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## APPENDIX E

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front trenches.  
-----5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 30th. Nov. to 6 a.m. 1st. December 1916.

OPERATIONS I. Our artillery maintained the usual activity during the 24 hours. Our batteries carried out registrations at intervals, when observation was possible during the afternoon.

PATROLS. A patrol working from N.22.c.5.4. to N.28.a.9.8. was out from 11.30 p.m. to 1 p.m. and reported no hostile activity.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active. Indirect fire was used on junction of roads and trenches at N.29.b.2.8. and N.29.d.5.0. Enemy machine guns are becoming more active.

SNIPING. Our snipers were active during the day securing several targets in CLOUDY TRENCH at N.21.d.7.5. and SUNRAY TRENCH N.22.d.5.6.

ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT TRENCHES. A good deal of activity in enemy lines was noticed during the day. Deepening and cleaning of trenches appeared to be in process, earth being thrown out of the trenches in places. Parties observed at work in SUNRAY TRENCH at N.22.d.5.9. where our heavies have breached the parapet.

M.G.POSITIONS. Suspected at junction of Roads N.29.a.2.2.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

III. At 7 a.m. a large party of about 40 were seen leaving SUNRAY TRENCH N.22., all wore overcoats and equipment. Our rifle fire dispersed them.

## SIGNALLING

IV. At 3.15 p.m. 3 white flares, and at 4 p.m. a red flare were sent up opposite our Right Bde. front. No action followed.



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## ARTILLERY V.

ENEMY SHELLING. On our Right Bde. front hostile artillery is becoming more constant and regular 5.9 H.E. are being used. Not so much attention was given to the intermediate line. Enemy artillery was active along the whole of our Left Bde. front. 77 mm were being used on the front line and 5.9. and 4.2 in rear. BLIZZARD TRENCH N.28.b. was subject to a considerable amount of shelling. During the morning RAINBOW and LARKHILL TRENCHES were shelled with 15 cm H.E. Between 1.50 and 2.20 p.m. a fairly heavy barrage was placed on GUEUDECOURT. During the afternoon the Sunken Road N.27.d. central was kept under fire. From 8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and again at 11 p.m. our battery positions in T.7.d. were shelled. At 10.5 a.m. a party of our troops in T.4.d. were shelled. At 3.45 p.m. SERPENTINE TRENCH running through T.8. received a little attention. LES BEOUFS was intermittently shelled during the day.

## MISCELLANEOUS VI.

A wounded German was observed crawling towards ZENITH TRENCH N.28.d. at day-break 30/11/16. He was brought in and found to belong to the 133rd. Regiment (normal) Paybook and papers found on prisoner's person have been forwarded to Corps (Intelligence).

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From 6 a.m. 1st. to 6 p.m. 2nd. December 1916.

GENERAL

I.

ARTILLERY. Our guns carried out usual programme during the day.

At 5.30 p.m. enemy placed a heavy barrage on our front.

Retaliation was asked for by Battalions in front line, and our field and heavy guns promptly barraged enemy lines, and began counter battery work. At 6.15 p.m. enemy barrage began to slacken and ours was correspondingly lessened, but counter battery work continued. At 6.40 p.m. enemy barrage ceased and our fire became normal. No attack was attempted by enemy, although the Left Bde. anticipated a raid on MONSOON TR., as enemy appeared to have put a "box" barrage on it.

PATROLS. Patrols were out on both Brigade fronts and successfully gained touch on Brigade boundary. Left Bde. report no obstacles or enemy patrols encountered.

Patrol from Right Bde. reconnoitred FINCH TR. and reported that ground was not boggy in front of it, nor were there any obstacles that could not be crossed by infantry.

(Remainder of report is under ENEMY DEFENCES II).

SNIPING. Enemy snipers, apparently located in shell holes, caused two casualties during the day. Our snipers unable to locate them exactly.MACHINE GUNS. Normal.ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. Two low wires are visible running about 30 yards in front of FINCH TR. N.29.c. FINCH TR. has been extended to the right by the linking up of shell holes.

Enemy apparently intended extending FINCH TR. into a continuous line to MOLTEN TR. N.29.a., as new work is being done on isolated positions between. Enemy was active during the day making repairs to his trenches along the whole front, working parties were observed in CLOUDY TR. N.21.d. and appeared to be deepening same. Several small fatigue parties were seen in MOONRAY TR. at N.22.d.2.7.

M.G. POSITIONS Suspected in a forward sap from FINCH TR.

A M.G. also enfilades SPRING TR. from FINCH TR proper.



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MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

III. A party of about 15 Germans were seen along STORMY TR. N.21.d.5.8.  
Our rifle fire successfully dispersed them and inflicted casualties.

## SIGNALLING

IV. It has been observed that enemy send up one rocket bursting into 2 red lights when the artillery range is required to be shortened.  
In response to one rocket bursting into 4 red lights enemy lengthen range.

## ARTILLERY

V. ENEMY SHELLING. Hostile artillery fire up to 5 p.m. was not abnormal, but fairly persistent on RAINBOW and MONSOON TRENCHES, and the valley in rear. The valley in T.7. and 8., COCOA LANE, SWITCH TRENCH, ROSE TRENCH, and BLIZZARD TRENCH were all shelled during the day - mostly 7.7 cm. GUILLEMONT and TRONES WOOD were also shelled desultorily during the day.  
At 5.30 p.m. enemy put barrage on our front line using shrapnel mainly. Fire appeared to come from field guns in vicinity of LE TRANSLOY. Barrage finally ceased about 6.40 p.m. after strong retaliation and counter battery work from our guns. At 10.15 p.m. GUSTY TR. was shelled from an E.N.E. direction with H.E. of large calibre. Comparatively little damage was done to our front line by enemy bombardment.

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From 6 a.m. 2nd. to 6 a.m. 3rd. December 1916.

OPERATIONS I. Our artillery maintained the usual activity during the 24 hours. During the night our artillery carried out programme arranged to shell enemy tracks and routes used during the relief that was to take place.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active. Indirect fire was used on enemy approaches to the front line during the night, more particularly during period when any enemy relief would take place.

Enemy machine guns were fairly active during the period.

During the night indirect fire was kept up on our forward tracks from GUSTY N.28.c. to ZENITH TR. N.28.d., and from SUNKEN ROAD at N.34.a.2.3. to SPECTRUM TRENCH N.34.b.

SNIPING. Sniping on both sides active.

ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. New work observed in the vicinity of N.28.d.6.8. A large working party, estimated 80 to 100, was seen here when the mist lifted. Our Lewis gun and rifle fire was immediately directed on the party, dispersing it and inflicting casualties. Enemy activity on FINCH TR. N.28.c. has been stopped by our artillery.

M.G.POSITIONS. Located at N.28.d.8.9. and suspected at N.22.d.9.3.

SNIPERS POSTS. Enemy is using shell holes in the vicinity of N.29.c.1.6., but no definite positions have yet been located.

OBSERVATION POSTS. An O.P. is suspected at N.29.a.0.0. Movement has been seen here.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

III. A train was seen moving from BEAULENCOURT TOWARDS LE TRANSLOY at 3.15 p.m. At 7 a.m. a party of 12 men were noticed overland from a trench about N.23.c.2.6. to trench in N.22.c. Several small parties were observed during the day in vicinity of N.17.c. ATOM TRENCH N.22.b. and METEOR TRENCH N.23.c. appear to be well held by the enemy.



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SIGNALLING IV. At 4 p.m. enemy sent up 6 red flares in quick succession followed by one green.  
No action followed.  
Our artillery confirmed that in response to a red rocket bursting into two red stars, enemy shortened range.

ARTILLERY V. ENEMY SHELLING. On our Right Bde. front hostile activity was below normal.  
GUSTY TRENC. N.28.c. was ineffectively shelled with H.E. and shrapnel.  
A light barrage was placed on ROSE TRENC for a quarter of an hour at 10 a.m.  
On our Left Bde. front normal.  
Enemy shelling was fairly persistent on the ridge in N.33.b., and in N.27. central, along SUNKEN Road N.27.d.7.c. *and*  
RAINBOW TRENCH, and the vicinity received a good deal of attention during the 24 hours.  
There was desultory shelling of GINCHY and GUILLEMONT.  
At 10 a.m. an H.V. gun shelled the vicinity of railway line north of BERNAFAY WOOD and dumps in the vicinity.  
Shells appeared to come from direction of RIENCOURT.  
T.13. was shelled with H.E. from direction of BEAULENCOURT at 4.30 p.m.

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From 6 a.m. 3rd. to 6 a.m. 4th. December 1916.

## OPERATIONS

- I. Our artillery normal.  
During the day enemy working parties were successfully dispersed.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active during the night, using indirect fire on enemy approaches and tracks to the front line.  
Hostile machine guns ineffectively fires small bursts along our front.

SNIPING. Sniping on both sides active.  
Our snipers inflicted casualties among two small working parties at 10 a.m. and 12 noon, at N.22.c.2.8.

- ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. New work is suspected at N.28.d.6.8., as a considerable amount of movement is noticed there.  
Observation in the front line indicates a sap running towards our line at this point.  
Work is being carried on behind ridge running north and south through N.29.c.  
During the day enemy parties were noticed joining up shell holes in N.29.c. to N.29.central.  
Our artillery dispersed them, also Germans in MOLTEN and FINCH TRENCHES N.29.a. and N.29.c.

