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1	7.22	Liaison 30th Am Div.	5th Div.		Report received that enemy put down a barrage at 5.55 and tanks went through at 6.30 a.m.	Phone
2	7.40	5th Div.	Div.Arty.		Repeating No.1.	"
3.	7.45	8th Bde	5th Div.	Bm 50	Our troops moving to BROWN line 7.5 a.m.	Wire
4.	7.45	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 703	Bde now moving towards start line 7.20 a.m.	"
5.	8.5	5th Div.	15th Bde		Repeating No.1.	Phone
6.	8.55	15th Bde	5th Div.		Message from forward liaison with Americans. At 7.5 a.m. Americans moving through A.27.b. and d. G.3.b and d. Support Bn mopping up HINDENBURG SUPPORT. 300 prisoners so far captured by their Regt. State LE CATELET - NAUROY line not manned. Normal identification.	"
7.	9.1	8th Bde	5th Div.		8th Bde Liaison with 117th Regt states 7.20 a.m. 3rd Am.Bn on right have crossed canal to time, very little opposition. Prisoners coming in freely. 7.45 a.m. left group report advance on left has reached G.3.a and c at 6.45 a.m. 7.45 a.m. 2nd Bn reported to be having sticky time in G.10.central. 8 a.m. F.O.O. reports heavy M.G. fire from G.11.believed to be ours.	Phone
8.	9.12	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 705	Report from liaison with 119th Am.Regt. states attack progressing well. Tanks and troops across HINDENBURG support line running through A.27. and d. and G.3.b. and d at 7.5 a.m. Support Bn mopping up HINDENBURG LINE. About 300 prisoners through normal identification. They say CATELET -NAUROY LINE not manned. Can get no information about ESTREES or BEAUREVOIR LINE.	Wire

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7A	9.11.	5th Div.	Corps	G 4890	Our advance to BROWN LINE going well at 8.45 a.m. Very little shelling encountered.	Wire
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9	9.20	5th Div.	14th Bde		Repeating 6 and 7.	Phone
10	9.35	5th Div.	Aust. Corps		Repeating 6 and 7.	"
11	9.40	14th Bde	5th Div.		Bde H.Q. moving to 8th Bde.H.Q.	"
12	9.51	8th Bde	5th Div.		Assault Bns passed through BELLICOURT at 9.40 a.m. Situation fairly quiet.	"
13.	9.55	5th Div.	15th Bde		Repeating No.11.	"
14	10	5th Div.	8th Tanks Div.I.O.	G 14	From 15th A.I.Bde. Repeating 6 and 7.	Wire
15	10.5	Liaison 30th Am. Div.	5th Div.		Identifications from Cage. 161 I.R. 185th Div. P.S. Order of Battle south of them 250 ^R I.R. 249 R.I.R. 22 259 R.I.R. 46th Div. crossed canal at 8.15 a.m. in G.16. and G.22. Left Bn of left Regt 30th Amer. Div. crossed tunnel., report Div. on left slightly behind. From group 9a.m. 117th Regt is through BELLICOURT.	Phone
16.	10.6	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 51	Assault Bns have passed BELLICOURT 9.40a.m. Situation fairly quiet,	Wire
17.	10.10	30th Am. Div.	5th Div.	G3/22	R.A. states 27th Division going well. Left groups of artillery covering 27th say that 1000 prisoners have passed through them.	Wire
18.	10.19	15th Bde.	5th Div.		Moving to G.3.c.8.4. leaving officer at rear until touch is gained.	Wire
19.	10.23	5th Div.	Units	G19	27th Amer.Div. reported to be going well. 46th Div. reported to have crossed canal in G.16. and G.22. at 8.15 a.m. 2 Assault Bns 8th A.I.Bde passed BELLICOURT 9.40 a.m. 117th Amer. Regt. also cleared BELLICOURT. Identifications normal.	Wire

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20	10.24	30th Am. Div.	5th Div.	G3/21	Information from right group artillery covering this divisional front. Prisoner 251 regiment states that 250 and 249 Regt are on our front. Company strength of 251 regt is 40 and that Americans have crossed the HINDENBURG line that their artillery was utilized by our counter artillery and that attack had been expected.	Wire
21	10.25	30th Am. Div.	5th Div.	G3/22	CG 60th Bde report prisoners 1 officer and 114 men have passed his Bde P.C. The German officer reports that our attack was surprise and that BELLICOURT is taken. 120 Infantry going well. Germans surrendering freely. Practically all believed killed or captured this side canal. Their Bn on canal at 7.35. A prisoner states that 200 men were in tunnel. 117 Infantry has progressed beyond BELLICOURT.	Wire
22	10.30	Liaison 3rd A.Div.	5th Div.		Present location Bde H.Q. 9th Bde E.12.c.7.4. 10th Bde F.19.d.77. 11th Bde F.27.d.0.4. 108th Regt.(Am) reported E of Canal at 8.10 a.m. Wounded men say that have not seen any tanks knocked out.	Wire
23	10.36	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 708	Bde H.Q. closes at once at present location and re-opens at G.3.c.8.4.	Wire
24	10.55	Div.Arty.	5th Div.		1st Div.Arty reports at 10.45 a.m. Right Bn left Regt are on GREEN LINE. 1st Div.Arty have no doubt that we hold all the GREEN LINE. Many prisoners. 46th Div. have captured BELLENGLISE.	Phone
25	11 a.m.	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 989	46th Div has crossed the Canal and appears to be making good progress. 138 and 139 Bdes are moving down to the Canal. 14th and 97th Inf.Bdes and 32nd M.G.Bn will move on receipt of this order to the old British front line in M.3. G.33., 27., 21., and 20, reported arrival there to Div. H.Q. 96th Inf.Bde will stand fast.	Wire

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26	11.5	14th Bde	5th Div.		Now located with 8th A.I.Bde. L.3.a.8.3.	Phone
27	11.5	5th Div.	14th Bde		Repeating 24.	W/Phone
28	11.8	15th Bde	5th Div.		57th Bn reported in trench running N and S through G.3.a.7.0. 55th Bn have just passed them on their left. Smoke very dense. Lifted for 15 minutes at 9.25 a.m. now extremely dense. 57th Battalion casualties 2 officers 30 O.Rs timed 9.45 a.m.(by runner). Liaison with 119th Regt. reports line now A.28.b. and d Tanks seen on NAUROY LINE. Prisoners have been captured between tunnel and NAUROY line and are being interrogated. Attack going well. P.S. 1 reserve Bn in ESTREES. Saw Pioneers working on BEAUREVOIR LINE but being heavily shelled by us. 10 a.m. from L.5.d.6.9.	Phone
29	11.16	Liaison 3rd Am. Div.	5th Div.		10th Aust.Bde moving forward to vicinity of BONY.	Wire
30	11.17	Liaison 30th Am. Div.	5th Div.		From F.O.O. right Regt. 3rd Bn crossed Canal to time. M.G. fire very light.	Wire
31	11.20	Div.Arty.	5th Div.		Calls from air on three hostile batteries B.20.d.1.9. B.25.d.8.7., H.2.a.5.7.	Phone
32	11.25	Corps	5th Div.	IG 147	Prisoners captured by right Div. belong 251 I.R. 75th Res.Div. State 250 and 249 I.R. in line. Average Coy strength 40. Attack had been expected. State also our troops crossed HINDENBURG. Prisoners also taken 8th and 54th Divs.	Wire
33	11.25	30th Am. Div.	5th Div.	G3/19	Further information from F.O.O. 4 leading Bns approaching tunnel on time. Right Bn met little resistance. Right centre Bn apparently fighting fairly hard. Coming General 59th Brigade reports 117 Infantry got off on time.	Wire

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34	11.28	30th Div.	5th Div.		Artillery F.O.O. reports right Bn 120 Infantry crossed tunnel on scheduled time. Little machine gunfire. Prisoners coming in freely.	Wire
35	11.28	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 289	14th Bde H.Q. established with 8th Bde at 10 a.m. 14th Bde column progressing along BLACK ROAD head near VILLARET at 10.30 a.m.	Wire
36	11.35	Corps	5th Div.	G 145	Morning report. Fairly quiet night. Right Div report two prisoners captured during night. Attack reported to have started on time. 27th Amer.Div. report attack progressing favourably. Balloons report our barrage effective. Hostile artillery fire weak.	Wire
37	11.40	5th Div.	15th Bde. D.A. M.G.Bn. 8th Tanks.	G 37	120 Regt crossed tunnel on schedule. 14th and 8th Bde H.Q. L.3.a.8.3. 14th Bde columns progressing well. Prisoners of 8th, 54th and 75th Res.Divs. taken. 46th Div reported to be going well also 27th Americans.	Wire
38	11.40	5th Div.	8th Bde 14th Bde.	G 38	120th Regt crossed tunnel on schedule. Prisoners of 8th 54th and 75th Res.Divs. taken. 46th Div reported to be going well. also 27th Americans.	Wire
39	11.40.	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 2	Roads 7 a.m. Yellow SMT to C.500 shelling on road heavy. blue H.T. to D.	Wire
40	11.40	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 1	Roads 8 a.m. RED SMT to C1500.	Wire
41	11.40	5th Div.	Corps	G 41	Right Bn of our left Bde reports 11 a.m. we are at present dug in on W.side tunnel bank. 58th Battalion on our left. Americans are held up in front of us about 400 yards and enemy is holding out in CATELET - NAUROY line. Two of our tanks have been knocked out.	Wire

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42	a.m. 11.35	15th Bde	5th Div.		11 a.m. we are at present dug in on west side of canal bank in G.4.a. 58th Bn on our left. The Americans are held up in front of us about 400 yards and enemy is holding out on our front at least in the CATELET - NAUROY line. Americans do not seem to be able to make any headway. 11 a.m. Tanks are in rear of us. 2 of ours have been knocked out. 2 tanks 59th Battalion are O.K.	Wire
43	11.50	15th Bde	-do-	-	11.13 a.m.: - 58th Battalion on our left; no sign of 59th Battalion. 44th on left of 58th. 44th report no one on their left. Patrols being sent out to locate 59th Battalion.	Phone
44	11.59	5th Div.	8th Bde	G 44	57th Bn report 11.13 a.m. 58th Bn on our left. no sign of 59th. 44th Bn on left of 58th. 44th Bn report room on their left. Patrols being sent out to locate 59th Bn.	Wire
45	p.m. 12.5	Corps	5th Div.	G 152	As soon as the whole of the troops of the two line Bdes of the 5th Aust. Division have passed through the 30th Amer. Div. the 60th American Bde will be concentrated in accordance with previous instructions. The 117th Regt that is the Regt on the right flank will not concentrate until further orders. Concentrated Regts will be prepared for further action if necessary at short notice.	Wire
46	12.6	Corps	5th Div.	IG 148	Fourth Army air report. Rail activity in Army area 7.0 8.0 a.m. BEAUREVOIR used for detraining troops at 7.50 a.m. Road traffic including 50 M.T. going S.W. into MONTBREHAIN. 1 Bn infantry at rest between FRESNOY-le-GRAND and ETAVEST. 2 companies stationary on road between RAMICOURT and JEANCOURT. 2 Coys stationary between ESTREES and sugar factory south of village. 20 M.T. going S.W. into MARETZ.	Wire

