

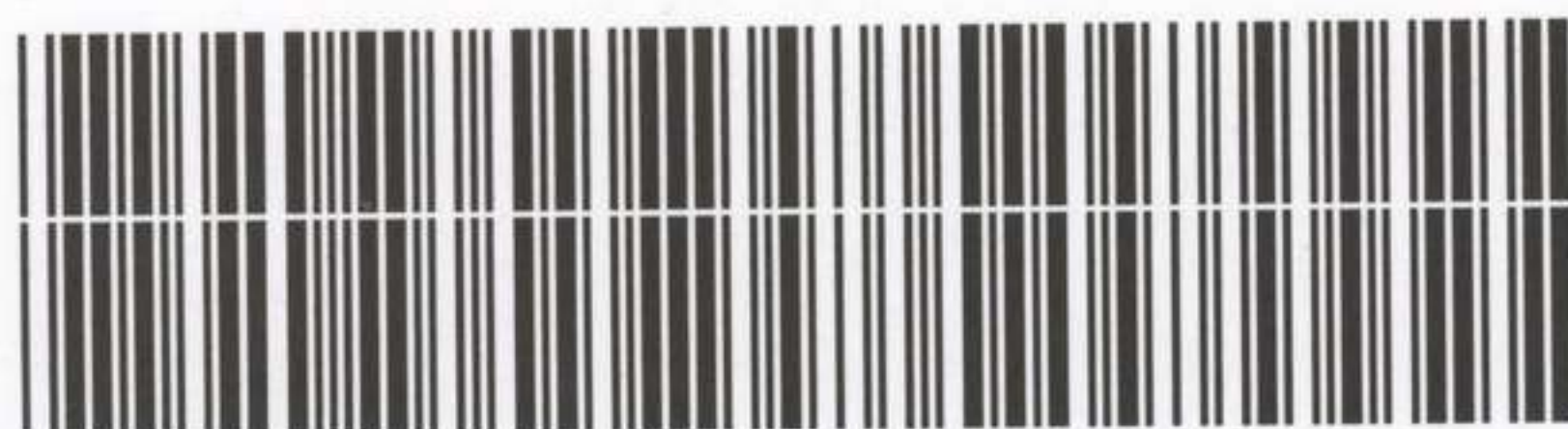
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY	1 st June		A party went out and recovered a number of hand grenades and two 'mobile charges' of explosive about 20 lbs each, dropped outside our parapet by the enemy on night 30 th ult. Enemy shelling active and well distributed. Our artillery active in retaliation.	
SAILLY	2 nd June		Our artillery was active in shelling billets on our front and cooperated with our T.M. batteries in shelling enemy front trench. This drew considerable enemy fire. One of our patrols was bombed from enemy wire and was obliged to return. On return two men were found to be missing. One came in shortly afterwards and the other was brought in, wounded by a search party consisting of (all of 6 th Bn) 1/2 Lt. Keating, 1/2 Lt. Doherty & 1/2 Mr. May. Enemy still working hard on his parapet.	
SAILLY	3 rd June		Very little shelling by the enemy. Our Artillery active in registering and cooperated with our T.M. Batteries in shelling enemy front line trench.	
SAILLY	4.6.16		A quiet day as far as the enemy was concerned. Our Artillery was active.	
SAILLY	5.6.16		The enemy seems to devote most of his energy towards strengthening his rear line of defence and has been particularly quiet. Our patrols do good work but encounters are rare.	

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SAILLY	6.6.16.		A certain amount of shelling on both sides, otherwise a quiet day. Much work is being done on the parapets and communications.	G.S. Memo: 49 Appendix 1.
SAILLY	7.6.16.		No incident of importance to chronicle. Our patrols were out at night and investigated a hostile listening post which showed signs of having been lately occupied, but no trace of enemy was discovered.	amendment to G.S. Memo: 49. Appendix (1)
SAILLY	8.6.16		Re enemy instituted a heavy bombardment of our front trenches in retaliation for the fire of our medium French mortars. Little material damage was effected. Re medium French mortars have been doing excellent work. The detonation produces great effect and on several occasions whole ' dug outs ' have been reported as being thrown into the air. On another occasion a rifle barrel was blown back into our trenches a distance of over 250'. Equipped with the NEWTON direct action fuse they are most effective in casting wire.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY	8.6.16	(cont)	At 10 am the Enemy fired a mine at N.10.c 2045. There are now 5 craters near this spot and it is possible that the Enemy are contemplating advancing their line at this spot and are making a series of craters as a preliminary.	
SAILLY	9.6.16.		Re Enemy's crater at N.10.c 2045 was examined by an officers patrol. Re Enemy's apparently made no effort to occupy it & our patrol was not interfered with in any way. Our Tunneling Company is of opinion that Enemy are blowing up these craters as a defensive measure against our mining. Strength is given to this opinion by the fact that the Enemy's raid on night of 30th probably had the destruction of our mine shafts in this neighbourhood as its objective.	
SAILLY	10.6.16.		Except for a certain amount of shillery activity on both sides the day was quiet. Our medium French mortars showed special activity with very good results.	

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SAILLY	11. 6. 16.		Enemy fired a camouflet ^{last night} at N10.C 8590. No damage to our Galleries resulted. No other incident to report.	G.S. Memo 50 Appendix 2.
SAILLY.	12. 6. 16.		A raid on the Enemy's trenches has been in preparation by 6 th Pz for some days and will be undertaken tonight. Preliminary bombardment to cut wire was carried out this afternoon.	Amendment to G.S. Memo: 50 Appendix 2.
SAILLY	12. 6. 16.		Raid last night was most successful. Raiding Party entered Enemy's trench without a shot being fired, after a short bombardment lasting about 10 minutes. 12 Germans were killed and 6 captured. A machine gun was taken from the trench and had to be abandoned. A French mortar was destroyed by exploding a Mills' Grenade in it. Casualties - 2 wounded (one officer).	G.S. Memo N° 51 Appendix 3.
SAILLY.	14. 6. 16.		French mortar concentrated on the machine gun yesterday afternoon, and it is reported that it was destroyed. Otherwise nothing to report.	

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SAILLY	15.	6.16	The enemy fired a good deal during last night at our front and support lines about N. 9. 0595 during the night. Our artillery retaliated, and machine guns also opened fire. No infantry attack eventuated.	
SAILLY.	16.	6.16.	Nothing of importance to relate.	J.S. memo: 52 Appendix 4
SAILLY	17.	6.16.	Last night the enemy let off gas in the neighbourhood ^{South} of MESSINES. The effect of the gas was felt as far away as NOUVEAU MONDE. The area effected did not include the advanced trenches but travelled down the valley of the LYS. Crops at SAILLY were much effected. No casualties.	
SAILLY	18.	6.16.	In the morning our Artillery showed considerable activity and in conjunction with the French mortars and organised bombardment of the enemy's trenches was undertaken. Enemy made very slight retaliation. Croix Marechal farm was hit by a shell and burnt down.	

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SAILLY	19.6.16.		2 nd Inf. B ^{de} was relieved by the 13 th Inf. B ^{de} in the Reserve Area and proceeded to 24 th Divisional Area near NEUVE EGLISE. The 1 st Field Coy and one Sect ⁿ Field Ambulance also moved into the same Area.	
SAILLY	20.6.16.		A quiet day until 11 pm when Enemy opened a heavy fire on the Right of our line. Our guns retaliated. The cause is probably to be found in the fact that our line is being advanced on the Right in conjunction with the 61 st Division on our Right. The project is to make an advanced trench opposite the Enemy's salient (SUGAR LOAF) with a view to subsequent offensive operations.	
SAILLY.	21.6.16.		A certain amount of shelling on DEAD DOG AVENUE during the afternoon which caused a few casualties. Orders issued for relief of 3 rd Aus. Inf. B ^{de} by the 13 th Aus. Inf. B ^{de} .	Amendment to G.S. Instructions & O. Appendix 2. Appendix 5.
SAILLY	22.6.16.		A slight increase of shelling on both sides was the chief feature of the day. Systematic arrangements are being made to destroy Enemy's wires at points where raids are projected. This is done by bombardment with medium trench mortars carried out under cover of Artillery, with in order not to excite suspicion the bombardment is instituted as retaliation for Enemy's shelling.	

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SAILLY	23.6.	16.	Considerable Artillery activity. Otherwise normal.	G.S. memo: 53. Appendix 2.
SAILLY.	24.6.	16.	The process of wire cutting proceeds. Several raiding parties are in training for various minor enterprises, and in conjunction with this work patrols are active in watching the enemy's efforts to repair his wire. Enemy does not often venture out beyond his wire. And from statements from prisoners it appears that when patrols are sent out they have strict orders to avoid any conflict with our troops.	
SAILLY	25.6.	16.	We fired a Camouflet at 8.30 am. Enemy heard working just previous to the blow. Considerable Artillery activity. Relief of 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde continues.	
SAILLY	26.6.	16.	Enemy fired a small mine near our blow of yesterday. No damage to our workings.	

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SAILLY	27-6-16		Enemy continues to put in a considerable amount of work on his rear line of defence, which are now reported as being very strong consisting of concrete trenches and dugouts protected with a continuous wire.	
SAILLY	28-6-16		Re frontal bombardment with a view to raid by 1st A.I. Bde was carried out during the day.	
SAILLY	29-6-16		A successful raid was carried out by the 1st A. Bde last night, at N. 11.29.5. near WATER FORT. Raiding party found wire had not been cut but succeeded in forcing their way through and entered trench without opposition. Two prisoners brought in and considerable numbers were killed. One Casualties, 1 O.R killed and 2 officers and 8 O.R wounded.	
SAILLY	30-6-16		Relief of 3rd Inf. Bde by 13th Aus. Inf. Bde completed last night. 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde are now in the Divisional Reserve Area at SAILLY.	

L. J. Ashburner Lt Col
for us. Comdr. 1st Aus. Div.

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Appendix No. 1

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.General Staff Memorandum No.49

Divisional Headquarters.

6th. June 1916.

GAS HELMETS.

The respraying of gas helmets which is being done now in Division, is only for helmets which have become quite dry and stiff. Respraying is quite a different process to that of redipping which is a retreatment with chemicals and can only be done in laboratories at the base.

Experiments carried out during the last week have shown that as regards chemical properties, helmets, practically speaking, cannot be too dry. It was found however, that when helmets become dry and stiff there was difficulty in getting them on and in getting a tight joint round the neck. To overcome this difficulty respraying is valuable.

Helmets will be dealt with as follows:-

1. Helmets that have been subjected to a gas attack will at once be sent to Ordnance and replaced from Ordnance
2. Helmets that have been worn rolled on the head, for a period of time totalling five days and five nights, will be sent back to Ordnance and replaced from Ordnance.
3. Helmets that have not been exposed to such an extent as in (2) may be kept and used as drill helmets while troops are in rest, but are to be handed in to Ordnance and replaced before troops return to trenches, so that each man will return to trenches with two good helmets.
4. Men will, as far as possible, keep the helmets absolutely good, not using helmets indiscriminately in gas alerts etc.
5. Helmets that are quite dry and stiff will be brought by men for respraying as arranged from time to time.
6. Supervision of folding of helmets should be very thorough as bad folding is the chief cause of defective helmets.
7. Box or tower respirators will not be handed in after one gas attack. They will stand about 24 hours exposure to gas. The time of each exposure to gas will be scratched on the respirator. The total time for which these respirators are to be used for drill purposes must not exceed one hour. After one hour's drill men should be quite efficient in putting them on.

L.F. ASHBURNER.

Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

Appendix No. 1

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Amendment to General Staff Memo. No. 49.

Divisional Headquarters.

7th. June 1916.

Paragraph 4 should be amended to read as follows:-

4. Men will, as far as possible, keep one helmet absolutely good, not using helmets indiscriminately in gas alerts etc.

L. F. ASHBURNER.

Lieut-Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.General Staff Memorandum No. 50.

Divisional Headquarters.

11th. June 1916.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A GAS ALARM.

1. The measures to be taken by troops occupying the trenches is laid down in the pamphlet "Defensive measures against gas attacks" which has been issued to all units.

2. In addition to the alarm described in part II, paragraph 3, as soon as the presence of gas has been definitely described, the O.C. Company holding the threatened trench will

- (i) Telephone or Fire "S.O.S." Signal.
- (ii) Telephone "gas" giving the position of attack to Battalion Headquarters.