M.G.POSITION. suspected at N.28.d.9.8.

OBSERVATION POST. Suspected in the Tower in VILLERS - au - FLOS apparently the remains of Church Steeple.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

- III. At 7.30 a.m. a party of 6 to 8 observed at N.28.d.5.9. were dispersed by our Lewis guns.  
Throughout the day one man occasionally could be seen moving at N.28.d.6.8.  
Our snipers were continually sniping at this point and claim one casualty.

## SIGNALLING

- IV. At 4.30 p.m. enemy sent up 3 white flares each bursting into red.  
No action followed.

## ARTILLERY

- V. ENEMY SHELLING. Hostile activity normal during the 24 hours.  
On our Right Bde. front enemy shelling was heavy on our front line, more particularly between N.28.d.4.7. and the Left boundary, A fair amount of damage was done.



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ENEMY SHELLING (Contd)

During the afternoon large calibre shells were directed in the vicinity of Sunken Road at N.28. b.O.O.

From 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. WINDMILL LANE, NEEDLE and COV TRENCHES were shelled more heavily than usual with H.E.

At 8.30, 9.30, and 10.10 p.m. F.E. was changed to shrapnel for about 5 minutes each time.

On the Left Bde. front enemy kept up intermittent fire on the whole of the sector, most of which was directed in rear of our front line.

During the afternoon enemy carried out desultory shelling in N.33. and T.2. and 3.

## AIRCRAFT

VI. At 12.5 a.m. 3 aeroplanes flew over N.33.b. in a southerly direction.

One of the machines showed a blue light.

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From 6 a.m. 4th. to 6 a.m. 5th. December 1916.

- OPERATIONS I. Our artillery normal during the period. Advantage was taken of the clear observation during the day, and registrations were carried out. New work in N.28.d. and MOLTEN TR. N.29.a. was effectively shelled.
- MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns were active, and kept enemy approaches to the front line under intermittent fire. Hostile machine guns were more active than usual, particularly between 5 and 6 p.m. Indirect fire was used throughout the night.
- SNIPERS. Sniping was active on both sides. Our snipers have successfully stopped movement at N.28.d.c.8.
- ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. No further new work can be seen in the vicinity of N.28.d.6.8., or MOLTEN TR. N.29.a.
- M.G.POSITIONS Enemy machine gun fire on the front line of our Right Bde. appears to be coming from FINCH TRENCH N.29.e. and the vicinity of N.28.d.7.9.
- HOSTILE BATTERIES. A gun flash was visible in BEAULENCOURT between 12.30 p.m. and 1.10 p.m. at N.18.c.1.9. Our heavies apparently silenced it, as bursts were noticed near this point and the flash was not again seen.
- MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES III. At 10.45 a.m. a train was seen moving from LE TRANSLOY to BEAULENCOURT. At 2.15 p.m. a few Germans carrying timber were seen in N.23.d. moving towards SUN TR. N.29.
- SIGNALLING IV. At 9 p.m. enemy sent up 5 red flares after which enemy appeared to shorten range.
- ARTILLERY V. ENEMY SHELLING. Active during the 24 hours. Enemy shooting was fairly accurate on ZENITH TRENCH, where some damage is reported. On our Right Bde. front shelling was constant on the front system and the intermediate line.



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ENEMY SHELLING (Contd)

At 6.40 p.m. the front system was shelled with H.E. and shrapnel for 20 minutes with more severity than usual.

This was again repeated from 12 mid-night to 12.45 a.m.

On the Left Bde. front hostile activity was not other than the usual shelling.

Enemy ineffectively shelled T.9.c., T.14.a., N.33.c., T.10.a., and N.32.c. during the day.

## AIRCRAFT

## VI. Aircraft on both sides very active.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. 3 enemy planes, apparently working in conjunction with artillery, flew over N.33. and dropped a red and then a white light at 15 seconds interval.

At 10.30 a.m. a hostile aeroplane flew low over ROSE TRENCH at N.27.c.8.4., and fired bursts of machine gun fire at the trench, without effect.

Between 1 and 3 p.m. another patrolled up and down MONSOON and CLOUDY TRENCHES, firing occasional bursts of machine gun fire.

At 12 noon an enemy plane dropped a few bombs in N.27. doing no damage.

## EQUIPMENT

## VII. At 2.50 p.m. a shell exploded on the parapet of GUSTY TRENCH with the following markings:-

H.Z 14 o F 6

SIMSON 16

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This appears to be from a 10.5 cm. field howitzer (normal) and of recent manufacture.

## MISCELLANEOUS

## VIII. Two white flags 18" square were observed at N.24.a.4.8., and N.24.a.4.2.

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From 6 a.m. 5th. to 6 a.m. 6th. December 1916.

OPERATIONS I. Our artillery was active during the period. Working parties observed on trenches at N.29.c.4.4. to N.29.central, and on MOLTEN TRENCH N.29.a. and FINCH TRENCH N.29.c. were successfully dispersed by our artillery.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns carried out indirect fire during the night. At 7.30 a.m. an enemy working party about 25 strong at N.29.c.2.8., was dispersed and many casualties inflicted by our machine guns.

SNIPING. Our snipers were more active than usual, and successfully kept enemy snipers quiet, and prevented any movement near new work. Our snipers claim one German at N.29.c.0.7.

ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUP. ORT LINES. Our Right Bde. reports that enemy work on their advanced posts during the night. No movement or throwing up of earth has been observed recently, during the day. It is thought that enemy occupy their small organized shell hole trenches at night, as no movement can be seen during the day. Enemy are working on trenches in N.29.c.4.4. to N.29.central, also joining up MOLTEN TRENCH N.29.a. and FINCH TRENCH N.29.c. Enemy appears to be deepening trench from N.21.d. 5.7. to N.22.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9. Enemy is digging a new sap from N.22.c.2.8.

M.G.POSITIONS Suspected at N.28.d.7.8. and N.29.c.3.3.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENE Y LINES

III. At 10 a.m. a working party at O.34.d.3.7., was observed, dump apparently of duckboards is at this point. At 8 p.m. a party of about 50 were seen advancing at N.22.c.4.7. Our Lewis gun and rifle fire dispersed the party.

## SIGNALLING

IV. One enemy shell burst very close to his trench, immediately 4 white flares in quick succession were sent up, each flare burst into 2 red balls. In response to 4 red flares enemy lengthened his artillery range.



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## ARTILLERY V.

ENEMY SHELLING. Hostile activity normal during the 24 hours.

Our Right Bde. report that generally enemy shelling was not so heavy as usual on the front system, whilst on the intermediate it was distinctly quieter.

On our Left Bde. front enemy shelling was intermittent throughout the period.

During the night SWITCH TRENCH was shelled with 4.2" and 77 mm shrapnel.

During the day there was desultory shelling of T.8.c. and T.9.c., a few shells falling near our battery positions, without doing damage. DELVILLE OOD was shelled at intervals.

HOSTILE BATTERIES. Flashes from enemy batteries were observed as follows:-

From point N.28.d.6.5., magnetic bearing of 29°, 41° and 50°.

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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 6th. to 6 a.m. 7th. December 1916.

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| OPERATIONS                 | I.   | Our artillery were active during the day and night, and shelled ATOM TRENCH, SUNKEN ROAD in N.17.c., and ETHER LANE at N.22.b. Enemy's front and support trenches were effectively shelled at intervals, and registrations were carried out by batteries of Right and Left covering Groups.   |
|                            |      | <u>MACHINE GUNS.</u> Our machine guns carried out indirect fire on selected targets on enemy support trenches, and tracks in rear.  |
|                            |      | <u>PATROLS.</u> Patrols were active along the Right Brigade front. No enemy movement was seen or any enemy patrols encountered.   |
| ENEMY DEFENCES             | II.  | <u>FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.</u> A machine gun has been active from N.28.b.9.1. (approx), and from N.29.c.1.9.   |
| MOVEMENT IN<br>ENEMY LINES | III. | About 7 a.m. a party of Germans were observed crossing open ground opposite N.22.c.7.5. Our Lewis guns dispersed them; at a range of 250 yards. Shortly afterwards enemy stretchers bearers collected the casualties. A dump has been located and confirmed at N.24.d.3.7. Enemy working party of 20 men was observed here at 9.30 a.m. |
| SIGNALLING                 | IV.  | At 8.30 a.m. enemy sent up two flares which broke into TWO WHITE STARS EACH. No action was observed as a result.  |
| ARTILLERY                  | V.   | <u>ENEMY SHELLING.</u> Hostile artillery activity was below normal for the period. Our intermediate line was shelled intermittently during the day. GUEUDECOURT was heavily shelled between 2.30 p.m. and 2.50 p.m. Some damage was caused to ZENITH TR., and the area between WINDMILL and ROSE TRENCHES was shelled at intervals.     |
| AIRCRAFT                   | VI.  | An enemy plane flew over our lines at 9.30 a.m., but did not go further than the support line of our Right Brigade.   |
| GENERAL                    | VII. | Observation was rendered very difficult, owing to cloudy and misty weather.   |

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From 6 a.m. 7th. to 6 a.m. 8th. December 1916.

