

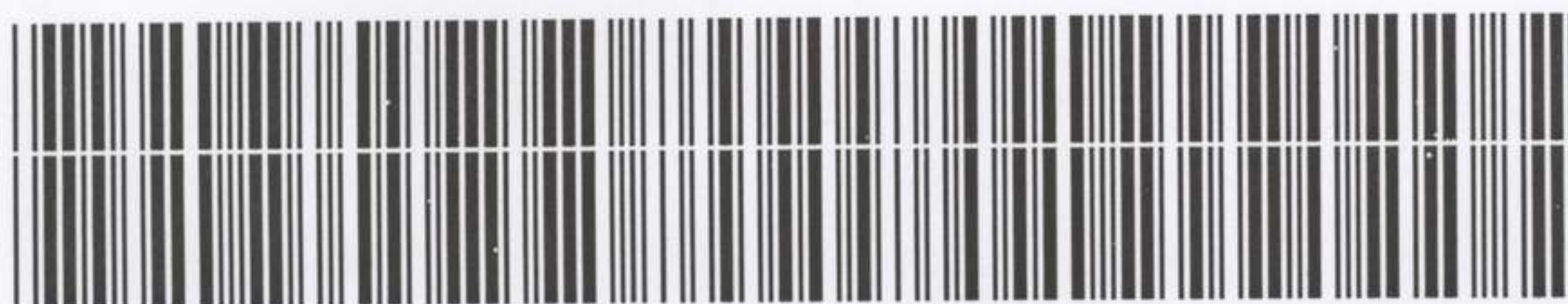
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 2.6.18. to 4 p.m. 3.6.1918.

Ref. Map. 62 D.1/40,000.

OUR FIRE. At 4.35 pm. 18 Pdrs. of the Left Group brought fire to bear on VAIRE WOOD in P.14.d.

18-pdrs of the Right Group carried out registrations.

During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads, approaches, and centres of activity, while from 10 pm. to 5 am. 700 rds. were directed against area P.31. P.32. and P.26. Attention also paid to enemy's roads and tracks in U.6.c. & d. and trenches in V.7.a. & b. and V.2.c.

At 10.30 pm. 10.50 pm. 12.10 am. and 12.45 am. selected targets in V.2.b. & V.3.d. were subjected to Gas shelling by 4.5"Hows.- 190 rds. fired.

A hostile battery at P.22.c.2.8. was engaged by 4.5"Hows. during the day.

HOSTILE FIRE. The enemy's Artillery has again been active throughout the period, and a further slight increase in hostile fire during the night is reported. Shelling, however, has again been well distributed over the whole front. Main features were as follow :

From 5 to 6 pm. 50 rds. 15 cm. fell in O.32. and from 7 to 10 pm. 50 rds 10.5 cm. fell in CACHY. From 10. to 10.30 pm. 40 rds. 10.5 cm. HE and Gas fell in O.27.a. & c. From 9.30 pm. to 11.30 pm. 100 rds. 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. fell in V.2.a. & d. and V.3.c. from the direction of WARFUSEE ABANCOURT, and at midnight heavy shelling of our Front Line and forward areas in the vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX took place, while O.28. and O.22. were subjected to intermittent shelling throughout the night, from 15 cm. and 10.5cm. Hows.- 200 rds., a proportion of Gas shell being used. On the Left Group front between 4 and 4.30 pm. 50 rds. 15cm. fell in O.10., and between 8 and 9 pm. 62 rds. 15cm. and 10.5 cm. fell in O.10.c. & d. and O.16.a & b. At 10 pm. 20 rds. Gas were directed against O.21.c. & d., while between 11.30 pm. and 3.45 am. P.19.c. was intermittently shelled by 15 cm. and 10.5cm. Hows. At 5.30am 20 rds. 10.5cm. fell in P.19.c. and from 9.45 am. to 10.45 am. 40 rds. 10.5 cm. fell in O.10.c., O.16.a., and O.22.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. With the exception of a slight increase in harassing fire during the night, no change in the enemy's attitude is noticeable.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. Hostile batteries have been active from the BOIS des TAILLOUX and WARFUSEE ABANCOURT. Sound Bearings of these batteries were 86, 94, and 120 degs. G.B. from P.19.c.05.95.

INTELLIGENCE.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy's aircraft have been comparatively ^{inactive} throughout the period. At 11 pm. 7 bombs were dropped in O.15.- damage not ascertained. At 2.25 am. 1 E.A. was brought down near our Support Line on the Left Group front.

MISCELLANEOUS. - At 8.40 pm. an enemy dump exploded on a bearing 109 degs. T. from O.29.d.0.4., probably in V.5.d.

An enemy searchlight was active throughout the night on a bearing 92 degs T. from O.29.d.0.4. At 3.20 am. the enemy sent up six red light signals on the Left Group front. These were followed by light shelling of our F.L. system.

VISIBILITY - Fair.

Headquarters,
3.6.1918.

Atkinson
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 4.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 5.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period 18 pounders fired 100 rds. on selected targets in V.2.b. and at V.1.b.5.6., V.1.b.9.5., 85.00., 4.2., and V.1. Central. 60 rds. were directed against Cross Roads at U.6.c.75. 30 and U.6.b.7.6. while further registrations were carried out by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. during the day. During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy's road, approaches and centres of activity, the following targets receiving special attention :- Railway Cutting in V.1.a. and M.G. at U.6.b. 9.8. - 60 rds. - tracks in U.6.b. and road junctions at U.6.b.7.6. & V.1.b.5.6. 60 rds. railway cutting in V.1.b. and selected targets in U.6. - 250 rds. - V.1.a.3.2., road junction at U.6.b.7.6., V.1.b.85 00. and U.6.b.91.20. - 180 rds. - V.6.a.80.94. and M.G. posts at U.6.a.4.3. and V.1.d.4.2. - 90. rds. while a further 700 rds were expended on enemy works opposite the Right Group front during the night. At 12.10 a.m., 12.40 a.m., 1.15 a.m., 2.10 a.m., and 3 a.m. bursts of fire were directed against enemy works opposite the Left Brigade front. During the period 4.5" Hows fired 32 rds. on houses in V.9.b. - several direct hits were obtained. At 9.45 p.m. 50 rds. BNC and 20 rds. BX were directed against M.G. cm- placement at V.1.b.1.7. and at 11.15 p.m. and 12 midnight 100 rds. BNC were directed against trench junctions at V.1.b.8.1. and V.2.a.45.10. At 2.40 a.m. and 3.20 a.m. 50 rds. BNC were directed against Cross Roads in MARCELCAVE, V.10.d.2.8. and V.9.d.5.3. and at 4.45 a.m. 50 rds. BNC were fired on trench system at V.1.b.88.78.

TRENCH MORTARS. NIL.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A slight increase in hostile fire as compared with the previous 24 hours is noticeable. The bulk of the enemy's shelling occurred during the hours of darkness. No gas shelling during the period was observed. VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the western outskirts of the town were intermittently shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. during the night, and BLANGY TRONVILLE and railway in the vicinity also received attention. Fire during the day was again light and scattered, and mainly directed against roads and tracks in the vicinity of our battery areas. One instance of hostile Counter Battery work was recorded, viz., at 2.45 p.m. 20 rds. 15 cm on 4.5" Howitzer Battery position at O.20. d.54.50. from the direction of WARFUSEE ABANCOURT (Probably P.35.) No damage, however, was sustained. Main features as follow :- From 6.15 to 6.20 p.m. the enemy put down a barrage of 15 cm, 10.5 cm, and 77 mm on our forward trenches in the neighbourhood of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. From 2.20 a.m. to 4 a.m. approximately 320 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX and Western outskirts in O.27., O.28. and O.34. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE. Other areas receiving attention during the night were U.2.b., U.3.a., 40 rds. 10.5 cm, road in O.13.c. 35 rds. 15 cm, O.15 and O.8.c. light, O.16 a. and b. 50 rds 15 cm, O.8.a. 40 rds. 15 cm, O.10.a. 40 rds. 10.5 cm, O.11.c. 50 rds. 15 cm. During the day 70 rds. 15 cm were scattered over area O.14.a. and O.15.c. from a direction 78 deg Grid bearing from O.9.c.20.25. and at 10 a.m. 100 rds. from the direction of MARCELCAVE were directed against O.21. Central This appeared to be an observed shoot, probably carried out with balloon observation.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No change is apparent in the attitude of the enemy.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft has shown more activity during the period. At 8 p.m. 3 enemy planes flew over our forward areas on the Right Group front but were driven off by anti-aircraft guns. At 8.55 a.m. one E.A. was brought down as a result of an aerial combat and fell in the direction of U.10. and at 7.15 a.m. an observation

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AIRCRAFT. (CONT.)

came down on a bearing 95 deg. True from O.21.c.39.88. This is believed to have been a hostile machine.
At 12.30 p.m. 7 enemy machines crossed our lines and passed over VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Anti-aircraft succeeded in driving off these planes.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY

At 10.15 a.m. a party of 6 men of the enemy was observed in P.23.
b. Parties of 2 men were frequently seen at the same place at intervals during the day.

BALLOONS.

Grid bearings have been taken of hostile observation balloons as follows :-
From O.29.c.20.25. 89, 98, 119 deg. 30 min., 131 deg, 141 deg 30 min., 149 deg, 30 min. From O.15.a.2.4. 93.deg 30 min. From O.9.d.5.4. 90. deg. 188. deg., 133 deg., from O.15.a.60.98., 120 deg., 139 deg, 150 deg., 155 deg., 170 deg., and 164 deg 30 min.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A stationary searchlight was active at intervals during the night on a bearing 92 deg. True from O.29.d.8.1.
About 11.30 a.m. a fire believed to have been caused by hostile shelling occurred in VILLERS BRETONNEUX - apparently an S.A.A. dump.

Visibility fair - low at intervals owing to haze.

Attached

Headquarters,
5.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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Ref Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 5.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 6.6.1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity, special attention being paid to selected targets in V.1.b. and d., V.1. central, and Cross roads in V.1.a - 170 rds. - M.G. at U.6.b. and road at V.1.b.9.4. - 100 rds. - railway crossing at V.1.b.5.6. and centre of activity at U.6.b.30.34. and railway cuttings and tracks in V.1.a., U.6.a. and b. - 500 rds. - 200 rds on approaches and defences in Squares P.31. and P.32. In addition to the above bursts of fire by 18 pdrs. of the Left Group were directed against enemy works at 9.30 p.m., 9.45 p.m., 11.10 p.m., 2.15 a.m., and 3.30 a.m. At 10.15 p.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 25 rds BNC on MARCEL CAVE in V.9.d. and at 11 p.m. 25 rds. BNC were directed against V.9.b. From 12.15 a.m. to 5 a.m. 192 rds. BNC were directed against railway cuttings in V.1.b. and V.2.a. At 3.30 a.m. a short concentration of BNC gas shell was fired on the outskirts of WAREFUSSE at P.29.c.6.8. and P.29.c.1.4. During the day 18 pdrs fired 60 rds. on limber in U.6.b. and 60 rds. on railway crossing in V.1.b., trench in V.1.c. and road in V.1.d. - registrations for fleeting opportunity targets. Registrations were also effected on hangar at P.32.a.30.45.

TRENCH MORTARS.

M.T.Ms. fired 5 rds. and 13 rds. on targets O.36.d.95.95. and U.5.b.65.15 respectively.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period under review a slight decrease in hostile fire is noticeable. The enemy's attention was again confined to night firing and our battery areas received little attention. One instance of gas shelling was recorded. Our forward areas (O.35. and U.5.) on the Right Brigade Front were heavily shelled at intervals during the night, apparently in reply to operations of our Right Flank Division., whilst on the Left Group front the enemy shelled our trenches and forward areas in O.22., 23., 24., P.13 and P.19. Fire however was light and well distributed, mainly from 77 mm guns firing from the direction of WAREFUSSE - ABANCOURT. Other areas receiving attention during the night were O.9., O.10., O.11., O.15. a. O.16. Central 10.5 cm and 77 mm light. FOUILLOY 10 rds 21 cm, O.29.c., re-entrant in O.22. and O.25. - 50 rds. 15 cm - O.22.a. and b. O.35. (15 cm and 77 mm) At 10.45 p.m. 110 rds 77 mm H.E. and gas (nature not ascertained) were directed against CACHY and U.2.d. from the direction of HANGARD WOOD. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was also lightly shelled by 15 cm Hows. 30 rds. approximately - During the day O.15., O.27.b. and O.16 Central 15 cm and 77 mm light. U.2.b. and d. VILLERS BRETONNEUX O.28. 60 rds 15 cm, O.27.a. 65 rds. 15 cm.

APPARENT REGISTRATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE ENEMY.

At 4.30 p.m. a few rds. high air bursts from 10.5 cm Hows. were observed over O.11.c. - apparently registering. -

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Apart from a slight decrease in hostile fire and less activity on our battery areas, there is no change in the enemy's artillery attitude.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile aircraft have been active over our lines on several occasions during the period, but fire from our A.A. guns succeeded in driving off these machines. At 10 p.m. enemy planes dropped bombs on VILLERS BRETONNEUX. At 11 p.m. our machines were active over MARCELCAVE and WAREFUSSE ABANCOURT on bombing operations.

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OBSERVATION BALLOONS.

Enemy observation balloons were observed during the period as follows :- 78 deg and 58 deg T.B. from 0.29.d.83.10. and 135 deg from .2.b.95.10., 156 deg. 152 deg. and 125 deg. Grid Bearing from P.19 .05.95. and 119 deg 30 min, 136 deg. 30 min, 150 deg. 30 min and 161 deg grid bearing from 0.24.d.8.3.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

During the day movement was observed in the vicinity of WARFUSEE ANANCOURT.

At 11.20 a.m. smoke was seen apparently from a train proceeding in a Northerly direction from WARFUSEE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An enemy searchlight in WARFUSEE was again active at intervals during the night.

At 11.55 p.m. small enemy dumps were observed to explode in the direction of P 24. from 0.30.c.

At 11.25 p.m. the enemy sent up golden rain rockets on the left Brigade front. No apparent action observed.

At 12.30 p.m. an enemy smoke screen was observed about V.30.

Visibility very changeable - fair at times, but poor during the day owing to haze.

W. H. Houlley

Headquarters,
6.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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... Hostile aircraft have been active over our lines on every occasion during the night, but from our A.A. and machine gun fire they have been driven down. At 10.15 p.m. enemy planes dropped bombs on VILLES HIRONOMIUX. At 11 p.m. our machines were active over MARGELAVY and WARFUSEE ANANCOURT on bombing operations.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY *Appendix*

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 6.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 7.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads, approaches and centres of activity, the following targets receiving special attention :- V.1.b.9.4., V.1.b.5.6., 85.00., V.1.a.9.7., road junction U.6.c., M.Gs. U.6.b.9.8. and 30.34., track junction U.6.b.6945., M.G. at U.6.a.61.12., road and trench junction in V.1.a. and U.6.a.80.94. - 690 rounds expended.

In addition to the above 400 rds. were directed against selected targets in P.26., 27., 31., and 32 while 18 pdrs. of the Left Group fired short bursts on enemy's roads and defences at 10.10, 10.40., 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 and 2.40 a.m. At intervals during the night 4.5" Hows. fired on trench junction at P.26.b.5.5., P.27.c.0.6., P.21.d.8.4. and P.22.c.2.3. 100 rds. BNC were fired on railway cutting from V.1.b.00.70. to 60.50. 80 rds. BNC on P.31.d. and P.32. Central and 150 rds. BNC on trench and railway junction in V.2.b. and buildings in V.9.d.

During the period enemy movement at P.27.d.8.3. was effectively engaged by 18 pdrs and a small party of the enemy (10 men) observed along road in V.14.a. was fired on and dispersed while a further 37 rds. were expended on enemy movement at the following points :- V.1.a.9.4., V.1.b.5.6., V.1.b.85.00., and V.1.a.4.2.

TRENCH MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 11 rds. on buildings in U.6.a. and 5 rds. on derelict tank at U.5.b.65.15.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A further slight decrease in hostile artillery fire is reported, this was particularly noticeable during the afternoon and evening of the 6th inst when our front remained quiet. No gas shelling and no counter battery work were carried out by the enemy. Main features were as follow :- At 5.30 p.m. CACHY was lightly shelled by 77 mm guns from a direction 140 deg T.B. from U.2.b. 98.10. - approximately 50 rds. - From 10.35 to 10.45 p.m. our front line and support trenches on the Right Brigade front were subjected to heavy shelling by 77 mm guns - approximately 500 rds. - are reported to have fallen during this shoot. At intervals during the night 0.20. and 0.21. were shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. - 200 rds. Other areas receiving attention were VILLIERS BRETONNEUX, 0.35.c and d., 0.27.a., (50 rds. 15 cm.) U.2.d., U.3.c., 0.16.a., 0.34. and 0.10.c. Fire, however, was light and scattered mainly from 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns. During the day BOIS L'ABBE was lightly shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. while CACHY received customary attention from 77 mm guns. At 9.45 a.m. 20 rds. 10.5 cm fell in 0.20.a. and b. and a few rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm and 77 mm were scattered over area 0.9. a. and b., 0.10.d., 0.20.b. and c., 0.11.b. and 0.15.a. The bulk of the enemy's fire appears to have come from BERTHE and HANGARD WOODS and WARFUSEE ABANCOURT.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

With the exception of a slight decrease in the enemy's artillery activity particularly during the afternoon and early part of the evening, no change in the attitude of the enemy is apparent.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 7.10 p.m. an A.A. battery was observed in action on a bearing 141 deg True from 0.29.d.9.2.. At .8 p.m. a flash from a H.V. gun was observed 105 deg T.B. from 0.29.d.85.10. Time from flash to report of gun 16 seconds. C.B.S.O. was informed immediately. At 5.30 p.m. flashes of hostile guns were observed 84 deg Grid Bearing from 0.24.b.8.3. - area shelled 0.27. - no. of rds. 30 - calibre 15 cm.

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GENERAL. AIRCRAFT.

Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. enemy aircraft were more active than usual. At 7.30 p.m. 2 E.A. crossed our lines at a high altitude. These were driven off by A.A. fire. At 8.30 p.m. an enemy plane flew low over our lines in the vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX but was driven off by two of our machines. Hostile bombing planes were active about 11 p.m. and 3 bombs were dropped about 0.25.a. Central. At 9.30 .m. two enemy planes patrolled out trenches at a low altitude.

BALLOONS.

Enemy observation balloons were up at 125 and 134 deg. Grid bearing from 0.24.b.8.3.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Individual movement was observed during the afternoon in V.14.a. At 4.45 p.m. a train was observed in W.8.a., and when fired on by our Heavy Artillery moved off behind LA MOTTE. At 4.15 p.m. a wagon was observed in P.27.d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 4.15 p.m. a large fire was started by our heavy artillery at V.10.c.10.75. and in buildings in this vicinity. visibility good.

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Headquarters, 7.6.1918. Lieutenant. Reconnaissance Officer. 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

With the exception of a slight decrease in the enemy's artillery activity particularly during the afternoon and early part of the evening, no change in the attitude of the enemy is apparent.

At 7.10 p.m. an A.A. battery was observed in action on a bearing 141 deg true from 0.19.b.9.3. At 8 p.m. a flash from a H.V. gun was observed 108 deg 1.0. from 0.29.d.8.10. The flash to be seen is assumed to be from 0.19.b.9.3. At 8.30 p.m. flashes of hostile guns were observed bearing from 0.24.b.8.3. - grid bearing 0.27. - no. of the 30 calibre 15 mm.

