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HENENCOURT.	1917. April.9.		<p>The operations carried out by the 1st Australian Division during last 2 days culminated in the seizure of HERMIES, DEMICOURT, and BOURSIES:-</p> <p><u>Operation 1.</u> The operations of the last two days culminated in the seizure of HERMIES, DEMICOURT and BOURSIES. It was considered that the action against HERMIES would present considerable difficulty, while that against BOURSIES appeared to present an easier problem. The capture of HERMIES was expected to facilitate the seizure of DEMICOURT.</p> <p><u>Operation 2.</u> The 3rd Infantry Brigade established itself on the ridge north west of BOURSIES on the night 7th/8th April meeting with considerable opposition (vide Summary of 8th inst.) Action against HERMIES and DEMICOURT was confined to normal artillery activity.</p> <p><u>Operation 3.</u> It was hoped that these measures would lead the enemy to believe that BOURSIES was the next objective and would lull any suspicions of immediate action against HERMIES and DEMICOURT. These expectations appear to have been justified.</p> <p><u>Operation 4.</u> The 1st Infantry Brigade was to seize HERMIES and DEMICOURT and the 3rd Brigade was to capture BOURSIES. The plan of the operation was to attack HERMIES from the north west with the right of the attack on the DOIGNIES-HERMIES Road, the left of the attack was to sweep through the north eastern side of the town. The 2nd Battalion was allotted to this task. The enemy's main defences were to be continued from the south by the 3rd Battalion and as soon as the main attack reached the Railway this attack was to be pressed home. The 1st Battalion was to push forward from DOIGNIES to cover the left of the 2nd Battalion and to seize DEMICOURT when opportunity offered, 4th Battalion remained in reserve.</p> <p><u>Operation 5.</u> The 3rd Brigade was to assault BOURSIES at the same time as the 1st Brigade assaulted HERMIES. To facilitate this the posts on the high ground in Squares J.5 -D.27 and D.28 were to be pushed forward by 10th Battalion early on the night 7th/8th, prior to the assault on BOURSIES by 12th Battalion. The 11th Battalion was held in reserve.</p> <p><u>Operation 6.</u> From zero onwards the 5th Divisional Artillery were to keep DEMICOURT under fire and the Divisional Artillery and Machine Guns of 20th Light Division were to keep the northern part of HAVRINCOURT wood under fire also. Zero hour was 4.15 a.m.</p> <p><u>Operation 7.</u> At 10.30 p.m. the enemy anticipated our action by counter-attacking the posts of 12th Battalion which was nearest BOURSIES. He gained a footing but was ejected almost immediately by a local counter-attack and left 1 prisoner of 94th R.I.R. in our hands.</p>	

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HENENCOURT.	1917. April 9. Contd.		<p>The 10th and 12th Battalions met very strong opposition in advancing their posts chiefly from machine guns on the high ground and portion of the Reserve Battalion was called upon to reinforce the 12th Battalion for the action.</p> <p>The assault on BOURSIES was delivered at zero and at 5.30 am. it was reported that the village had been captured. There was great difficulty in maintaining communications at this place, and the village was subjected to severe machine gun fire throughout the morning from the North. At about 2 p.m. special parties were organised and sent through the village to 'mop up'.</p> <p><u>Operation. 8.</u> The assault on HERMIES was carried out as planned. There was considerable opposition on the Southern and Northwestern fronts chiefly from machine gun fire.</p> <p>At 5 a.m. the right of 2nd Battalion was reported by the F.O.O. to be in HERMIES in Square 29.B and the left to be working round the Northeast of the town. At 5.55 a.m. 3rd Battalion was reported to have occupied CEMETERY South of HERMIES and to be in touch with 2nd Battalion in the town.</p> <p>The 1st Battalion was then ordered to send patrols into DEMICOURT.</p> <p>At 7.20 a.m. the enemy endeavoured to develop a local counter-attack from the direction of DEMICOURT. This was broken up by Artillery fire.