3. Spreading Gas Alarms.

The gas alarm will be passed from signal office to signal office by telephone, 'Priority'. A list will be kept in each signal office showing who should be warned.

The general principle is that each unit warns the units on its flanks and the next higher formation.

Schemes will be prepared and attached to Brigade Defence Schemes showing exactly how each unit in the Brigade area receives the gas alarm.

4. On receipt of a gas alarm at Divisional Headquarters the following units will at once be warned by telegraph:-

Right Brigade.

Left Brigade.

Reserve Brigade (Responsible for warning Divn. Bomb School, Aux. Horse Transport Coy, and any drafts of reinforcements under their administration.)

2nd. Australian Division.

38th. Division.

Divn. Artillery (Who will warn Loring's Group H.A.)

Town Major, EST. IRES.

By telephone:-

Divn. Engineers.

A.D.C.S. (Who will warn Field Ambs, Collecting Stations and Sanitary Section)

Divn. Train.

Pioneer Battalion.

1st. Field Coy.

Chateau.

Area Officer, DOULIN.

All billets in the neighbourhood by cyclist orderly.

5. Warning Civil Inhabitants.

PARAGRAPH IX. Right Brigade Headquarters inform the Maire at whose house they are billeted.

SAILEY. The C.R.M. will warn M. BECU, the proprietor of his billet, who will warn the Maire, who will have the bell in the Girl's School in the EST. IRES Road rung.

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BAC ST-MAUR. A cyclist from the Pioneer Battalion will call the door-keeper at M.SAMON'S factory, who will at once start the steam syren.

DOULIEU. The Area Officer will warn the Maire.

NOUVEAU MONDE. An orderly from the Field Ambulance stationed there will warn the Maire who will have the Church bell rung.

ESTAIRES. The Town Major sends an orderly to the gendarme on duty at the Maire, and another to the Vicar. The Church bell will be rung.

A.E.BRIDGES. Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

Appendix No. 2

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. Appendix No. 2
Amendment to General Staff Memo No. 50

Divisional Headquarters.

12th. June 1916.

Paragraph 5, sub-para 5, N UVEAU MONDE.

For Maire read Vicar.

A.H. BRIDGES. Lieut-Colonel. General Staff

1st. Australian Division.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Amendment to General Staff Memo. No. 50.

Divisional Headquarters.

21st. June 1916.

Paragraph 5, sub-paragraph 3, is cancelled and the following substituted:-

BAC ST. MAUR. A cyclist from the Pioneer Battalion will call the engine driver of Mr. SALMON'S factory who lives in house No. 8, sixth door past the factory, who will at once start the steam siren.

T.A. BLANEY. Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Appendix No. 2

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.General Staff Memorandum No. 53.

Divisional Headquarters.

23rd. June 1916.

With reference to G.S.Memo.No.50, dated 11th. June 1916, the following additional instructions for dealing with gas attacks are forwarded:-

(a) Responsibility of the Signal Service.

(i) Warning messages addressed to "Gas" will be passed by all signal offices as "priority" messages and will be automatically repeated until every signal office in the Army Corps and the signal offices of the nearest Brigade and the nearest Divisions of flanking Corps are warned.

(ii) O's.C.Divisional Signal Companies in their divisional areas will ensure that a list of offices to be warned, corrected to date and applicable to the office concerned, is kept in every signal office.

(b) Method of reporting.

(i) The Unit reporting gas will differentiate between rumoured and actual gas attack.

(ii) The time the attack or the alarm occurred will be given in a signal message.

Thus.....

(a) To - "GAS".....

"Gas 9 p.m. left Bde. N.Z.Div."

From

2nd. Wellington Bn.

.....

(b) To - "GAS".....

"Gas alarm heard 9-30 p.m. on left of left
Bde. N.Z.Div.

From

2nd. Wellington Bn.

.....

2. It is necessary that all personnel within the Divisional area should be promptly warned of a gas attack. G.O's.C.Inf. Brigades will draw up a complete scheme which will provide for all portions of the administrative area occupied by their commands. The principle to be followed is that the area should be subdivided into unit areas and that the C.O. of any unit which is connected by telephone shall be responsible for warning all persons in the area occupied by his unit.

Brigade Schemes for warning against gas attacks will be attached to Defence Schemes and a copy of each will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters with a sketch showing the area for which each unit commander in the Brigade is responsible.

3. The instructions contained in para.3 of G.S.Memo.No.50 dated 11th. June 1916, are cancelled.

4. The instructions contained in paragraphs 5 & 6 in G.S. Memo. No.50 will remain in force.

T. A. BLAMEY. Lieut-Colonel.

General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

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Appendix No. 3

General Staff Memorandum No. 51.

Divisional Headquarters.

13th. June 1916.

Proceedings to be adopted in disposing of blind shell or bombs.

In supersession of instructions contained in Routine Order No. 108, dated 5th. May 1915, which are now cancelled.

1. The usual course to be adopted for the destruction of unexploded enemy shells is for the nearest troops to bury them, or sink them in a pond.
2. Troops are warned of the danger of handling shells which have not exploded. A very slight concussion is sometimes sufficient to detonate them. To reduce the danger to a minimum, a hole will be dug near the shell and when possible 4 feet deep. The shell will then be carefully lowered into the hole being kept in the same relative position as it was originally lying. No man except those actually employed on the duty will be permitted to come near while the shell is being handled.
3. Should it be considered necessary to destroy a shell, the services of an Engineer officer will be requested for the purpose.
4. The Battalion Intelligence Officer will examine all blind shells in the area occupied by his unit and in the event of a new or uncommon type being discovered of which a specimen may be required by G.H.Q. application will be made to Divisional Headquarters for the services of an officer to defuze and empty the shell.
5. Until disposed of such shells will be marked with a notice board "BLIND SHELL" and steps will be taken to prevent them becoming a source of danger owing to people stumbling over them.

A.H. BRIDGES. Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

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General Staff Memorandum No.52.

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Divisional Headquarters.
16th. June. 1916.

PRESERVATION of SECRECY.

It has been brought to notice that matters intimately connected with operations are freely discussed on the telephone in clear language. The importance of preserving secrecy regarding future movements is often overlooked in the desire to anticipate events, especially as regards arrangements for supplies of every description.

Conversations on the telephone regarding such matters must be reduced to a minimum, by a more extended use of the D.R.L.S. When such conversations are absolutely necessary,

dates should not be mentioned.

A.H. BRIDGES. Lieut Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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1 - 10	D.H.Q.	8 p.m.	Orderly.
11 - 27	Div. Art.	"	D.R.
28 - 33	1st. Inf. Bde.	"	"
34 - 39	2nd. Inf. Bde.	"	"
40 - 45	3rd. Inf. Bde.	"	"
46 - 49	Div. Engrs.	"	"
50 - 54	Div. Train.	"	"
55	Div. Sig. Coy.	"	"
56 - 60	A.D.M.S.	"	"
61	A.D.V.S.	"	"
62	Pioneer Bn.	"	"
63	Mobile Vet Sect.	"	"
64 - 65	War Diary	"	"
66	FILE	"	"

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 23.

Divisional Headquarters.

21st. June 1916.

1. The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. and the 13th. Field Coy. will relieve the 3rd. Aust. Field Coy. in the Right (PETILLON) Sector.

2. The Infantry relief will commence on the night 22/23rd. June and will be completed on the night 29/30th. June in accordance with the attached table.

The engineer relief will be carried out under arrangements made between C.R.E. 1st. Aust. Divn. and O.C. 13th. Field Coy.

3. The ^{Third} Brigade will take over the billets vacated by the 13th. Brigade on relief.

4. Brigade and Battalion commands will be handed over on conclusion of the company reliefs on the night 26/27th. June

G.O.C. 13th. Brigade will report when he has taken over command.

5. Photographs, maps and trench stores will be handed over and receipts taken.

6. Machine Gun company and Machine Gun sections will be relieved under arrangements made between G.O's.C. Brigades, the number of machine guns in the line will not be reduced.

7. 3rd. Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will remain in position.

8. The 1st. Line Transport of 3rd. Inf. Bde. will be used to supply units in the forward position.

Units in reserve will be supplied under arrangements made by O.C. Divn. Train.

T. A. BLAMEY Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

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6 - 7	War Diary	"	
8 - 13	Div. Art.	"	D.R.
14	Div. Engrs.	"	"
15	Div. Sig. Coy.	"	"
16 - 21	1st. Inf. Bde.	"	"
22 - 27	13th. Inf. Bde.	"	"
28 - 33	3rd. Inf. Bde.	"	"
34	Div. Train	"	"
35	A.D.M.S.	"	"
36	D.A.D.O.S.	"	"
37	Pioneer Bn.	"	"
38	Mob. Vet. Sect.	"	"
39	A.D.V.S.	"	"
40	1st. NZAC	"	"
41	A.P.M.	"	"
42	2nd. Aust. Divn.	"	"
43	61st. Divn.	"	"
44	File	"	"

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TABLE OF RELIEFS.

(Issued with Divisional Order No.25)

Appendix No. 5

NIGHT	UNIT RELIEVED	UNIT RELIEVING	REMARKS.
22/23rd. June	Left Company. Right Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade	Right (or Left) Battalion means Right (or Left) Battalion in Front Line.
	Left Company. Reserve Left Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	Reserve Right (or Left) Battalion means Right (or Left) Battalion in support.
23/24th. June	Left Company. Reserve Right Battalion	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	
	Left Company. Left Battalion	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	
24/25th. June	Right Centre Company. Right Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	do. do. do.
	Right Centre Company. Reserve Left Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	
25/26th. June	Right Centre Company. Reserve Right Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	do do do.
	Right Centre Company. Left Battalion	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	
26/27th. June	Left Centre Company. Right Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	do. do. do.
	Left Centre Company. Reserve Left Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	
27/28th. June	Left Centre Company. Reserve Right Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	do. do. do.
	Left Centre Company. Left Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	
28/29th. June	Right Company. Right Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	do. do. do.
	Right Company. Reserve Left Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	
29/30th. June	Right Company. Reserve Right Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	do. do. do.
	Right Company. Left Battalion.	1 Company of 13th. Brigade.	

Appendix No. 5

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 43. 1st. June 1916.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Further investigation of the event of the night of 30th. inst. show that bombardment was directed against one of our mine shafts from gallery of which we blew small camouflet on same morning. Examination of enemy parapet shows that he left his trench at two points about 50 yards apart, duck boards being used to cross his own wire. White tapes were laid from these exits towards the salient in our line at N.10.e.6.6g. It is now established that small party of enemy at or just prior to the raising of hostile artillery fire crossed NO MANS LAND, laying the white guide tapes and bringing supply of bombs and explosives, evidently intended for the destruction of our mine shaft. A "mobile charge" of about 50 lbs of explosive with detonator and fuse attached was found in our trenches at about N.10.e.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. This was thrown over the parapet by our men. The short time that the hostile party were in our trenches was insufficient for them to accomplish task of finding and destroying the mine shaft although hand grenade was thrown into the shaft head killing the man who was working the pump.

As far as can be at present ascertained no hostile charges were fired in our mine galleries although concussion of either large shell or aerial torpedo bursting just outside our parapet caused partial collapse in one of our galleries, damage to which will be speedily repaired.

An officer's patrol went out from H.6.a.4.0. and brought in a notice board from about H.6.c.1g.6. on which was written in English a notice asking "Australian Soldiers" to let them know if we had captured one of their men a few nights ago.

Another officer's patrol from H.5.c.9.5. covering our wiring parties, reports the grass opposite WATER FORT to be nearly 4 feet long in places and difficult to move through quietly.

An officer's patrol from our extreme right flank worked across to within 75 yards of SUGAR LOAF Salient. No sign of enemy seen. Patrol made a wide sweep and returned to our line at H.8.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Patrol reports grass over 3 feet long in front of our right flank, affording good cover right up to enemy's wire. The enemy was working vigorously on his wire at SUGAR LOAF.

Our artillery were active in retaliation yesterday. RADINHUM & LE MAISNIL were shelled by one of our howitzer batteries. Enemy parapet in N.10.b. shelled in co-operation with our T.Ms.

Our snipers claim 2 victims.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Work at points previously reported continues.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy has been particularly inactive all along our front since his bombardment of night 30/31st.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAINE at our parapet 0 feet 11 inches
at CELLAR FAME 6 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge	10	"	2	"
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MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Some movement of wagons and men in small parties noticed out of FOURNES from 7 p.m. until dark last night.