- OPERATIONS I. Our covering artillery was active and shelled enemy tracks and communications between 10 p.m. and mid-night, in order to harass and interfere with a suspected enemy relief of 133rd. I.R. Working parties in N.29.a. and c. were dispersed by gun fire, and new enemy works at N.22.d.6.8. and N.29.c.2.5. were engaged. A suspected machine gun emplacement at N.22.d.9.2. was effectively shelled. At 11.40 p.m. we replied to enemy bombardment on our Left Brigade front.
- ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. Enemy are reported to be very active in FINCH and ORION TRENCHES. It is probable he is linking these up. A machine gun position is suspected at N.29.b.9.1. A light gun is suspected in rear of FINCH TRENCH, exact locality has not yet been ascertained. An enemy machine gun which was very active during the early part of the night, was located at N.28.d.85.90.
- MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES III. At 7.30 a.m. small groups of enemy were observed near N.28.d.9.9. Our machine guns dispersed the parties.
- SIGNALLING IV. At 11.10 p.m. enemy fired two GREEN flares followed by one WHITE flare. This was repeated three times. Hostile artillery then placed a heavy barrage on our front line system, until 11.40 p.m. when fire slackened a little. During the barrage a searching fire was kept up on the whole of N.27. sector. At mid-night enemy fired two RED flares followed by two GREEN flares, with the result that at 12.15 a.m. everything was normal.
- ARTILLERY V. ENEMY SHELLING. SUNKEN ROAD in N.27.b.5.4. N.27.d.6.5. was shelled at intervals between 6 a.m. and 6.45 a.m. GUEUDECOURT was heavily shelled between 3.5 p.m. and 3.40 p.m. From noon until 4 p.m. hostile artillery was active on sector N.21.d.1.8. to N.21.d.8.5. Between 11.10 p.m. and mid-night enemy bombarded our front line system. Some damage was caused.

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From 6 a.m. 8th. to 6 a.m. 9th. December 1916.

## OPERATIONS

- I. Our artillery effected some registrations on enemy's front line during the day. Communication was established with two observation posts in the front line. At intervals during the night and early morning our batteries "searched" roads and tracks in rear of enemy lines. Group concentrations were practised on various trench junctions.

PATROLS. A patrol went out from the left of ZENITH TRENCH, but observed no enemy movement.

RAID. At 10 p.m. night 8th./9th. inst. a party of 1 Officer and 50 O/Ranks from our Right Brigade raided FINCH TRENCH from SUNKEN ROAD at N.35.a.3.8. to N.29.c.2.1. There was no preliminary bombardment, but our artillery assisted with a barrage at 10 p.m. There was little opposition, but a short bomb fight occurred. The raiders found the trench unoccupied, though some of the enemy were seen running to the rear. The trench was thoroughly searched before the party returned to our own lines. It is thought about 4 Germans were killed.

- ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. Enemy attempted to erect wire in front of his line at N.22.c.4.7., but our Lewis guns dispersed the party. During the raid an enemy machine gun opened on FINCH TRENCH from vicinity of SUNKEN ROAD, about N.35.a.8.8.

## SIGNALLING

- III. Observers report that during the progress of the raid on FINCH TRENCH enemy used large numbers of GREEN flares bursting into one and two GREEN balls, presumably calling for artillery support. On Left of our Right Brigade front a "Golden rain" rocket was sent up, whereupon enemy lengthened range.

## ARTILLERY

- IV. ENEMY SHELLING. From 10.5 p.m. to 11 p.m. enemy placed a barrage behind our front line in reply to our bombardment. No damage reported. Hostile artillery was less active than usual during the past 24 hours.

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From 6 a.m. 9th. to 6 a.m. 10th. December 1916.

OPERATIONS I. Our covering artillery shelled enemy tracks and approaches during the night. The usual day barrages were maintained. The raiding party that raided FINCH TRENCH on the night of the 8th./9th.inst. accounted for about 12 Germans after a small bomb fight.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns were active during the night and carried out indirect fire on new enemy work in vicinity of N.28.d.6.8., and on other selected targets.

PATROLS. Two patrols operated in front of ZENITH and SPRING TRENCHES. No enemy movement was seen or any hostile patrols encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES II. A line of holes has been dug by the enemy from N. end of FINCH TR. in a direction slightly West of North. The holes are 4 to 5 yards in length and about 15 yards apart. By doubling from one hole to another, enemy uses them as a means of cover when coming down to FINCH TR.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES III. During the early morning movement was observed behind enemy's front line opposite our Left Brigade sector. Our snipers accounted for 4 of the enemy. Several small parties of enemy at N.28.d.60.95. were dispersed by our machine gun fire during the night.

SIGNALLING IV. At 8.8 p.m. Left Brigade report enemy sent up one GREEN rocket, whereupon enemy placed a barrage over support area. A red flare followed, and the barrage lengthened. At 12.40 a.m. enemy fired a YELLOW flare bursting into two GREEN balls. Hostile artillery responded with a barrage on front line of Right Brigade.

ARTILLERY V. ENEMY SHELLING. There was increased hostile artillery activity during the last 24 hours. On three occasions during the night, at 8 p.m., 10 p.m., and 12.40 a.m. enemy placed barrages on our Right Bde. front line, the one at 10 p.m. being the heaviest. Considerable damage was done to SPECTRUM SUPPORT. A few heavy shells were sent over from the direction of LE TRANSLOY. On our Left Brigade front RAINBOW and GUSTY SUPPORTS received a considerable amount of attention. During the day about 80 77 mm were fired near the duckboard track in T.8 and T.9.

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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 10th. to 6 a.m. 11th. December 1916.

**OPERATIONS**

I. Our artillery continued its usual activity during the period. During the day registration was carried out on points in enemy lines.

**PATROLS.** Patrols were out from our Right Brigade front, and were unable to detect any enemy movement, and no obstacles were observed.

**MACHINE GUNS.** Our guns were active and successfully dispersed working parties. It has been noticed that enemy machine guns are used freely during his barrages.

**SNIPING.** Our snipers were active. Good targets were offered in ZENITH TRENCH early in the morning. Our snipers claim one German.

**ENEMY DEFENCES****II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.**

Enemy appears to be doing a good deal of work on MOONRAY TRENCH about N.22.d.5.6., and on MOLTEN TRENCH N.29.a. Rolls of barbed wire can be seen in front of MOLTEN TRENCH. A working party was observed in FIRE TRENCH N.22.b. What appears to be a dump is located in the vicinity of N.11.d.6.0. Work observed going on during the day at N.18.a.8.2. Dugouts are suspected in N.23.d., a party dispersed by our L.G. disappeared into what is thought to be dugouts.

**DUMPS.** A dump is suspected at the tree near road between N.11.a.5.8. and N.10.b.4.2. Small parties were seen here at intervals during the day and at dusk. About 6 wagons drew up at this point.

**MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES**

At 10.15 a.m. a number of men were seen moving along the road at N.24.d.5.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ . At 10.40 a.m. several of the enemy were observed to disappear into sap at N.24.c.9.9. when our artillery shelled the vicinity. At 1.30 p.m. movement was observed along the skyline at N.15.c.5.9. At 2.30 p.m. a party of 20 were noticed carrying timber in the vicinity of the Sugar Factory N.24.b.2.3. Our Lewis guns dispersed enemy working parties in front of ZENITH TRENCH during the night. Some movement was observed during the day in the vicinity of N.18.c. (Bapaume Road). During the afternoon several small parties were seen getting in and out of SULPHUR AVENUE. N.23.b. and N.24.a.



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ENEMY LINES  
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III.

Smoke similar to that of a train shunting to and fro was observed behind LE TRANSLOY at 10 a.m.

## SIGNALLING

IV.

It has been noticed that enemy frequently sends up "bursts" of RED FLARES. These may possibly be used as guide signals for patrols. At 7.30 p.m. and 8.40 p.m. enemy fired a VIOLET FLARE. Hostile artillery responded with H.E. and shrapnel on Left Brigade front line.

## ARTILLERY

V.

ENEMY SHELLING. Hostile artillery activity generally a little above normal. Steady shelling was kept up on our Right Brigade front during the day. The front line was shelled consistently, enemy 77 mm particularly active. On our Left Brigade front considerable damage was done to MOUSSEON TRENCH. During the day LES BOEUFs and GUEUDECOURT were shelled intermittently. Duckboard tracks also received a certain amount of attention. During the afternoon the Valley in T.7. and T.8. was shelled with 4.2. A good deal of enemy shelling is coming from the direction of BEAULENCOURT and LE TRANSLOY.

## AIRCRAFT

VI.

Four enemy planes flew from left to right of BEAULENCOURT at 4 p.m. They seemed to be directing artillery fire. Two enemy kite balloons were up opposite our front between 1.30 p.m. and 4.45 p.m.

## MISCELLANEOUS

VII.

Visibility was low during the morning. In the afternoon the haze lifted, enabling good observation work to be done. Left Brigade report a peculiar sound, as of a motor, coming from Valley, at about N.28.b.8.5. One party reported it to be a light gun of "Pom-Pom" pattern, but this has not been confirmed. Investigations are being made.

*H. Wellington*

Captain.  
for Lt-Col.  
Gen. Staff. 5th.Aust.Div.



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-----5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 11th. to 6 a.m. 12th. December 1916.