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47	12.8	Corps	5th Div.	G 151	Following from 3rd Corps timed 10 a.m. Balloons report much train movement west about 8.45 a.m. on BOHAIN - BRANCOURT - MONTBREHAIN line.	Wire
48	12.30	ø 5th Div. 3 Bdes Div.Art.		G 48	Air report. Repeating 46.	Wire
49	12.25	32nd Div. 5th Div.		G 990	32nd Div. Adv. H.Q. will be established at G.21.c.5.5 at 1 p.m. today.	Wire
50	12.51	B.I. Corps	5th Div.	BI 723	Contact patrol 9.50 to 10.40 a.m. reports at area W of grid line between G and B, G and H squares totally obscured by mist. E of that line visib better but no movement seen. No. A.A. fire. 4 balloons up 1 N of BEAUREVOIR 2 S of WIANCOURT 1 B.17.	Wire
50a	12.10	30th Am. Div.	5th Div.		120th Regt. nearly on objective GREEN LINE. 119th Regt situation obscure. Sending forward Col. HEARD and M.G's to clean up situation.	Phone
50b	12.30	8th Bde	5th Div.		29th Bn report that they have got some of the 1st wave of 120th Regt with them. Cannot obtain any information re Americans. Am moving with 31st Bn on right flank to E of NAUROY.	Wire Phone
50c	12.22	5th Div.	Corps		Giving Corps Commander situation of 3rd Div on left and American situation.	Wire Phone
50d	12.30	15th Bde	5th Div.		Americans mopping up BELLICOURT. Held up by CATELET line and digging in. 4 tanks out of action. Americans held up line railway A.28.d. Instructed 15th Bde tp go on and carry Americans with them.	Phone

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50e	12.30	5th Div.	15th Bde		Continuation of phone message No. 50d. A phone message from Corps states a contact plane shows troops on GREEN line in front of 27th Am Division objective, and in front NAUROY. Corps says that it is probable that Americans have not mopped up nests, and that is what is holding up the rear troops. Only vigorous action necessary,	Phone
51	12.52	B.I. Corps	5th Div.	BI 720	Reports to 9.30 a.m. 9.10 a.m. about 2 Coys of our troops seen column of fours moving towards BONY on road A20. 9.10 a.m. our troops seen trench system A26. 9.10 a.m. 6 whippets stationary A15c03 9.15 a.m. 1 tank E G11A 1 tank E G4D infantry advancing N and S of BELLICOURT. Arty and transport on west edge of BELLICOURT. B.I.S. 9th Corps reports 8.20 a.m. Americans in BELLICOURT-NAUROY. 2 Bns 9th Corps over Canal G29. 9.10 a.m. strong M.G. fire from BONY and A15B isolated parties enemy in trench system A27A and C and C.T.A21C82 to A21D33. Tunnel exits watched but no troops seen to emerge. Visib very poor owing to mist.	Wire
52	12.40	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 55	From Tank liaison officer timed 11.15 a.m. Tanks picked up infantry along RAILWAY in RIQUEVAL RAVINE GLOB and D at 10.50 a.m. AMERICANS apparently held up on left G5 ridge G11central. Tanks and 8th A.I.Bde.now advancing up ridge running through G5D G11B G11C G17A and C.	(Wire
53	12.50	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 56	Message from Bde Sig.Officer at G7B timed 12.15 p.m. Tanks can be seen firing into NAUROY.	Wire
53A	12.50	5th Div.	Units Flank Divs.	G 53	Repeating 52.	Wire
54	12.51	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 54	From 31st Bn timed 10.8 a.m. 31st Bn entering BELLICOURT 29th Bn in front a few hundred yards. Americans reported some distance in front. Visibility poor owing to dense smoke and fog. casualties in 31st Bn nil.	Wire

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54a	1 p.m.	30th Am. Div.	5th Div.		1 Battalion 117th Regt and 1 M.G.Co. been ordered to mop up BELLICOURT and country to North East. As far as we know we have reached the GREEN LINE.	Phone
55	1 p.m.	5th Div.	C.R.E.		Repeating 52 and 53.	Phone
56	1.5	Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast	Wire
57	1.22	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 994	On completion of move ordered in G 989 of today. 14th and 97th Inf.Bdes and 32nd M.G.BN will continue their march to the GREEN LINE as circumstances permit. There are bridges over the Canal but accurate information as to their positions is not yet available. Hour of crossing trench system in M3 G33 27 21 and 20 to be reported to adv.Div.H.Q. at G21c55. 96th Bde will move to trench system at M3 G33 27 21 and 20 at 12.30 p.m. or after dinners.	"
58	1.40	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 57	From 29th Bn G10Bcentral timed 12.30 p.m. Cannot obtain any information re Americans. Some of 1st wave of 120 Regt with me. 31st Bn on my right. Consider we are at present front line troops. M.G. fire and shelling heavy.	Wire
59	1.41	B.I.Corps	5th Div.	BI 722	15th Wing reports 3rd Corps reached objectives F6A AlB and A2C and Americans passed through. 9.55 a.m. tanks mopping up BONY tanks advancing A9A. Our guns in action Al3 and 14.	Wire
60	1.42	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 58	From 32nd Bn timed 11.30 a.m. at G17central. Bn advancing general line G24A05 G18DOO G19A00 G19A28 forming defensive flank on right with Americans. No Americans in front heavy M.G. fire from NAUROY. 250 R.I.R. 249 R.I.R. 75 Res.Div. 2 M.G.Co. 1 Murchen Landsturm Bn 4 GrenRegt 2nd Guard Div.	Wire

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61	1.45	Div.I.O.	5th Div.		15th Bde struck places not mopped up by Americans and have taken prisoners. In Cage at present there are about 105. Identifications all 3 Bns of 161 I.R. 28th R.I.R. 65 I.R. 1st Bn of 60th I.R. 7 R.I.R. and 251 R.I.R. The 56th I.R. are in reserve. 185 Regt. 1st Battery also identified.	Phone
62	1.55	5th Div.	Units Flank Divs	G 62	From 8th A.I.Bde. 32nd Bn states 11.30 a.m. Battalion advancing general line G24A05 G18D00 G18A00 G18A28 forming defensive flank on right with Americans. Heavy M.G. fire from NAUROY ends. Tanks mopping up BONY and advancing in A9A.	Wire
63	2 p.m.	5th Div.	Corps	G 63	Following identifications in Div.P.O.W. All Bns of 161 I.R. 28 R.I.R. 65 I.R. captured W of BELLICOURT. 1st Bn of 60 I.R. 7 R.I.R. 251 R.I.R. and 1st Battery 185 Regt. Total prisoners about 105.	Wire
	1.35	Corps	5th Div.		Corps Commander wishes General TIVEY to let Cavalry know situation in BELLICOURT in order not to delay the cavalry in their advance. General TIVEY informed.	Phone
	1.40	Genl. TIVEY	5th Div.		3 Bns in line 32nd on right, 29th left and are fighting and say they have some of the 1st wave of the Americans.	"
	1.50	Corps Cmdr.	5th Div.		32nd Div across canal and this will avoid necessity of 8th Bde forming a defensive flank to right. Move on the RED LINE and if necessary form a defensive flank on the left along the line of the TORRENS Canal.	"
	2 p.m.	G.O.C. 5th Div.	G.O.C. 14th Bde		Instructed 14th Bde to let 15th Bde have 3 tanks out of the four they have left. His Bde will not reinforce either 8th or 15th Bdes without approval of Div.Comdr., but if communications broken he must use his discretion but in any case 2 Bns to be kept in hand.	"

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	2.10	G.O.C. 8th Bde	G.O.C. 5th Div.		Gen. TIVEY asked for heavy arty support beyond RED LINE, and asked about his left. Div. Comdr. gave him situation and instructed him to push on and if he could not join up with 15th Bde he must watch his own left.	Phone
	2.13	G.O.C. 5th Div.	C?R.A.		Instructed C.R.A. to get heavy arty support for 8th Bde on and forward of RED LINE.	"
	2.28	G.O.C. 5th Div.	C.R.A.		C.R.A. instructed to keep heavy arty on RED LINE and forward for 1½ hours.	"
64	2.5	Liaison 30th Am. Div.	5th Div.		From 60th Bde right Arty group 11.25 a.m. Believe all objectives on right have been taken. 117th and Aust. troops have gone through.	Wire
65	2.5	Corps	5th Div.	G 149	30th Amer. Div. have taken NAUROY. 30th Amer. Div. is mopping up HINDENBURG LINE and is across line of canal tunnel. Aeroplane report indicates 27th Amer. Div. east of BONY and in GUOY. Nest of enemy apparently still in BONY. 200 prisoners reported taken in canal tunnel. 30 Amer. Div. in touch with 46th Div. and confirms report that 46th Div. have crossed canal.	"
66	2.10	5th Div.	Corps flank Divs. Units	G 69	Situation 1.30 p.m. 8th Bde east of NAUROY in order of Bns right to left 32nd 29th 30th together with some Americans of first wave. Now moving on to RED LINE. 31st Bn are forming a defensive flank on right. Much fire from M.G. nests. Left Bde (15th) are moving on to GREEN LINE and in touch with 44th Bn on left. Both Bdes had to mop up m.g. nests during their advance. Reserve Bde has 1 Bn East of BELLICOURT. BLACK road very congested.	Wire