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Ref. Map. 62 D. 1740,000

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 7.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 8.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads and centres of activity, special attention being paid to the following targets - roads in V.1.a. and b; railway cutting in V.1.a.; road and trench junctions in U.6.a. and b., rifle pit in U.6.b., M.W. in U.6.b., roads in P.33., V.2. and V.3., P.26. and P.27. 1300 rds expended. In addition to the above short bursts of fire were directed at intervals during the night against enemy defences opposite the Left Brigade Front. At 12.40 a.m. 18 pdrs. fired 60 rds. on enemy M.Gs at O.36.d.8.8. and working parties at U.5.b. 9.6. Other targets engaged during the night were selected tracks in P.24. and P.30. and M.G. post at P.25.c.8.5. and M.G. position at P.24.c.84.63. - 77 rds. BX -

From 3.30 a.m. to 3.35 a.m. 4.5" Hows. carried out a gas bombardment of area P.22.b.24.92. - P.16.d.25.24. - P.16.d.55.36. - P.16.d.52.10. Gas concentrations were also carried out on this area from 3.45 to 4.15 a.m. 4.25. a.m. to 4.55 a.m. and 5.5. am. to 5.35 a.m. 18 pdrs. of the Left Group and 3 18 pdrs. of the Right Group assisted and brought harassing fire to bear on all exits from Valley in P.22.a. and b. South of East and West Grid Line through P.16.d.0.0. between the hours of 9.30 p.m. and 1 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. In addition to the above 360 rds. BNC and 40 rds. BCBR were expended on selected targets in P.31. and P.32. c. and d., trench system in V.1.a. and b. During the day 18 pdrs and Hows. carried out further registrations. 80 rds. were expended on movement observed at V.14. a.4.2. and M.G. in house at P.25.c.95.55. 18 pdrs. fired 36 rds. on dump at P.25.d.2.5. During this shoot a large blaze and a column of dense black smoke were observed. Considerable movement was observed at intervals during the day along embankment in V.1.b. and V.2.c. and on other parts of the enemy front. This was effectively dealt with on all occasions by 18 pounders.

T. MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 15 rds. on O.36.d.9.9.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile artillery has been less active on our Right Sector but on the Left a slight increase in fire is reported. Light gas shelling of valley in O.15 took place during the night, although no definite destructive shoots were carried out on our battery positions several short bursts of fire were directed against our battery areas. Shelling generally however, has been well distributed. Main features as follow :- From 11.10 p.m. to 4 a.m. approximately 300 rds 15 cm 10.5 cm and 77 mm were directed against our forward areas in O.24..b.c. and d., O.30.b., and P.19.c. At 11.30 p.m. 30 rds. 21.cm were scattered over area O.15.a. and c. and again at 9 a.m. a further 20 rds. of the same calibre fell in O.9. a. and b. Other areas receiving attention during the night were O.24.b., O.12.; O.33.c. and d., O.9.a. and b., O.15.a. and c., O.10.c., O.35.d., O.28.c., U.2.d., U.3.a., CACHY and our support trenches in O.34. FOUILLOY again received customary attention at intervals during the night. During the day fire has been light and scattered. Main areas shelled were O.15.d., O.16.a. and b., O.10.c., FOUILLOY, CACHY. O.21 C.22. by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. At 10.30 a.m. O.36 received considerable attention from a 10.5 cm How. Battery firing from a flash bearing of 124 deg True from O.24.d.8.3.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 1.45 p.m. a railway gun appeared in W.8.d., after two rds. had been fired it was engaged by our Heavy Artillery and moved off. Flashes were also observed 124 deg. Grid Bearing from O.24.d.8.3. - area shelled O.26. - calibre 10.5 cm.

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ENEMY ATTITUDE.

The enemy's artillery has been less active on the Right Sector but on the Left Group front his activity has increased and he has shown a tendency to carry out sudden area shoots on suspected battery positions.

GENERAL.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy aeroplanes have been comparatively inactive during the period. At dawn two enemy planes patrolled our lines for two hours, these were engaged by Lewis Gun fire but without effect. At 10.30 a.m. 10 E.A. patrolled our lines.

BALLOONS.

At 7.30 p.m. one enemy observation balloon was observed 110 deg. T.B. from T.6.b.4.7. and at 7.5 a.m. ~~was~~ an enemy observation balloon ascended on a bearing 129 deg. T.B. from O.29.d.8.1.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 5.35 p.m. a number of the enemy was observed in Monument Wood about U.6.a.8.4. - engaged by 18 pdrs and dispersed, several casualties being inflicted. An unusual amount of movement was observed during the afternoon of the 7th inst in V.14.a. On all occasions this was engaged by our artillery with good effect. Considerable movement was also observed along embankment in V.1.b and V.2.a., mostly carrying parties of about 12 men. Work is evidently being done along railway in these squares.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 5.5 p.m. a small fire was observed in aeroplane hangar in P.25.a.

Al. Clouston

Headquarters,
8.6.1918.

Lieutenant
Reconnaissance Officer
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

At 1.45 p.m. a railway gun appeared in W.8.a., after two hrs. had been fixed it was engaged by our Ho V Artillery and moved off. It was also observed 124 deg. G.M. bearing from O.24.d.8.3. - area about O.26. - distance 10.5 m.

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Ref Map 62 D. 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 8.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 9.6.1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the night harassing fire was maintained on the following areas and targets :- V.1.b.9.4., V.1.a.4.2.; V.1.b.9.8., V.1.b.9.5., tracks in V.1.a., centres of activity U.6.b.23.34., M.G. U.6.b.9.8., trenches in U.6.a. and b., roads in V.1.b., railway cutting in V.1.a., P.31.b. and d., P.32.a. and d., and P.26.d.. Special attention was paid to Monument Wood in U.6.a. 1380 rds. expended. In addition to the above 18 pdrs. of the Left Group carried out short bursts of fire on enemy defences at 9.10 p.m., 10.15 p.m., 11.20 p.m., 12.30 a.m., 1.15 a.m., and 2.5 a.m. Harassing fire was also maintained by forward guns on area P.29. 15 rds. were fired on M.G. active at O.29.d.9.9. and a further 15 rds. on M.G. at P.36.d.9.8. 4.5 Hows. carried out the following gas bombardments :- 370 rds BNC on centres of activity in V.3.d., P.32.d.; and P.22.d., 21 rds. BNC on suspected H.Q. and dugout at V.2.c.05.25. and 20 rds BCG on the same target whilst the following targets were subjected to short gas concentrations by Hows. of the Left Group. :- Copse in V.3.a., assembly trenches in P.32.a. and dugouts in P.22.d. During the day enemy movement observed in V.14.a. was effectively engaged by 10 pdrs - 55 rds. expended. - whilst 4.5" Hows. carried out a destructive shoot on an enemy observation post at V.1.d.10.90. and tower at V.9.d.3.8. where movement had previously been observed. - 100 rds expended and many direct hits were obtained on each of these targets.

T.MORTARS. M.T.M.s fired 10 rds. on suspected M.G. position at U.5.b. 85.40., 14 rds. on M.W. at U.6.b.3.3., 20 rds. on O.36.d.9.9. and 10 rds. on new work at O.36.d.95.72.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. With the exception of a light barrage of 10.5 cm in O.23.c. and d at 8.15 p.m. 8.20 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. and light scattered shelling of a harassing nature our front remained comparatively quiet until midnight when the enemy opened a heavy bombardment of our front and support lines of the Right Brigade in O.35., O.36. and U.5. At 12.30 a.m. this shelling extended to our Left Brigade Front and at times became intense, particularly in squares O.27., O.28., O.22., and O.23. VILLERS BRETONNEUX and Western outskirts (O.29 and O.30.) also received considerable attention and a heavy concentration of blue and green cross gas shell was put down. Our battery areas, chiefly in T.6. and valley in O.15 and O.21., were subjected to heavy H.E. shelling, while a large proportion of gas shell was employed. At 2.30 a.m. the enemy's fire had considerably slackened, and at 3 a.m., except for desultory shelling of our forward areas, our front was again quiet. During the day the enemy's fire has been light and scattered areas mainly effected being O.19., FOUILLOY, O.36.a., O.9. a.b. and c., O.8.b., O.11.b., O.15. mainly 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 77 mm whilst between 1 and 2 p.m. a H.V. gun shelled O.18.a. firing 20 rds. These guns have shown increased activity during the period, fire being of a harassing nature directed against our rear lines of communication.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 5.55 a.m. and 8.15 a.m. flashes of a railway gun were observed 125 deg and 121 deg 30 min Grid Bearing from P.19.c.1.9.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Between midnight and 5 a.m. the enemy's artillery showed increased activity and a large proportion of gas shell was used. During the remainder of the period the enemy's attitude remained unchanged. The enemy's action during the early part of the evening gave an indication that a probable raid about O.36.d. would take place but nothing eventuated. Between midnight and 3 a.m. although battery area shoots were carried out on suspected battery positions, no individual battery was directly engaged.

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GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT.

At 1.45 p.m. 4 hostile planes patrolled our lines over P.31. These machines were driven off by Lewis Gun fire. During the early part of the morning enemy planes were active over our forward areas. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 9 E.A. patrolled the enemy's lines. These machines frequently crossed our lines and were engaged by Lewis gun fire.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 4.50 p.m. 2 men were seen observing at Western extremity of railway ombankment at V.1.a.1.9. At 5.30 p.m. enemy movement was observed at V.14.a.3.2. - dispersed by 18 pdrs. - At 6.30 p.m. a M.G. was mounted by 3 men in P.28.b. This target was immediately engaged by Heavy Artillery with good results. During the afternoon clouds of dust were noticed rising from roads immediately in rear of MARCELCAVE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 2.15 a.m. an enemy dump exploded on a grid bearing 46° deg & x from P.19.c.1.9. Visibility good.

A. Chouley

Headquarters,
9.6.1918.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.

Between midnight and 5 a.m. the enemy's artillery showed increased activity and a large proportion of gas shells was used. During remainder of the period the enemy's attitude remained unchanged. enemy's action during the early part of the evening gave an indication that a probable raid about 0.30 a.m. would take place but nothing eventuated. Between midnight and 5 a.m. although battery after another were carried out on suspected battery positions, no individual battery was directly engaged.

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Ref. Map 62 D. 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 9.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 10.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads approaches and centres of activity, particular attention being paid to targets in the following squares :- U.6.a. and b., V.1.a and b., P.31. b. and d., P.32.b. and P.26.d. - 620 rds. expended by 18 pdrs. and 200 rds. by 4.5" Hows. At 10.30 p.m. and 3 a.m. 18 pdrs. and Hows. of the Right Group carried out bombardments of enemy defences and enemy works opposite their front - ammunition expended 500 rds. A and AX and 156 rds. EX. 18 pdrs. of the Left Group brought short bursts of fire to bear on enemy defences at 10.20., and 10.50 p.m. and 12.10., 2.15. and 3 a.m. 4.5" Hows. fire 45 rds. BMC on target P.22.b.75.60. and 45 rds. BMC on V.2.b.75.20. During the day 18 pdrs. engaged the following targets - MONUMENT WOOD 35 rds., P.31.c.85.68. 40 rds., Cross Roads U.6.c.46.26. 50 rds., whilst enemy movement in V.14., V.15., and U.12.a. was effectively engaged by 18 pdrs. 40 rds. fired. An enemy sniper observed in old aeroplane at P.20.d.C1.05. was also fire on. 4.5" Hows. fired 60 rds on H.Q. at V.2.c.05.25.

T. MORTARS. Activity nil.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period under review a marked decrease in the enemy's activity is noticeable. His fire generally has been well distributed over the whole front. High velocity guns have again been active on our back areas and light gas shelling took place during the night on O.34. a. and b. and U.3.c. (130 rds. 77 mm) and O.33.d. and BOIS AQUENNE (50 rds. 10.5 cm.) nature not ascertained. - Throughout the night intermittent shelling of a harassing nature was directed against our forward areas, chiefly in O.28., O.29., and O.34. while VILLERS BRETONN- EUX and re-entrant in O.34.b. and O.35.c. and The CACHY road also received attention. Other areas shelled were :- U.2.c., U.3.b. and c., O.33.d., U.4.a., O.13., O.16.b., O.24., O.15., O.22. mainly by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns. During the day shelling was again scattered and of a harassing nature, areas mainly affected being :- O.9., O.28., O.16., O.15., and O.30 and our most forward areas. The general direction of hostile fire appears to be WARFUSEE, MARCELCAVE, BOIS de HANGARD and BERTHE WOOD.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 8 a.m. a railway gun from immediately behind WIENCOURT fired 5 rds. At . . . 11.5 a.m. a H.V. gun was active on a grid bearing 112° from O.30.O.5. - area shelled not ascertained. - flashes were also observed 100° T.B. from U.2.b.98.10.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Generally quiet. The usual harassing fire during the hours of darkness was carried out, and several air burst registrations during the afternoon of the 9th. inst were observed.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT. Aircraft on both sides were inactive owing to unfavorable flying conditions.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

During the afternoon of the 9th. inst considerable enemy movement was again observed in V.14.a. At 5.45 p.m. a party of 8 men was observed at U.12.a.7.2. Those men were engaged by 18 pdrs and two casualties inflicted. Between 11 and 11.15 a.m. motor lorries were observed along road from P.29.a. to P.22.d. and at 10.30 a.m. a wagon was observed approaching gun position in P.23.d.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 10.22 a.m. an enemy dump exploded in P.23.d. - apparently caused by our heavy artillery.

Visibility indifferent owing to rain and mist.

Headquarters,
10.6.1918.

Alf Hensley
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 10.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 11.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. During the period 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out further registrations. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on enemy's roads, approaches, defences and centres of activity, special attention being paid to targets in V.2.b., U.6.b., V.1.a.b. and c., V.3.d., P.31.b.c. and d., and P.32.b. - 1820 A. and AX and 205 rds. BX expended. In addition to the above 18 pdrs. of the Left Group carried out bursts of fire at intervals during the night on tracks, trenches, and assembly positions opposite their front. A forward section of 18 pdrs also brought harassing fire to bear on targets in P.24. and P.30. At 9.45 p.m. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out a diversion assisted by our Right Flank Division. This diversion took the form of a creeping barrage put down on the enemy's front line between points P.31.a.0.0. and U.5.d.5.3. During the night 4.5" Hows. fired 61 rds. NC and 57 rds. CG and 17 rds. BX on target V.2.b.35.20., 131 rds. NC, 17 rds. CG and 24 rds. BX on target P.32.b.80.65., 40 rds. CG on suspected H.Q. at V.2.c.05.35., 70 rds. NC, 40 rds. CG and 15 rds. BX on selected targets in V.2.b., 40 rds. CG and 8 rds. BX on railway embankment in V.1.b. 4.5" Hows. of the Left Group also carried out short gas shell concentrations on the above targets.

T. MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 20 rds. on M.W. position at U.6.a.3.2. and 11 rds. on M.G. position at U.5.d.8.4. 10 rds. were directed against derelict tank at U.5.b.65.15. and 13 rds. on target O.36.d.90.90.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the night light intermittent shelling of our forward areas took place. Fire generally was scattered and of a harassing nature. Two instances of gas shelling are reported. The enemy's reply to our creeping barrage at 9.45 p.m. was weak and erratic, his fire, mainly from 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns was directed against our forward areas and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Main features were as follow :- From 4.45 to 7.30 p.m. 200 rds. 15 cm fell in O.29.d. from a direction 94 deg. T.B. from O.29.d.8.5. - registration had previously been carried out with aeroplane observation. From 4 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. 160 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm were scattered over area O.34.b.c. and d., O.35.a., and U.4.a. direction of fire MARCELCAVE. Other areas receiving attention were VILLERS BRETONNEUX (80 rds. 15 cm) CAGHY 100 rds 10.5 cm and 77 mm from WIENCOURT and O.22.d 50 rds. 77 mm, whilst light harassing fire was maintained on O.10.b. and O.11.b., wood in O.9.b., O.15.c., O.16.a. and O.17. During the day the enemy's artillery was again quiet and no destructive series of importance were observed. Areas affected were :- O.16.a. 40 rds. 15 cm air bursts, O.16.b., O.15. Central., O.21.b., while our forward areas were lightly shelled at intervals. VILLERS BRETONNEUX and outskirts received attention from 2 p.m. onwards. Fire mainly from 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns firing from the direction of MARCELCAVE?

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 9.40 p.m. a flash from a 15 cm How. was observed 98 deg T.B. from U.2.b.93.10. - time from flash to report of gun 24 seconds. At 8.30 a.m. flashes from an enemy gun (calibre unknown) were observed 96 deg T.B. from U.2.b.93.10. Time from flash to report of gun 22 seconds.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet - no apparent change.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT and BALLOONS.

Between 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. one E.A. was observed patrolling our lines apparently observing shoot by 15 cm battery on O.29.d. At 9 p.m. one E.A. passed over our battery areas, returning to his own lines along the valley of the SOMME. At 10.30 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped on road in O.28.d. At 11 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped in N.18.a. and at 11.15 p.m. 15 bombs were dropped in O.9.b. and d. Enemy observation balloons were up 96 deg, 131, deg, 147 deg. and 156 deg. T.B. from O.20.c.9.9.

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Ref. Map 88 D. 1. 11.6.1918.

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INTelligence Summary from 4 p.m. 11.6.1918 to 4 p.m. 11.8.1918.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY

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At 4 p.m. on the 10.th inst. 3 men were observed immediately in rear of MONUMENT WOOD. At 5.30 p.m. 2 men were observed in V.14.a. engaged by 18 pdrs. Individual movement was also observed throughout the day in P.23.c. and d., P.24.c., and P.29.a. and b. At 8.30 p.m. two wagons were observed on the main WARFEESE - ABAN-COURT road.

MISCELLANEOUS

At 9.30 p.m. a signalling lamp was observed on a bearing 65 deg. Grid from P.19.c.1.9. This kept changing from white to red but no letters could be read. At 9.55 p.m. an enemy dump exploded on a bearing 79 deg. Grid from O.14.d.20.15. A few green lights with an occasional white light were sent up whilst our barrage was in progress at 9.45 p.m. Visibility fair.

Al. Howley

Headquarters, 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery. Lieutenant. Reconnaissance Officer. 11.6.1918.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

Following from G...R. at 10.25 a.m. begins a French re-attack MERY by counter attack 10 p.m. last night a At 3 a.m. enemy made strong attacks on plateau between COMP.IGNE and ESTREES ST. DENYS roads but an immediate counter attack drove him back a French hold MAREST sur MATZ - CHEVINCOURT a Enemy has captured BETHANCOURT and CAMBRONNE a Counter attacks are in progress a East of OISE line has been withdrawn to conform and now runs BAILLY - TRACY -le - MONT MOULIN-sous-TOUVANT.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet - no apparent change.

ALBION and BARRAGE

Between 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. one H.A. was observed patrolling our lines apparently observing shot by 15 cm battery on O.29.d. At 8 p.m. one B.A. passed over our battery area, returning to his own lines along the valley of the SOMME. At 10.30 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped on road in O.28.d. At 11 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped in N.18.a. and at 11.15 p.m. 15 bombs were dropped in O.9.d. and d. Enemy observation balloons were up 28 deg. 151, deg. 147 deg. and 155 deg. T.B. from O.20.c.2.2.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40.000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 11.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 12.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY. 18 pdrs. of the Right Group carried out further registrations.

During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads, tracks, M.G. positions and centres of movement, special attention being paid to M.Gs. at O.36.d.9.9., P.31.a.35.25., P.31.a.05.25., new trench at U.6.c.70.40., roads in V.1.a. and b., U.6.b., P.22.b., and 23 a. At request of Infantry one battery fired 4 rds. gun fire on target P.31.a.8.2.

4.5" Hows. engaged special targets at P.22.d.20.90. and P.32.d.80.80. with NC gas shell - 100 rds. fired. -

A working party at U.6.c. Central was engaged by 18 pdrs. and dispersed.

At 2 a.m. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. of the Right Group put down a barrage on the enemy's front line to cover a proposed raid by Right Infantry Brigade - 498 rds. A., 360 rds. AX and 225 rds. BX were expended during this operation.