- OPERATIONS** I. Our covering artillery was active and searched enemy's tracks and communications during the day and night.  
Group concentrations were also practiced.  
New enemy works at N.22.d.6.5. and dump at N.24.d.3.7. were shelled during the day.
- PATROLS.** Special patrol reconnoitered the ground in front of N.28/4,5, and N.28.d.1.9. to N.28.d.5.4. No enemy activity was observed.
- ENEMY DEFENCES** II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. New work is going on at about N.22.c.3.7.  
Suspected enemy dugouts are reported in the vicinity of N.16.d. and 17.c.
- MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES** III. At 7.30 p.m. our Lewis guns dispersed an enemy patrol in full marching order at about N.22.c.4.8., just as they were leaving their line.  
Small parties were seen during the day on BEAULENCOURT - LE TRANSLOY ROAD, and in vicinity of SUGAR FACTORY at N.24.b.2.3.
- SIGNALLING** IV. At mid-night enemy fired red flares which burst into 4 red stars, no result could be observed.  
At 4 a.m. 3 red flares were sent up at intervals of about 1 minute, the second flare burst into 2 stars, and was fired from N.29.c.7.3. Hostile artillery responded with a barrage in vicinity of N.28.c.1.1. to GUSTY SUPPORT, also at the cross roads at N.34.a.1.8.  
At 7.30 p.m. enemy sent up a VIOLET flare, and hostile artillery responded with H.E. & S.  
As a result of close observation it is now assumed that enemy's call for artillery fire is a GREEN rocket bursting into 2 GREEN stars.  
His signal to cease fire appears to be a red rocket bursting into 2 red stars.
- ARTILLERY** V. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy activity was below normal during the past 24 hours.  
N.28/4,5 and N.28/2 received the attention between the hours 9 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., but little damage was done.  
GUSTY SUPPORT and area in vicinity was briskly shelled at 4 a.m. with 77 mm.
- AIRCRAFT** VI. About mid-day an enemy plane flew very low over our Left Brigade sector and appeared to make a reconnaissance of N.28/7., and the new saps running over LARKHILL.



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IDENTIFICATIONS VII. At 6 a.m. a prisoner of the 7th. Company, 2nd. Battalion, 107th. Reg. 24th. Res. Division. was taken near N.33.b., he had lost his way and wandered into our lines. Report of this examination is appended.

MISCELLANEOUS VIII. Observation was good during the morning, but was practically nil during the afternoon, owing to bad weather conditions.

*N. Wellington*

Captain.

or Lt-Col.

Gen. Staff. 5th. Aust. Div.



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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX "A" - (To accompany Summary of 12/12/16)

REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF PRISONER OF 107th REGT., 24th RES. DIV., CAPTURED NEAR GUEDECOURT OF 12.12.16.

Prisoner belongs to 1888 class. He is in 7 Co. 2 Battalion, 107 Regt., 24 Res. Div. He is intelligent and a good observer. He fell out on the way up to the front line last night, and in trying to overtake his Company, lost his way in the dark and wandered through our lines in the snowstorm until apprehended in vicinity of N.33.b. He is probably a deserter. From his statements it would appear that he went too far to the right, and got into GUEDECOURT VALLEY near Trench N.20.2, and followed the valley round to N.33.b.

ORDER OF BATTLE.

Left	Right.
133 R.	102
104	101
	100

METHOD OF HOLDING THE LINE.

- 3 Companies in front line (2 Bn)
- 3 Companies in second line (O.15.c - ATOM and FINE TRENCHES)
- 3 Companies in third line (VILLERS AU LOS - BARASTRE)

RELIEFS.

The 2nd Battalion relieved the 1st Battalion in the front line night 11/12th inst.

As a rule, 3 days are spent in the front line, 3 in support, 3 in 3rd line, before BARASTRE. In the last tour of the trenches, however, prisoner spent 3 days in front line, 6 days in support line, and 3 in the third line, and then went into rest near H RAILIES.

The effect on the morale and health of the Battalion was very noticeable.

Prisoner knows that the companies of a battalion are changed periodically as part of the system of inter-regimental reliefs, but could not state definitely how it was done. The relief which took place last night was completed at 3 a.m.

It is generally understood that 20 Res. Div. will be relieved by 2nd Marine Div., who are now in support somewhere behind REMICOURT.

MORAL.

Prisoner states his Company moral is low, owing to their last period of duty being longer than they anticipated, and also that when in rest there are no facilities provided for washing or bathing. Prisoner had not had a bath for 8 weeks.

COMPANY STRENGTH

Present Company strength is 100. Prisoner states that there are several men of 1917 class, also some Active, Landwehr, Ersatz, and Reserve men.

ROUTE

The Company came from HAPLIN COURT straight to VILLERS-au-LOS, passing the church in O.6.a, the chateau in O.7.d, then inclined to the left and went to BEAULENCOURT. He did not see the WINDMILL in N.16.b, but kept to the road until BEAULENCOURT was reached. From BEAULENCOURT they went to JUMEN ROAD (probably N.17.c), then through the second line (R1) and over the open to the front line.



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(Appendix "A").

### HEADQUARTERS.

2nd Battalion H.Q. are in the vicinity of JUNKIN ROAD in the second line, probably by STEER LAKE. Regimental Headquarters in the cellars in the CHATEAU at VILLERS-au-FLOS.

### CONDITION OF FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

The front line is now continuous, not a series of shell holes. There are no deep dugouts, but some "undercut" shelters. The trenches are very wet.

### MACHINE GUNS.

There are two machine gun positions in the company sector. When the guns are not in use they are placed in a small "funk hole". They could be got ready for use in one minute. He knew nothing about a light machine gun of similar pattern to the heavy gun now in use, but mentioned our Lewis Gun <sup>by name</sup> and stated that men were being trained to work the captured specimens which fell into their hands. He confirms previous statements to the effect that machine guns in the back lines are kept in recesses on the stairs of dugouts.

### DUGOUTS.

The second line contains deep dugouts, capable of resisting a 4.5" shell. There are occasional duckboards. The third line between VILLERS-au-FLOS and BARASTRE contains deep dugouts. This line is not yet complete; the working parties are still on it.

### SICKNESS AND TRENCH FEET.

No extra socks or foot wrappings are taken in to the trenches. Prisoner states that every day about 12 men parade "sick", but the R.M.O. always sends them back. The men are suffering now from "trench feet" owing to mud and water being over the tops of their "Wellington boots." They have not been provided with anything to rub on their feet, and no orders with reference to this matter have been promulgated.

### GAS.

Prisoner had seen about 100 gas cylinders near HAMMES.

### GENERAL.

His Company Commander told him that we were going to make a big attack in the New Year.

### MINES

Prisoner is emphatic, that all wells, cross-roads, and approaches are being "mined". He mentions the cross-roads at BARASTRE, particularly. Prisoner did not know whether the roads had been mined in order to prevent progress of "TANKS", or in anticipation of our offensive generally.



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-----5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 12th. to 6 a.m. 13th. December 1916.

## OPERATIONS

I. Our artillery maintained the usual fire throughout the period.

During the day when observation was possible registration was carried out on enemy's lines. Our guns successfully shelled ETHER LANE N.17.c., and dump at N.9.c.4.3. during the day.

PATROLS. Our patrols were out.

No hostile patrols were encountered, and no signs of enemy activity observed.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns were active and successfully dispersed working parties.SNIPING. Snipers from our Right Brigade claim having inflicted several casualties on the enemy.ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. Work still continues between KOLTEN and FINCH TRENCHES.MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

III. A large party was observed at N.29.c.1.1. at 4 a.m., moving back in single file from FINCH TRENCH.

## SIGNALLING

IV. At 8.20 p.m. enemy sent up 3 GREEN flares opposite our Left Brigade front. Hostile artillery immediately placed a barrage in rear of SHINE TRENCH for 30 minutes. During the bombardment numerous RED flares, each bursting into four RED stars were sent up.

## ARTILLERY

V. ENEMY SHELLING. Hostile artillery was considerably below normal.

At 11 a.m. enemy shelled Duckboard Tracks, mainly with 5.B., in the vicinity of COW and MAIL TRENCHES.

During the day enemy searched for our battery positions without effect.

## MISCELLANEOUS

VI. Early this morning a German, probably a deserter, belonging to the 3rd. Battalion 2nd. Marine Inf. Regt. was taken by our Right Brigade in N.28.d.

*S. J. M. H.*  
for Lt-Col.  
Gen. Staff. 5th. Aust. Div.



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From 6 a.m. 13th. to 6 a.m. 14th. December 1916.

## OPERATIONS

I. Our artillery displayed the usual activity, shelling enemy front system, communications and approaches.

PATROLS. Our patrols were out.

Patrols working in front of SPRING TRENCH N.28.d. report that enemy appeared to be very nervous, many flares were sent up and rifle fire was opened on them.

MACHINE GUNS. Our guns were active.

Enemy machine guns were quiet until after dark, when they fired on our parapet at intervals throughout the night.

SNIPERS. Sniping on both sides was not active.

## ENEMY DEFENCES II

FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. A working party was observed in the vicinity of N.23.c.2.5.M.G. POSITION suspected at N.21.d.5.7.SNIPERS POST An enemy sniper appears to be firing from N.23.c.2.5.MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

III. At 4 a.m. a party of 40 to 50 in single file were observed in rear of FINCH TR. N.29.c.

Our Lewis guns dispersed them and inflicted casualties.

Two separate parties of about 8 each were noticed standing about tracks in N.17.c..