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67	2.30	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 8	Roads 11.30 a.m. RED D 800 M.T. Circuit HARGICOURT ROUSSOY fit for single M.T. Road F.30.central to L.6.a.8.0. single M.T.	Wire
68	2.30	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 9	Roads 12 noon. BLACK E 1000 H.T.	"
69	2.45	5th Div. 3 Bdes CRA CRE AQ		G 69	Repeating 67 and 68	"
70	2.50	Corps	5th Div.	G 156	Following from 9th Corps timed 12 noon. 32nd Adv.Div. H.Q. will open at G.21.c.5.5 at 1 p.m. today.	"
71	2.50	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 60	29th Bn report. 1 off.and 26 O.Rs prisoners captured 8 Coy 55th Regt. 29th Bn are on the GREEN LINE timed 2.30 p.m. and 15th Bde have now yet come up. 4 Tanks with 29th Bn knocked out.	"
72	2.50	Corps	5th Div.	G 158	9th Corps report MAGNY LA FOSSE definitely in their hands.	Wire
73	2.55	5th Div.	8th Bde		Repeating 72	Phone
74	3 p.m.	5th Div.	3 Bdes CRA	G 74	Repeating 72.	Wire
	2.54	G.O.C. 5th Div.	G.O.C. 14th Bde		General situation on both flanks explained. Ordered to push infantry E of BELLICOURT and take up primarily the LE CATELET LINE and as the situation permits to their assembly area in G.6.	Phone
75	3.2	Corps	5th Div.	IG 154	Identifications so far secured. 3 Bn 84 I.R. 54th Res. Div. all 3 Bns 28 R.I.R. and 161 I.R. 85th Div.	Wire
76	3.15	Div.I.O.	5th Div.		Prisoners in Div.P.O.W. Cage now 119. New identification 8 Battery 55 F.A.R. anti-tank. Two guns near BELLICOURT did not fire a shot.	Wire Phone
77	3.30	5th Div.	30th Am. Div.		Informed then re the two anti-tank guns.	Phone

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78	3.35	5th D.A.	5th Div.		1st Aust.Div.Arty reports that 27th Amer.Div. was counter attacked from the N. and driven in and lost knob in A10. Anoth ^{er} attack looks like developing from N on BONY. Received by 5th D.A. at 3.35 p.m.	Phone
	3.35	15th Bde	5th Div.		Have now located 59th Bn whose H.Q. are at A27a44 and have bombing blocks established at A27a47 and A27b46. 59th will now take the role of the 58th Bn who are pushing forward.	Phone
79	3.45	Div.I.O.	5th Div.		Identifications of 1st and 3rd Bns 250 R.I.R. 2nd and 1st Bns 249 R.I.R. also Landsturn Bn MUNICH M.G. The M.G.Co in NAUROY and other in WIENCOURT.	Phone
80	3.47	5th Div.	Corps I		Repeating No. 79.	
77A	3.25	5th Div.	Corps	G 77	Prisoners to 3 p.m. in Div.P.O.W. 119. Includes identification 8th Battery 55 F.A.R. anti-tank.	Wire
76A	3.10	5th Div.	Units	G 76	NAUROY has been taken. Aeroplane indicates 27 Amer.Div. E BONY and in GOUY. 200 prisoners reported taken in tunnel. 30th Amer. in touch with 46th Div.	Wire
81	3.50	XXX B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	B.I. 724	Contact machine reports flares called for 1.20 p.m. No reply. Our troops seen in trench system A9 to A27. 1.15 p.m. 3 tanks astride C.T. A21C and D stationary apparently O.K. crews in trench alongside. 5 tanks burning on road A14C88. Our guns in action A20 26 Pilot reports 1.20 p.m. our guns firing from old enemy position A11D55 fairly heavy M.G. fire encountered over canal tunnel A15 22. 1.40 p.m. smoke bombs dropped on B1A and B. B15B H6 B30 pilot reports 2 groups men about 50 to 60 moving SE B28A thought to be ours. Another contact patrol is in the air.	Wire

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82	3.58	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	IG 62	At 10 a.m. much M.G. fire from N.E. and N on high ground east RONSROY. H.Q. now in FLEET ST F17B70. 9th A.I.Bde just in rear. MG. fire now slacker at 11.20 a.m. Enemy plane which machine gunned troops brought down 10.10 a.m. near DUNCAN POST. Our troops seen beyond BROWN LINE.	Wire
83	4 p.m.	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 6	Roads 9 a.m. BLACK H.T. to D. Roads 11 a.m. RED DMT to BELLICOURT.	Wire
84	4 p.m.	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 4	Roads 9 a.m. RED H.T. to D. Nothing further about other roads traffic held up on BLUE and YELLOW roads by machine gun fire.	"
85	4.p.m.	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 7	Roads 11.20 a.m. YELLOW SMT to C. 800 HT to C 1000. BLUE HT to E.	"
86	4.6	C.R.E. C.T.	5th Div.	AM 5	Roads 7 a.m. BLACK C 2000 H.T.	"
87	4.15	5th Div.	3 Bdes CRA AQ	G 87	BLACK Road to G.9.b.9.9. H.T.11 a.m. Contact reports flares called for 1.20 p.m. no reply. Troops seen trenches A9 to A27. Tanks A21c. astride C.T. Our guns in action A20 26. Pilot reports 2 groups men about 50 to 60 moving SE B28a thought to be ours. Another contact patrol is in the air.	"
88	4.23 5.17	Air	5th Div.		Plane message	Plane
89	5.15	C.R.A.	5th Div.		5.3 p.m. gun fire call on 200 infantry going East in H.7.	Phone

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90	5.17	B.I.S. Corps	5th Div.	IG 160	Air report. Good deal railway activity during morning, wire movement chiefly westward on main CATEAU BOHAIN and VAUX BUSIGNY lines aaa BEAUREVOIR and BRANCOURT apparently being used for detraining troops aaa 50 M.T. going south PREMONT to MONTBREHAIN aaa 20 M.T. going southwest into MERETZ aaa Abnormal westward movement on BOHAIN BRANCOURT MONTBREHAIN GOUY line aaa 8 a.m. two companies infantry halting between RAMICOURT and JONCOURT aaa Two companies going southwest near ESTREES aaa Four companies resting between FRESNOY LE GRAND and ETAVES aaa 2.7 p.m. 5 o.r. 6 batteries moving west in H.6 reached H.4 and 10 and then deployed on either side of road. 200 enemy sheltering behind wood B.20.c aaa 400 to 500 resting behind small wood C.13.a.40.80 aaa Two trains between MONTBREHAIN and BEAUREVOIR at 1.35 p.m. aaa 1.5 p.m. LEVERGIES empty except for stragglers aaa Fires in LE TRONQUOY and BEAUREVOIR aaa	
91	5.17	C.R.E	5th Div	HE 117	R.E. dump located L.4.c.5.4. Sheet 62C.	
92	5.25	5th D.A.	-do-	-	1st Aust. Div. F.O.O. reports that our line runs approx. 'Phone H.2 and H.20.central.	
93	5.30	C.R.E. Corps Troops	5th Div	AM 14	Roads 2 p.m. aaa no change.	wire.
94	5.35	-do-	5th Div	AM 13	Roads 1 p.m. aaa No change, working parties all held up.	"
95a	5 p.m.	15th Bde	5th Div.		From Col. SCANLAN, 59th Battalion, 3.50 p.m. Have arranged to take over C.T. A27B. I am pushing along trench running south 27D. Enemy occupy trench in A21A and C. Enemy artillery are also observed BONY and DIRK VALLEY. 2 Field guns in action firing on our flanks A29A57. 2 enemy bombing attacks along trench in A21C were repulsed. Our defensive flank swings back along top of QUENNEMONT FM.	Phone

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95	5.49	32nd Div.	5th Div.	GR 10	Approx situation of 32nd Div. 2 Bns of the 14th Inf.Bde have crossed the canal having been slightly delayed by a Bn of the 46th Div. Head of 97th Inf.Bde. crossing the canal. Head of 96th Inf.Bde approaching old british front line. 16th Bde RHA has crossed BELLICOURT TUNNEL and will come into action about G30cent. Remainder of the artillery in a position to support the action of the infantry they are covering.	Wire
96	5.50	Liaison 30th Am Div.	5th Div.		10.45 a.m. from 60 Bde. Prisoners coming in from farm A29C including Bn Comdr and staff. Information from Arty liaison officer. On GREEN LINE at G6A29. NAUROY officially reported to have fallen.	Wire
97	5.54	3rd L.T. Bn.	Whippets		Rally tonight in Copse L.7.b.9.3.	Wire
98	5.55	5th Div.	Whippets	G 98	Repeating 97.	Wire
99	6.4	30th Div.	5th Div.	G63/26	30th Div.Situation 3.30 p.m. latest reports indicate our line runs NAUROY (incl) to CARTERET Wood Farm inclusive situation on extreme left still uncertain. Elements on GREEN LINE throughout length divisional front. "C" Regt (117th) has attained its objective and ordered to connect up on both flanks. One Bn 118th Inf. and machine gun coy ordered to HINDENBURG and LE CATELET - NAUROY systems as left flank protection. 118th Inf (less one Bn) ordered VILLERET at 4.00 p.m. 40 officers and 811 other ranks passed through Div.Cage many more still uncounted at 4 p.m.	"
100	6.15	5th Div.	Units	G 100	(Since cancelled)	Wire

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101	6.16	Corps I	5th Div.		Air report states what looked like a counter attack left trench in H.8.b. and d and advanced in three waves and last seen G18.b. and d. Time 4.45 p.m.	Wire
102	6.55	5th Div.	Units	G 102	Approx. situation 32nd Div. 3 p.m. 14th Inf.Bde have crossed canal. 97th Bde crossing (3.20 p.m.). 96th Bde approaching old front line. Artillery in position to support any infantry action. 30th Amer.Division report prisoners 40 officers 800 other ranks, 5th Aust.Div. prisoners so far 155 O.Rs.	Wire
103	6.56	5th Div.	15th Bde	G 103	Send position your right flank	Wireless
104	7 p.m.	Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast.	Wire
105	7 p.m.	Liaison 3rd A.Div.	5th Div.		Pocket of Australians and Americans in line at A21C78 in touch with 59th Bn.	"
106	7 p.m.	Corps	5th Div.	IG 165	Air reports. Following telephone message from 35th Squadron timed 4.45 p.m. Certain amount of movement on following roads VILLERS OUTREUX to GUOY horse transport both directions continuing into GOUY. BEAUREVOIR to GOUY (southern road) horse transport chiefly going East.	"
107	7.5	Div.Arty.	5th Div.		Report from 5th Aust.Div.Arty. timed 4.15 p.m. from Lieut. Murray.G11.a.10.10. The 29th and 30th Bns are here. 30th Bn in front of 29th about 300 yards. Enemy in CABERET WOOD FARM. Infantry on left just coming up into line supported by tanks in G.6.c. fired on by enemy artillery and tanks being knocked out as they come over ridge. Enemy in trench in G6d got out and moved E. Report 5 p.m. same officer. A constant barrage on G10C and D., G11A and C., and G17. Large percentage of gas, all calibres. NAUROY - CATELET line held by us on our sector. 29th Bn south of G5D., not in touch on left. Enemy hold posts in G6D also same line as infantry further on left. Enemy hold ridge G6D. towards wood. 1 Coy of 29th Bn moved. One Coy to support in bank G10D., O.5., G10D59.	Wire