At 8 p.m. party of enemy seen moving east through FROMELLES wearing a large white patch on their backs.

HEADQUARTERS.

Cyclists approached house at H.23.a.1.67. in FROMBILLES (reported previously) and left again shortly afterwards.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

A billet at H.23.b.142. was shelled during afternoon. Nearly 300 shells fell near BARKER FARM/yesterday evening. No damage was done. H.23.a.9.4.

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Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

1st. June 1916.

Western Front. British Official.

During the past twenty-four hours the enemy's artillery has been very active on selected portions of our front, more particularly in sector between la Bassee Canal and Arras. In this region the enemy bombarded our front support lines in the neighbourhood of Loos, particularly heavy early this morning and continued with intermittent fire throughout the day on all tactical points in this locality. Town and neighbourhood of Arras and as far north as Neuville St. Vaast has also been the scene of intermittent but heavy concentrated hostile bombardments. Our guns replied with effect and in some cases silenced some of the hostile batteries. In region of Loos mines have been sprung by enemy without damaging our defences. On our right front, incur line about Mameenz and Fricourt has been the scene of artillery activity both last night and this morning, but not of serious nature. On our left front, Zillebeke to Hooze and vicinity of Elverdinghe have been heavily shelled. Just north of Hooze our artillery breached hostile parapet and destroyed machine gun emplacement. Our guns caused considerable damage to enemy at various points along front in addition to engaging hostile batteries. There have been no infantry actions during the last twenty-four hours. Fine sunny weather yesterday, suitable for aerial work. Much successful work was accomplished by us and few German aeroplanes were seen.

French Official.

On left bank Meuse bombardment redoubled in violence yesterday at the end of the day between Mort Homme and Cumieres. Shortly afterwards the enemy delivered a very strong attack on all positions in this sector, a fresh division newly arrived on the front being engaged. On our left all assaults of the enemy launched against eastern slopes of Mort Homme where our lines are established, were broken by our fire. Further to east, in region of Caurettes Wood, after several fruitless attempts by the enemy who suffered heavy losses, we were obliged to withdraw advanced elements to south of the Bethincourt Road. On our right, in spite of repeated efforts, the Germans were unable to dislodge us from southern outskirts of Cumieres. Bombardment continued with intensity during the night. On right bank of Meuse was heavy artillery fighting in region west of Fort Douaumont. Night comparatively quiet on rest of front.

Italian Official.

In Largarina Valley, during night of 27th. and morning of 28th. the enemy launched obstinate bloody attacks against our positions between Adige and Assa Valley. His attacks were time after time broken by unshakeable resistance of intrepid troops of our 37th. Division. In Posina Astico sector violent artillery duels continued yesterday afternoon. The enemy being reinforced, attacked our positions at a point south of Posina Torrent. After a desperate struggle he was driven back with considerable losses. On Assigo Plateau our troops occupied and are at present consolidating position dominating Asiagno Basin. Brilliant counter attack was made by the brave 141st. Infantry Regiment. Catangaro Brigade came to the rescue of two batteries which had been surrounded on Monte Musiagh; all the guns were saved. In Sugana Valley simple skirmishes. Along rest of front artillery actions, especially violent in Plava and Monfalcone zones.

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Russian Northern Official.

East Riga, in region Kurtenhof, the enemy's artillery several times bombarded the railway line. Our air squadron bombarded the enemy's electric station at the town of Kornay, northwest Lake Narotch.

Caucasus Front.

Fighting continues in region Reignduz. The Kurds, who attempted to attack our convoys were dispersed by successful action of our troops; notably a detachment of Cossacks, forty-four strong, who surprised Kurdish bivouac near the village of Zova, attacked and cut to pieces one hundred and fifty men, including Mullahten and rejoined their regiment having only lost two killed and one missing.

Miscellaneous News.

In the House of Commons, Sir Herbert Samuel, Home Secretary stated figures regarding casualties in sea and air raids as follows:-

Sea attacks, three, killed-men 61, women 40, children 40.

Injured-men, women, and children 611.

Air attacks, forty-four, killed - men 222, women 114 children 73 and total injured 1616.

In the morning of 27th, during night of 27th, and morning of 28th, the enemy launched obstinate bloody attacks against our positions between Aige and Aage Valley. His attacks were time after time broken by unshakable resistance of Infantry troops of our 27th Division. In Eastern sector violent artillery battle continued yesterday afternoon. The enemy being reinforced, attacked our positions at a point south of Pointe Tarent. After a desperate struggle he was driven back with considerable losses. On Aage plateau our troops occupied and are at present consolidating position dominating Aage basin. Brilliant counter attack was made by the brave 1st Infantry Regiment. Carnagore Brigade came to the rescue of two batteries which had been surrounded on Monte Luch. All the guns were saved. In Aage Valley similar success. Along front of front artillery actions, especially violent in Aage and Montaine zones.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 44 2nd. June 1916.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own trenches.

From 6 a.m. 31st. May to 6 a.m. 2nd. June 1916.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery has been active in retaliation on enemy's trenches in the last two days. RADINGHEM & LE MAISNIL were shelled on 31st. ult. and MARTINS CORNER, TOTTENHAM COURT (N.13.a.3.2.), LE MAISNIL and house in FROMELLES at N.23.a.3.5. were all shelled with good effect during yesterday. Our T.Ms. fired some satisfactory rounds on enemy parapet and wire, breaching the parapet and doing considerable damage.

Our patrols have been active. Officers patrols from our right flank and from opposite WATER FORT on night 31st/1st. reports grass in NO MANS LAND at these points over 3 feet long and affording excellent cover although a little difficult to move through. Last night an officers patrol visited the new crater at about N.10.c.8.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and found it unoccupied by the enemy. In no case has the enemy ever visited or attempted to wear a newly made crater, although in this case, crater is just outside his own wire.

A patrol worked over the ground between RUE DELVAS and N.9.d. central. and saw no signs of enemy. The grass on this portion of front is comparatively short.

An officers patrol from N.5.c.9.5. covered the ground for 150 yards on each side of this point and reports no sign of enemy patrols. The ground is now dry and ditches afford good cover.

A party went out from the salient in our line at N.10.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.7. and recovered a number of hand grenades and two "mobile charges" of about 20 lbs each of "GELUCKAUF" explosive dropped by the enemy outside our parapet on night of 30th. ult.

Our M.Gs. and snipers have been active. Two victims are claimed.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Work is going on vigorously at N.6.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.9.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Strong wire entanglement visible behind enemy's line at SUGAR LOAF from about N.8.d.4.1. to N.8.d.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. The wire is attached to wooden posts about 5 feet high.

LISTENING POSTS.

Suspected at N.6.c.8.7. and N.6.b.5.2.

Observation Posts.

located at N.9.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. Shelling of LE CLERC FME O.P. interfered with by presence of hostile aeroplane.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Confirmed at N.11.a.8.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

It seems very probable that a heavy T.M. or "Aerial Torpedo" mortar, that fires on our salient in N.10.c., is situated in or close to FARM DELANGRE (N.10.d.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.)

The line of "strike" of blind shells from the light T.M. that fires into our line at the junction of our two brigades, makes the emplacement in the TADPOLE.

Suspected emplacement at N.9.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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MINES.

The enemy exploded a mine at 11.40 a.m. yesterday at about N.10.c.8.6½. just outside his own wire. Crater about 30 feet in diameter and fairly deep, was formed. No damage done.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

The chimney at N.15.b.5.1. has been smoking during the last two days. Men seen entering and leaving house at O.3.b.8.2½.

Men constantly seen loitering near PACK'S FOLLY (O.7.b.4.9.)

Movement seen about house at N.12.b.6.5.

GIRIS CONVENT (O.14.a.1.5.) appears to be a centre of movement. The road is screened with hessian on either side of the building. The house at O.14.a.4.6. is also used.

Men seen moving about house at N.11.d.4.8. Our predecessors report the road west of this house screened with canvas.

From movements observed in last few days it appears that a considerable number of men are billeted in ROSEMBOIS FARM.

Men again seen approaching and leaving house in FROMELLES at N.23.a.1.6½.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

During the day hostile sniping has been very inactive. In the early evening and early morning he becomes more active with M.G. fire particularly on our communications and roads in rear.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 0 feet 10¾ inches.

at CELLAR FARM

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

At 9-12 a.m. yesterday train left FOURNES travelling fast towards LE PILLY. Small party mounted and on foot seen yesterday/along road from HALLENES to SEQUELDIN. passing

A great deal of movement heard in rear of TURK POINT (N.5.d.3.2.) last night. Wheeled traffic is heard every night between 10 p.m. and midnight. At 4 p.m. about 150 men seen moving west along road at O.14.b.0.6. in single file.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

He 10 seen working from tree at N.W. corner of house at N.14.b.5.2. Movement has been reported previously from this house and either a track or buried cable approaches it from the rear.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Active during yesterday and well distributed over an area. Nearly 1000 rounds fired.

ENEMY BATTERY.

Three guns observed firing from close to Railway line at about O.4.c.8.4. at 3-10 p.m. yesterday.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT.

Enemy aircraft during yesterday. One of our kite balloons reported to have drifted from its moorings into enemy country, the observer landing with parachute. A number of enemy observation balloons were up.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

R. H. Carey
Captain G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 47. 5-6-1916.

(From 6 a.m. 2-6-16 to 6 a.m. 5-6-1916)

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery have been active in last 3 days in retaliation both on enemy front line trenches in co-operation with our T.M. batteries and on buildings in rear in vicinity of which movement has been reported.

Our T.M.'s. did effective shooting on enemy trenches in N.9.c., N.10.b. and the ANGLE in co-operation with our howitzer batteries, field guns, at same time searching back along communications for 500 yards in rear. LE MAISNIL has been shelled in retaliation and much material damage done.

During yesterday the enemy's MARLAQUE and BAS MAISNIL communications, his front line in N.8.d., and in N.6.c., and LA HAUTE LOGE were all effectively shelled in retaliation.

Our patrols have been active, but have not succeeded in getting in touch with enemy in NO MAN'S LAND. The new crater at N.10.b.8.6. has been occupied every night. It is too close to enemy's parapet to be wired successfully.

Officers patrols from N.5.c.6.4. and N.6.b.7½.9. covered the ground up to the enemy's wire but did not encounter hostile patrols. A small shell hole at about O.1.a.0.7½. was found to contain wood floor boards and be lightly wired, but was unoccupied and not connected to enemy trench.

A patrol from N.6.c.1.8½. reached a point about N.6.c. (central) and returned at N.6.c.4.0. without encountering any movement.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Normal field grey uniforms, round caps sometimes with peaks and occasional dark blue uniforms are reported. The light colored Bavarian cockade is frequently seen.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Continuous work and improvement has been going on during last four days on the enemy's parapet in N.9.d, N.10.c,d, and a. Stout timbers being used for revetting and his parapet raised and thickened with sand bags and earth. The communication trench from N.10.c.9.5. towards the rear has been developed and can now be regarded as a main communication. An unusual amount of movement and work has been observed in vicinity M.E. DELANGRE to which the communication leads. A screen has been erected about 25 yards long in front of the farm which is doubtless used as a dump. On our shelling, men have been seen to escape through gap in hedge in rear.

There is a wooden drainage at N.10.d.5.1. (waterduct)

A stack of heavy steel rails is visible at N.11.a.3.5. beside trench tramway, no doubt intended for use in front line near this point.

Brushwood screens have been erected behind which work is going on at N.6.c.7.3.

LISTENING POSTS.

Sally ports located at N.11.a.0.4½., N.10.b.9.4½., and N.10.b.8.4..

Shell hole deepened, boarded and wired, located by patrol at about O.1.a.0.7½.

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SNIPER'S POSTS.

Located at N.10.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.4. and N.10.b.7.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Hole in the wall of FME. DELAPORTE has been in use.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Trees at N.11.a.6.4. and N.18.b.4.8. seen in use.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

The grass has been cut to provide a clear field for the emplacement at N.10.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.3.

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

Located lately at following points:-

N.8.d.5.3. in SUGAR LOAF Salient (light 75 mm)

Vicinity of ROUGES BANCS (N.15.b.7.5) (Heavy aerial torpedo) (Tramway has lately been extended from LABIETTE past ROUGES BANCS) (mortar)

An emplacement is suspected at N.9.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The emplacement suspected at O.1.a.1.6. in the ANGLE is confirmed.

There is a probable emplacement in the TADPOLE.

SCREENS.