At 9.20 a.m. a motor car was seen proceeding along the main road from BAP/USE towards REAULENCOURT.

## SIGNALLING

IV. Enemy artillery dropped about 10 shells into his own trenches at approx N.22.b.2.5. at 2.30 p.m. 3 ORANGE flares were immediately sent up and fire ceased.

At intervals during the night rockets bursting into 4<sup>red</sup> stars were sent up without any apparent action.

## ARTILLERY

V. ENEMY SHELLING.

Enemy artillery generally was below normal. A little activity was shown on our Right Brigade front.

GUSTY, ZENITH and SPECTRUM trenches received intermittent attention during the day.



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## ENEMY SH LLING (Contd)

The cross roads at N.54.a.1.9., and MILLER'S SON was ineffectively shelled at intervals with 77 mm and 5.9 during the day.

Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. GUEUDECOURT was shelled fairly heavily with H.E. & S.

Our batteries in T.7.d. and T.8.a. were shelled spasmodically with 5.9. H.E. during the period.

## AIRCRAFT

VI. At 2.30 p.m. 5 enemy aeroplanes were seen circling over BEAULENCOURT and THILLOY. During the afternoon 4 enemy planes apparently directing artillery fire, flew over our lines several times during the afternoon.

## MISCELLANEOUS VII.

There is apparently a dressing station approx. N.22.b.8.1.

Stretcher bearers have been noticed entering a trench about this point.

A light coloured flag was noticed flying in front of a small building on the left of the Sugar Refinery N.24.a.

On information received from prisoners captured yesterday that other deserters may be expected to come into our lines. Every effort was made to induce any Germans to "Come over" during the night, without success.

Patrols were also sent out to round up any parties that may have contemplated desertion.

## RELIEFS

VIII. The 59th. Bn. was successfully relieved by the 58th. Bn. in the front system of our Light Brigade sector, during the night without incident.

*S. Ashman*  
Lt-Col.  
Gen.Staff. 5th./ust.Div.



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From 6 a.m. 14th to 6 a.m. 15th December 1916.

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OPERATIONS

I. Our covering artillery was active and shelled suspected enemy working parties during the night in N.29.a and c, and N.35.b. Sunken Road from N.16.d.7.0 to N.17.c.2.3 was shelled, and from 5.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. SUN and CASTOR received attention. The communication trenches and tracks in the Support Area were intermittently shelled throughout the day.

PATROLS. Patrols were active along the Divisional Front and report enemy in an apparently nervous condition and sending up a great quantity of flares frequently. No hostile patrols were encountered.

SNIPING. Sniping on both sides was very brisk during the day. Our Right Brigade snipers claim a German in FINCH TRENCH.

ENEMY DEFENCES

II. During the night, enemy erected about 20 yards of wire entanglements in front of STORMY TRENCH at N.21.b.2.1.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES.

III. Observers report a good deal of movement at intervals in communication trench leading to STORMY TRENCH in N.21.a.4.9. Movement was also noticed in vicinity of SUGAR FACTORY at N.24.b.2.3.

ENEMY SIGNALLING

IV. At 11.30 p.m. 2 red flares followed by one red flare bursting into several red stars were sent up. Enemy artillery immediately ceased fire on the Sector in which they were operating. At 2 a.m. several enemy shells fell short into his own lines. He immediately fired red flares towards rear and his artillery responded by lengthening their range.

ARTILLERY.V. ENEMY SHELLING.

Between 10.30 a.m. and 11.0 a.m. enemy shelled SWITCH TRENCH and ELLIOT'S WALK to NEEDLE TRENCH with H.E. and shrapnel. Our Intermediate Line was bombarded also at this time MILL, COW and WINDMILL TRENCHES receiving particular attention. Our Artillery promptly retaliated and enemy fire ceased. At 6.50 p.m. he opened a heavy barrage on Right Divisional front and subsequently worked along our front line. At 7.15 p.m. fire slackened and at 7.30 p.m. normal conditions were resumed. Throughout the day and night hostile Artillery continually shelled GEUDECOURT and LES BOEUFs.



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- AIRCRAFT.** VI. An enemy plane hovered over his own lines opposite our Left Brigade Sector at 11.0 a.m. Three enemy balloons were up during the day.
- ENEMY PATROLS.** VII. Between 11.0 p.m. and midnight an enemy patrol was sighted on front between N.21.d.3.9 and N.21.d.75.60. They were immediately dispersed by our rifle and machine gun fire.
- GENERAL.** VIII. The 55th Battalion relieved the 56th Battalion in the Left Brigade Sector - the relief being completed at 8.35 p.m.

*R. W. Wellington*

Capt.

for Lieut. Colonel.

Gen:Staff, 5th. Australian Division.



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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 15th. to 6 a.m. 16th. December. 1916.

OPERATIONS

- I. Our artillery was active during the day and night, special attention being devoted to enemy roads and tracks in order to break up a suspected enemy relief. In addition between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. each group "searched" back from its S.O.S. lines every 30 minutes to a range of 5800 yards, lifting a 100 yards every round. During the afternoon the following points were registered:- N.15.d.8.0. (SUNKEN ROAD), N.22.b.0.8. (Track joining ATOLL TRENCH), N.22.d.1.6. to N.22.e.2.9. (in event of an attack on right flank of Division on our Left). FINCH TRENCH was shelled, considerable damage being done.

PATROLS. Patrols were active along the Right Brigade front, and report enemy machine guns and snipers quieter than usual. All efforts to induce enemy personnel to desert have so far proved unsuccessful.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Vickers Guns were active during the early morning. Opposite Right Brigade sector an enemy ration party was dispersed successfully; two dead Germans were seen lying in the open at daylight.

ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES An enemy listening post has been located in N.28.d.8.8.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

- III. At 11 a.m. a working party was seen in ETHER LAKE from N.17.c.1.1. to N.17.d.3.3. Some timber was being used. Our artillery fire caused them to cease work. At 2 p.m. 4 men were seen leaving SUGAR FACTORY at N.24.b.2.3., moving towards CAPAUME. Our snipers dispersed a small enemy party in N.23.c. during the early morning.

SIGNALLING

- IV. At 2.30 a.m. in response to several GREEN flares, hostile artillery shelled area in rear of our front line system heavily, for half-an-hour. At 3 p.m. enemy artillery shelled their own lines opposite our Left Brigade sector. Red flares were immediately sent up, whereupon the range was lengthened. At 12 noon a lamp was observed at N.5.a.9.8. apparently signalling. Flashes could be seen through the trees.

ARTILLERY

- V. ENEMY SHELLING. Hostile artillery was very active during the day. Hill slopes in N.27.b. and N.28.c. were shelled with heavy H.E., and under aeroplane direction hostile artillery shelled SHINE TRENCH in N.21.d. between 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.



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ENEMY SELLING (Contd)

ESKIMO HILL was shelled by 77 mm battery at intervals during the day, but no damage resulted.

GUEUDECOULT was heavily shelled with 5.9" and 8" shells.

Portion of a nose-cap of an armour-piercing shell which burst near NEEDLE TRENCH is being forwarded. Calibre of shell is presumed to be about 4.1".

AIRCRAFT

VI. Two enemy planes flew very low over our trenches between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, they hovered over ROSE RESERVE apparently directing hostile gun fire. Six enemy kite balloons were up opposite our sector at intervals through out the day.

GENERAL

VII. A resumé of enemy's light signals sent up opposite our front is appended for information.

*N. Wellington*

Captain.  
Gen. Staff. 5th. Aust. Div.

A P P E N D I X.ENEMY SIGNALS.

COLOUR.	PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON.	MEANING.
RED. (Plain-fired towards enemy rear)	15.12.16. 10.12.16. 6.12.16.	Long then range.
RED. (bursting into two RED STARS)	2.12.16.	Shorten range.
Ordinary YELLOW flare bursting into 2 or 3 GREEN balls.	15.12.16. 10.12.16.	Artillery support required.
GOLDEN RAIN rocket.	30.11.16. 29.11.16. 27.11.16.	Barrage wanted.
Two plain GREEN (occasionally followed by one WHITE.)	8.12.16. 16.12.16.	Ø

Ø It would appear that the barrage signal was changed at beginning of December.



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From 6 a.m. 16th. to 6 a.m. 17th. December 1916.

OPERATIONS

- I. Our artillery was active throughout the day and night. Enemy roads and tracks in all Corps Sectors were thoroughly searched in consequence of suspected relief of the 24th. (Reserve) Div. Working parties in SUNRAY TRENCH were dispersed by our gun fire, Sunken Road at N.16.d.8.1. was also shelled during the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine guns were very active during the night and maintained direct fire on enemy parapets opposite our Right Brigade. Enemy tracks leading to Sunken Road at N.35.a.40.15. were thoroughly swept.

A Vickers Gun in our Right Brigade caught a party of 17 of the enemy about to enter FINCH TRENCH, and killed 8.

During a relief in the early morning while a party was advancing in twos and threes they were fired on and 12 further casualties inflicted.

SNIPING. Snipers dispersed a small party of enemy seen leaving FINCH TRENCH at dawn and compelled them to scatter for cover. Casualties are suspected.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

- III. Considerable movement was observed along BAPULUE ROAD in the vicinity of BEAULENCOURT about N.24.a.9.3. during the day. At 7.30 a.m. small enemy parties were seen moving back from FINE TRENCH N.23.a.3.2. In both cases they were dispersed by our artillery fire.