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108	7.40 pm	Div	Corps Flanks.	G108	Enemy reported to hold ridge G.6.d. A constant barrage all calibres on G.10.c and d G.11.a and c and G.17 large per cent of gas.	(Wire)
108a	"	Div	3 Bdes 5th D.A. 8th Tanks	G108A	Air report 6.30 p.m. From 35th Squadron 4.45 p.m. Certain amount movement following roads VILLERS OUTREAU to GUOY horse transport both directions continuing into GUOY. BEAUREVOIR to GUOY (S. road) horse transport chiefly going E.	"
109	7.45 pm	Div	8th Tanks	G 109	Situation:- F.O.O. 1st Div Artillery reports through our Div. Artillery: Our infantry attacking in G.6.c supported by tanks which are suffering from hostile fire as they come up the ridge. Line is approx. H.20.central to G.18.d G.18.a situation E. of NAUROY obscure G.11.b G.5.d. When line is ascertained it will be sent you. Heavy artillery fire on G.10.c and d G.11.c and G.17 large percentage gas.	Wire
110	7.46	D.A.	Div	-	1st Div. Artillery reports: Message received from 2nd i/c 119 Am. Regt. untimed received 6.55 p.m.: Left of 120 Regt in G.6.c right 119 350 yards to left rear. 119 in CABARET Wood Farm. Australians pushing N.E. There is no connection between the 119th Regt and 27th Am. Div. Enemy aggressive N. of 119 Regt.	'Phone
111	7.50	15th Bde	5th Div	BM 278 728	58th Bn. have captured 30 prisoners in LE CATELET Line at approx A.29 c.3.2. 185 Regt of Art. anti-tank gunners.	wire
112	8.10	Div	Aust Corps 2 & 3 Dives 32nd Div 46 Div	G 112	Situation 7.30 p.m. Line runs S. to N. H.20.c.0.2 G.18.d.5.0 G.18.b.2.8 G.11.b.7.0 thence along CATELET NAUROY line to A.29.c.2.4 TUNNEL at A.28.c.4.8 where junction with 11th Bde is effected. In touch on right with 46th Div. Line being adjusted to include station immediately north of NAUROY.	"
113	8.10	5th MG Bn	Div	MG 1	Forward battalion headquarters established L.3.b.3.8	

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114	8.10 pm	I.O. 5th Aust Div	Div	IO 29	<p>Identifications: 161 I.R. all battalions. 28th R.I.R. all battalions 65 I.R. all battalions. 60 I.R. 1st battalion. 7 R.I.R. 3rd battalion. 249 R.I.R. 2nd and 3rd battalions. 250 R.I.R. 1st and 3rd battalions. 251 R I.R. 2nd and 3rd battalions. 1st battalion MUNICH Landsturm Regt. 55 F.A.R. 8th battery. 185 F.A.R. 1st battery (Forward observers). 8th battery 55 F.A.R. had two ant-tank guns near BELLICOURT which were surprised before firing a shot. Part of 250 R.I.R. was in supports in the BELLICOURT tunnel; it is considered that this tunnel is not mined although 1 platoon of engineers was billeted there. 1st battalion MUNICH L. had 1 M.G. Co. in NAUROY and 1 in WIANCOURT. These companies have now only 5 M.G's each on account of heavy losses in guns. 56 R.I.R. of 121 Div is in reserve aaa company strengths are generally very low, ranging from 10 to 40 men. Moral very low on account of long time in line. Attack was a complete surprise. 1st and 2nd Cos. of 75 Sharp- shooters M.G. Detachment are attached to 161 I.R. Each Co. has 12 M.G's Total prisoners (unwounded) through Div cage to 5 p.m. 157 o.r. and 1 dog.</p>	wire
115	"	Div	8th and 15th Bdes	G 115	<p>Message from 119th Am. Regt through 1st Div. Art. reports Left 120 Regt in G.6.c, right 119th 350 yards to left rear. 119 in CABARET Wood Farm. No connection between 119 Regt and 27th Am. Division. Enemy aggressive N. of 119 Regt. Message received 6.55 p.m.</p>	wire
116	8.40	5th/Div. Corps	5th Div.	G 168	<p>Fifth and Third Austm Divs will advance north passing through 8th and 15th Brigades tomorrow morning at the earliest hour possible. Fifth Div. will advance along RAILWAY RIDGE and Third Div. along BONY RIDGE. The object is to clear the enemy from all the country south and west of CATELET and to get touch with AMERICAN TROOPS in that vicinity. Reserve brigades will be used. Boundary between divisions will be the line A27central - A21D70 - VAUBAN VALLEY. All subter- anean exits must be searched and picketed. ZERO hour will be arranged between 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions.</p>	(Wire

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117	9.40 p.m.	Div	Corps	G 117	Repeating message No. G114 above.	wire
118	9.45	Branch Intelligence Corps	5th Div	BI 725	<p>Contact patrol machines report 2.30/5.30 p.m. our troops seen 3.15 p.m. in trench G.4.d. and G.5.c 3.50 p.m. the KNOLL KNOLL trench WILLOW trench to 13.b.6.7 3.30 at B.23.a.0.5 B.23.d.0.5 B.29.d.6.5</p> <p>Australian Infantry seen H.5.a.6.3 H.5.c.5.2 H.11.c.1.4 H.15 d.4.6 H.20.b.3.2 H.26.b.2.5 H.19.c.6.6 3.30 column 2000 our troops going E. and turning S.E. H.20.central patrols working in front 3.30 p.m. 5 tanks G.4.b.4.5 to A.28.d.9.3. 3.40 p.m. 15 tanks sunken road G.16.c going East. 3.45 p.m. 200 infantry scattered across A.10.a towards LE CATELET from Canal Tunnel our transport along rough line A.28.a and c G.4.a and c, G10.b and d G.17.a.and c G.23.a 3.45 p.m. 6 tanks stationary A.1, 2, 7,8, burning enemy troops seen 2.45 A.29.d.5.4 A.24.c A.30.a G.6.d.95.90 3.30 p.m. A.28.d.9.8 G.6.b and d. 4.00 p.m. trenches in A.7.a.9.9 to A.8.c.2.1 and HINDENBURG Line from BONY N. to S.21.b.4.9 apparently held in strength. 2.30 hostile machine gun fire seen trenches H.19.a G.6.b and d H.2.a and c A.24.c.3/00 3.00 p.m. A.28.d.9.8 and very heavy machine gun and rifle fire HINDENBURG System BONY northwards to S.21.b M.G. and rifle fire LEVERGIES ESTREES no machine gun fire over GRANDCOURT Mt. St.MARTIN, LE CATELET and GUOY between 2.25 and 4 p.m. Many unmopped up posts between NAUROY JONCOURT ESTREES and in BEAUREVOIR line between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. one large post (200 enemy) sunken road H.7.b.5.5 mopping up party at 4.30 p.m. reached general line LE CATELET - NAUROY trench system from NAUROY to A.22.central pockets of Huns in all villages 3.30 p.m. enemy balloon 1500 feet over VILLERS OUTREUX E.A. normal, weather poor, visib. fair.</p>	wire
119	9.50	15th Bde	Div	BM 727	<p>Situation at 7 p.m. aaa Our line runs south to north junction with 29th battalion at G.5.d.7.0 in the LE CATELET Line thence along the line to where the RED ROAD Crosses the line aaa Thence G.28.d.1.8 to G.28.c.4.7 where we junction with the 44th Bn. aaa 59th Bn. have been withdrawn south aaa the reorganization of the 44th Bn. and are now in close support aaa Line held 57th Bn.</p>	wire

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119 (contd).		on right 58th on left aaa We are doing what we can to get the Americans to get here but they are very tired and scattered aaa S.O.S. lines have been arranged 59th Bn. are arranging to place lewis gun post at Southern end of tunnel to guard against any attempted exit of troops there for counter attack aaa				
120	10.5	5th Div.	30th AM.Div.	G.120	Situation 7.30 p.m line runs S. to N. H.20.c.0.2 , G.18.d.5.0, G.18.b.2.8, G.11.b.7.0 thence along CATELET NAUROY line to A.29.c.2.4 TUNNEL at A.28.c.4.8 where junction with 11th Bde. is effected. In touch on right with 46th Div. Line being adjusted to include station immediately north of NAUROY.	Wire.
121	10.10	C.R.E. 5 Div.	5th Div.	HE 120	Following from O.C., 15th Field Co. at Adv. Bde. H.Q. G.2.c.7.5 sheet 62B timed 3.45 pm aaa At present our men are going over NAUROY Ridge aaa On left have been held up by pocket of Huns left in CATELET - NAUROY Line aaa ends.	D.R.L.S.
122	10.25	8th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	Bm 70	Summary of to-days operations as follows aaa 32nd Bn. gained all objectives except extreme left flank at 2.30 p.m. aaa Had to withdraw to present line owing to flank being in the air aaa Bn. had to mop up enemy positions west of Canal and then take NAUROY ETRICOURT MAGNY and LA FOSSE Copse aaa enemy counter attacked at 5.30 pm for H.13.central and was beaten off by rifle and L.G. fire aaa 31st Bn. supported 32nd Bn. throughout this operation aaa 29th Bn. gained GREEN line at 2.30 pm but had to withdraw to LE CATELET line owing to left flank being exposed aaa Our line now runs H.20.c.5.3, H.19.b.6.0, H.13.c.6.0, G.18.d.5.6, G.18.d.3.4 G.15.a.3.3 thence gap to G.11.d.1.5 thence to G.11.a.4.0 , G.5.d.5.0, G.5.b.2.0, G.5.a.5.0 where we junction with 57th Bn aaa also in touch with Leicester Regt., on right flank prisoners captured approx. 250 6 field guns 16 M.Gs aaa estimated casualties 250 all ranks Capt. A ROGERS Lieut. SINCLAIR, Lieut TENCH killed Lieut AYLIFFE wounded all officers of 32nd Bn.	Wire.