T.MORTARS. At 11 a.m. M.T.Ms. fired 9 rds. on Monument House at U.6.a.45.30.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Shelling was scattered over our forward areas during the 24 hours, being mainly of a harassing nature. One of three instances of gas shelling reported was by an H.V. gun. There was no reply to our barrage put down at 2 a.m. Main features of hostile shelling were as follow :-

At 12 noon 20 rds. 10.5 cm on O.10. and 11. from direction of WARFUSEE. From 12 to 12.30 p.m. 100 rds 10.5 cm on FOUILLOY from bearings 45 deg. and 55 deg Grid from P.19.c.1.9. From 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. fire from 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 77 mm was scattered over areas CACHY, BOIS 1' ABBE, VILLERS BRETONNEUX from the direction of MARCELCAVE. From 8 p.m. to midnight areas, O.34., U.2., P.19., O.30., O.15., P.13., 19. and 25 received attention from 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns. Our Front Line and support trenches in O.36.d. received 60 rds. 10.5 cm at 11 p.m. From 1 a.m. to 11 a.m. scattered shelling by 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 77 mm over areas O.4., O.15., 22., 24., some of which came from the direction of WARFUSEE, took place. At 12.30 p.m. an H.V. gun shelled back areas from the direction of MARCELCAVE station and at 6.30 p.m. 12 H.V. shells fell in N.13. from the direction of MARCELCAVE. Between 11.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. our F.L. system in P.25.b. and c. was registered.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 3.40 p.m. a 10.5 cm battery was observed firing from 135 deg T.B. from U.2.b.9^c.10. and from the same place a 77 mm battery was observed firing at 112 deg T.B. at 5.30 p.m. At 11 a.m. a railway gun fired 15 rds from 107 deg. T.B. from O.29.d.8.4.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No change was noticeable in the attitude of the enemy. His artillery was fairly quiet throughout the period. A number of green lights were fired during the night.

GENERAL. AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft has shown very little activity during the period. During the afternoon 2 E.A. crossed our lines but were driven off by A. Fire. At 3.45 a.m. an enemy plane flew over VILLERS BRETONNEUX, probably observing a hostile 15 cm battery shoot. This plane was driven off by our patrols. At 10 a.m. a plane dropped 2 bombs on enemy's lines and 6 bombs in the vicinity of O.28.c. and d. This plane had British markings and was of the Bristol fighter type.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 12.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 13.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

During the night 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out the usual programme of harassing fire on enemy's roads, approaches and centres of activity - the following targets were engaged :- Monument Wood in U.6.a., Railway cutting V.1.a., road junctions at U.6.b.7.6., V.1.a.4.2., V.1.b.85.00., V.2.b.85.91., V.2.b.5.1., V.1.a.9.7., M.G. at U.6.b.9.8., dugout at V.1.c.25.35., trench system in U.6.c., tracks in U.6.b., roads in V.1.a. and house at U.6.a.50.22. - 620 rds. A. and AX expended. In addition to the above 18 pdrs. of the Left Group carried out short bursts of fire at intervals during the night on enemy trenches and defences opposite their front, whilst during the night 4.5" Hows. of the Left Group carried out gas concentrations on the following targets :- V.10.a., P.22.a. and P.27.c.

4.5" Hows. of the Right Group fired 110 rds. BNC on target P.22.c.7.2., 50 rds. BCG on P.27.c.50.15., 68 rds. BNC on P.27.c.2.2., 50 rds. BCG on Cross Roads at V.10.a.1.6., and 60 rds. BNC on billets in MARCELCAVE-V.10.a. - A forward section of 18 pdrs carried out harassing fire on roads and approaches in P.35.b.

An 18 pounder battery of the Superimposed Group occupied a forward position during the night and carried out harassing fire on the enemy's rear lines, the following targets being engaged :- P.29.c.8.8. rodas at P.29.c.8.8. and P.30.b.0.3. and from P.28.d.8.4. to P.29.d.0.4. railway gun position in W.7. Central with 106 fuzes, BAYONVILLERS, Q.32.c.4.5., W.2.a.4.8. 250 rds. expended. After completing its task this battery withdrew to its normal position.

During the day further registrations were carried out by 18 pdrs and 4.5" Hows. 58 rds. were expended on Monument and Monument Wood in U.6.a., 73 rds. on Cross Roads in U.6.b. and V.14.a.

During the afternoon 4.5" Hows. of the left Group engaged M.G. positions at P.26.a.9.1. and P.26.c.8.8. Infantry report the shoot on these targets as very effective, and targets were completely demolished.

T. MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 10 rds. on M.G. position U.5.d.82.78., 3rds. on Minument at U.6.a.45.30., and 27 rds. on strong point at O.36.d.8.8.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

During the period under review there has been a marked decrease in the enemy's artillery activity, this was particularly noticeable throughout the hours of darkness. During the day hostile artillery has shown a slight increase, but was generally scattered and of a harassing nature; the bulk of this shelling being directed against area between our support trenches and battery positions.

During the night light intermittent shelling of O.28.a. and b. and VILLERS BRETONNEUX and CACHY by 10.5 cm Hows. took place, whilst a few rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm were scattered over squares O.9.a., O.15.a., O.21., U.3.a. and c., and BOIS l'ABBE At 11.40 p.m. and 12.20 a.m. light gas shelling by 77 mm guns of CACHY and U.3.a. was reported.

During the day the following areas received attention :- O.21.a. and c. O.23., O.34., O.36., VILLERS BRETONNEUX, U.2., U.3., and BOIS l' ABBE.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

Three flashes from an enemy gun of large calibre were observed 112 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.85.10. At 10 p.m. flashes were observed 110 deg. Grid bearing from P.19.c.05.95. and at 7.5. a.m. 131. deg. 30 min from the same location.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Quiet. No apparent change.

GENERAL

AIRCRAFT AND BALLOONS.

Enemy aircraft showed normal activity during the period. His bombing machines were active over our lines during the night and at 12 midnight 7 small bombs were dropped on CACHY. Between 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. 3 E.A. were active flying low over VILLERS BRETONNEUX. These machines were subsequently driven off by A.A. and Lewis gun fire.

AIRCRAFT and BALLOONS (Cont.)

Enemy Observation Balloons were up during the period as follows :-
 6.45 a.m. 90 deg. Grid Bearing from O.21.c.39.88. 5.10 a.m.
 74 deg. 30 min T.B. from U.2.b.85.10.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

During the afternoon of the 12th. inst considerable enemy movement was observed in the vicinity of V.1.b.20.76. There appears to be a dugout close to this point.

At 7.30 p.m. one of the enemy was observed running Westwards from battery position at P.30.a.0.0.

Visibility during the period fair to good - at intervals hazy.

A. Chouly,

Headquarters,
13.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From 37th. French Divn.- Between MONTDIDIER and L'OISE the Germans have again begun to push forward during the day. On the French Left all his efforts have been in vain. The French have advanced in the area of BELLOY WOOD and ST. MAUR and captured 400 prisoners several guns and many Machine Guns. There is no change on the front of ST. MAUR - ANTHEUIL. On the French right the Germans have again begun to attack. On the River MARTZ with heavy losses they have taken the southern bank in the village of MELICOCQ and on the hills of GROIX-PICARD. East of the OISE the French troops have retreated during the night before last on the line BAILLY - TRACY LE VAL East of NAMPEREL. In the area HAUTE BRAYE the French have pushed back an enemy attack and captured prisoners. South of the AISNE severe fighting has taken place between the river and the forest of VILLERS COTTERET. The Germans have advanced slightly on the hill West of DOMMIERS and CUTRY. North of the MARNE the French have retaken MONTECOURT and the woods North of ELOUP and the south part of BUSSIERES.

From Fourth Army. Following from GHQ timed 10.35 am. (13th) our line advanced last night S.W. of MERRIS 36 prisoners captured. E. of DICKEBUSCH LAKE French regained whole of Ridge Wood with 30 prisoners. French secured 300 additional prisoners in mopping up woods S. of BELLOY. French retook MELICOCQ this morning. 100 prisoners and some M.Gs. captured.

During yesterday evening and night enemy did not renew attack opposite MONTDIDIER and in region of ANTHEUIL the French troops have consolidated their positions. On right the French counter-attack has pushed enemy across River. On the Right of MARTZ they have re-occupied Hills of CROIX-RICARD and MELICOCQ and captured number of prisoners and M.Gs. Heavy fighting continues between LAISNE and Forest of VILLERS-COTTERETS. Germans have advanced as far as River E. of LAVERSINE and have been repulsed in attempt to set foot in COEUVRE and ST. PIERRE-AIGLE. Enemy has made a strong attack on the BOURESCHÉ front and Wood of BELLEAN. American troops have broken the attack inflicting heavy losses on enemy and holding their gains. Timed 4 p.m.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map. 62 D. 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 13.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 14.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period 4.5" Hows. and 18 pdrs. carried out registrations. From 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. Counter Preparation Scheme Phase 1. B. was carried out by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. on the enemy's lines opposite the Divisional Front. In addition to the above the usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads, approaches and centres of activity during the hours of darkness, the following targets being engaged. Roads and tracks in V.1.a. and b., V.2.b., road junctions in U.6.b., trench at V.1.a.85.60., centres of activity at U.6.b.52.13., dugout at V.1.c.25.35., railway embankment in V.1.a. and b., MARCELCAVE (V.10.a.), Headquarters at V.2.c.05.35., trench crossing railway line in V.2.a., P.31., 32., and 27.c., while 4.5" Hows. and 18 pdrs. of the Left Group brought short bursts of fire to bear on enemy defences at 12.15. a.m., 12.40 a.m., 1.20 a.m., and 2.30 a.m., the following areas receiving special attention. P.33.a., P.21.b., and P.22.a. A forward section of 18 pdrs. harassed enemy's rear lines in P.29.a. and b. At intervals during the night short concentrations were carried out on targets V.3.a.4.3. by 4.5" Hows. No gas shells were expended owing to unfavorable weather conditions. At 10.30 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery of the Superimposed Brigade occupied position at O.17.a.75.00. and engaged the following targets :- MARCELCAVE VILLAGE 50 rds. - MARCELCAVE STATION 50 rds. - WIENCOURT 100 rounds. This battery withdrew to its normal position at 1.15 a.m. Enemy movement observed during the day in MARCELCAVE (V.10.c.) was fired on with effect by 4.5" Hows. 63 rds. expended. -

T. MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 10 rds. on strong point at O.36.d.8.8., 10 rds. on Monument House in U.6.a., and 10 rds. on M.G. at U.6.a.18.0.6.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery has again been comparatively quiet, His fire during the night, with the exception of a moderately heavy bombardment of the front line of the Right Brigade between 3 and 4 a.m., was confined mainly to light intermittent shelling of a harassing nature directed against our intermediate areas, chiefly between our battery positions and support lines. Fire during the day was light and well distributed over the whole front. Main features were as follow :- At 6.10 p.m. VILLERS SWITCH was shelled by 77 mm guns - approximately 100 rds. from the direction of WARBUSEE. At 8.15 p.m. 50 rds. 77 mm were directed against O.29.d.8.8. from 60 deg. T.B. from O.29.d.80.85. At 1.20 a.m. the enemy put down a barrage of 10.5 cm and 77 mm on our forward system in O.30. and P.25. Other areas receiving attention were VILLERS BRETONNEUX and Station, O.22.a. and d., O.21.b. and c., C.26.a., U.3.a., O.27.a., and T.6.b.; whilst during the day U.2.d, BOIS d'AQUENNE, O.12., O.29.d., and VILLERS BRETONNEUX and vicinity were lightly shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 9.15 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. flashes were observed 116 deg. G.B. from O.30.b.3.0. Area shelled O.12. Flashes were also observed 96 and 88 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.98.10. At mid-day a gun of large calibre was seen firing on a flash bearing 109 deg. True from U.2.b.95.10.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Apart from increased harassing fire during the night there is no apparent change in the attitude of the enemy.

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GENERAL.AIRCRAFT and BALLOONS.

During the afternoon of the 13th inst enemy aircraft made repeated attempts to cross our lines in the vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. On each occasion these machines were driven off by A... Fire. E.A. were inactive during the morning of the 14th. inst. Enemy Observation Balloons were up 120, 143, 148, and 80 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.98.10. Balloons were also observed 131, 134 and 158 deg. T.B. from J.30.b.3.0. and 130 deg. 30 min. T.B. from O.21.e.39.88. The latter balloon was subsequently brought down in flames.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 5.30 p.m. considerable movement was observed in V.14.a. and V.7.b.. This was engaged on several occasions by 18 pdrs. and casualties inflicted. At 7.15 p.m. 3 men were observed running along road from V.2.c. to V.8.a.. At 11.35 a.m. a small party of the enemy was observed proceeding towards V.14.a. A Headquarters is suspected close to group of six trees in this vicinity. Abnormal movement has been observed during the day in the enemy's rear lines, chiefly about BAYONVILLERS and Q.31. and 32., while considerable train activity has been observed in rear of MARCELCAVE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During our Counter Preparation shoot at 10.25 p.m. an enemy ammunition dump was blown up on a bearing 85 deg T. from T.6.b.40.70. The same dump was observed on a bearing 98 deg. T. from O.25.b.00.85. probably in P.33. Visibility during the period good.

*AkChowley*Headquarters,
14.6.1918.Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.From 37th Division (French).-

FRENCH COMMUNIQUE. - During the day the Germans have launched a powerful attack from COURCELLIES to the North of MERY. Caught in the French fire they did not pierce the French line but were thrown back after suffering heavy losses. During the attack the French captured 10 guns of which 4 were heavies, and a very large number of M.Gs. To the South of the AISNE the Germans have continued the attack this morning between the AISNE and the forest of VILLERS COTTERET. The enemy has been repulsed at most points, but has succeeded in setting foot in the village of VERSINE. All their attempts to capture COEUVRES and to advance to the West of the farm of VERTFEVILLE have completely failed. The attacks to the North of GORCY were not renewed during the afternoon, but the French, whose line had been momentarily pierced have re-established themselves. The Artillery battle is fairly lively in the L'OURCQ region towards CHAMPLAT and the POMPELLE. The day has been quiet on the remainder of the front.- 5 a.m.

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Ref. Map. 62 D. 1/40,000.

From 4 pm. 14.6.18 - 4 pm. 15.6.18

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

From 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. 18 pdrs. carried out a bombardment of enemy front line trenches from P.26.a.0.5. to P.20.a.7.0. At 9.30. p.m. an 18 pdr. Battery (4th 2nd. Battery, 14th. Brigade R.F.A.) occupied a forward position at O.17.d.1.8. and engaged enemy routes and approaches as follow :- P.23.a. Central to P.23.c. 9.5. - P.22.Central to P.29.a.2.2. - P.28.b.5.3. to P.29.c.05.30. - P.28.b.4.4. to P.29.a.2.2. 200 rds. (Shrapnel in bursts of fire) were expended during the operation. At 12.15 a.m. this battery withdrew to its normal position without suffering any casualties. Between 10.15 p.m. and 10.35 p.m. Counter Preparation Scheme Phase 1. B. was carried out by 4.5" Hows. and 18 pdrs. on enemy's assembly areas and tender spots opposite the Divisional Front. In addition to the above, in anticipation of an enemy relief, intensive harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads, approaches and centres of activity during the hours of darkness, the following targets receiving special attention :- Dugouts in V.1.c., trenches in U.6.c., Cross Roads in U.6.b., V.1.a. and b., V.2.b.85.91., V.2.b.50.10., roads leading to MARCELOAVE, Cross Roads in P.31.d. and selected targets in P.31., P.29.d., P.32., P.35.a., P.33.b., P.21.b., P.34.c. and d. 2100 rds. expended by 18 pdrs., while 18 pdrs. of the Left Group fired short bursts of fire at frequent intervals during the night on enemy roads, approaches and defences opposite their front. During the night gas and H.E. bombardments by 4.5" Hows. were carried out on the following targets :- H.Q. at V.2.c.05.35., assembly areas in P.32.a., P.32.d., P.27.c., P.33.a., dugouts in P.22.c., billets in V.10.b., roads in P.33.b., trenches in V.3.a. and c., - approximately 1,080 rds. BNC and BCG gas shell expended. In addition, a large proportion of H.E. was also expended on the above targets. During the day registrations were carried out by 4.5" Hows. and 18 pdrs. and Cross roads in V.1.a. were engaged - 100 rds. fired.

T.MORTARS.

M.T.Ma. fired 30 rds. on target O.36.d.8.8. and strong points in this vicinity, 35 rds. on Monument House, 35 rds. on trench from U.5.b.70.20. to U.5.d.90.65. During the latter shoot the enemy sent up red Very lights and shelled our forward trenches opposite this part of the line. 11 rds. were also fired on target U.5.b.65.15., while at 1 a.m. a further 5 rds. were directed against Monument House.

ENEMY OPERATIONSARTILLERY.

A slight increase in hostile fire as compared with the previous 24 hours is noticeable. Shelling, however, has been well distributed and mainly directed against our forward areas, although two instances of registration of our battery positions were reported. Light gas shelling took place during the night. The enemy's reply to our Counter Preparation scheme carried out at 10.15 p.m. was light and scattered and chiefly directed against our most forward areas. H.V. guns have been comparatively active during the period shelling our back areas, while AMIENS received intermittent attention during the night. Main features were as follow :- At 8.15 p.m. O.22.d., O.27.a. and b. and O.28.a. were subjected to a heavy area shoot by 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns firing from a direction 98 deg. T.B. from O.29.d.8.5. Approximately 200 rds. are reported to have fallen in these squares, a large proportion of which was gas shell. At 10 p.m. 150 rds. 10.5 cm gas shell (Blue Cross) fell in O.23.a. - direction of fire MARCELOAVE. - Other areas receiving attention were O.29.a., VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O.14.c., T.6.a. and b., O.21. and 22, ridge in O.15. and 16.c., O.11. and 24., O.15. a. and b., valley in O.21.d. and O.27., O.20., valley in O.22.a., mainly from 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns. - harassing fire. During the day no heavy destructive shots were observed and shelling was light and scattered, O.15.d., O.10.c., O.21., O.16., O.15.b., and forward areas in vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX being lightly shelled at intervals.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 5.5 p.m. a 21 cm How. shelled T.6. a. and b. - 25 rds. fired from a direction 128 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. At 8.15 p.m. a railway gun was active apparently firing from W.8.a. - located by flash. At 11.52 a.m. a railway gun was observed firing from V.4.c. 6.2. At 9 p.m. a flash from an H.V. gun shelling AMIENS was observed

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HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE (Cont.)

95 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.8.2. Time from flash to report 30 seconds.
At 9 p.m. a locomotive was observed to approach this position near
BAYONVILLERS and remove this gun. Flashes were also observed 86,111,
and 130 deg. G.B. from P.19.c.09.89.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Hostile artillery showed a slightly increased activity during the night,
whilst three instances of registration by the enemy were reported. Apart
from this there is no apparent change in the attitude of the enemy.

APPARENT REGISTRATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE ENEMY

Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. a 15 cm How. registered 27th. Battery
position in T.6.b. This shoot was carried out with aeroplane observation.
Some camouflage was set on fire, otherwise no damage was sustained.
At 6.10 a.m. a battery position at O.20.c.7.8. was registered by a 10.5
cm How. firing from the direction of WARFUSEE. 20 rds. were directed
against this position without causing any damage.

GENERAL.AIRCRAFT AND BALLOONS.

At 8.30 p.m. 1 E.A. patrolled our lines in the vicinity of VILLERS
BRETONNEUX, but was subsequently driven off by A.A. fire. At 4.30 a.m.
1 E.A. flew over the 108th. battery position at O.20.d.54.50. and
returned to its own lines at 4.45 a.m. Otherwise E.A. have been inactive
during the period.

Enemy Observation balloons were up 158 and 132 deg. G.B. from O.30.b.3.0.
During the morning enemy observation balloons were up on bearings 120
and 140 deg. T. from U.2.b.98.10.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 8.30 p.m. an enemy transport was observed proceeding North along road
in W.8.b.. At 9 p.m. continuous movement was observed at Cross Roads in
P.33.b. At the same time 2 wagons were seen on road in P.22.d. and 3
wagons moving East along road from P.28.b.6.4.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During our bombardment of the enemy's front line trenches between 5 and 6.30
p.m. several red Very lights were sent up by the enemy.
Visibility fair to good.

A. L. Chouley:

Lieutenant.

Headquarters,
14.6.1918.Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

FRENCH COMMUNIQUE - 1 am. 15.6.18.- No infantry action during day.
Artillery battle has been lively in HANGARD WOOD to the South of the
AISNE and in the VILLERS-COTTERET region. To the material captured
from the Germans previously announced, add 9 guns (of which 7 are
heavies) and 40 M.Gs. Otherwise the day has been quiet.