SIGNALLING

- IV. During the day enemy dropped several shells into his own front line at N.22.c. (SUNRAY TRENCH) GREEN flares were repeatedly sent up with no apparent result.

AIRCRAFT

- V. Enemy aircraft were very active over our front system between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Several planes fired bursts of machine gun fire into our front line trenches and into ROSE RESERVE, but no damage was done. They were eventually driven off by our A.A. Batteries assisted by our machine guns. Two enemy balloons were observed behind BEAULENCOURT between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.



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ARTILLERY VI. H stile battery. activity was below normal during the last 24 hours.

Between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. 2 short bursts of fire each lasting about 2 minutes were maintained on SHINE TRENCH, MILLERS SON and Sunken Road adjacent were intermittently shelled during the day with 77 mm. The number of unexploded shells of this calibre was most noticeable.

GUSEDECOURT received the usual attention throughout the day.

GENERAL VII. Enemy listening post at N.28.d.8.8. has been badly damaged by our artillery fire. The following reliefs were successfully accomplished on the night of 15/17th.inst. 53rd. Battalion relieved 55th. Battalion in Left Brigade Sector, and 57th. Battalion relieved 58th. Battalion in Right Brigade Sector.

Gen.Staff. 5th./ust.Div.

*Survey Staff*  
*at 10.10*



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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 18th. to 6 a.m. 19th. December 1916.

## OPERATIONS

- I. Our artillery maintained the usual activity, keeping enemy front system, communications, and approaches under fire during the period.

PATROLS.

Our patrols were active.  
No hostile patrols were encountered or enemy activity observed.

SNIPING.

Few targets presented themselves during the day, but our snipers claim several hits during the early hours of the morning.  
Enemy sniping was not so active as usual.

MACHINE GUNS.

Our guns kept enemy lines under intermittent fire throughout the 24 hours.  
Several small parties were successfully dispersed and casualties were inflicted on the enemy.  
The approaches to FINCH TRENCH are receiving particular attention, rendering entrance difficult to the enemy.  
Enemy machine guns did not show their usual activity.

ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Enemy appears to be working on a new communication trench at N.22.d.1.9.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

- III. At 11 a.m. a large party carrying timber along a track from BEAULENCOURT, were dispersed by our artillery.

## SIGNALLING

- IV. At 5.30 p.m. enemy sent up a red rocket breaking into 3 stars. No action followed.

## ARTILLERY

V. ENEMY SHELLING.

Hostile artillery activity showed a slight falling off during the period.  
SPECTRUM TRENCH N.34.b. and GUSTY TRENCH N.28. were shelled fairly consistently, the former being blown in in 2 places.  
SUNKEN ROAD at N.34.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8., and the vicinity of N.27.d.9.4. was shelled with 5.9. H.E. at intervals.  
Our Left Brigade report a considerable number of 4.2. H.E. came from the direction of LE TRANSLOY.  
Enemy searched for our battery positions in T.8. with 5.9's and 4.2's, without success.



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EQUIPMENT VI. Fuze from a dud shrapnel ~~shall showed the following~~ markings :-

Dopp Z 92 BRLG SP 16.

Graduated to 41 and timed to 27.

MISCELLANEOUS VII. Attached appendix is a report on a prisoner taken early on the morning of the 19th. in SPRING TRENCH N.28.d.

*S. J. ... Lt. Col.*  
Gen. Staff. 5th. Aust. Div.



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A P P E N D I X

(to 5th.Divisional Summary 19th.Dec.)

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Prisoner captured in SPRENG TRENCH N.28.d.  
 Prisoner belongs to 2 Bn. 8th.Coy. 361 Regt.  
 361st. Regt. was taken out the line and went to MOEN where they rested for 8 days, they then came down to this sector. The 1st.Battalion going into the line moving 15th.inst. in front of LE TRANSLOY.  
 2nd. Battalion in support line at BARASTE and VILLERS-Au-FLOS.  
 3rd. Battalion in reserve further back.  
 The 2nd. Battalion relieved the 1st. Battalion early this morning.  
 Prisoners Company relieved 4th.Company of 1st.Battalion. Prisoner states he lost his Company and joined the 4th. in error, and had then to come back to front line to find his own Company and got lost and taken prisoner. He is not intelligent and ignorant of military matters. Prisoner does not know who relieved them in YPRES sector or whom they relieved here or who are on either flank.

CASUALTIES.

Men of the 1st. Battalion had told prisoner they had casualties at relief on the morning of the 15th. His Battalion had none in the support line, a few casualties were suffered this morning in his Battalion.

CONDITION OF TRENCHES.

Prisoner states that in their reserve line where his Battalion lay for 4 days (presumably the line in front of VILLERS-Au-FLOS and BARASTRE).there are no deep dugouts - at least he had seen none.

The Cellars in the Village behind are used, and in the Company reliefs are carried out, MEN sharing part of their time in the trench and partly in the Cellars. Prisoner cannot remember the name of any French Town in the district.

TRENCH FEET.

Prisoner knows of 3 cases in his Company which have been evacuated, and says there are more cases of trench feet, but his Company Officers discourage men from going to the Doctor. A fatty substance is issued for them to rub on their feet. Prisoner was wearing 1 Pair Sox and foot wrapping, he also had a little straw in his boots.

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## APPENDIX E

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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6a.m. 19th. to 6 a.m. 20th. December 1916.

## OPERATIONS

- I. Our artillery activity was normal throughout the previous 24 hours, the usual barrages being maintained on enemy tracks and approaches.

PATROLS. Patrols were active along our front during the night and report that owing to the recent snow fall, movement was difficult in "NO Man's Land". No enemy patrols were encountered.

SNIPING. Our snipers were active during the day. Enemy sniping at night has been successfully coped with by bursts of machine gun fire.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Lewis Gunners successfully dispersed an enemy ration party near FINCH TRENCH. Several casualties were inflicted, two men being seen to fall and the remainder scattered for cover.

## ENEMY DEFENCES

- II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. During the night an enemy machine gun was fired from FINCH TRENCH, swooping the parapets of ZENITH and GUSTY TRENCHES.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

- III. At 11.50 a.m. a small enemy working party was observed at N.21.d.7.7. Our artillery was immediately informed and dispersed the party. At dawn a party of about 50 Germans was observed leaving the front line going to the rear at N.22.c.4.7., opposite our Left Brigade sector. Our Lewis guns opened fire on the party, causing several casualties. It is thought that this particular part of the line is vacated by day and held strongly by night.

## ARTILLERY

- IV. ENEMY SHELLING. Hostile artillery activity was considerably below normal. GUEUDECOURT was intermittently shelled throughout the day. At 11.30 a.m. ROSE RESERVE was shelled with H.E. and 77 mm, but no damage resulted. From 1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. an enemy barrage was placed in rear of ZENITH TRENCH from Sunken Road at N.24.b.7.8. to N.24.d.4.4. The barrage consisted of 77 mm, H.E. & Shrapnel.

## GENERAL

- V. The 59th. Battalion relieved the 57th. Battalion in the front line of our Right Brigade sector during the night 19th./20th. The relief was successful - no casualties reported.

*N. Wellington* Captain.  
Gen. Staff. 5th. Aust. Div.



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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 20th. to 6 a.m. 21st. December 1916.

OPERATIONS I. Our artillery was unusually active during the 24 hours, shelling enemy rear system. BEAULENCOURT and LE TRANSLOY. Dumps at N.17.c.7.9. were fired at intermittently. During the night suspected working parties at N.22.d.5.8. and trenches in N.29.c. were kept under fire. During the day advantage was taken of the good observation to effect registration.

PATROLS

Our patrols were active.  
No hostile movement or activity was detected.

SNIPING.

Enemy snipers were quiet.  
Few targets presented themselves to our snipers.

MACHINE GUNS.

Our machine guns kept enemy front system and communications under intermittent fire throughout the period.

Three enemy parties observed in the vicinity of FINCH TRENCH N.29.c. were successfully dispersed and our gunners claim a number of casualties.

ENEMY DEFENCES II. FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Enemy appear to be constructing dug-outs in the Sunken Road at N.35.a.4.8.  
Much new earth has been thrown up in this vicinity.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES.

III. At 3.15 p.m. a party of about 20 men were scattered by our 18 pdrs. in N.30.c.  
At N.24.b.1½.1. a party of 10 were observed carrying timber.  
Several small parties of enemy were seen in the vicinity of Sugar Factory N.24.d., at intervals during the day.  
A party was observed moving along the road at N.24.b.3.4., at 1.50 p.m. and again at 2.30 p.m.  
At 3.15 p.m. a small party walked down the road from BEAULENCOURT to Sugar Factory, and another small party walking towards BEAULENCOURT at N.24.a.8.7.  
At dawn 50 Germans were observed leaving the front line at N.22.c.4.7., moving towards the rear.  
Our Lewis guns dispersed them and inflicted casualties.



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## SIGNALLING

IV. At 3.10 p.m. enemy sent up a GREEN flare bursting into 2 GREEN STARS, from FINCH TRENCH. A few minutes later enemy fairly heavily shelled in rear of GUSTY SUPPORT.

## ARTILLERY

## V. ENEMY SHELLING.

Hostile artillery generally fairly active. Between 8.30 and 9 a.m. T.3.d. and FLERS were vigorously shelled.

