 32nd Div order No. 198 and referred to in para. 9 of that order. (Northern boundary is E and W line through Q32central and P32b07. 97th Bde group will find the advance guard advancing from present line at 7 a.m. Objective trench system from X19d20 - X19central - W18b80 - thence villages of VILLEVEQUE (inclusive) - trench system W6d84 - high ground W 6 8 to northern divisional boundary Q35b90. 97th Bde group will be prepared to hold the old trench line as far north as Q29a08 until troops of 5th Aust.Div. have reached this line. The Squadron 13th A.L.H. (less one troop) will be at disposal of 97th Bde group to reconnoitre the high ground E of COULAINCOURT and the high ground south of VILLEVEQUE. One troop will remain in reserve in DEVISE WOOD. at disposal of Div. Comdr. 96 Bde group will move to MONCHY LAGACHE clearing ENNEMAIN by 9 a.m. 8th Aust.Bde Groups are to pass through 14th Bde Group on their present line moving off from area about St.CREN at 6 a.m. When 8th Aust Bde have passed through 14th Bde Group 14th Bde Group will move to MONTECOURT one Bn and proportion of machine guns being detached to occupy trench system in Q32 to cover left flank of advance of 97 Bde group. 32nd Div. H.Q. will close at MISERY at 12 noon and open by same hour in the huts W of MONTECOURT Vlob.	Wire
458	10.15	5th Div.	Units	G 458	Contact patrol reports line W.13.c.0.0. W.13.central W.2.c.0.0. Q.32.c.0.0. Q.27.c.0.0. Q.14.d.6.0. K.32.d.2.0. K.31.a.8.5. K.19.c.7.0. K.13.c.8.6. Time 8 p.m. from 32nd Div.	Wire
459	10.15	Corps	5th Div.	IG 760	5th Corps reports. German bomb was found in coal dump at BAPAUME last night. Other coal dumps kept by enemy may contain similar bombs.	Wire
460	10.15	14th A.I. Bde	5th Div.	BM 223	This Bde H.Q. will close at present location and open at O.24.b.3.6 at 10 a.m. tomorrow.	Wire

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461	10.40	5th Div.	All recip. B.I.No.3.	G 461	Amend Battle Instructions Series D No. 3 as follows. Para. 3 line 2 for RED LINE read BLUE LINE.	Wire
462	10.40	M.G.Bn.	5th Div.	MGA 420	Locations. 14th M.G.Co. and transport O.23.a.O.4.	Wire
463	10.40	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	BIS 631A	Reports to dusk. Area E to HARGICOURT VERMAND ST.QUENTIN under observation. No movement seen. M.G. fire encountered from K21., 22., 27., 28., 33., 34. Many fires still burning. Cross roads at P.30.d.5.5 K.33.b.O.5., Q.8.b.O.O. Q.26.d.3.7. blown up. A.A. slight, 3 balloons up on Corps front.	Wire
464	10.55	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	IG 20	Corps reports troops approx on RED LINE at 7 p.m.	Wire
465	11	Meteor	5th Div.		Weather forecast.	Wire
466	11.10	5th Div.	Units	G 466	Div. P.O.W. Cage opens 6 a.m. 7th O.14.d.2.3.	Wire
467	11.15	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	G 21	Advance will commence from 500 yards E of RED LINE at 3.30 a.m tomorrow.	Wire
468	11.20	<del>11.35</del> 5th Div. Corps	8th Bde.DA	G 468	Repeating 467.	Wire
469	11.35	Corps	5th Div.	G 763	The advance will be continued tomorrow by 32nd Div. 5th Aust. Div. and 3rd Aust.Div. The objective will be the BLUE LINE.	Wire
470	11.36	Corps	5th Div.	G 762	Situation on French front.	Wire
471	11.40	5th Div.	Corps	G 471	Acknowledging G 763	Wire

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472	11.55	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 576	Bde H.Q. tomorrow will be at O.18.c.8.4.	Wire
473	11.55	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 578	Acknowledgment.	Wire
474	11.55	Pioneers	5th Div.	PE 908	Acknowledgment.	Wire
475	11.57	Corps	5th Div.	G. 764	Ref. Battle Instructions Series D No. 2 and this office wire G 750 of 6th inst. 1st Aust.Div.H.Q. will move to HALLE on 8th inst and not to SUZANNE on 7th.	Wire
476	11.58	5th Div.	Corps		Acknowledgment.	Wire
477	<u>a.m.</u>				<u>7th September 1918.</u>	
478	12.35	5th Div.	Units	G 477	Repeating 470	Wire
488	12.37	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 417	Ref. 32nd Div. G411 of 6/9/18 the objective allotted to the 5th Aust.Div. tomorrow is the BLUE LINE on map issued with 32nd Div Order No. 198.	Wire
488a	5.15	5th Div.	8th Bde.	∅	Asking for Morning Report. Unchanged since evening.	Phone.
489	5.20	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs	G 489	Morning report. Troops reported ready for advance. E.A. active bombing forward areas during night. Visibility good.	Wire
490	5.40	8th Bde	5th Div	SC 9	Situation report. Visib. good. wind SE 6 m.p.h. Situation unchanged, enemy planes fairly active during night.	Wire
491	5.54	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 424	Situation report. Situation quiet right Bde front disconnected at present with left Bde.	Wire

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