Following from FOURTH ARMY.- "Following from G.H.Q. 10.30 am. aaaa
Local operation by 3rd Division last night advanced our line to average
depth of 450 yds. between LAWE River and LA PANNERIE aaaa All objectives
reached and over 65 prisoners taken."

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 15.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 16.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the afternoon of the 15th. inst 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out harassing fire on MARCEICAVE and approaches to the village - 100 rds. expended - whilst enemy movement in V.1.a. and P.22.a. and c. was effectively dealt with by 18 pdrs. 36 rds. were directed against railway cutting at P.31.c.2.0. and further registrations and calibrations were carried out. During the night the usual programme of harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads, approaches, defences and centres of activity, particular attention being paid to selected targets in the following squares :- V.1.a.b, and c., V.2.a. and b., U.6.b., P.31., P.32., and V.4.d., while 10 pdrs. of the Left Group fired short bursts at intervals during the night on enemy defences opposite their front. During the night 4.5" Hows. carried out gas concentrations on the following targets :- Copse in V.3.a., trench system in P.32. a. and b., and dump at P.32.b.2.0. - 516 rds. expended. At 11.30 p.m. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. of the Left Group engaged enemy's trenches in P.20.b. and d., and bombarded enemy's lines in P.25.d., P.26.a., and P.31.a., while co-operating with Left Flank Division. At 12.25 a.m. 600 rds. and 180 rds. were expended by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. respectively of the Right Group whilst supporting raid by the Infantry on enemy trenches at U.5.b. 90.45. 4.5" Hows. also fired on suspected enemy H.Q. at V.2.c.05. 35. At 9.30 p.m. an 18 pdrs Battery of the Superimposed Brigade occupied a position at O.17.b.85.48. and engaged targets as follow :- MARCEICAVE STATION, Road Junctions at V.10.a.4.5. and V.10.a.9.9. and Cross Roads at V.3.d.5.5. - 200 rds. AX non-delay expended. - At 11 p.m. this battery withdrew to its normal position. At 11 a.m. 18 pdrs. engaged an active hostile battery at P.22.a.7.2. - silenced.

T.MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 30 rds on M.G. at U.6.a.6.8.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A further slight increase in hostile fire is noticeable, particularly in the vicinity of our battery areas. Two instances of Hostile Counter Battery work are reported. Light gas shelling took place during the night and destructive area shoots were carried out on O.21.b. and d., O.27.a. and b., and O.22.a. and c. Shelling has otherwise been of a harassing nature and well distributed over the whole front. Main features were as follow :- At 9.30 p.m. 100 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm from the direction of WARFUSEE fell in O.27.a. and b. and O.21.b. and d., while approximately 400 rounds 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 77 mm were directed against O.22.a.b. and c., At 9.45 p.m. and again at 10.15 p.m. 20 rds. 10.5 cm (Phosgene gas) were directed against road in O.14.c. - direction of fire WARFUSEE. Other areas receiving attention were CACHY, (30 rds. 10.5 cm), T.6.a. and b., (20 rds. 21. cm.), O.17.c., O.21. Central, O.16.c., O.8.b., O.9.a., VILLERS BRETONNEUX, and O.13. Central, mainly 15 cm, 10.5cm, and 77 mm harassing fire. , whilst during the day light shelling of O.28. Cent. O.10.a O.27.a., O.14.c., O.28., and O.29.d. was reported. H.V. guns have been active during the period shelling O.16.a. (24 rds. 15 cm), O.13. Central. (6 rds.), O.27.a. (20 rds.10.5 cm) and AMIENS(10 rds. 24 cm) from 96 deg T.B. from U.2.b.95.10.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 7.15 a.m. a flash from a railway gun was observed firing from V.12.a.8.8.. The same gun was also observed firing at 10.10 a.m. on a bearing 96 deg. T. fro U.2.b.95.10. - engaged and silenced by our heavy artillery. A hostile battery on a bearing 110 deg. T. from O.29.d.8.5. (approximately P.34.b.) was effectively engaged by our heavy artillery. Three ex losions and one fire were caused. At 11.35 a.m. a 15 cm How. was observed firing from the direction of WIENCOURT. Time from flash to report of gun 15 seconds.. Observed from U.2.b.95.10. Sound bearings of a 21 cm How. shelling U.6.b. were taken 128 and 131 deg T.B. from U.2.b.95.10.

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Appendix

COUNTER BATTERY WORK.

At 1.30 p.m. an enemy 21 cm battery (2 Hows.) opened on 25th and 27th battery positions in T.6.b. Shelling was still continuing at 4 p.m., but no damage up to this hour had been sustained - approximately 70 rds. fired from a direction 131 and 128 deg. T.B. sound from U.2.b.95.10. The 27th battery position in T.6.b. was registered by 10.5 cm Hows. between 11 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on 15th inst. Ranging being carried out with aeroplane observation.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Increased fire in the vicinity of battery areas - otherwise no change.

GENERAL.AIRCRAFT. & BALLOONS.

Aircraft on both sides showed normal activity during the period. During the period enemy observation balloons were up as follows:- 45, 80, 88, 103, 120, 129, 138, 140 and 14- deg T.B. from O.30.d.8.5. Other bearings taken to hostile observation balloons were:- 167, 148, 159, 126, and 117 deg. T.B. from O.30.b.5.4.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 8.40 p.m. several parties of the enemy each estimated at 30 strong were observed in P.30.a proceeding towards WARFUSEE. Between 5 and 6 p.m. a train was observed in the vicinity of WARFUSEE. A number of trucks were brought up and uncoupled, the engine returning in an easterly direction. At 9 p.m. small parties of the enemy were observed in P.22.a. and c. These were effectively dealt with by the fire of .18 pdrs. At 5.45 p.m. 2 men were seen in the enemy's front line trench at P.25.d.5.4. At 7 a.m. an enemy transport was observed proceeding along road from W.10.a and b. towards HARBONNIERES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A considerable amount of railway activity was noticed about HARBONNIERES and BAYONVILLERS during the period. Smoke from the engine of a train leaving the latter place was observed at 11 a.m.

Visibility good.

A. Thonley

Lieutenant.

Reconnaissance Officer.

Headquarters,

16.6.1918.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From AUSTRALIAN CORPS "I". 6.48pm. 15th. Prisoner 137th I.R. states his regiment relieved 265th R.I.R. night 13/14th inst. by side-slipping and Raid was arranged by 137th I.R. on night 13/14th object of securing identification but postponed owing to relief and

From AUSTRALIAN CORPS. 6.50 am. 16th. Morning report and Right Bde. Centre Divn. carried out 2 minor operations resulting in capture of 16 prisoners and 3 M.Gs. and in heavy losses being inflicted on enemy and Our casualties slight and Retaliation to our barrage light and scattered and VILLERS BRETONNEUX and Bty areas Right Divn. lightly shelled and Road in O.28.c. heavily shelled between 11.15 and 11.25 pm. and 40 rds. Green X fell on railway N. of BOIS L'ABBE and Some gas and H.E. also N.W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and

From FOURTH ARMY 1.21 pm. 16th.- Following from GAR and situation 8 am. from MONTDIDIER northwards quiet night and between MONTDIDIER and OISE enemy tried to cross MATZ last night near THOUROTTE but attack driven back by Arty. and M.G. fire and French raided enemy S. of LATAILLE this morning capturing 1 Officer 28 O.Rs.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map. 62 D. 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 16.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 17.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the afternoon of the 16th. inst. 18 pdrs fired 100 rds on MARCELCAVE, railway culvert at V.1.b.5.6., and roads leading to MARCELCAVE village. Further registrations and calibrations were carried out by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. during the period. At 8.25 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. NF. calls at P.24.c.87.32. and P.24.b.37.07. were answered by 18 pdrs. No. result. 2400 rds. were expended by 18 pdrs. on enemy roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity during the hours of darkness - harassing fire. - 4.5" Hows. fired 225 rds. NC. and CG. gas shell on selected targets in V.3.a. and V.2.b., P.27.c., B32.b., and P.22. Central. At 9.40 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied a forward position at O.18.a.6.1. and engaged targets as follows :- P.24.c.85.15., P.24.d.4.4., P.30.c.3.0., P.30.c.80.05., LA MOTTE (P.36.a.6.8) - 200 rds. AX expended. - This battery withdrew to its normal position at 10.45 p.m. At 4.25 a.m. a small party of the enemy observed in P.21. was engaged by 18 pdrs. and dispersed. A considerable amount of individual movement was observed during the day in V.14. This was effectively dealt with by fire from 18 pounders.

T.MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 52 rds. on enemy front line and wire from U.5.d.70.80. to U.5.b.95.45.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A marked decrease in the enemy's artillery fire for the period is noticeable. Light shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and O.28.a.b. and d. took place during the night, and three instances of gas shelling were reported. Otherwise hostile artillery has been comparatively inactive. Main features were as follow :- At 8.40 p.m. 60 rds. 10.5 cm H. E. and gas (Phosgene) fell in O.13.d. and N.24.b. - direction of MARCELCAVE. At 9.20. p.m. a further 50 rds. were directed against O.20.a. and O.14.c. At 3 a.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm fell in BOIS d'AQUENNE. At 9 a.m. 100 rds. 15 cm H.E. and gas (Nature not ascertained) were scattered over O.14.a. b. and c. Other areas receiving attention were O.15., O.22., O.13.d., O.14.c. (50 rds. 10.5 cm) O.10.a.c. and d (50 rds. 15 cm and 77 mm), O.16.a. and c. and CACHY (55 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm) During the day the enemy's artillery was abnormally quiet. With the exception of a Counter Battery shoot by 15 cm H.V. guns on one of our 6" gun batteries in N. 27.d. no shelling of importance was recorded.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

Flashes from an H.V. gun were observed 90° T.B. from U.2.b.88.10. - time from flash to report of gun 29 seconds. - area shelled not ascertained.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No apparent change.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT AND BALLOONS.

Considerable aerial activity on both sides took place during the period. At 7.35 p.m. approximately 40 of our machines crossed the enemy's lines flying due East. Hostile anti-aircraft fire was very heavy but ineffective. At 7.40 p.m. 1 E.A. was brought down in enemy territory by one of our scouts after a long chase. At 10.50 p.m. 20 bombs (small) were dropped on the Western outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. At 7.30 a.m. 2 E.A. flew over one of our battery positions in O.26.a. but were immediately driven off by A.A. gun fire. At 10 a.m. one of our planes was driven down and crashed at V.9.b.9.5. and at 1.25 p.m. a single seater enemy scout was driven down as the result of an aerial combat and forced to land at U.2.b.8.1. The pilot was wounded but the machine was intact. Enemy observation balloons were up during the period as follow :- 87, 104, 132, 155, 149, T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. Other bearings taken were 80, 116, 137, 145, and 159 degs. G.B. from O.30.b.5.4.

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OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 8 p.m. motor lorries and horse transport were observed at Cross roads in V.20.c. proceeding in the direction of AUBERCOURT.

At 9.15 p.m. smoke from the engine of a train proceeding East from MARCELCAVE was observed.

During the morning individual movement observed in V.14.c. was dispersed by the fire of 18 pdrs.

Abnormal movement in the enemy's rear lines has been observed during the day.

Enemy movement was also observed in P.21.a. and P.20.a. This was effectively dealt with by 18 pdrs. of the Left Group.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 9.30 p.m. an enemy dump exploded on a bearing 110 degs. True from T.6.b.4.7.

visibility good.

Alchouley

Lieutenant.

Reconnaissance Officer.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
17.6.1918.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The following from G.H.Q. timed 10.21. a.m. 17.6.1918. begins
Between GISE and AISNE near AUTRECHES French advanced line 600 metres and
on 2,000 metre front 100 prisoners and some M.Gs., captured.
Morning of 15th. Austrians attacked between ASTIGO and MONTE GRAPPA and at
points on PIAVE from NERVESA to South of DONA DI PIAVE slight progress
made North of GESUNA astride River BRENTA and Northern slopes of MONTE
GRAPPA but advance held up by counter attacks On PIAVE front enemy
reported to have crossed river in small numbers at NERVESA and TREVISO
DERSO and in greater force South of DONA DI PIAVE.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 17.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 18.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period 18 pdrs. checked registrations of S.O.S. lines, while both 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out further registrations opposite the Divisional front. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on enemy roads, approaches and centres of activity in V.1. a. and b., V.2.a. and b., U.6.b., P.31., and P.32. - 1400 rounds expended. In addition to the above 18 pdrs. of the Left Group brought short bursts of fire to bear on enemy's lines in P.20., 21., 25., 26., and 27 - ammunition expended 1,200 rounds. - while a forward section of 18 pdrs harassed the enemy's lines in P.28.a. and c. and P.29. At 9.45 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied a forward position at O.17.a.9.1. and engaged the following targets - P.23. Central to P.23.c.9.5., P.22. Cent. to P.29.a.2.2., P.28.b.4.4. to P.29.a.2.2., P.28.b.5.3. to P.29.c.63.30. - 200 rounds (shrapnel) in short bursts were directed against the above targets. This battery withdrew to its normal position at 12.15 a.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 478 rds. NC. and GG. gas shell on selected targets in P.22.a., P.32.d., and V.2.b. while 52 rds. BX were directed against pillbox at V.2.a.45.40. and 26 rds. on occupied house at V.2.b.30.15.

T. MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 60 rds. on enemy's front line and wire from U.6.a.6.8. to O.36.d.45.10. and 30 rds. on enemy's Front Line and wire from U.5.b.95.45. to. U.5.d.70.30.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY. Under cover of a heavy bombardment an enemy party of an estimated strength of 2 Officers and 40 O.Rs. attempted to raid our trenches in U.5.b. at 1.45 a.m., but was completely repulsed leaving 5 wounded prisoners in our hands.

ARTILLERY. No change is noticeable. Shelling has been well distributed over our front, VILLERS BRETONNEUX receiving considerable attention during the night, while between 1.30 and 2 a.m. our front and support lines in U.4. and U.5. were subjected to a comparatively heavy bombardment, under cover of which the enemy attempted to raid our trenches in U.5.b. Light gas shelling (approximately 50 rds. 10.5 cm H.E. and Phosgene gas) took place at 7.30 p.m. H.V. guns were again active on our rear lines, particularly in the SOMME VALLEY West of GLISY. Areas shelled were :- During the night. O.29.d., O.36.a., O.34.b., O.27., O.28., O.20.d., CACHY, O.15.a. and b., O.20.b. - mainly by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns. harassing fire. During the day O.13.d., (100 rds. 10.5 cm) O.23a. and c., O.20.b., O.16.a. and b., and O.24.b., while our forward lines received customary attention.

APPARENT REGISTRATIONS/CARRIED OUT BY THE ENEMY.

Between 5 and 8 30 p.m. a 15 cm How. registered house at N.35.b.5.3. This locality was again shelled by 15 cm Hows. at 10.30 a.m. to-day - approximately 10 rds. fired. - At 8 a.m. 2 Bty. positions at O.14.c. 34.07. & O.20.a.50.51. were registered by 10.5 cm Hows. No damage.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

H.V. guns have shown slightly increased activity and heavy shelling of our front and support lines took place between 1.30 and 2 a.m. prior to attempted raid on our lines in U.5.b.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT AND BALLOONS.

Considerable aerial activity on both sides during the period is reported. E.A. crossed our lines on several occasions during the day patrolling our forward and battery areas until driven off by A.A. and Lewis gun fire. Enemy observation balloons were up 147, 150, 155, and 78 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.98.10. Hostile observation balloons were also observed 85, 90, 96 and 118 deg. G.B. from P.19.c.19. One of our observation balloons was brought down in flames by an enemy aeroplane about 8.15 p.m.

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OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Very little enemy movement was noticed during the period. At 8 p.m. a small party of men was observed in V.14.b.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The enemy aeroplane shot down on the 17th. instant in the vicinity of Right Group O.P. at U.2.b.95.10. was a single seater FOKKER scout of a new type. No. 2469. F.O.K. D.7. made at the FOKKER FLUGZEUWERKE on 29.4.1918. The pilot, Lieutenant WUSTHOF, was wounded and evacuated through a French dressing station. He is 24 years of age and claims to have had 27 victories whilst flying on the Western Front. The machine was handed over to the 24th. Squadron R.A.F.

Visibility good.

Headquarters,
18.6.1918.

Althaus
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Under careful examination this morning, it was ascertained from a wounded prisoner of the 8th. Coy. 97th. I.R. (108th. Division) that the casualties lately suffered by his regiment were mostly through our Trench Mortar, Machine Gun and Artillery activity, in fairly equal ratio.

The following from French timed 1.8 p.m. 18.6.18. begins a South of AISNE our position improved by local operation East of MONTGDBERT a Prisoners 2 Officers and 82 other ranks a Prisoners captured in minor operation near HAUTE BRAYE on 17th. now reported over 350.

The following notes compiled from latest aeroplane photographs in addition to these already supplied are of interest. :-

Regimental H.Q. P.30.c.55.40.

Billets P.30.c.2.5.

H.Q. P.30.c.0.9.

Anti-aircraft M.G. emplacement U.6.b.65.40.

Important road extensively used from P.29.a.2.2. to P.22.d.5.5.

Centre of activity. P.22.a.3.0.

Dump from P.22.b.2.4. to P.22.d.3.8. on either side of road.

Works in progress around U.6.b.3.4.

Dugout at U.5.d.75.70.

M.W. at P.20.c.79.09.

Probable H.Q. at V.2.c.00.95.

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Ref. War 62. D. 1/40.000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 18.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 19.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period further registrations by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. were carried out. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on targets in P.31., P.32., and P.33. V.1.a. and b., V.2.b., V.1.c. and d. - 1200 rds. expended. - In addition to the above 18 pdrs. of the Left Group brought short bursts of fire to bear on enemy lines at 12.30 a.m., 1.40 a.m., 3.40 a.m. and 5.25 a.m. A forward section of 18 pdrs. harassed the enemy's rear lines in P.22. and P.28. - 200 rds. fired. At 9.25 p.m. in reply to NF calls received 18 pdrs. of the Left Group engaged hostile batteries at P.23.d.57.98., P.24.c.8.10. and P.30.a.17.93. - no result. - At 9.45 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied position at O.17.d.1.8. and engaged the following targets :- P.23.a.1.9., P.23.a.30.95., P.23.d.1.1., P.23.d.4.5., P.23.b.6.0., and dump at P.23.b.8.6. - 200 rds. AX expended during this operation. - At 11.30 p.m. this battery returned to its normal position. During the night 4.5" Hows. fired 488 rds. NG and CG gas shell on selected targets in V.3.b., P.32.a., P.22.a., and P.27.c. Other targets engaged during the period were dugouts at P.25.c.98.31., and P.25.d.40.25. - 120 rds. expended. - these shoots were observed to be very effective. - 130 rds. on MARCELCAVE and 15 rds. on suspected Headquarters in V.1.a., while 18 pdrs engaged H.Q. in V.1.a., wood in U.6.b., cross roads in P.31.b. and dispersed enemy movement observed on road in P.21.c. and V.1.a. and d.

T. MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 80 rds. on Hangar at P.25.c.9C.25. Many direct hits were obtained during this shoot.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

During the period under review the enemy's artillery has again been quiet, while his H.V. guns have also shown less activity. Light gas shelling of O.15.d.5.7. - 40 rds. 10.5 cm - (nature not ascertained) took place at 3.15 a.m. Main features were as follow :- Between 4 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was intermittently shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE - At 9.50 p.m. approximately 200 rds. 15 cm were directed against O.14.c. At 9 p.m. an area shoot by 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns (approximately 150 rds.) was carried out on squares O.22.a. and b. and O.23.a. This shoot was of 5 minutes duration. Light harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on O.14.d., O.20.b., O.23., O.24.c., O.16.a., while O.35.b. was intermittently shelled between 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. During the day, with the exception of light shelling of O.24.c. (50 rds. 77 mm), N.24. by H.V. guns and a few rounds scattered over our forward areas, no important shoots were carried out by the enemy.

COUNTER BATTERY WORK.