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123	10.40	5th Div.	3 Bdes, D.Arty, 8th Tanks.	G.123	Contact report aaa Enemy troops seen 2 45 p.m. A.29.d.5.4 A.24.c. A.30.a. G.6.d.9.5 aaa Large post of about 200 enemy H.7.b.5.5 aaa Many unoccupied outposts between NAUROY JONCOURT ESTREES and in BEAUREVOIR line between 3.20 p.m and 4.30 p.m. aaa 3.30 pm 5 tanks N.E. G.4.b.4.5 3.40 pm 15 tanks sunken road G.16.c going E.	Wire
124	10.55	Aust Corps	5 Div.	IG 167	Army Air report aaa begins aaa 4.10 p.m. 1 gun Bty. in action N. corner of wood in C.13.c.4.5 aaa M.G. emplaced in wood C.14.a.4.6 aaa guns and M.G C.14.a.3.8 aaa Four teams with limbers going N.E along road B.18.a.2.3 aaa 4.45 pm pocket of Boche at JONCOURT counterattacked S.E. reached G.15.b.8.8 and H.13.c.8.7 aaa G.18.d being shelled at this time aaa Our men at H.20.a.5.7 and H.19.a.7.7 aaa Many of our men advancing H.19.b.4.5 H.19.d.4.2 aaa 3.15 pm 6 ammn wagons going east at H.3.c aaa 10 MT going S.W. H.12.d. aaa 11 H.T. going N. from MONTBREHAIN in H.6.c and d aaa Column of troops (200 yards space) going N.W. for roads I.7.central I.7.d. aaaa ends.	Wire
125	11.36	Aust Corps	5 Div.	BI 726	Counter attack patrol 5.50 to 6.40 pm flares seen A.29.c.2.5 Wire A.29.c.4.1 aaa Pilot reports line approx from shelling of ours and enemy guns N. to S. as follows F.6.a.5.0 A.1.d.5.0 A.8.cent. A.15.a.0.8 BONY obscure A.16.c.0.5 A.22.b.5.0 NAUROY LE CATELET line to G.5.a.5.9 G.7.c.9.0 G.12.d.7.6 H.13.d.3.0 H.20.a.0.0 H.26.cent. aaa Rough line of enemy guns VENDHUILLE LA CATELET GRANDCOURT B.25 ESTREES JONCOURT.	Wire
126	11.37	Meteor	5 Div.	-	Forecast wind S.E. to South 20 to 25 Mph becoming through S.W. to North after midnight and probably reaching gale force temporarily aaa Thunderstorm at first some heavy squally showers later and occasional bright intervals mild becoming cold day visib good wind midnight S.W. 15 Mph 4 a.m. north 20 to 25 mph.	Wire

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127	11.38	3rd Aust Div.	5 Div.	G.48	Situation 6 p.m. aaa 44th Bn. in touch with left of 59th Bn. in A.27.b aaa Combined post of American and Australians at A.20.c.8.6 thence line runs generally along top lane to QUENNEMONT Farm aaa 42nd Bn. around QUENNIT Copse aaa 41st Bn. in F.24.d in touch with right of 10th Bde. east of BULL post aaa 10th Bde. line runs generally from F.24.a.5.0 towards trenches in A.3.d thence trenches GUILLEMONT thence WILLOW trench to 7.d.6.8 aaa Enemy holds remainder of WILLOW trench also trenches on KNOLL aaa 33rd Bn. 9th Bde. covering left flank of 10th Bde. remainder of 9th Bde. in reserve in 17.b and d 23.b.	Wire
128	11.45	Aust Corps.	5 Div.	G.169	Evening report aaa 30th and 27th American Divs. attacked at 5.50 this morning on right and left sectors of Aust. Corps front aaa 30th American Divn. took BELLICOURT aaa Elements of 27th American Div. reached LE CATELET and GOUY aaa Large numbers of enemy apparently not mopped up in the canal tunnel and dugout systems of the HINDENBURG line in the vicinity of BONY held up the support regts. of 27th Amer. Divn. and were reinforced from direction of Square A.3 aaa Subsequent advance of 3rd Aust. Div. in left sector held up on line of KNOLL-GILLEMONT Fme. aaa 5th Aust. Div. have gone through 30th American Divn. aaa Line now runs approx as under aaa A.19.a to G.18.b through NAUROY to trench lines through G.11.b and G.5 thence along trench through G.4.b. and a to G.4.a.5.4 thence up line of tunnel to A.28.a.3.2 through A.27.b and a to A.20.d and c to F.24.a. to just west of GILLEMONT Fme. and north through A.7.d and b aaa Prisoners through Corps Cage to 4 p.m. aaa 40 officers 1100 O.Rs .	Wire
129	11.50	32nd Div.	5 Div.	G.995	The 5th Aust. Div. is on the GREEN line aaa 14th and 97th Bdes. will make good to-night the approx. line N.9.cent. PONY Copse MULE Copse TRIGGER Wood LEVERGIES (incl). WHITE Copse H.14.central and will form a protective flank along the spur running from H.15.cent. to H.20.cent. and gain touch with the 5th Aust. Div. aaa The advance to the line K.9.central SEQUEHART (incl) BEAUREVOIR FONSOMME Line to H.16.b will be continued to-morrow at dawn by 14th and 97th Inf. Bdes aaa 96th Inf Bde. will be prepared to take JONCOURT from the south to-morrow morning coming up to connect between the 97th Inf Bde. and 5th Aust. Div. aaa 97th Inf. Bde will advance to give 96th Inf. Bde adequate arty support	Wire.

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129 (Contd.)					for this operation in which not more than one battn should be used aaa The 21st Heavy Bde. R.G.A. is moving to the neighbourhood of the canal to-night and will cross to the eastern bank as soon as the bridge at BELLENGLISE is fit to carry heavy artillery aaa acknowledge.	
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130	1.5 a.m.	Aust Corps	5 Div.	G.171	Command of right Div. front and area will pass to G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. forthwith aaa Command of left Div. front and area will pass to G.O.C. 3rd Aust Div forthwith aaa 3rd and 5th Aust Divs. 27th and 30th American Divs. to acknowledge .	Wire
131	1.18 a.m	Aust Corps	5 Div.	G.172	Reference this office G.168 of to-day aaa Zero hour will be 6 am to-morrow morning 30th inst aaa Smoke bombs will be dropped between 6 am and 7.30 am under arrangements made by 15th Wing R.A.F. on following areas aaa BEAUREVOIR and B.14.a and B.15.a and b aaa PROSPECT HILL B.1.a and b aaa S.28.d and S.29.a aaa S.21 aaa 3rd and 5th Aust Divs. and 15th Wing R.A.F. to acknowledge.	Wire
132	1.25 am	5th Div.	Aust Corps.	G.132	8th A.I.Bde. report captures for day so far 250 prisoners 6 field guns and 16 M.Gs aaa Report received 10.30 p.m.	Wire
133	2.20 am	Aust Corps	5 Div.	G.174	Following from 9th Corps aaa begins aaa Situation on Aust and Amer. Corps fronts necessitates modification of plans aaa First task of 9 Corps on 30 inst is to extend northern flank so as to help right flank of Aust Corps aaa 32nd Div will secure line N. edge of JONCOURT to K.8.central whilst 46th Div. continues this line to join Aust Corps front N. of NAUROY aaa time of operation to be settled mutually between Divns. and 5 Aust Div. informed early aaa 3 Bde. tanks will give 32 and 46 Divns. such assistance as is available aaa 2nd task is for right of 32nd Div. to secure the LA TRONQUOY tunnel in order to assist the movement of 1st Div. and 15 French Corps over tunnel aaa Centre and left of 32nd Div. can be simultaneously or subsequently pushed forward to the line SEQUEHART PRESELLES should operation be feasible aaa 1st Div. will continue movement to secure line THORIGNY TALANA Hill aaa 3rd Bde. Tanks will place tanks as required at disposal of 1st Div. aaa ends aaa. acknowledge by wire.	Wire.

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134	3.30 am	5 Div.	5th D.Arty.	G.134	Acknowledging Artillery Order No. 91.	Wire
135	4.5 am	3rd Aust Div.	5 Div.	G.52	Locations aaa 3rd Aust. DHQ F.26.c.8.8 9th Inf. Bde. F.17.a.3.1 aaa 10th Bde. F.17.d.7.4 aaa 11th Bde F.27.d.00.70.	Wire
136	4.30 am	14th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	-	Orders all transmitted. 8th and 15th Bdes know. Everything O.K. Will send copy of order later.	'Phone.
137	5.15 am	15th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	-	One prisoner captured during night. Estimated prisoners 50 ORs during operation. Situation fairly quiet. No sign of 53rd Bn.	'Phone.
138	5.15 am	8th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	-	No change in situation.	'Phone.
139	5.30 am	5 Div.	Aust Corps 46th Div, 3rd Aust Div 30th Am. Div. 5th D.Arty.	G.139	No change in situation aaa enemy shelling scattered slackened considerably aaa One prisoner captured by left Bde. during night aaa estimated total captures during operation 300 prisoners .6 field guns, 16 MGs.	Wire
140	5.35 am	15th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	-	No sign yet of 53rd Bn. who should be passing through. (G.1 informed).	'Phone.
141	5.40 am	8th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	Bm.75	Morning report no change since Summary in B.M. 70 Situation quiet.	Wire
142	5.40 am	30th Div.	5 Div.	G3/29	Situation report aaa General area quiet aaa light shelling in and around BELLICOURT and NAUROY aaa .	Wire
143	5.45 am	15th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	G.133	53rd Bn. going ahead now to hop off line.	'Phone.
144	6 a.m.	32nd Div.	5 Div	G.5	Morning report aaa Quiet night aaa slight enemy artillery activity E. of canal aaa.	Wire

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145	6.0	46th Div.	5 Div.	G.450	Morning report aaa Quiet night aaa Prisoners in yesterday's operations taken by this Div. now total about 4,000 aaa Following guns also captured 1 Bty 4.2 Hows. 1 Bty 4.2 H.V. guns 2 heavies about 40 field guns large number T.M's and approx. 300 M.G's.	Wire
146	6.1	14th A.I Bde.	5 Div.	-	53rd and 55th Bns. moved up to "start line" ¼ hour ago.	'Phone.
147	6.15	15th A.I Bde.	5 Div.	BM 736	One prisoner 81st Regt. 21st Division captured G.5.b by 57th Bn.	Wire.
148	6.22	5 Div.	Aust Corps	G. 148	Repeating Serial No. 147.	Wire.
149	6.23	14th A.I Bde.	5 Div.	BM 292	53rd and 55th Battalions approaching "Start line" at 5.45 am.	Wire
150	6.35	8th A.I Bde.	5 Div.	-	Operation to complete capture of NAUROY successful last night aaa Reported that 32nd Bn. were in JONCOURT yesterday but had to come back.	'Phone.
151	6.55	3rd Aust Div.	5 Div.	CHJ/17	Morning report aaa Situation unchanged aaa Intermittent shelling forward areas during night aaa Some Americans ahead of our line dribbled back during night aaa No reports estimates captures.	Wire
152	7.5	5 Div.	Aust Corps 30th Amer. 46 Div. 3rd Aust Div.	G.152	8th Bde. report that their line pushed forward during night NE corner of NAUROY completing capture of that village aaa Further information regarding yesterday's operations shows that patrols from this brigade were in JONCOURT but had to return.	Wire
153	7.10	Aust Corps	5 Div.	G.179	Morning report aaa quiet night on Corps front aaa enemy lightly shelled forward areas during night mainly scattered fire aaa Right Div. reports capture 4 guns 16 M.G's and a few prisoners.	Wire