The screens along the AUBIERE-FROMELLES-LE MAISNIL road are shown in the new air photographs to be practically continuous.

DELANGRE FME is now screened.

A dummy hedge is being erected to screen RUE DELAY in vicinity of N.14.d.5.3. A dummy hedge is in position at N.21.e.5.9. to hide some work in progress at this point.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

The following buildings have been under observation and are suspected of being used by troops:-

N.16.d.4.6., N.16.c.9.8. (thatched roof), N.10.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.1., N.14.b.5.2., N.15.b.5.1., N.15.b.7.6., N.16.b.2.6., N.12.b.0.6., O.7.b.6.8., O.13.b.2.0., N.17.b.5.7., N.11.c.3.6, FME DELANGRE.

All the above buildings have now been reported more than once, smoke and movement having been seen.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy has been quiet in the last few days. Work is being carried on vigorously on his front and support line. His wiring parties have not been so active.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 0 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR FARM 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

DUMPS.

May be assumed behind LE MAISNIL Church and at LA BIETTE

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Movement of men and wagons is continually seen in HALLENES. Working parties have been seen lately at about P.13.a.6.2. Movement has been seen at FLE DE LA MOTTE (O.12.b.4.7.) and ROSEMBOIS FARM (O.25.d.7.8.)

From 6 p.m. until dark there is movement of small parties on practically all the roads in rear. Trains now seen in FOURNES station at 6-20 and 7-15 p.m. on days when observation is good. The light railways from FOURNES to FROMELLES and LE MAISNIL are also working at about this time

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Three tall steel towers have been located by cross bearings at about I.10.b.3.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. in rear of HERLIES. The use of these structures is unknown.

ENEMY'S SHELLING

Building at H.25.d.8.7. was heavily shelled with 5.9" H.E. and lachrymatory shells yesterday morning. Shelling otherwise normal.

ENEMY'S BATTERIES.

One of our heavy howitzers located and brought effective fire to bear on hostile 5.9" batteries in O.10.b. The gunners were seen to leave gunpits and run over the hill.

During the shelling of BARRIER FARM with 5.9" recently puffs of smoke were seen from about N.17.a.5.1. This is probably a dummy position.

SHELLS.

A blind 12 cm. shell with a French fuse has been found in our lines in H.36.d.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

R.G.CASEY. Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. No. 45. 3-6-1916.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery co-operated with one of our T.Ms batteries in shelling enemy front trench in vicinity of N.9.a.1.1. at 4-15 p.m. yesterday in retaliation for shelling our trenches. Enemy's parapet and wire badly damaged. The series drew considerable enemy fire. LE MAISONIL was shelled and much material damage done. A number of suspected billets were shelled on our front.

A patrol that went out from N.6.a.0.4. with object of getting in touch with hostile patrols was bombed from the enemy wire and came under M.G. and rifle fire. Bombs were thrown in reply but patrol was obliged to return. On patrol returning two men were found to be missing. One came in shortly afterwards and two small search parties went out to find the missing man. One party consist- of (all of 6th. Bn.) L/Cpl. KEATING, L/Cpl. DOHERTY, Pte. MCKAY, found the missing man who was wounded, returned to our lines for a stretcher and eventually got him in.

An officers patrol went out from our left flank towards the LOZENGE. No signs of enemy was met. The enemy were heard singing and playing some instrument in their trenches.

A officers patrol consisting of 2 officers and 14 other ranks, went out from N.6.c.3.6. to endeavour to intercept hostile patrol. No signs of enemy patrol encountered although enemy seen working on his wire close to his parapet.

The usual covering patrols ~~summiting~~ for our wiring parties were posted. Our snipers and M.Gs. were active.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPP RT LINES.

Work on parapet and wire continues.

T.M. IMPLACEMENTS.

Bearing taken from strike of large T.M. projectile fired on our salient in N.10.c. leads to FARM ROUGES BANCS.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Men seen every evening loitering about building at N.16. d.4.6.

Smoke rising from N.16.c.9.8. and N.10.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.1.

Much minor movement noticed near LES CLOCHERS.

Men seen loitering about house at N.17.b.5.7.

Men seen about FME. DELANGRE and smoke rising during the day.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Inactive.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of river LAIES at our parapet 0 feet 11 inches
at CELLAR FARM 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES

At 6-20 p.m. smoke of train seen in FOURNES station. The train is now suspected to leave at this time and not at 7-12 p.m. as formerly.

Large working party in field just N.W. of HALLENES. Party was apparently digging a trench.

Movement seen in rear of LE MAISONIL Church at 11-45 a.m.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Except for active reply to our retaliation with our artillery and T.Ms. on right flank, enemy artillery not so active yesterday.

Captain. G.S.

for Lieut-Colonel, General Staff
1st. Australian Division

Wireless News of 2nd. June 1916. No. 45. 3-6-1916.

Western Front. British Official. 31st.

Yesterday the weather was unfavourable for flying but in spite of this, good work was done by our aeroplanes. Last night the enemy carried out bombardments of our trenches about Fricourt north and south Neuve Chapelle and east Laventie. The bombardment about Neuve Chapelle was very heavy and lasted eighty minutes, followed by infantry raid which penetrated our trenches, some of our men being taken prisoners. The raiding party subsequently driven out. East Laventie another raiding party attempted to enter our trenches but were driven back by our bombers. During the night the enemy sprang a mine just north of La Bassee Road - our troops occupy near lip of crater. Also unimportant mining activity about Loos. Today hostile artillery was active against our positions about Fricourt, Authelle, Souchez, Arras, Neuville, St. Vaast, and Loos. Our artillery, effectively engaged hostile

batteries in neighbourhood of Souchez and bombarded positions south east Boisgretnier. Our trenches about Ypres have been shelled intermittently during the day.

French Official 1st.

On left bank of Meuse bombardment has continued with great violence in course of the night in whole Mort-Homme region. A German attack was begun towards eight o'clock last evening against our positions on the eastern slopes and was completely repulsed by our fire. On right bank artillery duel assumed character of extreme intensity to west and east of Douaumont Fort.

Italian Official. 31st.

On hills north Ledro valley and in Riva zone, much enemy movement together with unusual activity in the construction of defensive works. In Largarina Valley yesterday the enemy made fresh violent attacks prepared and supported by furious bombardment of heavy guns. All these attacks were pushed with great bravery by the enemy, but were repulsed, the attacking columns being annihilated. Fighting was fiercest and of longest duration near Pas de Buole, where gallant infantry of sixth second Regiment Sicilian Brigade and 207th. Regiment Taro Brigade several times dashed from trenches and drove enemy back at point of bayonet. In Pasubio sector artillery duel. Attack by enemy in direction of Forni Alti was repulsed. Between Posina and upper Astico, battle developing, enemy concentrating forces especially in Astico valley. Yesterday morning we repulsed attack in

Campiglia zone. Farther east intense concentration of artillery fire by enemy obliged our troops to evacuate position of Mount Priafora, but desperate counter attack regained us possession of position. Owing to violent fire by enemy artillery our troops fell back slightly on southern slopes of mountain. On Asiago Paon Asiago Plateau our troops evacuated Winta Corbin but effectively withstood enemy pressure along rest of front. In Sugana Valley the situation is unchanged. In Carnia and on Isona intermittent activity more intense. In Upper But and San Martino zone our infantry made bold raid against enemy lines.

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Russian Northern Official. 31st.

In lake region south Dwinsk enemy artillery opened lively fire at a number of points. On whole front aerial reconnaissances carried out by enemy with great persistence. One of our aeroplanes engaged an Albatross over enemy's lines. Our machine bombarded Albatross with machine guns and the enemy's machine fell enveloped in smoke northwest of the town of Baranowitchi.

Caucasus Front.

In direction of Diarbeka on 28th. Turks took offensive on Karga Bazar, forty miles south of Erzerum. In direction of Ozhnite in Gunek Valley, fifteen miles southwest Karga Bazar, portion of enemy's troops occupied Ganiret Between Karaga Bazar and Ognote. Our troops took offensive and drove enemy out.

Miscellaneous News.

The following telegram from Sir Ernest Shackleton has been received in London - "Fort Stanley Falkland Islands, May 31st., Have arrived here. 'Endurance' was crushed middle of Weddel Sea twenty seventh October 1915. She drifted seven hundred miles in ice until ninth April this year. We landed Elephant Island sixteenth April. I left twenty fourth leaving twenty men in hole in ice cliffs there and proceeded to South Georgia for help with five men in twenty-two foot boat. At time leaving Island all men well but urgently needing rescue.

Eiffel Tower Communique.

On the left bank Meuse intermittent bombardment in the Avocourt Wood and Mort-Homme sectors.

After a very violent artillery preparation the Germans attacked the French position near Thiaumont Farm. After several infantry assaults the Germans succeeded in penetrating into the French first line trenches between Dunaumont Fort and Vaux slopes. The German attacks were shattered by M.G. fire which caused heavy losses.

An 'Aviatik' was attacked by a French machine and forced to land in the French lines south of Bernécourt. The 2 aviators were made prisoners.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. No. 46. 4-6-1916.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery shelled the ANGLE, THE TADPOLE, LE MAISNIL GIRL'S CONVENT and other targets on our front ~~including~~ including various buildings suspected as being occupied by troops.

Our T.Ms. operated on the ANGLE and on enemy trench in N.10.b. Good bursts were obtained. One bomb which did not burst on landing evidently burst on being handled by the enemy as a considerable explosion took place at the point where it fell about 15 minutes later.

The new crater at N.10.e.8.6. was again occupied by us last night.

An officer's patrol went out from N.8.d.1.9. to investigate suspected approach to our lines by enemy patrol in this area. Some tracks were discovered and grass flattened at about N.8.d.8.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. but no enemy seen.

An officer's patrol went out from I.31.c.l.l. and worked across towards the LOZENGE in Y formation. No enemy seen although laughing and singing heard in their trenches.

Our M.G. Companies carried out indirect fire by day and direct fire on enemy's parapet by night.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Both field grey and dark blue tunics are still reported.
Field grey cap with red band and black glazed peak reported.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy's parapet is being strengthened in several places. The sequence of events is usually the appearance of the top of a row of stout round timbers protruding above the parapet on some area where parapet is low. Timbers spaced at about a yard intervals and protruding about 2 feet in some cases. The parapet is then built up to the height with bags and earth, the last stage being the throwing of loose earth over the bags.

A great feature of enemy's parapet and wire is its irregularity, sandbags, timber and earth being used indiscriminately and apparently without any method.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Men seen in trees at N.11.a.6.4. and N.18.b.4.8.

T.M. IMPLACEMENTS.

Located at N.8.d.5.3. in SUGAR LOAF Salient.

A patrol reports seeing flash of T.M. at C.I.A.I.6. when lying out in NO MAN'S LAND. This emplacement was noticed on air photographs and reported in Summary some days ago.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke continually seen from building at N.15.b.7.6.

Smoke and movement from ~~ME.~~ DELANGRE.

Men seen to enter house at N.11.c.3.6.

Movement again seen between house at 0.7.b.2.7. and PACK'S

FOLLY.

INBAY'S ACTIVITY.

Normal.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 0 feet 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
at CELLAR FARM 4 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILL Y Bridge 10 " 3 "

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* The recovery of some 50 hand grenades, 3 mobile charges & 6 white rope reels from W. Mans land indicates that a raid ^{by a} fairly large scale was intended on night 30th/31st ult.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Movement seen round HAE DE LA MOTTE in 0.12.b.

Both troops and wagons seen.

Small engine and 6 trucks left FOURNES ENE towards FROMELLES at 6-53 p.m.

Train seen approaching FOURNES from LE PILLY at 7-15 p.m.

Men continually seen on CRUCIFIX ROAD (N.16.d.4.6. to N.22.b.9.6.)

A steam locomotive seen moving east at about N.18.d.5.0.

This confirms the existence of tramway or light railway along road between FOURNES and LE HAISNIL

TRENCH TRAMWAYS.

Tram loaded with bags seen being pushed along by men in crouching position at N.9.d.8.2.

HEADQUARTERS.