About 1 p.m. a 15 cm How. battery opened fire on battery positions in T.6.b. Navy artillery immediately engaged and silenced the active hostile battery.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 10.15 p.m. 15 cm guns shelled the bank in N.24.b. - direction of fire 123 deg. T.B. from O.30.c.85.90. The same locality was again shelled at 12.30 p.m. Counter battery work succeeded in silencing the enemy's guns. At 1.45 p.m. flashes from a 15 cm How. battery shelling VILLERS BRETONNEUX were observed 116 deg. T.B. from O.29.d.92. Flashes from H.V. guns were observed 118 deg G.B. from O.30.b.3.0., while a railway gun was seen firing from approximately V.12.d.

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ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. No change.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT. Owing to unfavorable flying conditions little aerial activity took place.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 6 p.m. movement was observed in church tower on a bearing 147 deg. T. from 0.30.c.00.50. - suspected O.P. - At 8 p.m. while a shoot on U.5.b.50.90. was in progress two men were observed running towards approximately U.6.d.5.3., at which point they disappeared. At 8.25 p.m. a working party of 10 men was observed in V.1.a. - engaged and dispersed by 18 pdrs. At 9 a.m. 2 G.S. wagons were seen on road in P.21.b. and at 6.45 and 10.30 a.m. small parties were observed at P.29.central and road in P.29.c. respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS.

While one of our Trench Mortar shoots was in progress the enemy retaliated and several rounds fell in his own front line. Upon an orange colored light being fired his shelling ceased.

At 7 p.m. the enemy fired red flares from his front line. These were repeated by rear signal stations by flares bursting into 4 red lights, whereupon a light concentration of 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows was placed on the South Eastern outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

Visibility Good 18th. inst. Bad 19th. owing to rain.

Headquarters,
19.6.1918.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

A. Phillips
Lieutenant,
Reconnaissance Officer.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.S E C R E T.

Ref. Map. 52 D. 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 19.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 20.6.1918OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Further registrations by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. were carried out during the period.

18 pdrs. engaged enemy movement in V.14.a. and V.1.b. and enemy front line trench in P.30.c. with good effect, while Cross Roads in U.6.c. and house at U.6.a.5.1. were also fired on - 60 rds. expended. - During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy roads, approaches, and centres of activity in V.1., V.2., P.32., and P.33. - 1200 rds. expended - while 18 pounders of the Left Group expended 1200 rds. in short bursts of fire on enemy's lines opposite their front. 4.5" Hows. fired 640 rds. NC and CG gas shell on selected targets in P.33., V.10.a., and P.22.c., while 32 rds. EX and 28 rds. EX were directed against strong point at V.2.a.40.45. and Headquarters at V.2.c.00.95. respectively.

At 9.45 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied position at O.17.b.8.5. and engaged the following targets :- P.28.b.55.30., P.29.d.9.4., P.29.c.0.4., P.30.c.3.4. P.29.central, - P.29.b.0.4. and P.20.d.3.1. 200 rds. AX were expended on the above targets. - Movement observed during the day in V.14.a. and b., V.1.a. and b., P.20.d. and P.31.a. was effectively dealt with by 18 pounders.

T. MORTARS.

M.T.Ms. fired 100 rds. on enemy's front line and wire from O.36.d.4.2. to O.36.d.9.9. - several direct hits were obtained on trench and building at O.36.d.9.8. during this shoot.

40 rds. were fired on wire and new works in the vicinity of derelict tank in U.5.b. One direct hit on tank was observed and enemy's wire and works were extensively damaged.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile artillery showed little activity during the period. Shelling has been light and scattered and mainly directed against our forward areas in the vicinity of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. H.V. guns have been comparatively quiet. Two instances of gas shelling are reported, viz., 12 rds. 10.5 cm Blue Cross on O.26.a. from the direction of MARCELCAVE and 50 rds. 10.5 cm H.E. and Blue Cross gas shell on O.25.b. at 11.a.m. Areas mainly affected were :- During the night VILLERS BRETONNEUX 70 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm, O.20.a. and b., T.6.b., O.33.d., O.34.c., O.27.a. and b., O.24.a., O.19. and valley in O.15., while our most forward areas were subjected to light harassing fire at intervals. During the day, with the exception of light scattered shelling of O.29.a. and b., O.23., O.15.b., O.27.d. and O.25.b., the enemy's artillery remained quiet.

COUNTER BATTERY WORK.

Between 12.30 and 1 p.m. battery positions in T.6.b. were lightly shelled by 15 cm firing from a direction 130 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. (20 rds. neutralizing fire.) At 3.15 p.m. an 18 pdr battery position in U.27.a. was apparently registered by 15 cm Hows. (Air bursts.) Direction of fire 108 deg. T.B. (Sound) from O.27.a.70.75.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

A 10.5 cm Battery was observed firing from approximately V.10.a.5.4. Area shelled not ascertained.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet - no change.

P.T.O.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT. Aerial activity on both sides was below normal owing to adverse weather conditions. Between 8 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. 3 E.A. appeared over VILLERS BRETONNEUX and subsequently attempted to bring down one of our observation balloons but without success.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Movement was frequently observed in V.1.b. and V.14.a. and b. during the period.

A small party of the enemy was observed in the vicinity of post in P.31.a. This party was fired on with effect by 18 pdrs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Visibility generally low - fair at intervals.

C. H. H. H. H.

Headquarters,
20.8.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 20.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 21.6.1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Registrations were carried out by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. during the period.

During the night the usual programme of harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads, approaches and centres of activity - 2,200 rds. expended. 122 rds. NC and CG gas shell were expended on selected targets in P.22.d. and P.33.b.

Targets engaged during the day were as follows :- H.Q. at V.2.c.05.25.

52 rds. BX, tracks in V.1. a. and b. 40 rds. BX, suspected H.Q. at V.2.c.00.95. 52 rds. BX., pillbox at V.2.a.20.45. 40 rds. BX., while movement in V.14., V.8. and V.13.b. was effectively dealt with by 18 pdrs.

T.MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 9 rds. on enemy front line from P.31.a.0.0. to O.36.d.80.40.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A marked decrease in the enemy's artillery activity is noticeable. Throughout the period shelling has been extremely light and well scattered. No important shoots have been carried out. During the night our battery areas, chiefly in T.6. and O.27. were lightly shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. At 10.40 p.m. 50 rds. 77 mm Blue Cross gas shell fell in O.14.c., while VILLERS BRETONNEUX, U.4., U.5., O.35., O.36., U.2.b., O.28.a., O.23.a. and O.21. were subjected to light harassing fire at intervals. At 11.30 a.m. a light area shoot was carried out on battery position at O.20.a.79.91. No damage, however, was sustained. Light shelling of O.36.c. and O.28.a. and forward areas was also reported, but the enemy's artillery during the day has generally shown little activity. Between 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. 10 rds. from a 15 cm gun fell in the vicinity of GLISY, the re-entrant East of the village being bracketed. No damage was sustained - direction of fire 103° T.B. from N.20.d.8.4.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 10.45 p.m. an enemy 77 mm battery was observed firing on our Support trenches in O.30 from a flash bearing 90 deg T. from O.30. a.85.90. At the same time flashes were observed 123 deg. T.B. from O.30.c.85.90. shelling back areas. At 11 p.m. and again at 11.30 a.m. to-day three 15 cm guns were active on a bearing 123 deg True from O.30.c.85.90. At 10.55 p.m. a flash was observed from a heavy Howitzer firing from 80 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. - time from flash to report 23 seconds. - At 4.15 a.m. flashes were also observed 96 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. time from flash to report 30 seconds.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet - no change.-

GENERAL AIRCRAFT and BALLOONS.

Aircraft on both sides were generally inactive owing to unfavorable flying conditions, no war flying being observed.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY

At 3 p.m. one man was seen at approximately V.1. Central.
3.30 p.m. two of the enemy were observed walking along road ridge in V.13.
At 4 p.m. two men were also seen in V.7.d.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

At 10 a.m. a fire was observed North East of MARCELCAVE approximately in V.4.c. and d.

Visibility poor with bright intervals.

Alpheny

Lieutenant.

Headquarters,
21.6.1918.

Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The following from G.H.Q. timed 10.30 a.m. 21.6.1918 begins
Enemy trenches raided last night North of AVELUY WOOD, East of HEBUTERNE,
East of BOIS LEUX ST. MARC, North of FAMPOUX. Few prisoners and
2 M.Gs. captured. Last night enemy made several attacks N.W. of
MERRIS but were repulsed.

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Ref. Map. 62.D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 21.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 22.6.1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Between 4 and 5 p.m. 21st. inst 18 pdrs. put down a barrage 100 yards West of enemy's front line from P.25.d.4.4. to P.25.b.4.3. and from O.36.d.5.3. to P.31.a.0.0., while 4.5" Hows. bombarded enemy's front line between the above co-ordinates. This operation was observed to have been most effective and a number of casualties are definitely known to have been inflicted on the enemy. Harassing fire was maintained during the night on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity - 2400 rds. being expended. Between 9.45 p.m. and 12.45 a.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 210 rds. NC and CG gas shell on targets V.10.b.6.7. and assembly trenches in P.32.a. and P.22. Central.

At 9.45 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied a position at O.17.d.70.55. and engaged the following targets :- valleys in P.24.d. and P.30.a. b. and c., main road in Q.25. and Q.26. and LA MOTTE -on-SANTERRE. - 200 rounds were expended during this operation, and the battery withdrew to its normal position at 12.30 a.m.

Targets engaged during the day were as follow :- Dump and approaches in V.3.b. (100 rds.) and trenches in V.1.a (33 rds.) while movement observed in V.14. and V.8. was effectively dealt with by 18 pdrs.

INFANTRY For particulars of raid carried out by the Infantry at 2 a.m. see part II of this summary.

T.MORTARS. M.T.Ms. effectively engaged enemy's front line from O.36.d.50.30. to P.31.a.0.0. - 200 rds. fired. -

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery has been moderately active throughout the night but quieter during the day. His reply to our barrage between 4 and 5 p.m. was light and mainly directed against our forward areas. Between 4.50 and 5 p.m. the railway in O.35.c. and trenches in U.3. and U.4. were lightly shelled by 77 mm guns - approximately 40 rds. - while a further 30 rds. were directed against the latter squares at 9.30 p.m. and 2.30 a.m. At 9.20 p.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm from the direction of MARC-LEVE fell in O.28.d. VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the Western outskirts of the town were intermittently shelled during the hours of darkness - approximately 210 rds 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 77 mm from WARFUSEE being reported. - Light gas shelling of N.30.d. and O.25.c. (20 rds. 10.5. cm H.E. and Yellow Cross) and O.29. (100 rds 10.5 cm H.E. and Blue Cross) took place during the night. Harassing fire was also maintained on the following areas :- BOIS L'ABBE (30 rds. 15 cm), O.25.b. (20 rds. 10.5 cm), roads and trenches in U.2. (30 rds. 10.5 cm), support trenches in U.3., O.27.a. and b., O.9.d., O.16.d., FOUILLOY and CACHY. At 7.50 a.m. approximately 400 rds. 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 77 mm from the direction of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT fell in O.27.b. and O.28. (Area shoot) Between 9 and 11 a.m. H.V. guns brought searching fire to bear in O.18.a., and at intervals during the day light harassing fire was directed against our forward areas.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 1 p.m. flashes were observed as follow :- 110 deg. T.B. from O.30.c.85.90. and 98 deg. and 100 deg. 30 min. T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. - area shelled not ascertained. -

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No change in the enemy's attitude is noticeable.

GENERAL. AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. Very little aerial activity was observed during the period. Between 5 and 6 p.m. hostile balloons were observed 81, 115, and 120 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.98.10.

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MOVEMENT.

During the afternoon considerable enemy movement was observed in V.8. and V.14. A party observed in the latter square at 4.30 p.m. was effectively engaged by 18 pdrs, casualties being inflicted 60 rds. expended. -

At 11.5 a.m. one G.S. wagon moved South along road in V.6.d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

9.45 a.m. a smoke screen was put up by the enemy at V.14.a.10.90.

Visibility poor owing to rain - bright at intervals.

Atkinson

Headquarters,
22.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

PART IIINFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The following from Australian Corps begins a.m. Morning report a.m. At 3.45 p.m. yesterday patrol Right Division examined No Man's Land in P.26.a. during our artillery shoot on enemy position about the HANGAR in P.25.c. a.m. Several wounded. Parties were observed moving away from shelled area a.m. Officer and 1 man entered enemy trench at P.26.a.10.55. and killed 4 Germans wounding 1 a.m. Patrol returned to our lines at 5.30 p.m. a.m. Successful minor operation carried out by Right Divn. during the night against the HANGAR in P.25.c. a.m. Our party approached within 15 yds of Hangar and rushed it opening fire with L.Gs. a.m. 10 enemy killed 1 wounded and 6 unwounded prisoners 1 Light M.G. captured a.m. Remainder of garrison scattered a.m. Our casualties 1 wounded a.m. Gas Projectors successfully discharged on DERNANCOURT 12.30 a.m. a.m. For remainder of night light scattered shelling forward area a.m. Some Gas shelling on Right and Centre div. front a.m. Following from 3rd Aust.Divn. 7.30 a.m. 22nd. Ref, raid on Hangar a.m. 1 wounded 6 unwounded prisoners all 9th Coy. 137 I.R. a.m. order of battle N. to S. 332 I.R. 137 I.R. 265 I.R. 97 I.R. a.m. strength 9th Coy. 2 Officers 120 - 140 O.Rs. a.m. Line held by 3 companies with series of scattered Posts about HANGAR garrisoned by about 40 men and 1 Officer a.m. Small advanced Post 3 O.R. ahead of this a.m. 1st Bn. in support 2nd in rest a.m. Rest billets vicinity MORCOURT a.m. 3rd Bn. came into line night 19/20th June a.m. Date of relief and enemy intentions unknown. Following from G.H.Q. 10.5pm. 21st.- Hostile Raid N. of BEAUMONT HAMEL repulsed. Hostile Arty. very active this morning on rear positions vicinity FESTUBERT. Italians have reduced footing held by Austrians W. of the PIAVE at S.DONA DE PIAVE and have regained CAPO SILE and FOSSALTA. Austrians still hold W. bank of PIAVE between S.ANDREA and CANDELU. Italians reported to have gained ground slightly in the MONTELLO and to have taken further prisoners.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

R. O. R. T.

Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 22.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 23.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. During the afternoon of the 22nd inst 18 pdrs. fired 106 rds. on enemy movement in V.8., V.10.a., V.9.d., V.10.c., 36 rds. on trench in V.1.b. and suspected H.Q. at V.1.d.99.58., 25 rds. on new works at U.6.c.70.40., 25 rds. on trench at U.6.b.50.27., while 180 rds. were expended on tracks in V.1.a., trenches in U.6.b., centre of activity at U.6.b.52.13., cross roads at U.6.b.90.18., dugout at V.1.b.20.76., O.P. at V.1.b.00.80. and track junction at V.2.b.85.91. At 7.10 p.m. movement observed in BERTHE WOOD was effectively dealt with by 18 pdrs. - 30 rds. expended. - During the night harassing fire was maintained by 18 pdrs. on roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional Front - 2300 rds. being fired. - In addition to the above 4.5" Hows. engaged the following targets :- Headquarters in V.2.c., MARCELCAVE, dugouts in V.1.c., cross roads in V.9.d., battery areas in V.10.a. and P.22.d., cross roads in P.33.d. and P.32.c. and machine guns in P.26.a. and P.20.c. - 515 rds. expended. - At 10.15 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied a position at O.17.d.75.30. and engaged targets as follow :- Q.19.a. and d., roads in P.36., MARCELCAVE village and station and approaches in this vicinity - 200 rds. being expended - This battery withdrew to its normal position at 12.25 am. 4.5" Hows. fired 60 rds. MC gas shell on billets in V.10.b. Individual movement in V.8. and V.14. was effectively engaged by 18 pdrs. during the day.

T.MORTARS. Activity nil.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No apparent change - hostile artillery abnormally quiet during the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery was again moderately active during the night, his fire, mainly in short sudden bursts, being directed against our forward areas at frequent intervals during the hours of darkness. Main features were as follow :- From 6.40 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. approximately 300 rds. 10.5 cm were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX - general direction of fire WIENCOURT. Between 8.45 p.m. and 10 p.m. short bursts of fire were directed against area U.28.c. and d. and O.34.d. - mainly from 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns firing from the direction of MARCELCAVE - 140 rds. - CACHY again received customary attention from 10.5 cm Hows, approximately 80 rds., while intermittent shelling of a harassing nature was directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX, U.3., O.34.c., FOUILLOY, O.16.a., O.10.a., O.24.a., and O.23. At 11 p.m. 20 rds. 10.5 cm Blue Cross fell in O.36., During the day O.10.a., O.16.a. and FOUILLOY were lightly shelled by 15 cm Hows, but otherwise our front remained abnormally quiet.

GENERAL. AIRCRAFT.

At 8 p.m. 3 E.A. were observed patrolling the enemy's Front Line over P.20. and P.26. At 9 a.m. and 9.40 a.m. 5 hostile machines were observed over the Eastern outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, but were subsequently driven off by the fire of A.A. guns. Aerial activity on both sides showed little activity owing to unfavorable flying conditions.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

During the afternoon of 22nd inst a considerable amount of enemy movement was again observed in V.8. V.10. and V.14. Individual movement was again observed in these squares during the morning of 23rd inst. Considerable train activity was observed during the morning on railway in rear of mill in W.15. and also in W.17. Individual movement is daily observed in V.8. and V.14. A sniping gun of the Right Group in O.29.b. engages this movement at every opportunity, and the results have been so satisfactory from a harassing point of view and casualties have so frequently been inflicted on the enemy that his attitude when moving across this area is decidedly nervous.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

At 9 a.m. a smoke screen was again observed at V.H4.a.19.

Visibility fair.

(K. P. ...)

Headquarters,
23.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 23.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 24.6.1918.

AIR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the evening of the 23rd inst. 18 pdrs harassed enemy movement in V.14. and V.8. firing 50 rds., while 20 rds. were fired on Cross Roads at U.6.b.90.18., 20 rds. on new trench at U.6.b.4.4. and 50 rds. on centre of activity at U.6.b.52.13. At 6 p.m., during a shoot on MARCELCAVE water tower, six direct hits were observed. At 10.30 p.m. Hows. of the Left Group engaged a hostile battery at P.22.d.8.8. During the night 18 pdrs. maintained harassing fire on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional front, particular attention being paid to ration dump at P.33. Central and tracks leading from same - 2,200 rds. expended. At 11.30 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied position at C.23.d.0.7. and brought harassing fire to bear on enemy's rear lines in Q.21.c., Q.25., and Q.26., particular attention being paid to BAYONVILLERS and Western outskirts of the village - 200 rds. expended. This battery withdrew to its normal position at 2.35 a.m. 4.5" Hows. carried out short concentrations on P.23.a.2.6., P.33.b.3.3. and V.10.a.2.7. - 578 rds. NC and CG gas shell being fired. At intervals during the night 4.5" Hows. carried out harassing fire paying particular attention to the following targets :-
H.Q. at V.3.e.05.25., dugouts in V.1.c., strong point at V.3.d.40.45., and Headquarters reported by the Infantry at P.20.b.9.2.

T. MORTARS. Activity nil.ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. No change in the enemy's artillery activity is reported, the usual harassing fire being maintained on our forward areas throughout the night, while during the day his fire was light and scattered. H.V. guns have been less active during the period. Main features were as follow :-
At 8.15 p.m. 25 rds. 10.5 cm H.E. and gas (Phosgene) fell in O.14. a. and b. At 8.20 p.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm fell in O.21.d. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE, and at 9.40 p.m. 150 rds. from Hows. of the same calibre and firing from the same direction fell in O.27.b. At 1 a.m. 100 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm were directed against roads in O.34.b. - general direction of fire PIEURET WOOD. - Other areas lightly shelled were O.16. - 40 rds. 10.5 cm - O.25 b. - 20 rds. 10.5 cm Phosgene gas. - P.25.a. - 40 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm - O.10. - 30 rds. 10.5 cm - O.27.a. - 20 rds. 77 mm. - and O.14. a. & b. During the day, with the exception of light shelling of our support trenches in U.3.a., O.20.b. and d., 50 rds. 10.5 cm - O.30.c. and d. - 50 rds. 10.5 cm - O.30.c. and d. - 20 rds. 15 cm - O.21.c. - 45 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm - O.29.a. - and O.12. 35 rds. 77 mm. -, our sector remained quiet.

