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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLETRE	Jan. 1st		The name of the Corps was changed to AUSTRALIAN Corps to-day. Two aeroplane shoots were carried out and 34 neutralisations. Bursts of fire were kept up on three hostile batteries. Hostile artillery active during night and early morning, chiefly on U.16. The afternoon was less active - the principal areas shelled were C.10, I.9.c and c.3.	JMR JMR JMR JMR JMR JMR JMR JMR
	2nd		Seven neutralisations were carried out. Hostile artillery was quiet, except for slight activity during the evening. There was some shelling of RAVINE WOOD and WYTSCHAETE & DAMSTRASSE.	
	3rd		Two destructive shoots were carried out and 33 neutralisations. Our Left Divisional Artillery and Heavy Artillery fired on S.O.S. signal at 10.35 p.m. owing to heavy shelling of front line trenches. Hostile artillery active during the night and afternoon. Harassing fire on MESSINES, OOSTHOEK and ONTAET Wood area.	
	4th		57th Divisional Artillery relieved 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery in the line on the Southern Sector. 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery located in MERRIS area - H.Qrs in BAILLEUL. One destructive shoot and 19 neutralisations were carried out. Hostile artillery fairly active on forward areas and heavy on front line trenches in U.11 at 11 p.m.	
	5th		Four neutralisations were carried out. Hostile artillery quiet. 10 .5.m. and 15 c.m. guns were very active on O.5 between 6.5 p.m. and 7 p.m.	
	6th		Two destructive shoots and four neutralisations were carried out. Concentrations of fire were made on two hostile batteries. Hostile artillery was very quiet.	
	7th		Three destructive shoots, seven neutralisations and three concentrations of fire were made on hostile batteries. Enemy artillery on the whole was quiet, but a barrage was put down on our lines East of MESSINES.	
	8th		Seventeen hostile batteries were neutralized and bursts of fire were made on four enemy batteries. Enemy's fire was fairly weak; he fired 77 m.m. gas shell into MESSINES and H.E. into the DOUVE Valley.	

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FLETRE	9th		One destructive shoot was carried out on a hostile battery in COMINES and another on A.A. battery East of DEULEMONT. Six enemy batteries were neutralized. Enemy's fire was quiet; he replied into RAVINE Wood and WYTSCHAETE Ridge and area South and East of PLOEGSTEERT Wood.	JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN
	10th		Four destructive shoots on enemy batteries, eighteen neutralizations and four bursts of fire were made; the enemy replied into GREEN Wood.	
	11th		Fifteen neutralizations and one artillery attack were made on enemy batteries. The enemy replied into RAVINE Wood and WYTSCHAETE areas.	
	12th		Eleven neutralisations, two concentrations and two bursts of fire were made on hostile batteries. Enemy replied and a field gun was put out of action. GREEN Wood, WYTSCHAETE, LA BASSEVILLE and our front line West of FRELINGHIEN were also shelled.	
	13th		Our trench mortars and 18-prs carried out combined shoots on TWINS and BOMB Farms. Three destructive shoots on enemy batteries and nine neutralizations were carried out; three of our batteries were shelled but sustained no damage. Enemy shelling was active South of WYTSCHAETE and East of LE BIZET.	
	14th		One enemy battery was shelled and seven batteries neutralized. One burst of fire on a hostile battery was made. Two of our guns were put out of action.. Enemy shelled RAVINE Wood and WYTSCHAETE.	
	15th		Four enemy batteries were neutralized and two subjected to bursts of fire. One of our batteries was shelled but received no damage. The enemy shelled our front line from HOLLEBEKE to the WAMBEEK, also BEDFORD HOUSE and BATTLE Wood.	
	16th		Seven enemy batteries were neutralized and eight were subjected to bursts of fire. Enemy's artillery very quiet; one of our batteries was shelled but received no damage.	
	17th		Seven enemy batteries were neutralized and one subjected to a burst of fire. Enemy's artillery was very quiet; a few shells fell on VERBRANDENMOLEN and KLEIN ZILLEBEKE.	JAN

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FLETRE	18th		Four very successful counter battery shoots were carried out, fifteen enemy batteries were neutralized and two subjected to bursts of fire. One of our batteries was shelled but received no damage. The enemy also shelled DENYS WOOD and SANCTUARY WOOD.	JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN JAN
	19th		Five enemy batteries were bombarded and seven were neutralized. Enemy shelled DENYS Wood, PLOEGSTEERT Wood and MESSINES.	
	20th		Six enemy batteries were bombarded, twenty were neutralized and one subjected to ^a burst of fire two of our batteries were shelled but received no damage. PLOEGSTEERT, DENYS Wood and OOSTAVERNE Wood were also shelled.	
	21st		Two shoots were carried out on hostile batteries, four were neutralized and five were subjected to concentrations. Two of our batteries were shelled but were not damaged. A large fire was caused by the registration of one of our batteries.	
	22nd		Five shoots were carried out on enemy batteries, twentyfive neutralizations and one concentration were also carried out. The enemy artillery was more active than for some time past.; Four of our batteries were shelled and one gun put out of action. VERBRANDENMOLEN, NORFOLK LODGE WYTSCHAETE, MESSINES and N. of PLOEGSTEERT Wood were also shelled.	
	23rd		One hostile battery was shelled and ten neutralized. Two hostile batteries were subjected to bursts of fire. Enemy shelling was light, chiefly round RAVINE Wood, Hill 63 and LE BIZET.	
	24th		Six shoots were carried out on hostile batteries and seven neutralizations. One of our batteries was shelled and a gun put out of action. GREENWOOD, WYTSCHAETE, OOSTAVERNE, LE BIZET and area N. of YPRES - COMINES Canal were also shelled.	
	25th		Four very successful shhots were carried out, one hostile battery kept under a burst of fire and seven neutralized. Enemy reply was very weak.	
	26th		Five Five hostile batteries were neutralized; enemy's artillery was very quiet.	
	27th		One hostile battery was neutralized; enemy very quiet.	

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FLETRE	28th		Five enemy batteries were shelled and sixteen neutralized, one of our batteries was shelled but received no damage.	JHR JHR
	29th		Three enemy batteries were neutralized bombarded and twelve neutralized; one of our batteries was shelled but received no damage. HOLLEBEKE, RAVINE Wood and LE BIZET were also shelled.	
	30th		One hostile battery was shelled and 31 neutralized; enemy fired on our forward areas from BATTLE Wood to GAPPA ROAD , also LE BIZET. GAPPAARD,	
	31st		Sixteen active hostile batteries were neutralized, field artillery carried out gas bombardments on the enemy's front system. The enemy's reply was very weak.	

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