Two cyclists and man carrying papers again seen to approach house at N.23.a.1.6_g in FROMELLES.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

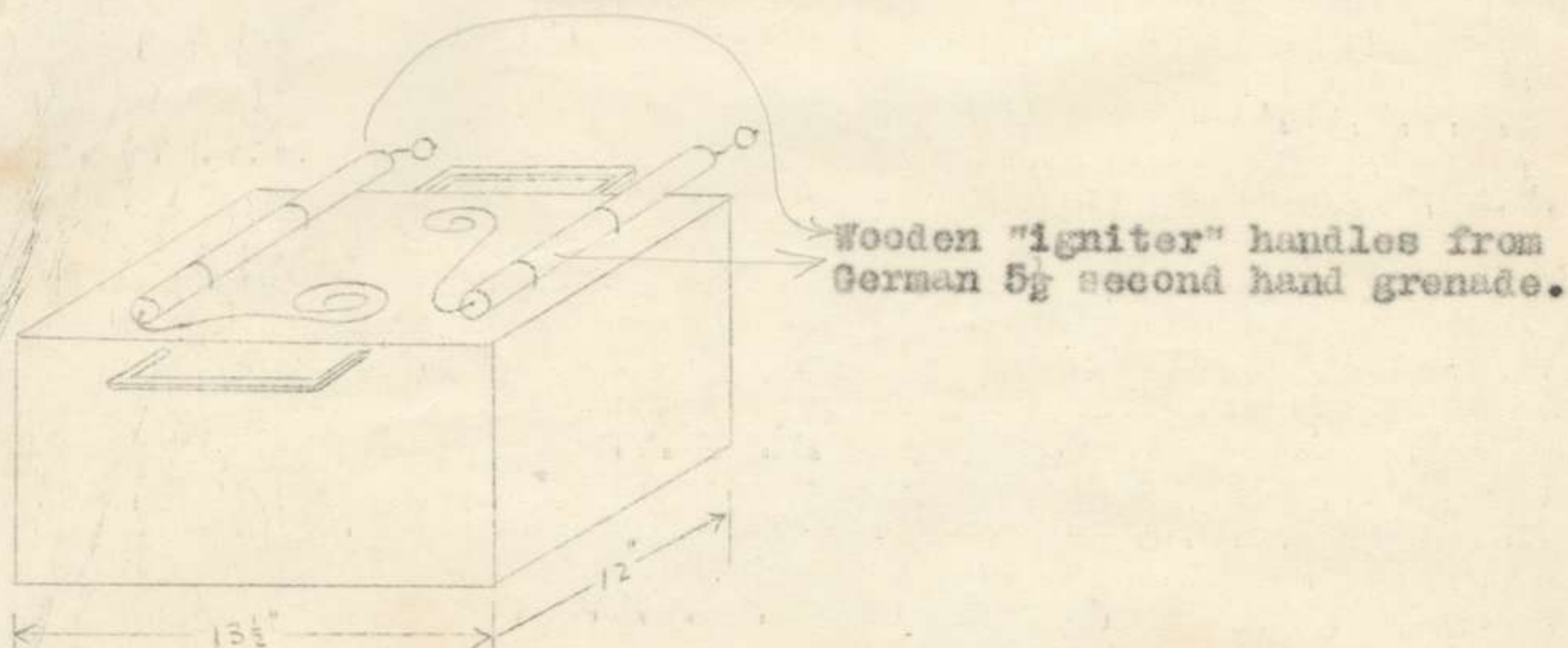
About 200 5.9" shells were fired at one of our old battery positions. No damage done or casualties. Shelling otherwise normal.

ENEMY'S SHELL.

A T.M. projectile as described in ANZAC Summary of 11th. May was fired into our right Battalion lines from about N.8.d.5.3. The fuze is as described and illustrated on p.p.84 and 85 "Notes on German Fuzes" with the addition of "⊗ 1916 ⊗" two centimetres from top. The fuze was set at "16"

The shell body has a light tin lining held in place with paraffine wax.

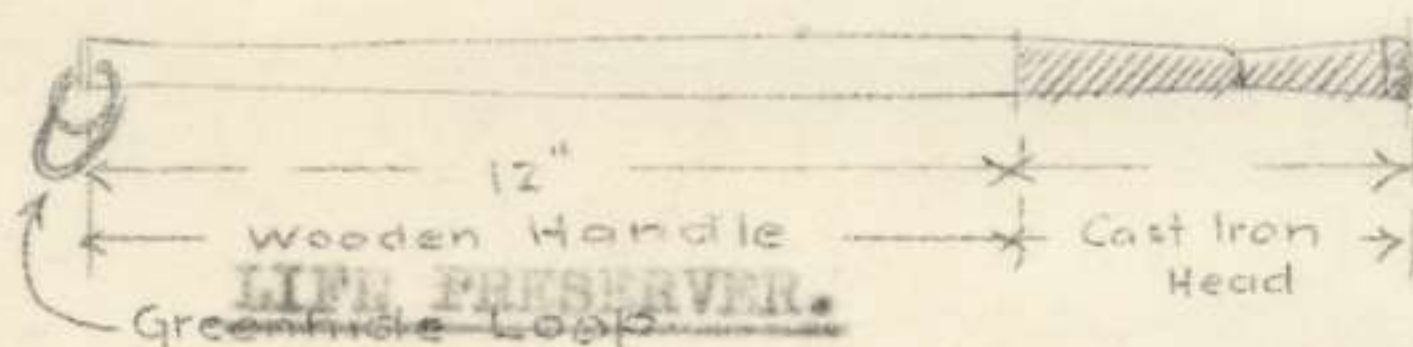
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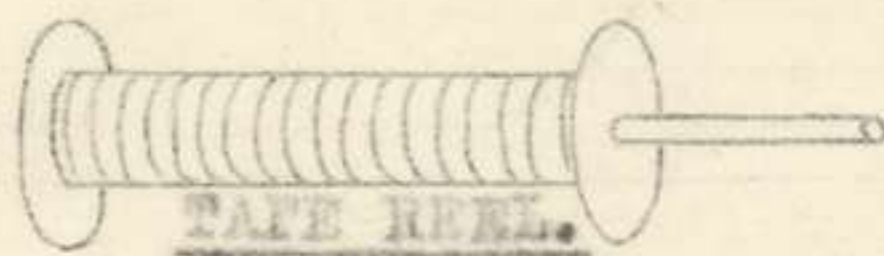
"Mobile charge" abandoned by enemy in our trenches on night of 30th/31st. May 1916.

The Charge consisted of 16 Kilo packages of explosive in strong wooden, tin lined box.

Five feet of fuze was attached to each igniter handle. The fuze burns at rate of 2 feet per minute with a dense white smoke.



Sketch represents small heavy "life preserver" left in our trenches on night 30th./31st.May.



Six of the above wooden tape reels have been recovered from NO MAN'S LAND. The reel turns freely on the handle. 1" White tape was wound on the reel.

R. H. Casey
 Captain.G.S.
 for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
 1st. Australian Division.

NAVAL.

The Secretary of Admiralty states following announcement:-
"Afternoon Wednesday, May 31st. Naval engagement took place off Jutland. British ships on which brunt of the fighting fell were Battle Cruiser fleet, some Cruisers and light Cruisers, supported by four fast Battleships. Amongst these losses heavy. German battle fleet aided by low visibility avoided prolonged action with our main forces and soon after these appeared on the scene, enemy returned to port though not before receiving severe damage from our battleships. Battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable, Invincible, and Cruisers Defence, Black-prince sunk. Cruiser Warrior disabled and after being towed some time was abandoned by crew. Also known Destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrowhawk, Ardent and Host and six others not yet accounted for. No British Battleships or light Cruisers sunk. Enemy's losses serious. At least one Battle Cruiser destroyed and one severely damaged. One Battleship reported sunk by destroyers during night attack. Two light Cruisers disabled, probably sunk. Exact number of enemy destroyers disposed of during action cannot be ascertained with certainty but must have been large.

WESTERN FRONT. BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Yesterday our aeroplanes on reconnaissance had long running fight with three hostile machines, one enemy machine being driven down. One of our machines is missing. During night hostile aircraft dropped bombs on Poperinghe, doing no damage. Continuous heavy shelling all day by British and German guns of all calibres. In neighbourhood of Vimy Ridge at times fire immense. This has been the most noticeable feature in today's operations. This artillery activity extended also in minor degree northwards in direction of Loos. In neighbourhood of Ypres artillery on both sides active, also in region of river Somme. As usual mining both in vicinity Loos and in Roentranj our trench line about Fricourt just north of Somme. Beyond ordinary trench activity no infantry engagements have taken place during the past twenty-four hours.

FRENCH OFFICIAL. 2nd.

In Argonne there was a combat with hand-grenades in sector of Vaucouais. At Cournos Chaussos and Fille Morfe we blew up several mines which damaged their new subterranean workings. On left bank Meuse counter attacks by our troops enabled us to progress a hundred metres in enemy's communication trenches south of Bois de Caussottes. Between wood and village of Cumieres enemy attack was checked by our curtain fire and was unable to debouch. On right bank battle

continued yesterday and during night with extreme violence on whole of Thiaumont Farm Vaux front and even extended to east of Vaux Fort as far as Damloup. In Thiaumont Douaumont region enemy's assaults were repulsed by our fire and counter attacks. South of Douaumont Fort the Germans succeeded in penetrating southern part of Bois de la Caillette in neighbourhood south of Vaux pond. To our right all attacks directed against Vaux Damloup region collapsed before the resistance of our troops who inflicted on enemy very heavy losses. In course of these actions the artillery duels attained exceptional violence and continued on the whole of the front attacked. A German aeroplane was shot down near Etain and a Fokker brought down near Bouconville.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 48. 6th. June 1916.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery obtained a large number of direct hits on LECLERCQ FARM. The suspected headquarters in FROMELLES (N.23.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$) and buildings in vicinity were effectively shelled. Buildings on road from MARTIN'S CORNER to GIRL'S CONVENT were shelled by one of our howitzer batteries in conjunction with field guns.

An officers patrol went out from N. c.9.5. and worked over the ground up to TURK POINT. No signs of enemy seen.

Patrols went out from N.6.central, and N.8.d.8.9. but did not gain touch with enemy.

A strong officers patrol went out from N.6.b.3.6. and advanced towards CORNER FORT. An old listening post of our own was found half way across NO MAN'S LAND and will now be occupied. No movement encountered.

The new crater at N.10.c.8.6. was again occupied by an officers patrol.

Our M.Gs. were active during the night with direct fire on enemy's parapet. Indirect fire was used on targets in rear during the afternoon.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Stout undressed props again being used in enemy parapet from N.10.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.3. to N.10.c.6.4., at N.10.b.9.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. and at N.11.a.3.6. New wire has been put out at N.11.a.2.5. and between N.10.b.7.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.10.b.5.1. Work is going on round FME. DELANGRE.

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

The parapet has been strengthened in front of suspected emplacement at N.9.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SCREENS.

The screen across front of FME. DELANGRE is still in place, men seen wearing blueish shrapnel helmets seen working behind it.

A screen has been erected in front of a house at O.7.b.2.7. It effectively screens movement that was previously seen near the house.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

A large door in FME DU HOYON is occasionally seen to open and shut.

Smoke seen rising from N.15.b.7.7.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Quiet during last 24 hours. It is noticed that the enemy used to leisurely cross open places in rear, he now moves at the double.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
at CELLAR FARM 13

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 2 5 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Movement again seen round ROSEBOIS FARM.

Party of about 30 men seen ^{of work} on road near JENES at about O.12.c.central. from 12 noon till 2 p.m.

Party of about 20 men seen working at about O.12.b.2.4.

Small train of covered in locomotive and 6 trucks each carrying about 10 men seen leaving FOURNES in direction of FROMELLES at 6-55 p.m.

A buried cable has been laid across CRUCIFIX ROAD at about N.16.d.4.5.

HEADQUARTERS.

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Man carrying despatch bag and some papers left house at N.23.a.1.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. at 6-30 p.m.

ENEMY SHELLING.

Enemy shelled CROIX MARECHAL FARM house and huts which were burnt down. Shelling otherwise normal.

R.G.CASEY Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 49. 7th. June 1916.

From 6 a.m. 5-6-16 to 6 a.m. 7-6-16.

 This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part. 1. Information from our own front.
-----OPERATIONS.

Our artillery have been active in retaliation and in shelling enemy billets, works and working parties.

On 6th. inst. large number of direct hits obtained on LECLERCQ FLE, Suspected Headquarters at PROBABLES (N.23.a.1½.6½.) and buildings on road between MARTIN'S CORNER & GIRL'S CONVENT also shelled effectively.

On 6th. inst considerable damage done to enemy works and buildings at FINE DELANGRE. Large breach made in communication at this point.