The Sunken Roads in N.27.d. and N.34.a. were shelled at intervals throughout the day.

Practically all our intermediate positions were fired on during the day.

Duckboard tracks in N.31.b. were damaged by hostile shell fire.

Our Left Brigade front system was shelled with 77 mm intermittently, doing no damage.

SWITCH TRENCH in the vicinity of N.6.d. received a little attention during the period.

DELVILLE WOOD was shelled intermittently.

During the day the 9.3 H.V. gun was fairly active.

The railway at BERNAFAY siding received a considerable amount of attention.

During the night occasional rounds were fired on our battery positions.

Enemy Batteries. True bearing of the scoop " of 9.3" H.V. gun taken from S.22.d.0.5. made N.36° 30 min.E.

## AIRCRAFT

## VI. Aircraft on both sides active.

At 11.30 a.m. one aeroplane unidentified fell in flames in the German lines.

OBSERVATION BALLOONS.

Hostile balloons were up over BAPAUME, RIENCOURT, and LE TRANSLOY during the day.

*S. A. Hume*  
for Lt-Col.  
Gen.Staff, 5th.Aust.Div.



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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6a.m. 21st. to 6 a.m. 22nd. December 1916.

## OPERATIONS I.

Our artillery was very active during the morning. Between 8.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. enemy positions in N.24.d were freely shelled. Registrations were carried out by all Groups during the day, on targets within their respective zones. At 3 p.m. Right Bde. asked for and received retaliation from our Heavy Batteries on enemy batteries, which were bombarding dug-outs at N.28.c.0.4. and N.34.a.8.8. successfully neutralizing them. Quarry at N.16.d.8.2., Sunken Road at N.16.d.7 0., ETHER LANE, LE TRANSLOY, and BEAULENCOURT were shelled intermittently during the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our Stokes Mortars emplaced in Right Brigade Sector fired 30 rounds on FINCH TRENCH. Shots were well directed and all were effective. As a result of this fire enemy sent up large number of flares.

PATROLS. At 6.30 p.m. a special patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men took out a pull wire and established a listening post 100 yards from SPRING TRENCH and 50 yards to left of FINCH. Communication was maintained successfully. When the party moved in at dawn the N.C.O. in charge was killed by a sniper. Another patrol left the right of ZENITH TRENCH at 7 p.m. and patrolled Sunken Road opposite Right Brigade Sector for a distance of 80 yards towards FINCH TRENCH. They report road in bad condition, numerous shell holes being seen near ZENITH TRENCH, and numerous flares were being fired by the enemy from a spot in Sunken Road near FINCH TRENCH. Patrol connected with adjoining Brigades Bombing post, about 30 yards to right of Sunken Road.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns were active during the night and succeeded in stopping enemy machine gun fire, which was sweeping the parapets on our Right Brigade front.

ENEMY DEFENCES II FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES. Enemy had been working in FINCH TRENCH during the day and fresh earth is visible the whole length of the trench. Fresh earth is also visible at MOLTEN TRENCH. An enemy wiring party was dispersed by our Lewis Guns at N.22.d.2.6.

MOVEMENT IN  
ENEMY LINES

III. Movement was observed during the day on the BEAULENCOURT -LE TRANSLOY Road. Smoke was seen rising from right edge of Sugar Factory and N.24.d. Two parties of 12 and 6 men respectively were seen on road at N.24. 4.6. at 11.15 a.m. and a small party was observed working in earth works to left of LUBDA COPSE at 0.13.c.7.6. These three parties were dispersed by our gun fire.



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## AIRCRAFT

IV. At 9 a.m. an enemy plane flew over GUSTY SUPPORT apparently directing artillery fire, 5.9 batteries opened a few minutes later. At 10.45 a.m. 2 enemy planes flying over LES BOEUFs were driven off by our Anti-Aircraft guns. Enemy planes were generally active flying low over our front system during the early morning before our planes were up.

## ARTILLERY

V. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was active throughout the period. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. GUSTY SUPPORT was shelled with 5.9 H.E. Trench was badly damaged and a number of shelters collapsed owing to concussion and wet state of ground. ZENITH TRENCH was shelled with 77 mm H.E., but damage was slight. MILLERS SON was intermittently barraged during the day and duckboards from Sunken Road to ROSE RESERVE received attention. At 3 p.m. dug-outs at N.34.a.6.6. and N.28.d.0.4. were shelled and one entrance blown in. Near the Corderoy Road a direct hit on the duckboard track smashed several boards. During the night enemy fired about 10 rifle grenades into our Left Brigade Sector.

## IDENTIFICATIONS

VI. During the early morning 3 prisoners (1 wounded) of 361st Regiment were captured at SPRING TRENCH. No further particulars are yet to hand as to time of capture.

## GENERAL

VII. 21st. Battalion 6th. Brigade relieved 57th. Battalion 15th. Brigade in Intermediate System night 21/22nd. 20th. Battalion 5th. Brigade relieved 54th. Battalion 14th. Brigade in Left Brigade Sector front line night 21/22nd.

*N. Wellington* Captain.  
Gen. Staff. 5th. Aust. Div.



SECRET.

Copy No. 7.....

1st ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 75.

4 - 12 - 16.

1. A demonstration mainly by artillery fire, will be made by the 1st Anzac Corps on a day which will be known as "Y" and continuing on the following day which will be known as "Z".

2. The necessary artillery instructions will be issued by the G.O.C.R.A.

In addition to inflicting loss on the enemy full advantage will be taken of the demonstration to obtain as much instruction as possible from the establishment of stationary and creeping barrages.

3. Divisional commanders will take steps to keep the trench garrisons as low as possible on "Y" and "Z" days, and to restrict exposure and movement in the back areas in order to avoid casualties from any retaliatory action of the enemy.

4. The date of "Y" will be communicated by signal, e.g. "Y" equals 7", would mean, the date of "Y" is 7th instant.

Zero hour will be signalled by "A" Code.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. ✓

Issued at 1 p.m. by D.R.

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S.H. Reynolds. Lt. Col.

for Brigadier-General.

General Staff.

1st ANZAC CORPS



SECRET.Copy No...8.....ADDENDUM TO 1st ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO.75.

6 - 12 - 16.

With reference to paras. 1 and 3.

1. The bombardment preliminary to the demonstration will now begin on a day to be known as "X" day and be continued on the two following days which will be "Y" and "Z" days.

2. On "X" and "Y" days the bombardment will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3.45 p.m. each day and on "Z" day it will begin at 8 a.m. and end one hour after ZERO. Field artillery barrages and lifts on "Z" day will remain unchanged.

For purposes of night firing the night will be considered to extend from 3.45 p.m. to 8 a.m. next day.

3. The necessary modifications in artillery instructions will be issued by the G.O.C.R.A.

4.(i) The date of "X" day will be communicated by signal, e.g. "X" day 7th" will mean the date of "X" day is the 7th instant

(ii) Watches will be synchronised on the day previous to "X" day at 10 p.m. and on "X" day at 7 a.m. when Corps Signal Company will communicate the correct time.

(iii) ZERO hour will be communicated by "A" code.

5. The information contained in this order will be communicated only to those officers immediately concerned.

6. Acknowledge by wire. ✓

*H. Reynolds, Lieut. Col.*  
for Brigadier-General.  
General Staff.  
1st. ANZAC CORPS.

Issued at 12 a.m. by D.R.

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1st Anzac corps Order No. 76.

13 - 12 - 16

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1. The heavy artillery group headquarters and batteries mentioned below are transferred to the XV Corps as from noon on the 11th December.-

18th H.A.Group.	Hd.Qrs.
21st " " "	" " "
1/1st Kent Heavy Battery	
117th Heavy Battery.	
150th " "	
120th Siege Battery.	
135th " "	
156th " "	
118th " "	
158th " "	

2. The following heavy and siege batteries are transferred to First Army as from the dates mentioned.-

1st Canadian Heavy Battery.	9 - 12 - 16.
97th Siege Battery. (Canadian).	9 - 12 - 16.
98th " " "	11 - 12 - 16.

3. The following heavy artillery group headquarters and siege batteries joined the Corps on the dates mentioned.-

73rd H.A.Group Hd.Qrs.	3 - 12 - 16
191st Siege Battery.	28 - 11 - 16
195th " "	2 - 12 - 16.

4. The 1st. Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery now consists of the following units.-

Hd.Qrs. 1st Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery.	
3rd Heavy Artillery Group Hd.Qrs.	
14th " " "	" " "
69th " " "	" " "
23rd " " "	" " "
62nd " " "	" " "
73rd " " "	" " "

26th Heavy Battery.	6	60 prs.
110th " "	6	60 "
116th " "	6	60 "
125th " "	6	60 "
1/2nd Lancs. Heavy Battery.	4	4.7"
118th Heavy Battery.	4	4.7"
42nd Siege Battery.	4	9.2" Hows.



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78th Siege Battery.			
126th	"	"	4 8" howz
51st	"	"	4 8" "
44th	"	"	4 6" "
53rd	"	"	2 12" "
58th	"	" (Less 1-12" gun)	1 9.2" gun
191st	"	"	4 6" Mk. VII.
24th	"	"	4 9.2" howz
88th	"	"	4 6" "
47th	"	"	4 6" "
195th	"	"	4 8" "
34th	"	"	4 6" "
67th	"	"	4 9.2" "
149th	"	"	4 8" "
101st	"	"	4 6" "
2nd.	"	"	4 6" "

5. The following units are transferred to XV Corps as from the dates mentioned.-

178th Tunnelling Co.	7 - 11 - 16.
1 Section 217th Army Troops Co. R.E.	7 - 11 - 16
217th Army Troops Co. R.E. (less 1 Section)	10 - 11 - 16.
37th (Labour) Bn. Royal Fusiliers.	10 - 11 - 16.