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154	8.25	14th A.I. Bde.	5 Div.	-	53rd Bn. report timed 7.20 that message from right Coy 53rd Bn states they are at A28B66 working along LE CATELET LINE. Plenty of M.G's and 2 field guns captured. In touch on left.	'Phone
155	8.25	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 6	Message from left Bde timed 12.30 a.m. gives line as follows. H33A59 H27C29 H27B99 H21B55 H21B76 H15D57 H15C66 H20A58. In touch with Australians at last mentioned point.	Wire
156	8.25	32nd Div.	5th Div.	G 7	Right Bn right Bde reached RED line last night at 7 p.m. Wire taking 5 guns and 80 prisoners and all objectives. Left Bn right Bde believed to have reached RED LINE at same hour. Touch not gained with left Bn left Bde. Left Bn captured 5 prisoners. Believed to have suffered fairly heavy casualties prior to the opening of our barrage but little difficulty after.	
157	8.45	5th Div.	3 Bdes CRA 8th Tanks	G 157	Repeating 155.	
158	8.58	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 77	Our line runs approx as follows. H20C53 H19A60 H13C60 (Wire G18D56 G18D34 G18D33 G12central G12A08 G5D80 LE CATELET-NAUROY line to G5B20.	
	9.5	15th Bde	5th Div.		58th Bn report in touch with 53rd Bn in the CATELET. 53rd Bn were driven out this morning by the bombing attack but counter attacked successfully. Left of 58th Bn can see our troops mopping up CABERET WOOD FARM. Left of 58th Bn A22D53. 57th Bn say Boche clearing out of LE CATELET LINE after putting up good fight.	'Phone

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159	8.58	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 293	Message from 53rd Bn right Coy timed 7.2 a.m. position at A28B66 working along LE CATELET line plenty of German machine guns and two field guns captured. Casualties light in touch with left coy on same line. Germans put up a good fight at first with machine guns and field guns over open sights later they began to clear out and 57th Bn had good shooting with lewis guns.	Wire
160	9.20	5th Div.	D.A. CRE ADMS.,AQ	G 160	Repeating 158	Wire
161	9.30	3rd Aust. Div.	5th Div.	CHJ 18	Left Bde report that 11th Bde on right are advancing N.E. direction. Opposition does not appear stiff. One Bn left Bde advancing. Very little M.G. fire reported.	"
162	9.30	do.	5th Div.	CHJ 19	8 a.m. 40th Bn in A7 report phosphorous bomb seen at F20B73. Tank advancing on BONY from SW drew heavy M.G. fire from SW corner of village. Three Bns left Bde advancing steadily towards HINDENBURG SYSTEM.	"
163	9.45	5th Div.	Corps flank Divs	G163	Repeating 159.	"
164	9.46	Liaison 3rd Div.	5th Div.		11th Bde having stiff fighting, line progressing steadily. 10th Bde are in CLAYMORE TRENCH and are working along BONY AVENUE. Good deal of M.G. fire and W.B. Fire.	Phone
165	10.5	15th Bde	5th Div.		Bde H.Q. will be at G3C92 after 9.45 a.m.	Wire
166	10.35	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 78	From 32nd Bn timed 8.15 a.m. line runs H14B19 H13D57 to ETRICOURT where it junctions with 31st Bn. Enemy appears to be retiring on left flank. Waiting for 15th Bde to move forward before line JONCOURT - ESTREES can be attacked. Enemy still holding out at SUGAR FACTORY H7C.	"

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167	11.85	46th Div.	5th Div.	G 453	Following dispositions will be taken up today. 137 1 Bn square G23C and D 29A and B one Bn squares Q29C and D and Q35 one Bn squares G27 28. 139 Bde 2 Bns in line M5B50 N2A84 - N32B54 line to be held thinly with supporting troops handy. 138th Bde 2 Bns. in line H32b54 - H20a58 to junction with Austn about H19. central. 1 Bn 139 in billets about G36 H31. 1 Bn 138 Bde in billets G30 H25. 46 Bn. M.G.C. to pull back one Coy. into reserve in squares G29 flanks to be securely held haxx but men except sentries to stand down. Coy sent last night to H19 area to remain watching left flank. 100 M.G. Bn. Sq. G28a and b G22c d. Pnr. Bn and R.E. to collected and organise by C.R.E. 100 M.G. BN. will clear battle field in their area. Bdes to organise and clear their areas without delay.	Wire
168	11.10	32nd Div	5th Div.	G 18	Approx. situation 9 am. No news at present from the 14th Inf. Bde which was to attack at 8 am 97th Inf. Bde advancing to the BEAULEVOIR - FONSOMME line and on the west of JONCOURT. A few German lights seen going up from JONCOURT and fairly heavy German shell fire west of JONCOURT for about 2 mins. This has now stopped. Allied troops seen about H9b. 14th Inf. Bde are being warned of 1st Divn. attack and are being told to get into touch with them.	Wire
169	11.40	14th Bde.	5th Div.		53rd Bn have captured Bn. Cmdr. and Adjut. 87 I.R. who state they were taken in A23c00 also that 600 American were captured by enemy yesterday. Confidential that original line will be restored. 8th Bde in A20b. 11th Bde are bombing up HINDENBURG Line. Stiff fighting. At 8.40 were 1000 yards from BONY. As far as C.O. 53rd can ascertain his line still at A28b60. An FOO reports he saw Australian troops in BONY.	Phone

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170	11.15	5th Div.	3 Bdes. Div.Art.	G 170	8th 14th and 15th Inf. Bdes will each retain one Field Arty. Bde. Six additional Bdes Field Arty are available to the Division for any purpose required.	Wire
171	10.50	15th Bde	5th Div.		Col. DENEHY 57th going to attack sunken road in G5b & d Phone CABARET WOOD FARM still held by enemy.	
172	11.17	14th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 295	Following from 53rd Bn timed 9.30 am Bn still at A28b66. Heavy M.G. fire from SIEGFRIED System inflicting casualties. Enemy have counter attacked and carried out frequent bombing attacks in CATELET Line but these have been driven off. Little progress has been made.	Wire
173	11.20	14th Bde	5th Div.		Have prisoners of 2nd Gd. Div. 3 of 1st Regt. Came up in busses 20 miles yesterday afternoon.	Phone
174	11.25	5th Div.	Corps I.		Repeating identification part of No. 169 also No.173.	Phone.
175	11.33	5th Div.	Corps Flank Divs 3 Bdes CRA	G 175	Line right Bde 8.15 a.m. reported run as follows. H.14.d.8.3. H.14.b.1.9. H.13.d.5.7 ETRICOURT thence as before. Left Bde fighting hard and progressing slowly along CATELET - NAUROY LINE. Have captured Bn Comdr and staff at A.23.c.1.1. who states enemy dug in approx along GREEN LINE and ordered hold on at all costs.	Wire
176	11.35	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 294	Identifications prisoners captured in LE CATELET system by 53rd Bn as follows. Three from 1st I.R. 2nd Guard Div who states companies very weak, three from 11th Co. Kaiser Alexander 2nd Guard Div.	Wire
177	11.55	5th Div.	Corps	G 177	15th A.I. Bde reported captured prisoners at A28B55 approx. belonging to KAISERINA ALEXANDRIA GUARDS. N.C.O. states 2 coys were brought up hurriedly yesterday by motor cars.	Wire

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178	11.59 a.m.	5th Div.	3 Bdes. C.R.A. Aust. Corps Flank Divs	G 178	S.O.S. Artillery barrage line will be original GREEN line from Div. northern boundary to H13bcentral. Barrage from H13bcentral to southern Div. boundary will be arranged by G.O.C. 8th A.I.Bde with his affiliated Field Arty Bde.	Wire
178A	p.m. 12.25	B.I.Aust Corps	5th Div.		Reports to 10.30 am no war flying.	Wire
179	12.25	Div. I.O.	5th Div.		Identifications 81 I.R. 1st and 2nd Bns taken by patrol in H7a. Regt. went to PREMONT by foot on 28th Sept. 2 hours after arrival they were alarmed and returned by busses to ESTREES and marched into position along light railway H7 G12. This is front line position at present. 1st Bn. is N of Sugar Factory 2nd Bn South. 80 Fus. Regt. is north of 81 I.R. but are not in trenches. Moral is low, they are tired and discontented. Coy. strength 20. Batteries were firing from ESTREES last night. 1st Guards Gren. Regt. 2nd Guards Div. 1st Bn and 3rd Bn were resting in CLARY for three days. Came by bus VILLERS DUCREUX marched into line last night through GOUY and Mt. ST MARTIN into A22. They expected to counter attack this morning. Our attack came ahead of theirs. No knowledge of other Regts. of their Div. Battalion consists of 3 coys, strength 40. Moral poor, too long in line. Men with 67 on shoulder strap seen on their left last night.	Phone
180	12.50	Lt. ELLIS Observer	5th Div.		Flares called for at 12 noon and answered well by discs. Line as shown from A28d to H28. No contact made N. of H16 and near WIENCOURT. Enemy strongly holding H7a55 and trench from H8b19 to H15cent. Enemy strongly hold trenches in G6b & d and Ha & c.	Aeroplane message

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181	12.51				Aeroplane Message..	
182	12.53	8th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 79	32nd Bn report timed 10.20 am. Line runs from H15a36 H14c98 thence ETRICOURT inclusive thence as before. 4 77mm guns 1 MG and 2 artillery men captured. 77 guns now at H13c99.	Wire
183	12.54	15th Bde	do	BM 739	Prisoners belonging KAISERINA ALEXANDERS Gren. Guards captured at approx. A28b55. N.C.O. states his Coy. was rushed up yesterday in motor cars.	Wire
184	12.55	5th Div.	3 Bdes.	G 184	Situation reports will be sent to Div. H.Q. hourly Additional reports will be forwarded regarding any events or operations in the normal way.	Wire
185	1.10	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 80	With view to shortening our line and capturing prisoners approval asked to carry out an operation and establish a line from approx. H15a25 to G6d53 LAMP SIG. STATION thence to LECATALET LINE as before. Proposed to carry out operation by converging movements from right and left flanks and allow 31st Bn in centre to come up after capture of SUGAR FACY in H7c.	Wire
186	1.20	No.8 Squadron	5th Div.	AW 5196	12.45 Whippet Tank in A28b not moving. 12.50 Big tank Al7b appears to be firing. Uncertain Heavy fire around BONNY. Tank in Wood in A26. 1.5 1 tank stationary in Al4d92	Aeroplane Message
187	1.21	5th Div.	8th Bde.		Repeating No 179.	