Direct hits obtained on observation posts in BERNIERE FLE and in house at N.21.a.8.6½.

On night 5th/6th. our patrols were active in vicinity of TURK POINT and CORNER FORT. No enemy encountered.

On night 6th./7th. an officers patrol went out from N.10.b.7½.9½. Night was too bright for extensive patrolling. Enemy's patrols inactive.

Indirect fire was carried out by our M.Gs. during each night on enemy's parapet and targets in rear on night of 6th/7th. Tramway and road at N.21.b. was searched by our Right Brigade.

Our snipers claim some enemy periscopes. Enemy replying to their fire with M.GS.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Normal.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

On 6th. inst enemy's front line trench deepened in vicinity of THE LOZENGE (O.1.e) earth being thrown over parapet. Strong breastwork trench reported running from enemy's front line about N.10.c.8½.5½ back to FINE DELANGRE.

(4) At N.10.c.9.4 stout uprights are visible, 2 of which have attached white insulated cups and light wire, other two bearing red cable about ½" diam.

New wire has been placed out at N.11.a.2.5. and between N.10.b.7.3½ and N.10.b.5.1.

SNIPER'S POSITIONS.

Suspected in parapet at N.9.d.3½.1½.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

A platform has been built in branches of tree at N.14.d.5.5. with canvas screen hanging down in front.

In trees at O.7.a.0.4., N.18.b.8.4. and N.11.a.7.5.

T.M. POSITIONS.

From observation of strike of T.M. projectile (confirmed by aerial photograph) is probable emplacement at N.11.a.3.5½.

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OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke and movement observed at house 0.14.a.4.5. Also N.18.b.4.4., N.16.d.3.5, and N.15.b.7.7. N.18.d.4.4. and 0.13.c.5.5. Large door in FME DU HOYON is occasionally seen to open and shut.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

Enemy's wire of FROMELLES- FME DU HOYON Defenses consists of 3 rows on stakes about 2 feet or 3 feet high, in rear of the fire trench.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LALS at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches.

at CELLER LANE

Depth of River LYS at SALLY Bridge 10 " 3 3/4 "

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

On night 6th/7th enemy slightly active with sniping and M.Gs. fire along roads and communications in vicinity of RUE PETILLON. A few T.M. bombs and rifle grenades fired into right section, with no damage.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

On 5th. movement observed at ROSEMBOIS FARM.

Party of about 30 men at work on road near ELIMES (0.12.c. central) also party of 20 at 0.12.b.2.4.

Small train of coveredin locomotive and 3 trucks each carrying about 10 men leaving FOURNES in direction of FROMELLES at 6-55 p.m. on 5th.

Coveredin electric locomotive and 3 trucks (2 loaded with timber and 1 with 15 men in dark green uniforms) observed travelling on same line at 1842 on 6th.

Party of 34 men observed at 1740 on 6th. to split into 3 parties and move along railway line near FOURNES STN. Each was carrying what appeared to be small ration bag.

Party of 29 men in single file on road at 0.12.c.8.7.

Party of about 20 men appeared to be digging trench at FME DE LA MOTTE

HEADQUARTERS.

Suspected at N.23.a.1.6 1/2.

ENEMY'S SHOOTING.

On 8th. enemy shelled CROIX MARCHEAL FME house and huts, which were burnt down.

On 6th. enemy shelled (5.9") head of TIN BARN tram line, doing no damage.

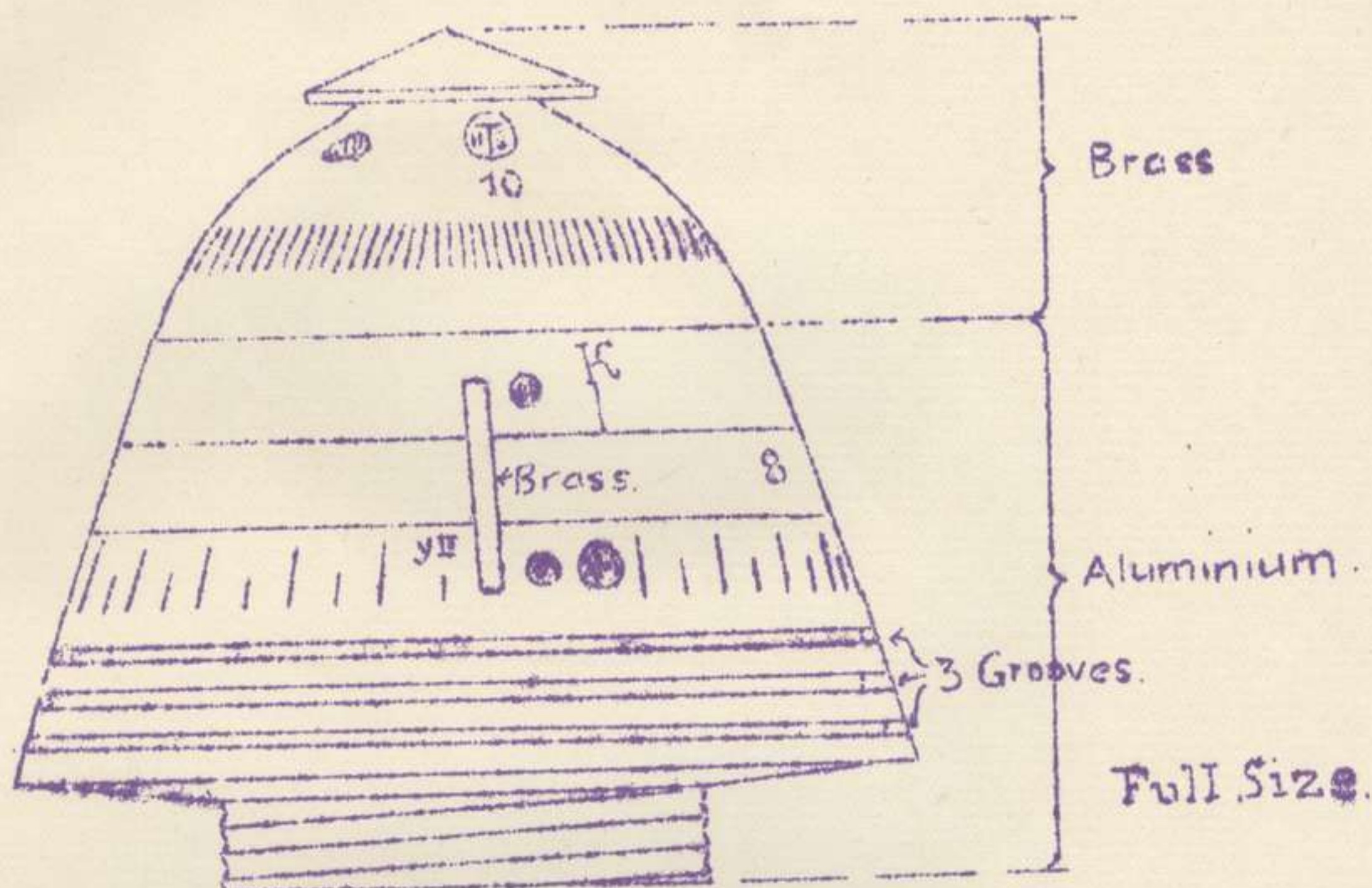
Billets at H.34.a.8.7. shelled with 4.2" and 5.9" some direct hits obtained. Otherwise normal.

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FUZES.

The fuze illustrated below (possibly Russian) was found at H.14.d.3.4.



A French fuze as illustrated on page 101 (top) "Notes on German Fuzes" was found in crater at H.14.d.3.4. On inside of fuze at top "E.C.P.2.98.40.55".

Magnetic bearing of strike 164°

Both the above fuzes were found in crater within 100 yards of one another and had fallen within last two days. Portions of the shell walls recovered show shells to have been not less than 5 or 6 inch.

Two fuzes were found in close proximity at H.25.d.8.8. after the shelling of the building on 5th. inst. One or both came from a Lachrymatory gas shell but as fuzes were collected together, both are now permeated with gas.

The markings were "Gr.2.0.4. Sb.16.★" (with or without delay action) and the other "Gr.2.14.★ 15". According to the "Notes of German Fuzes" the "Gr.2.0.4" is used with gas shells.

Part II. Information from other sources.

RAID.

Successful raid carried out by 2nd. Australian Division last night. Four prisoners brought in. Casualties eight. All raiding party returned bringing in casualties.

N.M.CUTHBERT. Lieut
for Lieut Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 51. 9th. June 1916.

FROM 6 a.m. 7-6-16 to 6 a.m. 9-6-16.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery have been active in retaliation and in shelling enemy's suspected billets, front and support lines. One direct hit in vicinity of F.M.E. DELINGRE on 7th. apparently exploding a magazine.

On 7th. enemy as result of our T.M.s. damaging their parapet and wire at N.9.d.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. retaliated with artillery, T.M.s. and aerial torpedoes, on our front line and communication trenches. 12 casualties from T.M. bombs. Otherwise damage slight.

On 8th. direct hits obtained on house at N.24.b.4.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. also on THIROUANE cross roads and buildings.

In retaliation our artillery effectively fired on enemy trenches at N.9.d.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. in conjunction with few rounds from T.M. battery. Enemy's parapet slightly breached, damage also done to wire and a dug-out.

Enemy retaliated with H.E. shrapnel and aerial torpedoes on front line and V.C. Avenue with slight damage.

Our T.M. battery fired with good effect on the ANGLE and CORNER FORT.

At 8 a.m. on 8th. enemy working party dispersed from behind screen at N.10.c.1.3. One man reported hit.

2 enemy snipers silenced in trees in vicinity of N.15.a.9.9., one seen to fall from tree.

Last night patrol of 4 men reconnoitred new enemy crater N.10.c.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. and reported it occupied by enemy.

Crater at N.10.c.8.6. again occupied last night by officers party.

Enemy's listening post at O.1.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. occupied by officers patrol on night 7th/8th. This post reported as being strongly wired with surrounding grass cut down to 8 inches high.

No enemy's patrols met.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Repairs to parapet effected at N.10.b.7.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Large number of black, green, red and white sand bags placed on parapet between N.9.c.5.1. and N.9.c.6.1.

Enemy's parapet being strengthened in vicinity of the TALPOLE (N.10.b.8.4.).

On 7th. water pumped over parapet at N.10.c.0.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. (timber and motor pump previously reported near this point) also through pipe in parapet at N.11.a.3.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Loop holes built into parapet at N.11.a.5.7., N.11.a.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. and N.11.a.4.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. latter covered with heath.

LINES.

At 1000 pm 8th. enemy fired mine forming crater adjoining an old enemy crater at N.10.c.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. There are now five craters in this vicinity.

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SCREENS.

Dark green hessian screen about 25 yards long erected to conceal works about M.M. MOUQUET (N.11.a.2.7.) Screen at N.16.d.1.8. apparently covering enemy earthwork.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Suspected CHOCOLATE HOUSE (N.13.d.3.8) and O.13.a.6.6. (previously reported)

STRONG POINTS.

Wire entanglements in vicinity of N.21.c. & d. reported very strong. Shattered wall of house on corner of road at N.22.b.9.5. reported as being constructed in to a breastwork.

A new second line has been added,

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Otherwise normal

Enemy shelling active in retaliation. His sniping has been less active during the day. M.Gs. being active only during the night

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 1 foot 0 inches
at CELLAR FARM 4 "

Depth of River LYS at SALLY Bridge 10 " 3 "

NO MAN'S LAND reported in bad condition owing to rain.

RAILWAYS.

Smoke from locomotive on railway at P.14.b. observed at 11-35 a.m. on 7th.

Train left FOURNES at 8-27 p.m. on night 7th/8th in direction of MARQUILLES

DUMPS.

Suspected dump about N. a.9.1.2 26 men observed carrying steel cupola sections at this point.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Party 40 men dispersed when moving S.E. from LES CLOCHERS on 7th. About 30 men working on sap at N.17.a.5.1. on 7th.

Considerable traffic reported daily on road ENNETIERES - ESCOBECQUES.

Enemy field gun and party of 20 men passed along road about O.12.d.4.8. moving N.E. on 7th. Trucks at FROMELLES appear to be used as screen for movement of working parties.

Working party of 40 men again left LES CLOCHERS about N.16.b.7.7. moving S.E. on 8th. This party appears to have relieved party mentioned above who were probably working on new sap running off main trench about N.17.a.0.6.