APPARENT REGISTRATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE ENEMY.

Between 12.30 and 1.46 p.m. 20 rds. 15 cm Time H.E. burst over a battery position in O.26.b. from a bearing 130 deg. T. from O.29.b3.2.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No change.GENERAL.AIRCRAFT.

Enemy aeroplanes were moderately active during the evening, while during the night hostile machines crossed our lines on bombing operation. At 10.55 p.m. 5 small bombs were dropped in O.33.

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AIRCRAFT (Cont.)

At 6.30 a.m. 4 E.A. were observed over FOUILLOY and between dawn and 9.30 a.m. E.A. were very active, frequently crossing our lines and flying over our battery positions in O.20., 21., 26, and 27.

At 9.30 a.m. one of our single seaters was engaged by E.A. and forced to land in N.24.d. The pilot was wounded in five places, but the machine was undamaged.

Enemy observation balloons were up 70, 78, 103, and 132 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.98.10.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 10.55 a.m. a train consisting of from 15 to 20 trucks was observed travelling North East in W.2.

Considerable enemy movement is still reported in the vicinity of suspected Headquarters in V.14.a.

At 10.5 a.m. a small puff of smoke was noticed at approximately V.14.a.2.8. - suspected cookhouse at the abovementioned H.Q. -

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the night a number of parachute lights were dropped from aeroplanes over FOUILLOY. These remained alight for approximately five minutes.

Visibility fair.

W. Chouley

Lieutenant.

Headquarters,
24.6.1918.

Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

PART II.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The following received from G.H.Q. at 2 p.m. 24.6.1918. begins as follows: 1st Australian and 9th Divisions carried out successful operation last night astride METERENBECQUE all objectives reported taken with 47 prisoners and 3 M.Gs. Many enemy killed. Our casualties slight.

The following from Australian Corps at 3.37 p.m. 24.6.1918. begins as follows: Italians counterattacked the Austrians yesterday. Austrians sustained severe defeat and are re-crossing PIAVE in disorder from MONTELLO to the sea, a frontage of approximately 40 miles.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 24.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 25.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Between 9 and p.30 p.m. on 23rd. inst., while 18 pdrs. of the Left Group were carrying out their harassing fire programme; bursts of fire were directed against roads in P.28.b. At this time a large column of ammunition and G.S. wagons were proceeding along this road in a Northerly direction. Many direct hits were observed, seven explosions caused, three wagons set on fire, and the remainder scattered.

During the afternoon 24th. inst. 4.5" Hows. fired 20 rds. on M.G. at P.20.c.8.3. and 18 rds. whilst checking registrations.

At 12 midnight 250 gas projectors were successfully discharged against enemy's front line trenches in P.25.b. and d. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. of the Left Group supported this operation. At the same hour a barrage was put down on enemy's lines in P.25. and P.26. At 12.4 a.m. the barrage lifted to a line 1,200 yards east, and then crept Westwards at the rate of 200 yards a minute; ceasing fire at 12.10 a.m. - ammunition expended 1274 rds. -

During the night harassing fire was maintained by 18 pdrs. on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional Front - ammunition expended 1560 rounds.

At 9.50 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied a forward position at O.18.a. 6.1. and engaged enemy's rear lines in P.24.d., P.30.a.b. and c., and roads in P.36. - 200 rds. fired.

During the night 4.5" Hows. fired 420 rds. gas shell on targets in P.22.d., P.33.a. and V.3.b., 102 rds. EX on trenches in V.1.a. and b., 50 rds. on tracks in V.2. a. and c., 48 rds. on H.Q. at V.1.d.99.58., 50 rds. on cross roads in P.33.b. and 50 rds. on ration dump at P.33.central.

Targets engaged during the day were as follow :-

MARCELCAVE Station (12 rds.), selected targets in V.11.d. and V.17.b. (20 rds.), hostile batteries at P.35.a.00.25., P.22.b.7.7., and P.22.a.10.25. (60 rds.), movement in V.11.d. and V.14.b. (35 rds.), movement in the vicinity of dugout in V.14.a. (45 rds.), while 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out further registrations.

T.MORTARS. Medium Trench Mortars fired 20 rds. on building at O.36.d.9.8., seven direct hits were observed and a small ammunition dump blown up.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. During the night a marked increase in the enemy's artillery activity was reported. Several area shoots were carried out, and a large proportion of all natures of gas shell was employed. No reply, however, was made to our gas projector attack carried out at midnight. H.V. guns were intermittently active throughout the night shelling our back areas.

During the evening an area shoot was carried out on O.21., O.22., O.26., and O.27. Main features were as follow :-

At 5.15 p.m. approximately 200 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm were scattered over O.35.d., O.36.c. and O.27.a. and b. - direction of fire ABANCOURT and MARCELCAVE. At p.m. a heavy area shoot was carried out on O.27. and O.28.a. and b. - 300 rds. 15 cm H.E. mixed with blue and green cross gas shell falling in this area. At 9.5 p.m. 100 rds. 77 mm from the direction of MARCELCAVE fell in valley in O.34.b. Between 9.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. approximately 100 rds. 10.5 cm fell in O.29.a. while 50 rds. from Hows. of the same calibre mixed with phosgene gas were scattered over O.21.d. At 12.30 a.m. our front line and support trenches in P.25. and O.30. were shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows firing from the direction of WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT. Other areas receiving attention were VILLERS BRETONNEUX 70 rds., 10.5 cm and 77 mm, CACHY 110 rds 77 mm, BOIS l'ABBE, O.28.d., O.12.a., O.15.d., and O.21.

During the day roads in O.25.c. and d were lightly shelled by 15 cm Hows firing from MARCELCAVE direction while the usual scattered shelling of O.16., O.29.b., O.30., P.25., O.34.c., and BOIS l'ABBE by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. was reported.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. Flashes from a H.V. gun were observed 120 deg. T.B. from O.30.c.85.90. Area shelled SOME Valley E. of GLISY.

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ENEMY ATTITUDE. Increased H.E. and gas shelling during the night.
Quiet during the day.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT. At 5.40 p.m. one E.A. flew over our battery positions in O.20.

At 8.25 p.m. one E.A. patrolled the enemy's front line, and at 8.55 p.m. one E.A. flew North over our support lines, turning East over P.19.c.

Between daylight and 8 a.m. 8 hostile machines crossed our lines at intervals until driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 4.25 p.m. 2 men were observed walking through crops in P.29.c. When engaged by 18 pdrs. these men took cover in a trench and were not again seen.

At 4.45 p.m. enemy movement observed near camouflaged dugout about V.14.b.20.80. was fired on by 4.5" Hows. Three direct hits were obtained and the camouflage set on fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During our Heavy Trench Mortar shoot on Monument Wood about 4.30 p.m. one white light was sent up by the enemy. This was followed by 10 section salvos from 15 cm Hows. on O.35.d.

At 7 p.m. a large fire, apparently caused by our heavy artillery, was observed on a bearing 93 deg True from O.30.b.3.0.

Visibility fair - low during the early morning owing to thick mist.

Ch. Howley

Headquarters,
25.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map 62. D. 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 25.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 26.6.1918.

OUR FIRE.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out harassing fire on enemy's roads, approaches, dumps and centres of activity opposite the Divisional Front - 2,200 rounds fired. -

Between 10.37 and 11 p.m. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. of the Right Group fired 750 rds. and 270 rds. respectively on enemy trenches in U.11.b. and U.5.d. in conjunction with a minor Infantry enterprise carried out by the 37th. French Division. During the night 460 rds. NC. and CG. gas shell were expended on targets in P.22.e., P.27.c., and V.2.b.

Between 9.45 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied a forward position at O.17.d.70.55. and engaged enemy rear lines as follow :- P.30. a.b. and c., La Motte - on Santerro, MARCELCAVE Station and approaches to the village - 200 rds. expended. - During a burst of fire on La Motte - en Santerro an enemy dump was exploded and burnt for half an hour.

A forward section of 4.5" Hows. searched enemy bills in WARFUSEE from P.25.a.3.5. to P.25.a.6.5. to P.25.a.6.3. to P.25.a.3.3., while hostile battery positions at P.29.d.0.7. and P.22.b.7.7. were also engaged by 4.5" Hows.

Further registrations were carried out by 4.5" Hows. and 18 pdrs. during the period.

Other targets engaged were :- Dugouts at V.1.b.20.76. (83 rds. BX), H.Q. at V.2.c.05.25. (33 rds. BX.), Cross Roads at V.10.d.20.70. (100 rds. BX.) dugout and battery position at V.14.b.2.8. (56 rds. A and AX), dump at V.8.d. (90 rds A and AX.)

A forward section of 18 pdrs. of the Left Group engaged Battalion H.Q. at P.21.b.9.3. (48 rds.), trench from P.22.a.2.1. to P.22.a.5.2., dump at P.27.b.75.10. and WIENCOURT Village, while 4.5" Hows. fired 100 rds. on new work from P.26.a.4.7. to P.20.c.4.0. When this shoot commenced three of the enemy were seen to run from the former co-ordinate. This shoot appeared to be very effective and many O.Ks. were reported. At 11.15 a.m. an active hostile 77 mm battery at P.22.d.3.8. was engaged by 18 pdrs. of the Left Group and silenced. This Battery did not open fire again during the day.

Movement observed at P.20.c.7.0. was engaged by 4.5" Hows.

T.MORTARS. M.T.Ns. fired 42 rds. on suspected enemy O.P at U.6.a.35.35.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile artillery was again active during the evening, heavy ar. shoots being carried out on O.21., 22., 26 and 27, for the purpose of hampering our transport, while intermittent shelling of our forward and battery areas was maintained throughout the night.

Main features were as follow :- At 4.10 p.m. 60 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm from the direction of MARCELCAVE fell in O.35.d., while at 6.30 p.m. 30 rds. 77 mm fell in O.35.c. At 8 p.m. 80 rds. 77 mm were directed against BOIS AQUENNE and trenches in U.3. from 106 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.98.10. At 8.5 p.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm fell in O.27.a. and at 8.35 p.m. VILLERS BRETONNEUX received attention from 10.5 cm Hows., 50 rds. being fired; whilst at 9.15 p.m. a further 100 rds 77 mm, at 1.5 a.m. 100 rds 77 mm, and at 4 a.m. 50 rds. 77 mm were directed against this town. Other areas shelled during the night were O.35.e. 30 rds. 77 mm., O.20.d. 20. rds 10.5 cm, O.19.d. and O.26.b. 50 rds. 10.5 cm, O.27.b. 50.rds. 10.5 cm, trenches in O.36.b. and d 50 rds. 10.5 cm., U.3. and U.9. 60 rds. 10.5 cm and O.30.b. and d 40 rds. 10.5 cm.

During the day the enemy's artillery has been comparatively inactive. Light shelling of O.27.b. 15 rds. 10.5 cm, O.10.c., 10.rds. 15 cm., and P.19.a. by 77 mm guns took place, while at 10.40 a.m. 15 cm air bursts (approx. 15 rds.) were observed over MONT du BOIS l'ABBE in O.26.c. and d. interval, of 5 minutes between each round - apparently ranging.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Several area shoots on our battery areas were carried out during the evening. - otherwise quiet.

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GENERAL.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

During the evening of the 25th. inst enemy aircraft were inactive, but to-day hostile machines crossed our lines at 9.55 a.m., 10.5 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12.55 p.m. Most of these machines remained over our forward areas until driven off by our A.A. guns.

Enemy observation balloons were up 140, 136, deg. T.B. from U.2.b. 98.10.

At 4.45 p.m. one of our balloons broke away and drifted over enemy's lines.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 8.30 a.m. two of the enemy were observed in P.28.a. proceeding in a Southerly direction.

At 10.30 a.m. G.S. wagons were observed on road in Q.19.d. Movement was again observed throughout the period in V.14.a. and V.7.b.. This was engaged by a forward section of 18 pdrs. on all occasions.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During a shoot by our Trench Mortars on Monument Wood at 5.30 p.m. 2 rockets, each bursting into two green stars were sent up by the enemy. No apparent action followed.

Visibility fair.

(M. C. Hamilton)

Lieutenant.

Reconnaissance Officer.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
26.6.1918.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 1 p.m. 26.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 27.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the afternoon and evening of 26th. inst 18 pdrs. of the Right Group harassed enemy defences in V.1., V.10., V.11., V.2., U.6.b., P.31., P.32. and V.8. firing 690 rounds. From 5 to 6 p.m. 4.5" Hows. carried out a shoot on fortified shell holes in P.20.c. and P.26.a. This shoot appeared to be very effective. During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy's lines opposite the Divisional Front, 18 pdrs. of the Left Group paying particular attention to the following targets :- Tracks and roads in P.22.c. and d.; trench in P.28.b. and dumps in P.22.c., bursts of fire being directed against the above areas at 10 p.m., 11.30 p.m., and 12.30 a.m. - 600 rds. expended. - In addition to the above 18 pdrs. of the Right Group fired 2,000 rds. in short bursts of fire, at irregular intervals during the night on enemy's lines opposite their front. At 11.20 p.m. 45 rds. were directed against traffic reported by our Infantry on road in P.31.c. At irregular intervals during the night 18 pdrs. of the Left Group brought searching fire to bear on enemy's lines in P.32., P.33., P.20., P.26., P.21., and P.27. from S.O.S. plus 100 yards to S.O.S. plus 1000 yards. During the night a forward section of 18 pdrs. harassed the enemy's rear lines in P.23.d., P.29.b., Cross Roads in P.29.d., and P.29.a. and H.Q. at P.30.c.55.45. Between 9.50 p.m. and 12.5. a.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied position at O.17.d.7.3. and engaged the following targets :- Valley in Q.19.a. and b., roads in P.36. and BAYONVILLERS. At 2.35 p.m. a forward section of 4.5" Hows. of the Left Group fired into ARCELCAVE SQUARE. During this shoot a fire was caused and burnt for 10 minutes. Other targets engaged were Battalion H.Q. at P.22.b.8.5. (120 rds.), battery position at P.22.b.2.7. (12 rds.), trenches in P.21.a. and P.15.c. (12 rds.), active hostile battery at P.22.a.1.5., while a party of men at P.27.b.5.9. was fired on and dispersed. In addition to the above 4.5" Hows. fired 20 rds. on H.Q. at P.30.c.55.40., 20 rds. into WIENCOURT, 20 rds. on active hostile battery at P.35.a.00.25., and billets at P.30.c.1.3., while 310 rds. were expended on selected targets in P.33., V.1., V.2. and V.3. During the night 604 rds. NC and CG gas shell were directed against targets as follow :- Dump at P.21.b.7.7., H.Q. at P.21.d.central, ration dump at P.33. Central, and roads in P.29.a. and P.28.b.

MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 10 rds on suspected C.P. at U.6.a.35.35. and 20 rds. on strong point at O.36.d.8.9.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period under review a slight increase in the enemy's artillery activity is reported, fire being mainly directed against our forward areas in O.30., P.25., O.36. and U.5. The usual evening areas shoots on O.21.22.26. and 27 were not carried out. Three instances of gas shelling occurred during the night - 50 rds. and 60 rds. H.E. and gas (nature not ascertained.) on O.30.a. and b. and O.29.b. and d. respectively and 100 rds. 10.5. cm Blue Cross gas shell on FOUILLOY at 3 a.m. Light harassing fire was again maintained on our battery areas. Main features were as follow :- VILLERS BRETONNEUX received intermittent attention from 10.5 cm Hows. approximately 190 rds. From 4 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. 100 rds. 10.5 cm fell in U.4.b. and U.5.a. and at 5.45 p.m. our trenches in U.4.b. and U.5.a. and b. were rather heavily shelled by 15 cm Hows. firing from WARFUSEE - 150 rounds. At 6 p.m. 50 rds. mixed calibre were directed against our trench system in O.36.b. and d. At 12.50 a.m. and from 1.30 a.m. to 3 a.m. our trenches in O.29.b. and O.30. a. and b. were shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. - approx. 120 rds. being fired from the direction of WARFUSEE. Other areas shelled were O.16., O.17., and O.22. 15 cm and 10.5 cm, BOIS 1' ABEE 50 rds. 10.5 cm, O.21.b. 50 rds. 10.5 cm, CACHY 30 rds. 10.5 cm, O.30.b., P.19.c., and P.25.a.b. and c. 50 rds. 10.5 cm H.E. O.23. and O.24.a. and c. 10.5 cm. H. with a small proportion of gas shell. Hostile artillery showed little activity during the day, and with the exception of light harassing fire our front remains comparatively quiet. P.T.O.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.
ARTILLERY (Cont.)

Between 10.30 and 11 a.m. a 15 cm H.V. gun shelled A.R.P. at N.19.d.7.5. 10 rds. delay action were fired. One round fell on a bay of AX ammunition and destroyed 12 rds. Direction of fire 103 deg. T.B. from N.20.d.7.7. and 94 deg. T.B. (Sound) from U.2.b.95.10 Counter Battery were immediately informed and succeeded in silencing this gun.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. At 4 a.m. a 77 mm battery shelled O.36.c. Flashes were observed 90 deg. T.B. from O.30.d.2.3. At 11 a.m. flashes were also observed from a 77 mm battery at 88 deg. T.B. from O.29.d.60.75. Area shelled 108th. How. Battery position in O.20.d. - 30 rds. being fired.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. A slight increase in artillery fire particularly on our trench system in O.30., 35., 36. and U.5.

GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

Slightly increased aerial activity is reported during the period. At intervals during the afternoon hostile machines were active over our forward lines. Between dawn and 9.30 a.m. 27th inst. enemy planes were active over our lines. At 9.30 a.m. 6 Fokker Scouts crossed our lines and engaged a flight of our S.E.5s. with the result that 2 of our machines were driven down, one of which landed in N.30.a. undamaged, and the other in U.8.a. As soon as the pilot left the latter machine it burst into flames and was totally destroyed. During the night one of our bombing planes landed in O.25.a. owing to engine trouble. Enemy observation balloons were up 113, 130 136, and 1+2 deg T.B. from O.30.b.3.0.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 11 a.m. a train was observed in W.7. and V.12. proceeding in a S.W. direction. At intervals during the period enemy movement was observed in P.27.b. and P.28.b. Smoke was observed rising from trench at P.28.b.5.2. approx. Considerable enemy movement was again observed during the period in vicinity of H.4. in V.14.

ENEMY DEFENCES. A hostile A.A.M.G. was located at U.6.c.6.6. approx.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 1.20 p.m. a smoke screen 200 yards in length was observed in front of wood in V.17.c. This screen lasted for half an hour. At 11.20 p.m. transport was heard in P.31.c. by one of our listening posts. This was immediately engaged by our 18 pdrs. and Infantry report satisfactory results. At 10.10 p.m. a large enemy dump exploded on a bearing 102 deg T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. Visibility fair to good.

(Signature)

Lieutenant.

Headquarters,
27.6.1918.

Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From Aust. Corps "I". 7.8pm. 26th. - French prisoner who escaped into our lines this morning states 3 English prisoners escaped with him from P.30.c. camp on Monday evening, making for direction of D.A.Y. From 4th Army. 6.15p. 26th. - as result of raid on enemy trench at S. ILLY L. S.C carried out this morning by 5th Aus. Div about 30 men were killed, 3 prisoners and 1 i.g. captured. Our casualties slight.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 27.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 28.6.1918.OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. During the evening of the 27th. inst. a forward section of 18 pdrs. of the Right Group harassed enemy works and movement in V.7.b. V.11.d., V.19.b., V.14.d., and V.16.a. firing 130 rds. From 5 to 7 p.m. 18 pdrs. fired 100 rds. on Hangar at P.32.a.45.35. and 30 rds. on target V.2.b.5.3. From 9.30 p.m. to 12.40 a.m. 600 rds. were directed against selected targets in U.6.b. and V.1. a. and b. - harassing fire by 18 pdrs. while 4.5" Hows. engaged the following targets :- H.Q. at V.2.c.05.25., 40 rds., roads in P.21.d. 40 rds., strong point at V.2.a.40.45. 40 rds., dugouts in V.3.c., house at P.29.e.0.3. 40 rds., and Cross roads in P.27.d. 40 rds., while a forward section of 4.5" Hows. fired on MARCELLAVE station, battery areas in P.22.d. and P.23.b., dump at P.27.b.75.19. Between 10.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. 18 pdrs. of the Left Group engaged selected targets in P.26., P.27., P.28., and P.33 firing 130 rds. Between 1.30 a.m. and 1.45 a.m. whilst affording covering fire for a minor Infantry enterprise 18 pdrs. of the Left Group brought fire to bear on enemy's trenches in P.20.d. and P.26.b. At 10 p.m. an 18 pdr. battery occupied a position at P.17.d.1.8. and fired 200 rds. on WARFUSEE, while a forward section of 18 pdrs. engaged VILLCOURT, LA MOTTE - on - SANTERRE and billets in P.30.c. At 3.10 a.m. 18 pdrs. of the Left Group brought searching fire to bear on enemy's lines from S.O.S. plus 200 to S.O.S. plus 600 yards firing 1,300 rds. and then concentrated on selected targets in P.32.a. and b., P.26.a. b. and c., P.27.a., P.32.b. and P.33.a. Between 3.50 a.m. and 4.5 a.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 200 rds. gas shell and 20 rds. smoke shell on P.27.a., P.26.d. and dump at P.27.b.6.2. In addition to the above 18 pdrs. of the Right Group, commencing on Counter Preparation start line, searched Eastwards in P.31. and P.32. and V.1. and V.2. firing 480 rds., while 4.5" Hows. expended 60 rds. NC and 50 rds. BX on selected targets in P.32.a. and d. Further registrations were carried out by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. during the period.

MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 18 rds. on enemy front line at O.36.d.55.40, 12 rds. on suspected M.G. position at O.36.d.4.3. and 22 rds on buildings at U.6.a.40.30.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery was less active during the period. During the night our forward areas in O.35.b. and d. and O.36.c. were lightly shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. approximately 65 rds. fired. Between 6.15 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. 40 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm were scattered over O.20.a. and O.27.b. From 9.30 to 10.10 p.m. O.21.a. and c. received attention - approximately 75 rds. 10.5 and 77 mm falling in this area. At 1.45 a.m. the enemy opened a bombardment of our supports in U.3. Shelling ceased at 1.55 a.m. At 4 a.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm H.E. and Blue Cross gas shell were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Other areas shelled were BOIS l'ABBE, O.21.b. 50 rds 10.5 cm, roads in O.21.b. 30 rds. 10.5 cm., P.19.c. 32 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm. During the day, with the exception of light scattered shelling of our forward areas, O.27.a.b. and c. 50 rds. 10.5 cm, and O.9.b., O.10.d., and O.16.c. by Hows. of the same calibre, our front remained quiet.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No change.

GENERAL.AIRCRAFT AND BALLOONS.

During the afternoon of the 27th. inst. enemy planes were very active, frequently crossing our lines in large formations. At 8 p.m. 8 E.A. flew over VILLERS BRETONNEUX but were driven off by A.A. fire. At 8.50 p.m. an air fight occurred over enemy's lines, as a result of which one of our planes was driven down in flames and one E.A. forced to land, both falling in enemy territory. At p.m. 6 E.A. were over our forward lines and attacked one of our planes without success.

At 4.20 p.m. to-day a hostile machine (APFAIZ scout) flew over N.21., N.25. and N.25. at an altitude of about 1000 feet. This machine

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AIRCRAFT AND BALLOONS. (Cont.)

was last seen in rear of BOIS de GENTILLES about T.11., ..

It is believed that this plane came down in our lines about T.13. but definite particulars have not yet been ascertained.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

At 6 a.m. 5 lorries were observed in W.2. and at the same time four of the enemy were seen on road in P.28.c. At 6.50 a.m. a train was observed proceeding in a Southerly direction about W.17.

At 7.45 a.m. wagons were observed in P.35.c., P.30.b., and P.29.

4 mounted men were seen galloping in Q.19.c.

At 4.30 p.m. individual movement in V.7.b. was engaged by our 18 pdrs. and casualties inflicted. A party of men observed at 5 p.m. near clump of trees in W.2.c. was engaged by our heavy artillery and dispersed.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Now work is reported at U.6.d.4.3. and V.11.b.50.65.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 1.5 a.m. and 2 a.m. our artillery opened fire on S.O.S. lines when rocket was reported by Observers at O.Ps. On each occasion it was ascertained that these rockets were not fired by the Infantry of our own Division and that the P.L. was quiet, though Infantry Observers report seeing signals similar to our S.O.S. rockets. It was thought therefore that the enemy is using a rocket similar to our S.O.S. signals and is taken for such by our observers.

A small dump was exploded in P.24.c. apparently caused by artillery fire of the Left Group.

Visibility good.

Headquarters,
28.6.1918.

Atkinson
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

FROM FOURTH ARMY, 3.8 pm. 28th. - Following from G.H.Q. and French 11 am. a minor operation E. of NIEPPE Forest commencing 6 am. making good progress aaaa Many prisoners coming in aaaa Italian front aaaa 60 Austrian guns captured in recent fighting aaaa In operation this morning from IMBILLY to ST. PIERRE AIGLE French advanced line from one to two kilom. aaaa Line now runs FOSSE-EN-BAS 500 M. East of ST. BANDRY - 500 m. W. of Hill 138 - 1 km. E. of CUTRY - Hill 162 - ST. PIERRE - AIGLE CENT - thence original line at Cross Roads in wood 2 km. S.E. of MONT GOBERT aaaa In raid E. of SENECAW WOOD line slightly advanced aaaa 32 prisoners captured.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 28.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 29.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS. (ARTILLERY.)

18 pdrs.

- 500 rds. Harassing fire during the evening on the following targets :-
Railway in V.1.b., movement in V.14.b., dugouts in V.14.a. and V.1.b. and c., trenches in V.1.a. and road junctions and M.Ws. in U.6.b.
- 1420 rds. were fired on roads approaches and centres of activity in P.29., P.22., P.26., P.27., P.28. and P.33. Cross Roads in V.1.a. and b., U.6.b., V.2.b. and V.14.b. - harassing fire during night.
- 1900 rds. on enemy's lines opposite the Divisional Front between 2.30 a.m. and 3 a.m., chiefly in squares P.20., P.21., 25., 26 and 27.
- 480 rds. searching fire on P.31., 32 and 33, V.1.2 and 3 at 3.50 a.m. - additional harassing fire.
- 27 rds. were fired on dump at P.33.Central.
- 60 rds. were fired by a forward gun on V.15.a., V.14.b. and V.16.a. Other targets engaged were Battery positions at P.23.d.1.1., H.Q. at P.22.b.8.5. and dump at P.22.b.3.1.
- 67 rds. Enemy's rear lines in Q.19.a. and c. harassing fire from forward position at O.18.c.40.75.

4.5" H.Ws.

- 100 rds. between 2.30 a.m. and 3 a.m. - harassing fire on P.20., 21., 25., 26., and 27.
- 100 rds. MG. and CG gas shells on centre of activity P.29.c., occupied house at Road junction in P.28.b. and traffic centre in P.28.b.
- 20 rds. were fired on dump at P.27.b.75.10.
- 45 rds. on road from P.32.c.1.3. to P.32.c.9.0.
- 45 rds. on H.Q. at V.2.c.00.95.
- 45 rds. on V.1. a. and b. - harassing fire. -
- 109 rds. BNC on targets P.22.b. and P.28.a.
- 85 rds. BX " " " " " "
- 68 rds. BX on selected targets in V.1. and 2 and P.31. and P.32. Other targets engaged were battery positions and approaches in the vicinity of MARCELCAVE.

T.MORTARS.

- 30 rds. were fired on strong point O.36.d.8.9.
- 15 rds. on enemy trench at U.5.b.65.15.

ENEMY OPERATIONSARTILLERY.

Moderately active throughout the night on forward areas. Quiet during the day. Areas affected were :-

Between 4 and 5 p.m. 25 rds 10.5 cm on O.35.b. and d. from MARCELCAVE.

6.25 p.m. and 11 p.m. 65 rds. 10.5 cm were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

9.20 p.m. 60 rds. 77 mm fell in U.4.a. from direction WARFUSEE.

10.5 p.m. 70 rds. 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 77 mm with a small proportion of Blue Cross Gas shells were scattered over O.20.d. and O.28.b. - direction of fire WIENCOURT. -

At 10.10 p.m. 90 rds 10.5 cm and 77 mm and at 11.20 p.m. 140 rds. 10.5 cm fell in O.27.a. and b.

10.15 p.m. 100 rds. 10.5 cm and 77 mm fell in O.33.a. and O.34.a.

10.20 p.m. 60 rds. 15 cm on O.30.a. and b. from WARFUSEE.

11.15 p.m. trenches in O.36 and P.25. were heavily shelled by 10.5 cm and 77 mm - approximately 270 rds. are reported to have fallen.

12.30 a.m. 40 rds. 15 cm on O.17.

2.45 a.m. 35 rds. 10.5 cm fell in O.9.d. and O.15.b.

Fire during the day was light and scattered between 2.50 p.m. and 3.40 p.m. 20 rds. 15 cm T.H.E. were observed over 30th battery position in O.26.b. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE. -

ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Quiet - no change.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

At 4 p.m. an enemy 77 mm battery was active at approximately V.16.a.79.12. and was successfully neutralized by our forward gun in VILLERS BRULTONNEUX.

At 4.35 a.m. A H.V. gun fired one round from a T.B. (Scud) of 101 deg. from U.2.b.95.10. Area shelled unknown. -

GENERAL INTELLIGENCEAIRCRAFT AND BALLOONS.

Our flights were particularly active over enemy lines during the evening of 28th., but E.A. were slightly less active than during the previous 24 hours. Night bombing planes were extremely active on both sides. At 11.25 p.m. 4 bombs were dropped in ARQUENNE WOOD, and at intervals during the night the main road between AMIENS and VILLERS BRULTONNEUX was bombed. At 9 a.m. a flight of 6 E.A. flew over CACHY and U.2. and U.3., using their M.Gs. on our trenches.

Between 10.15 p.m. and 1 a.m., while a 18 pdr. battery was carrying out special harassing fire on enemy's rear lines in Q.19.a. and c. from a forward position in O.18.c., a hostile plane dropped 3 large bombs within 100 yards of this battery but no damage was sustained.

Hostile balloons were observed at T.Bs. of 108, 130, 147, 159, and 161 deg. from O.36.c.35.65., 00, 135, and 145 deg. from O.30.b.3.0., 159 deg. from P.19.c.1.9. and 96 deg. from O.15.b. 52.61.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Beyond the usual individual movement in V.13 d and V.14.a. and b. nothing of importance was observed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

10.15 a.m. smoke was seen rising from a chimney in MARCELCAVE at 98 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.95.10.

During an enemy shoot on night 27th/28th at O.22.c., several rds. were identified as 18 pdr. fired from an approximate direction of P.27. One No. 80 fuze was recovered set at fuze 19.

Visibility - Low during early morning becoming good at midday.

A. Chouley

Lieutenant.

Headquarters,
29.6.1918.

Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

PART II.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The following from Fourth Army begins as follows: Following from G.H.Q. 10.15 p.m. 28th as in operation E. of NIEPPE Forest all objectives gained with 300 prisoners, 22 M.Gs. and 1 77mm gun as line now runs along PLATE BECQUE from PONT TOURANT (K.15) to LA BECQUE (E.23) as at same time 1st Aust. Divn. captured enemy post in E.6.d. with 34 prisoners 6 M.Gs. and 3 Trench Mortars as ends.

Verbal message recd. 11 a.m. to-day: French carried out local attack on AIGNE RIVER. Have advanced their line 2 kilom. & captured 1060 prisoners.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 29.6.18. to 4 p.m. 30.6 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY.

18 pdrs. 275 rds. registration of new S.O.S. line.

70 rds. on V.11.b. and d. and V.15.c.2.6. - harassing fire during evening by a forward gun.

74 rds. were fired on dugouts at V.1.b.20.76. and road junction at U.6.b.65.60., and dump in V.8.c. - destructive series. -

75 rds. on movement in V.14.d. - dispersed and casualties inflicted.

1209 rds. were expended on selected targets in U.6.b. c. and d., roads and tracks in V.1.a. and b, V.2.a. and b., V.3.a., dugouts in V.1.b. and c., V.7. and V.14., roads and tracks in P.22., 26., 27., 28., 29., and 33. paying particular attention to Cross Roads at P.27.d.50.45., dump at P.27.c.4.3., trenches in P.32.a. and P.26.c. - harassing fire between 8.30 p.m. and 3.30 a.m.

1635 rounds with a small proportion of smoke shell were expended by 18 pdrs. between 3.40 a.m. and 3.55 a.m. on enemy lines commencing from S.O.S. plus 100 yards and searching to a depth of 1500 yards.

Other targets engaged by a forward section of 18 pdrs. were MARCELLECAVE & WINCOURT villages, an active hostile battery at P.35.a.4.4., and trench from P.22.a.2.1. to P.22.a.5.2.

200 rds. were expended by an 18 pdr. battery from a forward position in O.23.d. on P.30.c. and P.36.a.

4.5" Hows. 54 rds. were expended in registrations on V.1b. & V.2.b.

262 rds. on targets P.33. central, cross roads in P.33.b., dugouts in V.2.a., H.Q. in V.2.c., dump in P.22.d., traffic centre in P.34.c.

135 rds. NC. and CG gas shell on P.34.c. P.22.d. and P.21.d.

160 rds. NC. 60 rds. CG., 10 rds. BS., and 124 BX. harassing fire on Counter Preparation Zones from 3.40 to 3.55 a.m.

60 rds. BX on battery areas in P.15.b. and P.16.d., roads and approaches leading from WARFUSEE - BRANCOURT and H.Q. at P.22.b.6.5.

150 rds. NC and CG. gas shell on the following targets :- Dumps in P.22.d. and P.32.c., centre of activity in P.21.d. and traffic routes in P.34.c. - harassing fire during the night. -

TRENCH MORTARS. Activity nil.

ENEMY OPERATIONS (ARTILLERY.)

With the exception of heavy shelling of our battery areas in O.21.a. and O.27.a. and b. between 9 and 10 p.m. the enemy's artillery showed little activity. Two instances of gas shelling were reported. Main features were as follow :-

At 4 p.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm fell in O.29.b. from MARCELLECAVE.

4.30 p.m. 50 rds. from 10.5 cm Hows. fell in O.23.a. from 93 deg. T.B. (Sound) from O.30.b.3.0.

At 9.20 p.m. and again at 10.10 p.m. 10.5 cm Hows and 77 mm guns shelled O.27.a. with H.E. and Blue Cross gas - approximately 160 rds. fired from the direction of WARFUSEE.

At 9.45 p.m. 130 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm were directed against O.27.b. and at 10. p.m. approximately 250 rds. from 10.5 cm Hows. firing H.E. and Blue Cross gas shell fell in O.21.a.

Other areas receiving attention during the night were VILLERS BRETONNEX 25 rds. 10.5 cm, CACHY 20 rds. 77 mm, O.22., 23 and 24. 60 rds 15 cm (harassing fire), O.17. 40 rds. 15 cm, O.9. 15 rds. 10.5 cm and O.23. 20 rds. 10.5 cm.

During the day, with the exception of light shelling of O.27. 15 rds 10.5 cm, O.34.b. 15 rds. 10.5 cm, O.19.d. 50 rds. 10.5 cm, O.26.d. O.17. and VILLERS BRETONNEX, the enemy's artillery was inactive.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 7 p.m. a 10.5 cm battery was observed firing on a bearing 130 deg. T. from O.29.d.6.5.

At 7.30 p.m. flashes were also observed 96 deg. T.B. from P.19.c.1.8.

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GENERAL.AIRCRAFT AND B. BALLONS.

At 7 p.m. 3 hostile machines were seen over the enemy's ^{forward} lines but were driven back by A.A. and Lewis gun fire.

At 8 p.m. E.A. were very active, but were prevented crossing our lines by our fighting machines.

At 4.5 a.m. hostile planes dropped 3 bombs in U.2.b..

Both our own and the enemy's bombing planes were very active throughout the night.

At 9.30 a.m. 5 E.A. were observed over VILLERS BRITONNEUX. These were driven back by A.A. fire.

During the night bombs were also dropped in O.15.

Enemy observation balloons were up 77, 83, 105, 125, 138, 149, and 155 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.95.10. Balloons were also observed 245, 206 and 202 deg. T.B. from O.15.b.52.61.

OBSERVATION OF THE ARMY.

A party of the enemy observed at V.14.c.50.10. was engaged by our 4.5" Hows. Three men were wounded and these were afterwards seen being carried away on stretchers.

The usual movement in V.14.a. and b. was again observed during the period. On all occasions this was engaged by a forward 18 pdr. gun in VILLERS BRITONNEUX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 5 a.m. a fire caused by hostile artillery shelling started in VILLERS BRITONNEUX and burnt for half an hour.

Visibility during the afternoon good, but poor during this morning and during to-day.

Althouley

Headquarters,
30.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.				4.5" Howitzers.				T.M.s.		
	A	EX	AS	EX	BSK	BS XXXX	BNC	BCG	TMG	N	VX
Number of guns.	110				23				6"	Med. Anti Tank	
Code letters of Ammunition.	A	EX	AS	EX	BSK	BS XXXX	BNC	BCG	TMG	N	VX
On hand on 2.6.18											
Taken over from 4th Aust. D.A.	50298	23439	1074	13362		427	1509	25	321	1651	300
Recd. from Corps Park.	2464	1568									
Recd. from other sources.											
TOTAL.	52762	25007	1074	13362		427	1509	25	321	1651	300
Expended to date on 3.6.18.	1948	1015	10	384			115	10			
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.	6850	3078		2534						x Marched out with 4th Aust. D.A.	
Remaining to hand 3.6.18.	43964	20914	1064	10444		427	1394	15	321 XXXX	1651	300

Remarks : 4106 BX requiring charges not included.
176 BNC " fuzes " "

Headquarters,
3 / 6 / 1918.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.				4.5" Howitzers.				T.M.s.	TM. XXXXXXXXXX	
	108		23		6"		Med.	Anti Tank.			
Grade letters of Ammunition.	A	EX	AS	EX	BCBR XXX	BGG XXXX	BNC	BS	TMG	N	VX
On hand on 3.6.18.	43964	20914	1064	10444		15	1394	427	321	1651	300
Recd. from Corps Park.	2464	1568					480		200		
Recd. from 5th ARF. other sources.					150						
TOTAL.	46428	22482	1064	10444	150	15	1874	427	521	1651	300
Expended to on 4.6.18.	3805	1835	19	1092			35				
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.											
Remaining to hand 4.6.18.	42623	20647	1045	9352	150	15	1839	427	521	1651	300

Remarks.- 4106 EX without charges not included.
 176 BNC " fuzes " "

Headquarters,
 4 / 6 / 1918.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.
 Brigadier-General.
 Commanding 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.				4.5" Howitzers.				T.Ms.	T.Ms. xxxxxxx .	
	A	EX	AS	EX	BS XXX	BUBR	BNC	BCA		6"	Med.
Number of guns.		110				24					
Code letters of Ammunition.											
On hand on 4.6.18.	42623	20647	1045	9352	427	150	1839	15	521	1651	300
Recd. from Corps Park.	2912	1120		600			480				
Recd. from other sources.											
TOTAL.	45535	21767	1045	9952	427	150	2319	15	521	1651	300
Expended to date 5.6.18.	2130	1027		612			230		15		
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.											15 destroyed by shell fire.
Remaining to hand 5.6.18.	43405	20740	1045	9340	427	150	2089	15	506	1651	285

Remarks.- 4106 EX without charges not included.
176 BNC " fuzes.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.