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188	p.m. 1.25	Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast.	
189	1.40	5th Div.	Aust. Corps Flank Divs 3 Bdes.	G 189	Repeating identification in No. 179	Wire
190	1.44	3 A.Div.	5th Div.	CH 720	37th Bn moved up to take place 9th A.I.Bde and are now occupying knoll trench and in touch with 40th Bn on the right and with Northamptonshires on the left who are occupying Lion Trench. 37th Bn have one Coy in Crellin Avenue in F12a 40th Bn this morning captured 6 M.Gs in A14a33 which had been adandoned by enemy. A number of M.Gs also captured by 38th Bn in Claymore Trench. Field gun previously reported has been located firing from A9c67. Arty are having an observed shoot on it.	Wire
191	2.5	32nd Div.	5th A.Div.	G 11	Right Bde report trench system south of canal at Le TRONQUOY captured MILE COPSE and BONY COPSE captured one company in ECUME TRENCH 400 prisoners and 10 guns captured. Left Bde reports advance held up in H15a. Centre believed progressing but no reports received FONSOME Line of JONCOURT apparently in enemy hands.	Wire
192	2.5	Div.I.O.	5th Div.	IO 2	Prisoners passed through Div. POW cage 161 I.R. 1st Bn 17 2nd Bn 13 3rd Bn 12 28 RIR 1st Bn 11 2nd Bn 4 3rd Bn 1565 IR 1st Bn 8 2nd Bn 3 3rd Bn 14 75th Sharpshooters detached 6 (Attached to 161 IR) 60 IR 1st Bn 11 7 RIR 3rd Bn 8 249 RIR 2nd Bn 1 3rd Bn 6 250 RIR 1st Bn 12 3rd Bn 8 251 RIR 2nd Bn 1 3rd Bn 4 185 FAR 1st Batty 1 7th Batty 1 off and 24 O.Rs 55 FAR 8th Batty 1 st Bn Munich Landsturm M.G.Coy. 3 Stretcher bearers Coy attached 161 IR 1 81 IR 1st Bn 1 2nd Bn 6 1st GGR 1st Bn 1 3rd Bn 2 Total to 12 noon 1 Offr. 194 O.Rs	Wire

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193	2.15	Div.Art.	5th Div.		Liaison Officer with 119 Regt. report time 1.5 pm Australians hold CATELET Line from A22d55 to A28b81 Everything on right O.K. Gap between left and 27th Americans Prisoner taken at CARBARET WOOD FARM says Australians have gone forward.	Phone
194	2.16	46th Div.	5th Div.		Identification 41 I.R. 221 Div near JONCOURT. 1st Bn. of this Regt. moved last night from ST.QUENTIN to JONCOURT	Phone
195	2.20	Div.I.O.	5th Div.		81 I.R. 1st and 2nd Bns 6 men taken about G12d99 on patrol object to find if trenches in front of them were occupied Regt marched out to PREMONT on night 28 Sept. 2 hours after arrival they were alarmed and brought back by busses to ESTREES and marched to position yesterday along light rly. in H7 and G12 1st Bn is N of sugar factory 2nd Bn S of it 80 Fus.R. is on N of 81 I.R. No regular trenches Morale very low men very tired and discontented Coy strength average 30 Batteries firing from ESTREES last night 1st G.G.R. 1st and 3rd Bns captured CATELET Line in A22 Regt. was in rest in CLARY for 3 days and came by bus yesterday to VILLERS OUTREAU and marched through GONY and StMARTIN to line A22 expected to counter attack attacked this morning but our attack altered plan. No knowledge of other Regts of Div. men with 67 on shoulder strap seen on their left last night (34 Div. or 33 R.Div). Bns consist of 3 Coys Coy strength average 40 Morale poor too long in line.	Wire
196	2.35	5th Div	Div.Art.	G 196	Order No1 92 noted.	Wire

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197	3.55	14th Bde	5th Div.		Bn Commander of 3rd Bn 87 Regt 21 Div. 12 days in line and occupied same position. H.Q. either at A23c10 or A29a45. Said that 100 Americans broke through and were captured.	Phone
198	3.25	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G 188	Troops of 27 and 30 Amer. Divs will be withdrawn from the forward area under arrangements to be made between Divl. Commanders of 3 Aust. Divn. and 27 Amer. Divn on the one hand and 5 Aust. Divn on the other hand. No action should be taken to withdraw troops of 27 and 30 Amer. Divs who are actually engaged in operations or who are holding the front line. PERONNE Area is allotted to 27 Amer. Divn. and MESNIL Area to 30 Amer. Divn. The following areas are allotted for staging. To 27 Amer Divn HAUT ALLAINES Area W of line LIERAMONT -AIZECOURT-TEMPLEAUX all exclusive. To 30 Amer Divn TINCOURT Area West and South of the line TEMPLEUX-LE-ROSSE-TINCOURT-BOUGLY-HAMEL all exclusive. 2nd Aust. Div. will remain in occupation of all quarters as at present.	
199	3.25	Aust. Corps	5th Div.		3rd Div. have 2 Coys southern outskirts BONY 1 coy. W outskirts. Also troops in 21 a and 14d and along GUILLEMONT CRESCENT Trench. 3rd Corps have patrols in 26b and d and are mopping up VENDHUILLE.	Phone
200	3.35	5th Div.	Aust. Corps 3 Bdes. C.R.A. Flank Divs. 2nd A. Div.	G 200	32nd Div. are attacking JONCOURT. At 4 p.m. today the 8th A.I. Bde will attack and establish itself on the general line MILL RIDGE- LAMP SIGNAL STATION to brigade boundary. At same hour 15th A.I. Bde will advance to general line G6c58 - A22d55. Heavy Artillery will bombard areas G6b and d - H.1.a and c until 4.15 pm when they will left to areas FOLEMPRIES Farm - ESTREES 3rd Aust. Div. are in trenches W of BONY and in southern outskirt BONY. 3 Corps are mopping up VENDHUILLE.	Wire

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201	3.40	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 84	8th A.I.Bde w ll advance their line to general line approx G6d63 to H15a25. 15 A.I.Bde are co-operating and will advance to Green line. 13 A.F.A.Bde and heavy arty will bombard enemy positions during attack. Zero will be 4 pm.	Wire
202	3.41	B.I. Aust.Corps	5th Div.	BI 728	Contact patrol right sector reports. Weather bad. visib poor flares called for 12 to 1.20 pm none received line from disc seen apparently runs N to S. A29c08 G5a49 G5a30 G6c8510 G12a85 G12b70 H7c36 H7d12 H14a32 H15c12 along trench from H21b39 to H26b99 men also seen H22a45 H28b46 H28a31 H27d03 Huns seen trench system G6b and d H2a and c sunken road H7b55 H7d17 trenches H8b and d H15a above place appeared to be strongly held enemy seen in LEUERGAS. M.G. fire encountered from trench systems G6b and d H1a and c H8a and c. Enemy shelling NAUROY heavily H13 and H26 consistently. Our transport seen in MAGNY -LA-FOSSE and sunken road A24d. Arty machine reports 11.50 many groups enemy east of tunnel in A9 and A15. Heavy M.G. fire encountered from trench system A9 and A15	Wire
203	3.42	46 Divn.	5th A.Div.	IV 7	Prisoner 31 IR 221 R.D. taken this morning near JONCOURT. 1st Bn this Regt moved last night from ST QUENTIN to JONCOURT. Nothing known of other troops Also prisoner 841 Field Art. Bty 2nd Divn near LE VERGIES.	Wire
204	3.50	Corps	5th Div.	G 190	^{3rd} 5th Corps have occupied MACQUINCOURT, ^{trench} French have established post at S26A74 and have two companies pushing into VENDHUILLE. A Coy of engineers is moving through to report on bridges. One Bde of 38th Div are concentrating forthwith in St.PATRICK'S VALLEY F9B with a view to crossing Canal at VENDHUILLE as soon as practicable. Bde H.Q. of above Bde of 38th Div.will be established at F10C34.	Wire

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204A	4.15	Liaison 3 A.Div.	5th Div.		3rd Div. in Western and southern outskirts of BONY and along sunken road in A14c and d. Much movement VAUBAN VALLEY. Tunnel held strongly.	Wire
205	4.35	B.I. Aust. Corps	5th Div.	BI 729	Contact patrol left sector reports flares called for 12 to 2 pm. Line from flares and discs apparently runs N to S. X30a79 X30a61 X30c52 F12a18 A8c08 A8c22 A14a35 A14a21 A14d03 A20a14 A20d35 A22d54 A28b69. Enemy seen A2c68 BONY ESTREES heavy M.G. fire encountered from VENDHUILLE A3a trenches A3c and BONY Squares S14 15a and c 20 and 21a and c apparently deserted 1.00 pm enemy battery moving E in ESTREES 1 pm 3 H.T. and small party of men N along road H20. H9a. Lock at S19d19 apparently intact footbridge from lock S to VENDHUILLE apparently destroyed. Weather and visib poor.	Wire
206	5.5	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 299	Prisoners captured this morning include one Battalion commander and adjutant third Bn 87 IR also 2 N.C.Os and 25 O.Rs Following identifications 3rd M.G. Coy. 9th 10th and 11th Coys 87 IR. 2nd Coy. 81st IR 2nd Coy. 2nd IR also 1 IR Regt 2nd Guard Div 10 and 11 Coy 85 IR 7th Coy 251 IR.	Wire
207	5.30	5th Div.	Aust Corps		Documents and papers.	
208	5.36	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 302	Situation 5 pm. Instructions have been issued to form a line along trench A22d57 through A22c53 and to establish touch with Bde on left. Also liaison post to be established at about A22a00 when possible These movements are in progress but no information yet. to hand.	Wire