Communication trench at O.13.b.4.2. freely used during yesterday.

VISUAL SIGNALS?

Helio seen flashing from N.21.c.3.1.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

On night of 7th/8th. from direction of FROMELLES, white lights appeared in sets of 2 rows of 15 each at about 5 minutes interval. Lights reported to have appeared like 2 streams of bubbles and floated from east to west disappearing in 5 seconds.

From reports lights were apparently self propelled, giving off smoke.

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ENEMY'S SHOOTING.

At 1630 enemy fired 140 77mm and 4.2" H.E. on to front line trenches at N.8.d. slight damage to dugouts and parapet. Otherwise normal.

SHELLS.

Portion of base of French shrapnel shell (11.65 c.m.) fired by enemy was recovered near FLEURBAIX. For particulars see diagram attached.

AIRCRAFT.

At 1245 an enemy plane flying low came from S.E. turning N.E. along our line. Enemy plane reconnoitred our line for some time our M.G. and rifle fire having no effect.

Wireless news from various quarters attached.

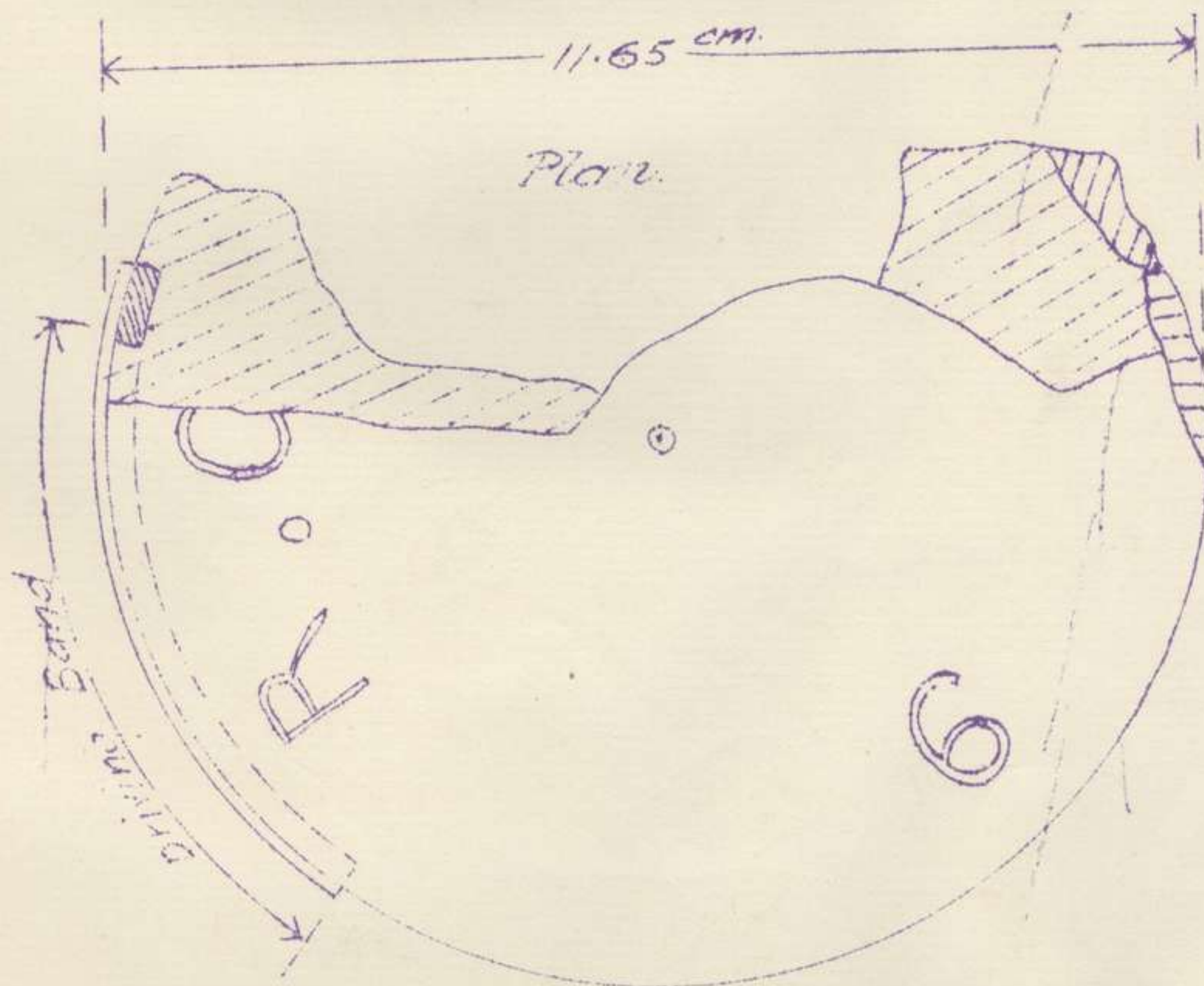
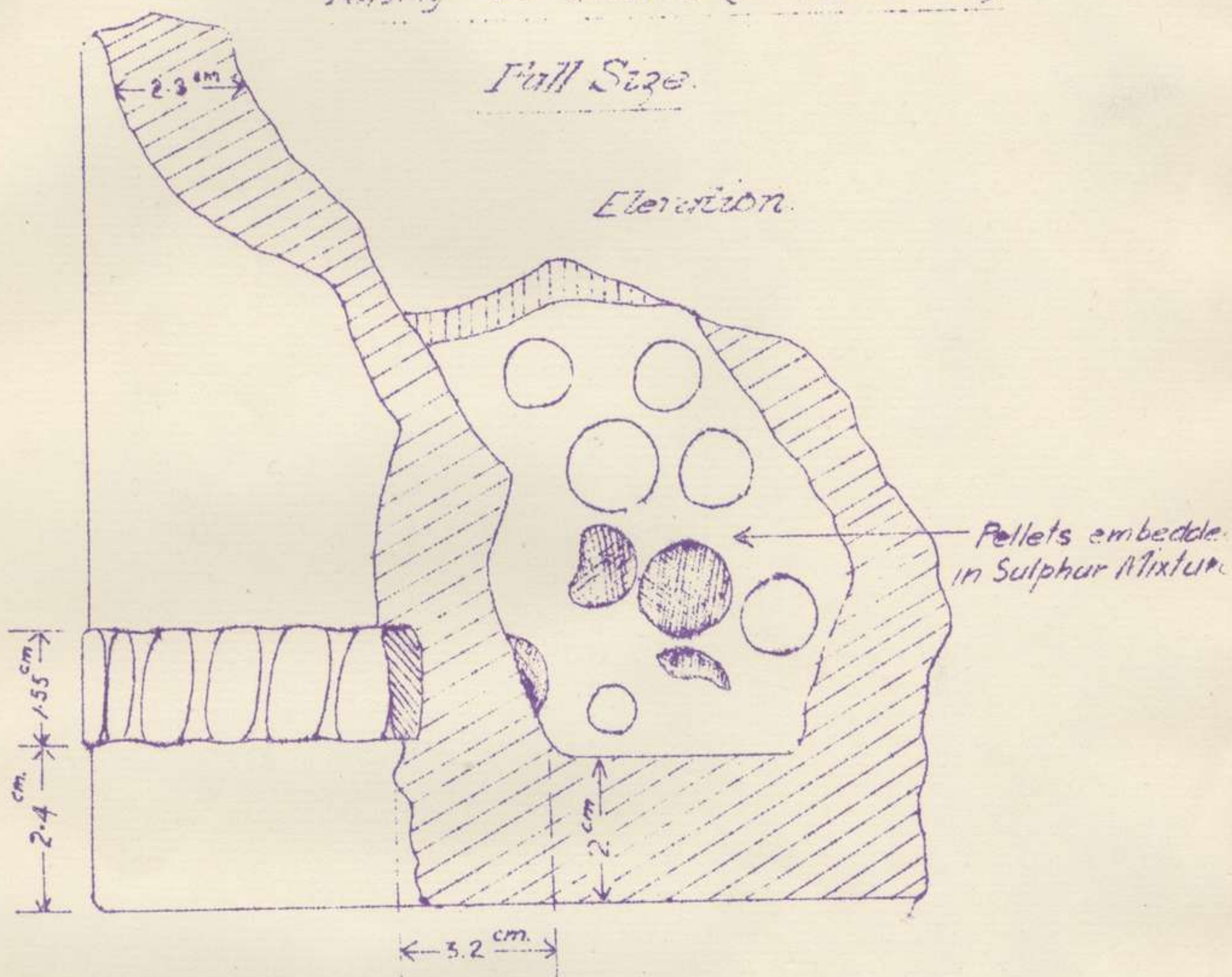
N.H. CUTHBERT. Lieutenant.
for Lieut-Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

REMARKS.

Enemy placed out 2 rows of white flags in NO MAN'S LAND in left sector. These are reported at point in direction of 2 of our T.M. Emplacements.

PORTION OF SHELL
Rifling 34 Grooves (Calculated)

Full Size.



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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 54. 12th. June 1916.

From 6 a.m. 9-6-16 to 6 a.m. -26-16.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken in to the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

Map Reference. Sheet 36.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery have been active during above period, on enemy forward works, communication trenches, billets and in registration.

On 9th. effective retaliation on enemy front and support lines N.9.c.&.d. and from N.6.c.7.4½ up to and including CORNER FORT.

Medium T.Ms. active on and behind enemy's parapet N.10.c.&.d. and at N.9.d.3.1½. where framework of a dug-out was destroyed.

On 10th. artillery in conjunction with medium T.Ms. retaliated heavily on enemy trenches N.9.c. & N.10.c. sweeping parapet 300 yards east and west of N.10.c.1.3½. 3 dug-outs reported destroyed and quantity of iron bars, timber and bgs thrown in air.

A similar operation carried out on CLAPHAM JUNCTION (N.6.c.) and CORNER FORT with good results.

Direct hit on house at O.13.c.5.5. caused large explosion.

CORNER FORT, communication trenches at N.11.a.6.0., suspected O.P. at LA HAUTE LODGE and dumps at O.2.c.1.0. effectively fired on.

Medium T.Ms. active against the ANGLE, CORNER FORT & TURN POINT (N.5.d.) which caused damage to wire and front line trenches.

On 11th. Right Group in conjunction with Medium T.Ms. and 6" How. searched and swept front line 300 yards east and west of N.9.d.0.1½. with considerable damage to enemy forward works.

Left Group combined with Medium T.Ms. operated on CORNER FORT,

THE ANGLE, THE LOZENGE and FIFTH POINT. Parapet breached in places. Good bursts observed.

New enemy crater N.10.c.2.4½. and four other craters in vicinity were occupied by one of our patrols on night of 9th/10th. New crater reported as 4'6" deep with pool of water in centre.

Each night crater at N.10.c.8.6. is occupied by us also strong covering party for engineers placed out at N.9.d. No enemy patrols met except on night of 11th/12th, when one enemy patrol was located and fired on with M.gs. No apparent result.

On night 10th/11th. one patrol observed a dog from enemy's lines which came up, sniffed at them and disappeared.

On night 11th/12th, small quantity of light enamel and "DE" wire was found and cut close to our trip wires. Attached was small piece of looped steel wire (¼" diam) with ends stuck in ground.

Last night 2 officers and 2 other patrols went out from left Brigade and report our wire weak in places. No enemy patrols observed.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Yesterday, party of 35 men observed passing gap in enemy trench, were wearing grey cloth caps with narrow brown band and silver grenade shaped badge. light

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Red screen 4 feet square with vertical white stripe about 9" wide, on wooden framework observed to rise and fall behind parapet at O.1.a.2.7. on 9th.

At N.9.c.0.1½. in front of enemy parapet River L.I.S is bridged by 3 duck-boards. At N.10.b.9.4. a steel plate has observation hole about 1½" diam. about 1 foot from loop-hole.

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During night 8th/9th strong poles showing about 6 feet above parapet with wire netting attached, erected, 15 at N.10.c.1.3. and 41 at N.10.c.2.3. New wire placed in front of N.9.d.6.1.2.

At N.10.c.4.3.2., 2 thick red cables run into enemy trench from westerly direction. Continuous pumping from pipe (about 4") at N.10.b.6.2.2. (previously reported)

New loopholes at N.10.b.7.3. and N.5.d.1.1.1. Much work on front line from N.10.c.5.4. to N.10.d.1.7. Parapet thickened at N.5.d.3.1. Single strand of barbed wire on stakes erected along

ROE BOUTILLERIE in NO MAN'S LAND from N.5.d.4.3. to N.5.d.4.4.2.