6. The 20th Army Troops Co. R.E. joins the Corps on the 16th instant.

7. Acknowledge.

*W. H. Murray-Smith*  
for Brigadier-General  
General Staff.  
1st. ANZAC CORPS.

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8.	B.G.H.A.	20	A.D. Grnace.
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## APPENDIX

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1st. ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 77.

14 - 12 - 16.

1. (i) One brigade and one section D.A.C. of each of the divisional artilleries now in the line will be relieved by one brigade and one section D.A.C. from the Corps artillery training area on the nights of the 21st/22nd and 22nd/23rd. instant.

(ii) Brigades and sections D.A.C. when relieved will proceed to the Corps artillery training area for school instruction and for training. (See G.S. Circular No. 29, dated 10th November and the addendum thereto dated 13th December, 1916.)

(iii) All moves will be carried out in accordance with the attached march table.

2. The guns belonging to the brigades in the training area will be parked at suitable places under the orders of the commandants of the several divisional artillery schools, and each brigade will detail a guard of one n.m.c. and nine men to look after these guns until they are taken over by the incoming brigades.

These guards will be moved in buses on December 25th to rejoin their units. Separate instructions as to this move will be issued by "Q" of the Corps.

3. (i) With the exception of guns and limbers and the stores shown in the handbooks as belonging to them, all wagons and other equipment will accompany the units (both incoming and outgoing) to whom they belong.

(ii) Cs. C. divisional artillery schools will take over the guns and limbers of their respective divisions in the training area and give a receipt for all stores to the battery commanders concerned, obtaining a receipt from the battery commanders taking over.

(iii) Divisional artilleries will make their own arrangements as to the taking over of guns, limbers and stores of the batteries in the line.

(iv) All sections B.A.C. will move complete but without ammunition.

4. Reference attached march table - the senior brigade commander of each column will be in command of the column and will issue his orders for the march. Intervals of 200 yards between brigades and 100 yards between batteries and sections D.A.C will be maintained.

5.







Table of Moves to Accompany I ANZAC Corps Order No. 77

Date	Move	Unit	From	To	Remarks
20th	A	2nd A.F.A.Bde 4th A.F.A.Bde 2 secs F.A.C.	"T" area (Artillery)	BUIRE (Artillery Staging Camp)	via VILLERS BOCAGE - MOLLIERNS FRANVILLERS - Pt.D.16.b.9.1 -to be clear of MOLLIERNS by 11 a.m.
21st	B	2nd A.F.A.Bde) 4th A.F.A.Bde) 2 secs D.A.C.)	BUIRE (Artillery Staging Camp)	Wagon Lines	via MEAULTE - LINK Road - MAMETZ. Head of column to pass LINK Road (F.4.e.6.4) at 11 a.m.
	C	11th A.F.A.Bde) 13th A.F.A.Bde) 2 secs D.A.C.)	"T" area (Artillery)	BUIRE (Artillery Staging Camp)	via VILLERS BOCAGE - MOLLIERNS FRANVILLERS - Pt.D.16.b.9.1 - to be clear of MOLLIERNS by 11 a.m.
22nd	D	21st A.F.A.Bde) 24th A.F.A.Bde) 2 secs D.A.C.)	Wagon Lines	FRANVILLERS- LA HOUSSEYF	via FRICOURT - ALBERT: Head of column to pass COSY CORNER at 11.30 a.m.
	E	11th A.F.A.Bde) 13th A.F.A.Bde) 2 secs D.A.C.)	BUIRE (Artillery Staging camp)	Wagon Lines	via MEAULTE - LINK Road - MAMETZ. Head of column to pass LINK Road (F.4.e.6.4) at 11 a.m.
23rd	F	21st A.F.A.Bde) 24th A.F.A.Bde) 2 secs D.A.C.)	FRANVILLERS- LA HOUSSEYF	"T" area (Artillery)	via QUERRIEU - RAINNEVILLE - VILLERS BOCAGE: to be clear of QUERRIEU by 10 a.m.
	G	5th A.F.A.Bde) 14th A.F.A.Bde) 2 secs D.A.C.)	Wagon Lines	FRANVILLERS- LA HOUSSEYF	via FRICOURT - ALBERT: Head of column to pass COSY CORNER at 11.30 a.m.
24th	H	5th A.F.A.Bde) 14th A.F.A.Bde) 2 secs D.A.C.)	FRANVILLERS LA HOUSSEYF	"T" area (Artillery)	via QUERRIEU - RAINNEVILLE - VILLERS BOCAGE: to be clear of QUERRIEU by 10 a.m.



## APPENDIX

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1st ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 78.

14 - 12 - 16.

1. The 4th. Aust. Div. (less artillery) will move to "T" area and the 2nd. Aust. Div. (less artillery) will move to "R" area on the 16th, 17th and 18th instants in accordance with the attached table of moves.

2. The dismounted personnel of brigades in "A" and "B" areas and "Y" and "Z" areas will move by tactical trains in accordance with instructions which will be issued separately by "Q" of the Corps.

3. The brigades in "C" and "X" areas and the transport of both divisions will move by road.

4. The following intervals will be maintained on marches.-

200 yards	between	battalions.
200	"	transport of each unit.
100	"	companies.

5. (i) The section of the 6th Aust. M.G. Co. on anti-aircraft duty at FLESSELLES will be relieved on the 17th instant by a section to be detailed by the 4th. Aust. Div.

(ii) The sections of the M.G. Cos. of the 4th Aust. Div. on anti-aircraft duty in "X", "Y" and "Z" areas will be relieved by the 2nd. Aust. Div. on the 16th and 17th instants. Personnel and guns of the 2nd Aust. Div. will move from "T" area to "R" area by bus on the 16th instant. Separate instructions for this move will be issued by "Q" of the Corps.

Details of the reliefs will be arranged direct between the divisions concerned.

6. The Hd. Qrs. of the 4th. Aust. Div. will move to VIGNACOURT and the Hd. Qrs. of the 2nd. Aust. Div. will move to RIBEMENT on the 18th instant and will open at 12 noon.

7. Separate instructions as regards supplies will be issued by "Q" of the Corps.

8. Acknowledge. ✓

*W. H. Kennard*  
 for Brigadier-General..  
 General Staff.  
 1st. ANZAC CORPS.

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13. Commandant "A" area
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15. " "C" "
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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 1st ANZAC ORDER NO. 78.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Remarks.
Dec. 16th.	5th A.I.Bde. 4th A.I.Bde. Transport. 12th A.I.Bde. " 6th A.I.Bde.	"C" Area "X" " "Z" " "B" "	FRANVILLERS LA ROUSSEY. "C" Area BONNAY BONNAY	via QUERRIEU. To be clear of QUERRIEU by 11.30 a.m. HEILLY-BONNAY-LANEUVILLE-QUERRIEU. Pt. B.26.a.0.4. To be clear of QUERRIEU by 1 p.m. HEILLY. Not to reach HEILLY before 11.30 a.m. via BRETAGLES - ALLONVILLE-QUERRIEU-LA ROUSSEY. Not to enter QUERRIEU before 1.15 p.m.
17th	5th A.I.Bde.  12th A.I.Bde. 6th A.I.Bde. Transport 12th A.I.Bde. " 6th A.I.Bde. " 13th A.I.Bde. " 7th A.I.Bde.	FRANVILLERS LA ROUSSEY.  "Z" Area "B" " BONNAY BONNAY "Y" Area "A" "	"Z" Area  "E" " "X" " "E" " "X" " FRANVILLERS ST. CRATIEN.	via Pt. D.12.d.8.8. To be clear of Pt. C.29.d.9.8. by 10 a.m. By train from EDGEHILL to FLESSELES. " " " FLESSELES to EDGEHILL. via QUERRIEU: to be clear of QUERRIEU by 11.30 a.m. via HEILLY: not to enter HEILLY before 11.30 a.m. via HEILLY: Not to reach pt. C.29.d.9.8. before 10 a.m. & to be clear of HEILLY by 11.30 a.m. VILLERS-BOCAGE-MOLLIENS. To be clear of MOLLIENS by 1 p.m.
18th.	13th A.I.Bde. Transport 13th A.I.Bde.  7th A.I.Bde. Transport 7th A.I.Bde.	"Y" Area ST. CRATIEN. FRANVILLERS "A" Area FRANVILLE-S ST CRATIEN.	"A" Area. "A" "  "Y" Area "Y" "	By train from EDGEHILL to VIGNACOURT MOLLIENS-VILLERS-BOCAGE. To be clear of MOLLIENS by noon. By train from VIGNACOURT - EDGEHILL. Pt. D.17.a.1.1. To complete by noon.



## APPENDIX

SECRET.

Copy No. 7

1st ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 80

22 - 12 - 16.

1. 1st ANZAC Order No. 75 and the addendum thereto are cancelled.
2. Acknowledge. ✓

*Clark*  
for Brigadier-General,  
General Staff  
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