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209	5.40	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G 191	Refce our G190. Move of Bde of 38 Div. will not now take place.	Wire
210	5.40	4th Div.	5th Div.	G 460	Evening Report. Situation quiet except for consistent shelling of MANNY-LA-FOSSE and high ground SE of this village during morning. Right Bde caused heavy casualties with L.G. fire to enemy retreating in front of 1 Divn on southern side of Canal. Low flying EA very active over BELLENGLISE.	Wire
211	6.2	5th Div.	3 Bdes	G 211	Collect all American personnel at present with your Bde and despatch them to Regimental Command posts as follows. 117th Regt L17b42 (caution dugout). 118th Regt K12d30 of to 30th D.H.Q. K11c57. 119th Regt L5d39. 120th Regt L23b76 (Harrods stores).	Wire
212	6.20	D.I.O.	5th Div.	-	G.213 below received by telephone.	'Phone.
213	6.20	5th Div	Aust. Corps 32nd Div. 3 Aust Div	G.213	Identifications aaa 3rd Bn. 87th I.R. 2 offr. 18 OR includes Bn. Cmdr and Adj. aaa 1st Bn. 81 I.R. 1st Grenadier Regt. 1st and 3rd Bns. aaa 2nd Bn. Gren Regt 1st Bn. 1 man aaa 251 R.I.R. 2nd Bn. 1 man aaa 1st and 2nd Bns. 87th I.R. in CATELET line near BONY left flank 3rd Bn. south road A.29.c 65th I.R. on their left aaa 4th Guard Grenadiers reinforced them during our attack this morning aaa 3rd Bn in line 12 days due for relief but our attack held them aaa Platoon 185th Engrs. CABARET FARM aaa 3 Bn. H.Q. A.29.a.4.6 aaa H.M.G. in position behind Bn. H.Q. 2 others 50 yds north aaa German artillery was moved back yesterday with 2 anti-tank guns aaa 100 American 50 others thought English seen as prisoners yesterday aaa All 3 Regts. 2 Guard Div. distributed amongst 185th Div. 121 Div. 21st Div. as reinforcements in CATELET line aaa Strength 1st Bn. 2nd Guard Regt. 90 aaa Total prisoners through P.O.W. 3 offr. 218 O.R.	Wire
214	6.33	8th A.I. Bde.	5th Div.	BM.86	Situation JONCOURT obscure aaa Our line runs at present H. 15.central where we junction with 32nd Div. H.14.b.1.1 H.13.b.2.0, G.18.b.4.6, G.12.d.0.0 thence as before with post aaa G.6.c.4.2 aaa 29th and 31st Bn. could not advance owing to heavy M.G. and artillery fire aaa M.G. fire from trenches	Wire

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214 (contd).					G.6.c and d and sugar factory H.7.c aaa Our casualties fairly heavy aaa 15th A.I.Bde. junction with us in LE CATELET line as before.	
215	6.33	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 746	Our troops advanced at 4 pm from LECATELET trench as far as sunken road running SW through G5b and d. Owing to strong opposition from the front and M.G. fire from eastern end of CABARET WOOD FM they were forced to withdraw to CATELET Trench which is a more advantageous position for giving covering fire to troops advancing on the right. 8th A.I.Bde troops on our right did not get further up the hill than G6c central owing to strong opposition and have taken up a position along the line of light railway in G6c. Our 60 prs were falling short in G6c.	Wire
216	6.42	Meteor	5th Div.		Forecast	Wire
217	6.50	Liaison 3rd A.Div	5th Div.		Message timed 4.30 pm stated 37th Bn patrol reached to within 300 yards of Canal in S25. VENDHUILLE occupied by enemy but British troops moving to mop it up. Observers report enemy taking 3 guns and limbers out of A9a and A3d.	
218	6.52	5th Div.	Aust. Corps Flank Divs 2 A.Div.	G 218	Situation 6 pm. Our line now runs H15 central where we are in touch with 32nd Div - H14b11 - H13b20 - G18b46 - G12d00 - G12central - G6c42 thence LE CATELET Trench to A22d67. Junction with 11th Bde being established at A22a15. We hold W edge CABARET WOOD FARM. Attack on LAMP SIGNAL STN met with strong opposition we suffered heavy casualties and withdrew to our original position except at G6c42 where post is established	Wire

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219	7	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 303	Situation. No reports from line Bns communication at present left reserve Bn on move to positions in A27c and d location will be notified later Right Reserve Bn now in phone communication. They are not moving at present.	Wire
220	7.40	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 306	Line Bns report 6.30 pm. Enemy appears to be massing along enbankment A22b Guns have been informed and are giving the target 100 rounds. 53 Bn believe that they are now in occupation of trench line A22d48 to A22c43 thence to canal. S.O.S. is being arranged A22d86 - A22b51-A22c77 to tunnel at A22c17.	
221	8	8th Bde	5th Div.	BM 8896	Situation 7 pm. No further report from line. Enemy replied to our barrage at 4 pm with heavy barrage along our line in front and north of NAUROY. NAUROY BELLICOURT G17 G18 heavily shelled between noon and 3.30 pm G18 G17 H19 continuously shelled with 4.2. Our guns silenced hostile battery at H12c16. Prisoner captured by right Bn this morning in H14 belonged to 1st FA Arty Regt 2nd Div total prisoners through Bde collecting station since morning of 29th 1 off 146 O.Rs.	Wire
222	8.30	Liaison 32nd Div.	5th Div.		9th Corps troops in JONCOURT. Attack on LEVERGIES was to start at 7 pm.	
223	8.30	Aust. Corps	5th Div.	G 195	Evening Report. 3rd and 5th Aust. Divs attacked early this morning northwards along the Hindenburg Line and also along railway spur. Considerable amount of opposition met with and the fighting has been heavy throughout the day. Result of operation of 5th Aust. Div. for the capture of Mill Ridge not yet reported Progress was made on BONY Spur and along NAUROY Trench also E of NAUROY Village. Outskirts of BONY have been reached and it is reported that BONY is being mopped up by troops of 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery action has been limited owing to the uncertainty as to the whereabouts of advanced troops of 27th American Divn. Our line now	Wire

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223 (contd)					runs H15c04 H7d13 G12d89 G11b99 LE CATELET NAUROY line to approx A28b88 W to Hindenburgh Line N to BONY Avenue to GUILLEMONT CRESCENT thence knoll Trench . Estimated captures past 24 hours 6 off. 500 O.Rs.	
223A	8.25	G.O.C. 5th Tank	5th Div. Bde		His available tanks had been ordered north but he was to stop them and expected to have 15 tanks available for tomorrows operation. These would be collected at Quarry L5d. He was arranging to stop Lt-Col. BINGHAM 16th Tank Bn and had instructed him to report at H.Q. 8th A.I.Bde for conference - he would probably reach there at about 9.30 pm.	arranging Phone
223B	8.35	5th Div.	G.S.O.I at 8th B.H.Q.		Repeating No. 223A.	
224	8.45	5th Div.	Aust. Corps	G 224	Liaison with 32nd Div. report 32nd Div. troops in JONCOURT. Attack on LEVERGIES was to start at 7 pm.	Wire
225	8.55	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 307	Situation. Ref. BM 306. 53 are not in possession of trench line A22d48 and A22c43. They hold bomb block in CAT TR about A22d48 but enemy is still believed to occupy trench LINE mentioned C.O. 53 has been instructed to form the flank between CAT TR and canal as far north as possible with combined 53 and 55.	Wire
226	9.25	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 309	Ref. BM 303 of even date. Move of left reserve div. to support position complete. BN H.Q. A27c01 Coys in A27c and d.	Wire

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227	9.25	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 755	Situation. Still holding LE CATELET line as before Strong fighting patrol from left bn now pushing out after L.T.M. Stokes bombardment to exploit and occupy CAB WOOD FM. No reports yet to hand Enemy fairly quiet. Shelling BELLICOURT intermittently Enemy alert M.G. active.	Wire
228	9.36	15th Bde.	5th Div.	BM 754	Prisoner walked in at approx A28b91 belonged 2nd Regt Kaiserin Alexanderina Grenadier Guards. States his Coy. were ordered to counter attack but refused. Instead of two Regt they now have only four coys. Their officers had told them to give themselves up to the British and as they would get better treatment than from the French. Prisoner added that more of his comrades intended to in tonight.	Wire
229	10.5	5th Div.	Aust. Corps Flank Divs. 8th 14th Bdes.	G 229	Repeating No. 228.	Wire
230	10.5	5th Div.	Aust. Corps Flank Divs 3 Bdes C.R.A.	G 230	14th A.I. Bde (left) have bomb block in CATELET trench A22d42. Enemy believed to hold trench A22d48 to A22c43. O.C. 53rd Bn instructed to form flank between CATELET trench and canal as far north as possible with 53rd and 55th Bns. No change reported on remainder of Div. front. 15th A.I. Bde now attempting to occupy CABARET WOOD FM following on Stokes bombardment.	Wire

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231	10.9	14th Bde	5th Div.	BM 309	Ref BM 303 of even date. Move of left Res. Bn. to support position complete. Bn H.Q. A27C01, Coy in A27c and d.	Wire
232	11.10	5th Div.	Corps	G 232	Smoke screen required for operation morning 1st from 6 a.m. Line BEAUREVOIR TRENCH from and including PROSPECT HILL to ESTREES SPUR.	Wire
233	11.30	Div.I.O.	5th Div.	I.O.3	Same as 213.	Wire
234	11.30	3rd A.Div.	5th Div.	IG 72	Our line now runs. KNOLL SWITCH ALD (in touch with 18th Div) KNOLL SUPPORT A7B LONE TREE TRENCH in A7C GILLEMONT CRESCENT CLAYMORE TRENCH to A14C03 BONY AVENUE through centre BONY village to A15D55 thence to A22A15 where we are in touch with 5th Aust.Div	Wire
235	11.45	5th Div.	3 Bdes CRA	G 235	Repeating 234.	Wire
236	11.35	Corps	5th Div.	G 201	Ref Aust.Corps G188 of 30th inst, the res.reg't of 30th American Div which is now intact will not be withdrawn until further orders but will remain in reserve in rear of 5th Aust.Div. Action detailed in Aust.Corps G188 apart from this should be proceeded with and progress reported frequently.	Wire
237	a.m. 12.5	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 758	Situation along front unchanged. Patrol reports Cab. WD FM occupied by enemy. Will require destructive artillery shoot on this place before further infantry action. Enemy now consistently shelling BELLICOURT. Scattered shelling elsewhere.	Wire
238	12.15	15th Bde	5th Div.	BM 756	Locations Bde G3D52, 57th G11B56, 58th G3B46, 59th G10A92, M.G. G3B38, T.M. G4C56, L.H. HARGICOURT, Staff Capt and Transport 14th A.F.A.Bde. G2C55.	Wire

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