Headquarters,
5 / 6 / 1918.

for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.				4.5" Howitzers.				T.Ms. XXXXXXXXXX .	13 pdr. Anti Tank.		
Number of guns.	108				21				6"			
Code letters of Ammunition.	A	EX	AS	EX	BS XXX	BOBR	BNG	BCG	TLG	RHA	AA	VX
On hand on 5.6.18.	43405	20740	1045	9340	427	150	2089	15	506	1638	13	285
Recd. from Corps Park.	2240	1792		1200			840					
Recd. from other sources.												
TOTAL.	45645	22532	1045	10540	427	150	2929	15	506	1638	13	285
Expended to date 6.6.18.	2764	1483	32	352			327					
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.												
Remaining to hand 6.6.18.	42881	21049	1013	10188	427	150	2602	15	506	1638	13	285

Remarks : 4106 EX without charges not included.
176 ENC " fuzes.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.

for Brigadier-General.

Commanding 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery.

Headquarters,
6 / 6 / 1918.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.				4.5" Howitzers.				T.L.s.	13 Pdrs Anti-Tank.		
Number of guns.	109				21				6"			
Code letters of ammunition.	A	AX	AS	BX	BS BSX	BUBR	BNC	BCG	TLG	RHA	AA	VX
On hand on 6.6.18.	42881	21049	1013	10188	427	150	2602	15	506 488	1638	13	285
Recd. from Corps Park.	2016	1120		600								
Recd. from other sources.	^x 1500	^x 340										^x Salved
TOTAL.	46397	22509	1013	10788	427	150	2602	15	506 488			
Expended to date 7.6.18.	2508	1452	42	380			330		18			
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.												
Remaining to hand 7.6.18.	43889	21057	971	10408	427	150	2272	15	488	1638	13	285.

Remarks.- 4106 BX without charges not included.
176 BNC without fuzes.

Headquarters,
7 / 6 / 1918.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.			4.5" Howitzers.					P.Ms.	Remarks.		
	A	AX	AS	BX	BS BSX	BCJR	BNC	BCC		TLG	RHA	AA
Number of guns.	112			22					6"	13-pr. Anti Tank.		
Code letters of Ammunition.	A	AX	AS	BX	BS BSX	BCJR	BNC	BCC	TLG	RHA	AA	VX
In hand on 7.6.18.	43889	21057	971	10408	427	150	2272	15	488	1638	13	285
Recd. from Corps Park.	2432	1280		600		90			600			
Recd. from other sources.	200 ^x	200 ^x								<i>X/Alves</i>		
T O T A L.	46521	22537	971	11008	427	240	2272	615	488	1638	13	285
Expended to date 8.6.18.	2720	1237	10	349		113	1133		16			
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.												
Remaining in hand 8.6.18.	43801	21300	961	10659	427	127	1139	615	472	1638	13	285

~~XXXXXX~~ REMARKS : 4106 BX without charges not included.
176 BNC requiring fuzes.

Headquarters,
8 / 6 / 1918.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.				4.5" Howitzers.				T.Ms.	Remarks.		
Number of guns.	99				18				6"	13-pdr.	Anti-Tank.	
Code letters of ammunition.	A	AX	AS	EX	BS XXX	BJBR	BNC	BGG	TLG	RHA	AA	VX
On hand on 8.6.1918.	43801	21300	961	10659	427	127	1139	615	472	1638	13	285
Recd. from Ordnance Dept.	2464	1568		360					300			
Recd. from other sources.	2000 ^x	1000 ^x								X salved.		
TOTAL.	48265	23868	961	11019	427	127	1139	615	772	1638	13	285
Expended to date 9.6.18.	2322	1052	XXX	295		49	446	20	15			
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.	3216	1299		1122						Marched out with 26th Bde. R.F.A.		
Remaining to hand 9.6.1918.	42727	21517	961	9602	427	78	693	595	757	1638	13	285

Remarks.- 4106 EX without charges not included.
176 BNC requiring fuzes.

Headquarters,
9 / 6 / 1918.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

AMMUNITION STATE.

Nature of Guns.	18-Pounders.		4.5" Howitzers.						T.Ls.	Remarks.		
	99		18							6"	15-pr.	Anti Tank.
Code letters of Ammunition.	A	AX	AS	EX	ES XXX	BUBR	BNC	BCG	TMG	RHA	AA	VX
On hand on 9.6.1918.	42727	21517	961	9602	427	78	693	595	757	1638	13	285
Recd. from Corps Park.	2464	1568	600	360	200		600					12 300
Recd. from other sources.												3 (salved)
TOTAL.	45191	23085	1561	9962	627	78	1293	595	757	1638	13	300
Expended to date 10.6.18.	2507	1514	19	574			160		54			
Transfd. to Units outside this Division.												
Remaining to hand 10.6.18.	42684	21571	1542	9388	627	78	1133	595	703	1638	13	300

Remarks : 4106 EX without charges not included.
176 BNC requiring fuzes.

Headquarters,
10/ 6 / 1918.

for (Sgd) A.L. CHOMLEY Lieut.
Brigadier-General.
Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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AMMUNITION STATE OF 3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.

As at 12 Noon 11 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 114				4.5" Hows. 23				T.Ms.					Anti-Tank.		
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS	TMG.	13-Pdr. RHA AA VX		
On hand Noon 10.6.18	42684	21571		1542	9388			1133	595		78	627	703	1638 13 300		
Received from A.R.P.	2016	1568			480								100			
Received from 5th A.R.P. other sources.				50								200				
Salved	2000	2000												404		
TOTAL	46700	25139		1592	9868			1133	595		78	827	803	2042 13 300		
Expended to Noon. 12.6.18	2912	2320			740			362	194							
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns. Returned to Raihead.														2042 13		
In Echelons																
TOTALS 11.6.18	43788	22819		1592	9128			771	401		78	827	803	- - 300		

Headquarters,
11 / 6 / 18.

..(Sgd) A.L. CHOMLEY Lieut.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery..

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As at 12 Noon 12 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 114				4.5" Hows. 23								T.Ms.	Ant Tank Remarks.		
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX.Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS			TMG.	VX
On hand Noon 11.6. 18.	43788	22819		1592	9128				771	401		78	827	803	300	
Received from A.R.P.	2400	1600			940		2670									
Received from other sources.	3383	1117			1122											Marched in with 86th Bde. R.F.A.
T O T A L	49571	25536		1592	13860				771	401		78	827	803	300	1436 BX without charges not included.
Expended to Noon. 12.6.18.	3877	2454		4	978				228	70		28		54		176 BNC requiring fuzes.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.													x 200			x shown in error as recd from 5th ARP.
In Echelons																
T O T A L S 12.6.18	45694	23084		1588	12882				543	331		50	627	749	300	

Headquarters,

12 / 6 / 18.

(Sgd) R.E. FANNING Major.....

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd Australian Divl Artillery.

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As at 12 Noon 13 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 114				4.5" Hows. 23								T.Ms.	Anti Tank Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX.Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS		
On hand Noon 12.6 18.	45694	23084		1588	12882			543	331		50	627	749	300
Received from A.R.P.	2016	1344			260			360	300					
Received from other sources. Salved.		x 200									200			x Drawn from 5th A.R.P.
T O T A L	47710	24628		1588	13142			903	631		250	627	749	300
Expended to Noon. 13.6.18.	2001	1314			380			688	100		250		9	1436 BX without charges not included.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.														
In Echelons														
T O T A L S 13.6.18.	45709	23314		1588	12762			215	531		-	627	740	300

Headquarters,
13 / 6 / 18.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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As at 12 Noon 14 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders <i>111</i>				4.5" Hows. <i>23</i>								T.Ms.	Anti Tank.	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX.Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS			
On hand Noon ^{13.6} 18.	45709	23314		1588	12762				215	531			627	740	300
Received from A.R.P.	4032	2688			960				360						
Received from other sources.															
TOTAL	49741	26002		1588	13722				575	531			627	740	300
Expended to Noon. 14.6.18.	2765	1640		36	1230									40	
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
TOTALS 14.6.18	46976	24362		1552	12492				575	531			627	700	300

Headquarters,

14 / 6 / 18.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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AMMUNITION STATE OF 3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.

As at 12 Noon 15 / 6 / 1918.

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No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 109				4.5" Hows. 23								T.Ms.	Anti Tank.	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNG	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS			
On hand Noon 14.6. 18.	46976	24362		1552	12492			575	531			627	700	300	
Received from A.R.P.	1568	1568						600 x176							x 176 BNG fuze recd. making complete rds.
Received from other sources. Salved.								28							1436 BX with- out charges not included.
T O T A L	48544	25930		1552	12492			1379	531			627	700	300	
Expended to Noon. 15.6.18.	3401	2997			2001			985	262				30		
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
T O T A L S 15.6.18	45143	22933		1552	10491			394	269			627	670	300	

Headquarters,
15 / 6 / 18.

..... (Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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As at 12 Noon 16 / 6 / 1918.

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No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 112				4.5" Hows. 23								T.Ms.	3 Anti Tank.	Remarks.	
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS	TMG.	VX		
On hand Noon 15.6 18.	45143	22933		1552	10491			394	269				627	670	300	
Received from A.R.P.	3584	2464			360				420							X Drawn from 4th Aus Div A.R.P.
Received from other sources.		200 ^x														1436 BX without charges not included.
TOTAL	48727	25597		1552	10851			394	689				627	670	300	
Expended to Noon. 16.6.18.	3342	2369		2	613			220	100					116		
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.																
In Echelons																
TOTALS 16.6.18	45385	23228		1550	10238			174	589				627	554	300	

Headquarters,

16 / 6 / 18.

..... (Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery..

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As at 12 Noon 17 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 114				4.5" Hows. 24								T.Ms.	Anti Tank 3	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS			
On hand Noon 16.6 18.	453 ⁸⁵	23228		1550	10238			174	589			627	5 ⁵ 24	300	
Received from A.R.P.	3584	2468			2010			290							
Received from other sources.		668 ^x													x Drawn from 5th Aus Div A.R.P.
T O T A L	48969	26364		1550	12248			464	589			627	554	300	1436 BX without charges not included. 56 BS fuzes destroyed by shell fire.
Expended to Noon. 17.6.18.	1822	1670			218			60	361				82		
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
T O T A L S 17.6.18	47147	24694		1550	12030			404	228			627	472	300.	

Headquarters,
17 / 6 / 18.

(Sd) G.B. OWEN Capt.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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As at 12 Noon 18/6/1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 115					4.5" Hows. 24					T.Ms.	3 Anti-Tank. Remarks.			
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK			BCBR	BS	TMG.
On hand Noon 17.6 18.	47147	24694		1550	12030			404	228			627	472	300	
Received from A.R.P.	3584	2468			1920										
Received from other sources.								450 ^x							xDrawn from 5th A.R.P.
TOTAL	50731	27162		1550	13950			854	228			627	472	300	1436 BX with- out charges net included.
Expended to Noon 18.6.18.	2294	1143			162			390	88				90		56 BS fuzes required to complete.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
TOTALS 18.6.18.	48437	26019		1550	13788			464	140			627	382	300	

Headquarters,
18/6/18.

(Sgd) R.E. FANNING Major.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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As at 12 Noon 19 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 113				4.5" Hows. 24				T.Ms.	3 Anti-Tank	Remarks.				
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC				BGG	BSK	BCBR	BS
On hand Nooh 18.6 18.	48437	26019		1550	13788			464	140			627	382	300	* Drawn from 5th Aust. A.R.P. 1436 BX without charges not included.
Received from A.R.P.	2468	1792			600			360	300				240		
Received from other sources.								50 ^x							
TOTAL	50905	27811		1550	14388			874	440			627	622	300	56 BX ^s
Expended to Noon. 19.6.18.	1826	1768			307			368	220						requiring fuzes to complete.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
TOTALS 19.6.18	49079	26043		1550	14081			506	220			627	622	300.	

Headquarters,
19 / 6 / 18.

(Sgd) G.B. OWEN Capt.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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OF

3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.

As at 12 Noon 20 / 6 / 1918.

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No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 113				4.5" Hows. 24								T.Ms.	3 Anti Tank.	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS	TMG.	VX	
On hand Noon 19.6 40.	49079	26043		1550	14081			506	220			627	622	300	
Received from A.R.P.	1792	1344			360			450					180		
Received from other sources.															1436 BX without charges net included.
T O T A L	50871	27387		1550	14441			956	220			627	802	300	
Expended to Noon. 20.6.18	2058	1457 XXX			157			519	122				80		56 BS requir- ing fuzes to complete.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
T O T A L S 20.6.18.	48813	25930		1550	14284			437	98			627	722	300	

BX charges deficient.

Headquarters,
20/ 6 / 18.

7th.F.A.Bde. 300
8th " " 83
Dump 916
86th. Bde.RFA 110
1409

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery..

(Sgd) G.B. OWEN Capt.

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As at 12 Noon 21 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 113				4.5" Hows. 24								T.Ms.	Anti Tank.	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS	TMG.	VX	
On hand Noon ^{20.6.} 18.	48813	25930		1550	14284			437	98				627	722	300
Received from A.R.P.	1792	1120			240			600	240						1436 BX without charges not included.
Received from other sources.															56 BS requiring
T O T A L	50605	27050		1550	14524			1037	338				627	722	300 fuzes to complete.
Expended to Noon.21.6.18.	1530	1263		3	429			66	62					150	
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
T O T A L S 21.6.18.	49075	25787		1547	14095			971	276				627	572	300

Headquarters,

21 / 6 / 18.

.....(Sgd) G.B. OWEN Captain.....

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery..

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As at 12 Noon 22 / 6 / 1918.

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No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 115						4.5" Hows. 24						T.Ms.	3 Anti-Tank.	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS			
On hand Noon 21.6.18.	49075	25787		1547	1547 14095			971	276			627	572	300	
Received from A.R.P.	2240	1344						600							1636 EX without charges not included.
Received from other sources.	X 190	X 114													200 EX charges destroyed by shell fire.
T O T A L	51505	27245		1547	14095			1571	276			627	572	300	56 BS requiring fuzes to complete.
Expended to Noon. 22.6.18.	1972	1631		2	710		200	160	50				209		
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
T O T A L S 22.6.18	49533	25614		1545	13185			1411	226			627	363	300	

Headquarters,
22 / 6 / 18.

(Sgd) G. B. OWEN ... Captain.

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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As at 12 Noon 23 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 116				4.5" Hows. 23				T.Ms.	3 Anti Tank.	Remarks.				
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC				BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS
On hand Noon 22.6.18.	49533	25614		1545	13185			1411	226			627	363	300	
Received from A.R.P.	1792	1120						240					430		1636 BX without charges not included.
Received from other sources.															
TOTAL	51325	26734		1545	13185			1651	226			627	793	300	56 BS requiring fuzes to complete.
Expended to Noon. 23.6.18.	1800	1441		27	520			60							
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
TOTALS 23.6.18.	49525	25293		1518	12665			1591	226			627	793	300	

Headquarters,
23 / 6 / 18.

(Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.

for. Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

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As at 12 Noon 24 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 115				4.5" Hows. 23							T.Ms.	3 Anti Tank.	Remarks.	
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR				BS
On hand Noon ^{23.6.} _{18.}	49525	25293		1518	12865			1591	226			627	793	300	
Received from A.R.P.	2016	1600										210			1436 BX with- out charges not included.
Received from other sources.															200 BX requir- ing charges included.
T O T A L	51541	26893		1518	12865			1591	226		210	627	793	300	
Expended to Noon. 24.6.18.	1890	1684		2	333			548	30				7		56 BS requirin g fuzes.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
T O T A L S _{24.6.18}	49651	25209		1516	12532			1043	196		210	620	793	300	

Headquarters,
24 / 6 / 18.

(Sgd.) G.B. OWEN... Captain.....

for Brigadier General, Commanding 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery..

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As at 12 Noon 25 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 115				4.5" Hows. 22								T.Ms.	3 Anti Tank	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS	TMG.	VX	
On hand Noon 24.6.18.	49651	25209		1516	12532			1043	196		210	620	793	300	1436 EX without charges not included.
Received from A.R.P.	2016	1344			600			270					100		
Received from other sources.	x 359	x 35													x Salved.
TOTAL	52026	26588		1516	13132			1313	196		210	620	893	300	200 EX requiring charges included.
Expended to Noon. 25.6.18.	2179	1602			684			420					1		
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															56 BS requiring fuzes to complete.
In Echelons															
TOTALS 25.6.18	49847	24986		1516	12448			893	196		210	619	893	300	

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As at 12 Noon 26 / 6 / 1918.

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No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 115					4.5" Hows. 23					T.Ms.	3	Ant. Remarks.		
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS	TMG.	VX	Tank.
On hand Noon ^{25.6.} _{18.}	49847	24986		1516	12448			893	196		210	619	893	300	1436 BX without
Received from A.R.P.	2016	1568			360								200		charges net included.
Received from other sources.															200 BX requiring charges
T O T A L	51863	26554		1516	12808			893	196		210	619	1093	300	included.
Expended to Noon. 26.6.18.	2544	1880		4	906			460				2	20		56 BS requiring fuzes to complete.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															
In Echelons															
T O T A L S _{26.6.18.}	49319	24674		1512	11902			433	196		210	617	1073	300	

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As at 12 Noon 27 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 114				4.5" Hows. 23				T.Ms.	3 Anti Tank.	Remarks.				
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC				BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS
On hand Noon 25.6.18.	49319	24674		1512	11902			433	196		210	617	1073	300	1436 BX without charges not included.
Received from A.R.P.	3584	1568		100	720				600				10		
Received from <u>Salved</u> other sources.	300	400													200 BX without charges included.
T O T A L	53203	26642		1612	12622			433	796		210	617	1083	300	
Expended to Noon.27.6.18.	2559	1951		^x 12	1445			419	100		80	5	42		^x destroyed by shell fire.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															56 BS requiring fuzes to complete.
In Echelons															
T O T A L S 27.6.18.	50644	24691		1600	11177			14	696		130	612	1081 ⁴	300	

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As at 12 Noon 28 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders				4.5" Hows.								T.Ms.	3 Anti Tank.	Remarks.
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BSK	BCBR	BS			
On hand Noon ^{27.6.} 18.	50644	24691		1600	11177			14	696		130	612	1041	300	1436 BX without charges net included.
Received from A.R.P.	896	2016			960										
Received from other sources.	x 228	x 228		x 50										x	From 4th Aust. A.R.P.
T O T A L	51768	26935		1650	12137			14	696		130	612	1041	300	200 BX re- quiring charges to complete included.
Expended to Noon 28.6.1918	2927	1640		72	1152				275		57	18	28		
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															56 BS requir- ing fuzes to complete.
In Echelons															
T O T A L S ^{28.6.18}	48841	25295		1578	10985			14	421		73	594	1013	300	

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As at 12 Noon 29 / 6 / 1918.

No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 111			4.5" Hows. 23								T.Ms.	3 Ant Tank. Remarks.	
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX.Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BCR BJL	BCBR			BS
On hand Noon ^{28.6.} 18.	48841	25295		1578	10985			14	421		73	594	1013	300
Received from A.R.P.	1600	800			450			240		126			300	
Received from other sources.	x 825	x 132												x Salved.
TOTAL	51266	26227		1578	11435			254	421	126	73	594	1313	300
Expended to Noon. 29.6.18.	2769	1686		61	801 801			14	238		50	34	52	
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.														
In Echelons														
TOTALS _{29.6.18}	48497	24541		1517	10634			240	183	126	23	560	1261	300

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No. of Guns. in Action.	18-pounders 109			4.5" Hows. 23				T.Ms.					3	Remarks.	
	A	AX	AX.106	AS	BX	BX.106	BX-Components Chgs. Fuzes.	BNC	BCG	BCR BJL	BCBR	BS	TMG.		VX
On hand Noon 29.6 18.	48497	24541		1517	10634			240	183	126	23	560	1261	300	1436 BX without charges net included.
Received from A.R.P.	2240	2016			1440			390					220		
Received from other sources.	700 x 200	5000 x 321													Reed. from 4th Salved. A.R.P.
T O T A L	51637	27378		1517	12074			630	183	126	23	560	1481	300	
Expended to Noon. 30.6.18.	2353	1724		62	547			375	105			26	45		200 BX re- quiring fuzes charges included.
Remaining on hand at dumps at guns.															56 BS requir- ing fuzes to complete.
In Echelons															
T O T A L S 30.6.1918	49284	25654		1455	11527			255	78	126	23	534	1436	300	

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