</p> <p>The 1st Battalion pushed forward against DEMICOURT under cover of artillery fire. At about noon the Germans bolted over the ridge to the East under artillery fire and pressure of patrols of 1st Battalion.</p> <p>The 1st Battalion pushed through the village and established themselves on the Eastern side. All localities are being consolidated.</p> <p><u>Operation. 9.</u> By noon 157 prisoners had passed through Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p><u>Enemy Activity.</u></p> <p><u>Artillery.</u> Throughout the 24 hours hostile shelling was more active than usual and was distributed over the forward areas. DOIGNIES, LOUVERVAL LAGNICOURT and BEAUMETZ were shelled during the period.</p> <p><u>Machine Guns.</u> A number of hostile machine guns on ridge E.28.b.1.9 to D.23.c.7.5. One machine gun was located at D.28.b.1.9 and another fired from road in D.29.c and b.</p> <p>4th Division report our artillery very active during day on enemy's wire and defences. Enemy wire reported well cut from U.28.b.47 to U.29.a.28 and fairly well cut from U.29.b.65. U.30.a.05. also from U.29.a.85 to U.29.b.45. ^{stretches.} Sketches of 20.x. were well cut in U.28.b.</p>	

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GREVILLERS. (G.29.b.).	1917. April. 25.		<p>11th British Division relieved 1st Australian Division in the right sector of the Corps front, command being handed over by G.O.C. 1st Australian Division at 9 a.m. to G.O.C. 11th Division. Our artillery was active throughout the day. Wire cutting on the HINDENBURG Line between K.27.a.50. BULLECOURT and QUEANT was continued and enemy trenches from K.26.b.98 to K.27.a.02-K.26.central to K.20.central to K.26.b.98 to K.27.a.02-K.27.a.50 were shelled. QUEANT and PRONVILLE were also shelled during the day.</p> <p>Our patrols were normally active but reported nothing of general interest. Hostile shelling was below normal. ECOUST, LONGATTE and LAGNICOURT were shelled at intervals during the day.</p> <p>During the night enemy fired a number of light trench mortar bombs on to 2nd Division front. Activity behind the enemy lines was rather above normal during the day. Our artillery and machine guns dispersed several working parties inflicting casualties.</p>																															
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	30th.		<p>During the night 29/30th the enemy rushed a post of the 11th Division on the Canal at K.26.c.99 5 men of the garrison are missing. During the day enemy fired many rifle grenades into our posts on the western bank of the Canal in K.26.c. from the Slag Heaps in J.26.central. Our artillery was normally active throughout the 24 hours on 11th Division front. On our left division front (2nd Aust.Div.) our artillery was very active day and night. HENDECOURT RIENCOURT and BULLECOURT were intermittently shelled also enemy wire in U.28.b.and c, U.28.a.& b. Gas shells hampered the work of patrols from the 2nd Australian Division who reported nothing of particular interest. During the day our planes were very active. 4 Bangalore torpedoes were successfully blown in enemy wire in D.7.d. during the night. During the day 145 shells fell in LAGNICOURT. From 3.40 a.m. to 4.15 a.m. the enemy shelled front line of 2nd Australian Division with 77 mm and 10.5. cm. No damage resulted. Considerable enemy movement was observed around QUEANT during the day. Several hostile parties were successfully dispersed by our artillery fire. Enemy searchlight were again active during the night.</p> <p><u>Casualties.</u></p> <table data-bbox="915 1451 2289 1676"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2"><u>Officers.</u></th> <th colspan="2"><u>Other ranks.</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>Killed</u></th> <th><u>Wounded.</u></th> <th><u>Killed</u></th> <th><u>Wounded.</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2nd Aust. Div.</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corps Troops.</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL.</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>32</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Officers.</u>		<u>Other ranks.</u>			<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	2nd Aust. Div.	-	1	1	24	Corps Troops.	-	-	-	8	TOTAL.	-	1	1	32	
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