At N.10.c.1.2.2. enemy parapet raised about 3 feet with new sandbags for 15 yards.

SAPS. Communication trenches on either side of FLE DE LANGRE reported to have overhead cover. Latest aerial photograph shows new sap from N.15.b.3.4. to N.15.b.6.2.2. Sap reported branching from LES CLOCHERS communication trench at N.17.a.0.6.

T.M. EMPLACEMENT.

Suspected at N.10.c.5.1.4.

MINE.

At 7-45 p.m. last night explosion heard from NO MAN'S LAND opposite one of our mine shafts at N.10.c.8.2.9. No crater formed and no damage to any of our galleries.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke seen from house 0.31.d.4.4.2. Suspected at 0.7.c.2.1.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

Work on FROELLES-DU HOYON defences proceeds. Fresh wire in front of FROELLES Station house.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Sniping normal. M.G. fire active at night. Artillery weak in retaliation. Last night at 2240 heavy rifle and M.G. fire directed on our left Battalion for 30 minutes.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet	11 1/2 inches
at CELLAR FARM	3 "
Depth of River LYS at SAIL Y Bridge	10 feet 3 "

LIGHT RAILWAYS.

Trench train, (engine and 4 trucks) observed at 6-43 p.m. on 9th. at 0.31.c. Another (engine and 5 trucks) at same place at 7-5 p.m. on 9th.

RAILWAYS.

Engine on railway HAURBOURDUN to SEQUEDIN, P.14..c. at 6-45 a.m. on 9th. Engine at 0.31.c.5.4. travelling towards FOURNES-EN-WEPPES at 9-15 a.m. on 9th. Engine at FOURNES-EN-WEPPES station at 4-29 p.m. on 9th.

DUMPS. Erection of sandbags or timber reported in front of dump at N.21.b.2.2. Movement observed here.

MISCELLANEOUS OCCURRENCES IN REAR OF ENEMY'S LINES.

On 9th. When our artillery were searching wood in vicinity of 0.14.a.3.2.7.2 an enemy observer fell from a tree. Party of 20 men working at N.17.a.7.1. on 10th. Nature of work not observed. 50 men marching east on LE MAISONIL-THIROULME Road on 10th. At 1020 on 11th. house (about 0.13.b.7.2.) seen on fire for 20 minutes.

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ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Enemy's shelling not so active in last three days. Slight damage to SMITH'S VILLA 1081 on 9th.. LIMPO FARMPOST (direct hits on house) on 10th. and the front line

When retaliating with 6 4.2" shells, one fell close to guns, damaging sight and carrier, with 4 casualties.

LOCATION OF ENEMY'S GUNS.

Shelled at O.11.6.4.6. and O.12.6.2.6. (Observation of flash)

ENEMY'S PROJECTILES.

Attached is a diagram of enemy T.M. bomb found at N.9.c. Apparently safety catch had not been removed previous to firing.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

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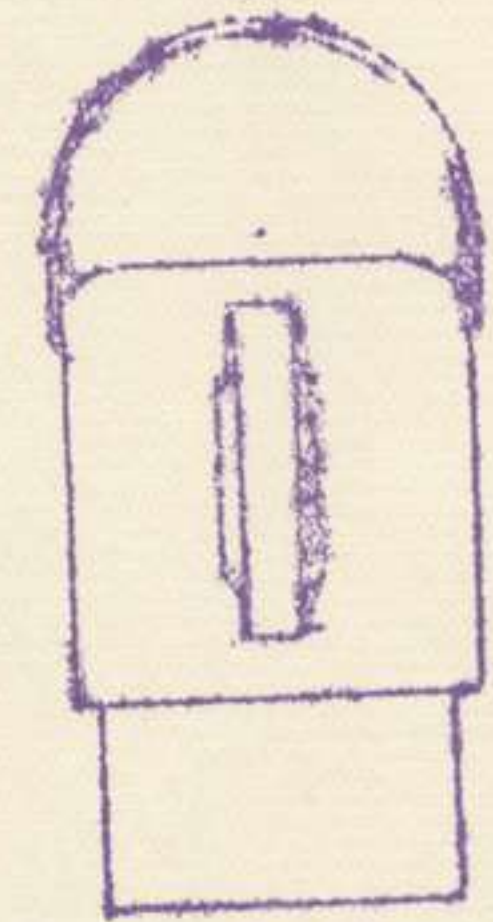
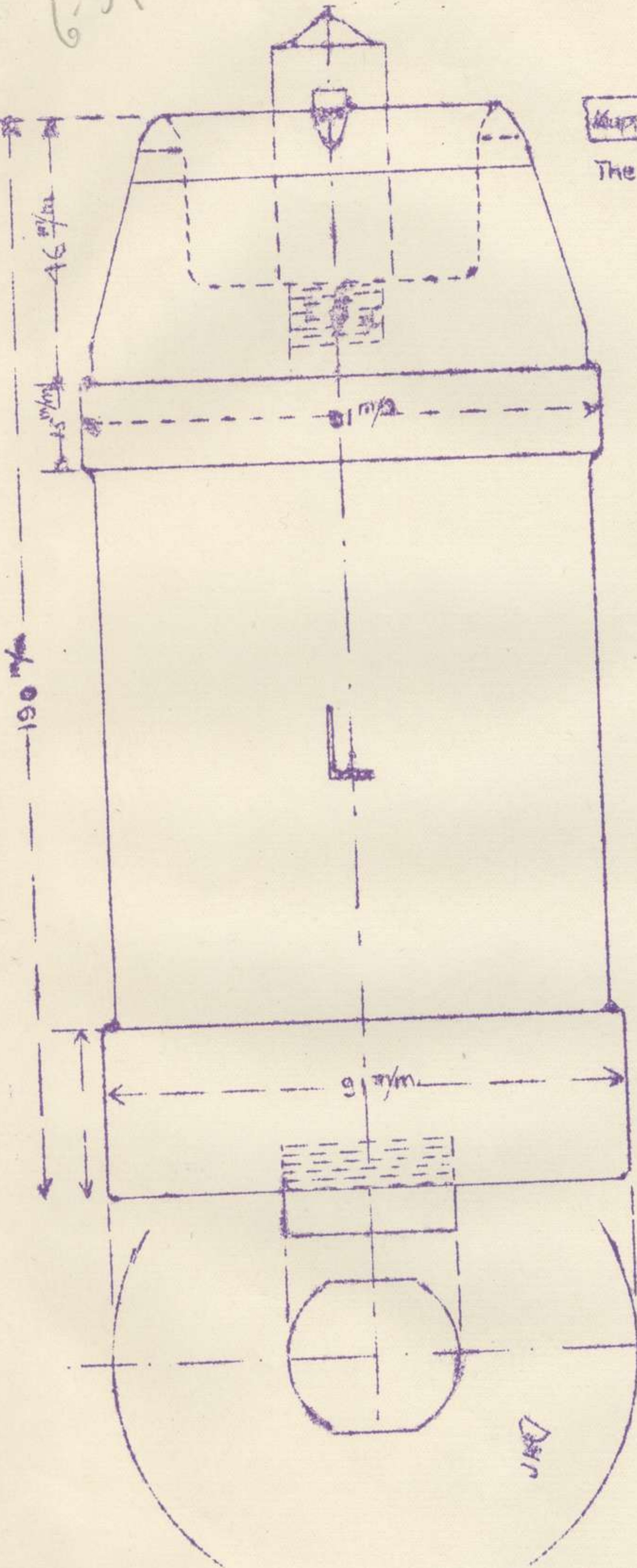
Yesterday afternoon enemy retaliated on N.9.c. and V.C. Avenue. Slight damage to front lines V.C. Avenue being breached in 2 places.

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Paper Strip.

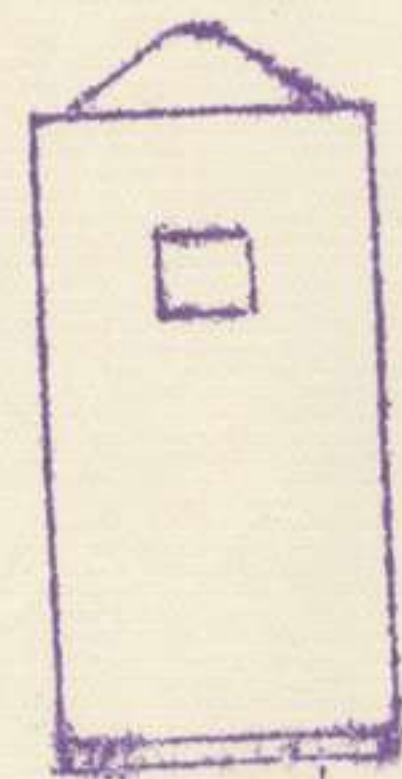
Kappe am Bügel Vor dem Schuß abziehen

The cap on the loop has to be pulled off before firing.



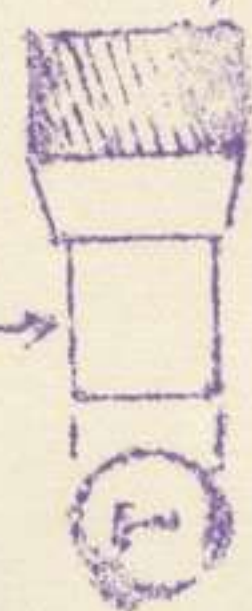
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CONFIDENTIAL.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 56. 14-6-1916.From 6 a.m. 12-6-16 to 6 a.m. 14th. 6-16.This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.Part 1. Information from our own front.OPERATIONS.

On night 12/13th. a very successful raid was carried out by raiding party of 6th. Bn. under Capt. P. D. MONCOUR, on enemy's trenches between the ANGLE (N.6.b.95.51) and the LOZENGE (O.1.a.15.65). The party was composed of matmen and bombers with 4 other ranks under Lieut. J. D. RODGER, right party under 2/Lt. A. J. HYDE and left trench party under 2/Lt. H. LOUGHLIN (each consisting of 1 officer and 11 O.R.) and supporting party (20 other ranks) of matmen, signallers, and stretcher bearers.

At 12-30 a.m. on morning of 13th, party left our trenches by bay 16, trench 46, getting into the "LIE" position by 12-50 a.m. When combined artillery and trench mortar bombardment commenced. Bombardment was carried out by 1st. Aust. Divn. artillery and Medium T.Ms. assisted by 2nd. Field Artillery Batteries and a Medium T.M. Battery from 2nd. Aust. Divn. At 1 a.m. artillery fire was raised forming a barrage behind and on flanks of objective. The matting party immediately advanced and commenced clearing a path through enemy's wire. Mats could not be used successfully as portion of enemy's wire in a wide depression close to parapet was still intact, so party slowly threaded its way through and entered enemy's trench without opposition. The right trench party traversed 2 bays where they found trench had been blocked by one of our T.M. bombs during bombardment. They took one prisoner, bombed a couple of dug-outs and killed 2 men. The left trench party traversed about 4 bays, they took 5 prisoners, killed about 10 men and bombed several dug-outs containing men. A machine gun and 2 trench mortars were found in this portion of the trench. The M.G. which was mounted on large metal platform was passed over parapet and carried by 4 men about 5 yards past their wire, where owing to its weight and the fact that enemy had opened up rifle fire from direction of CORNER PORT it had to be abandoned. In this position it was visible to our artillery observers and C.A.A. reports that it has since been destroyed by T.M. fire. Of the T.Ms. one was destroyed by exploding a Mills bomb in it. Party were in enemy's trench for about 5 minutes. Meanwhile a good gap had been cleared in enemy's wire and whole party returned to the "LIE" position in NO MAN'S LAND at 1-5 a.m. when artillery fire was redirected on enemy's trench. Party reached our trenches, being guided by white tapes at 1-13 a.m., when artillery fire ceased. Casualties. 1 Officer and 1 other rank wounded. 2/Lt. LOUGHLIN shot in leg while entering enemy trench, but was able to go right through with his party. Pte McKENZIE, a stretcher bearer, shot through neck on enemy's parapet.

On morning of 12th. our artillery obtained very satisfactory results with rapid fire on enemy working party of 100 men near N.17.c.42.0.

Yesterday artillery fired on house N.16.c.1.12. 2 explosions caused huge sheets of flame, setting building partly on fire. Building considerably wrecked.

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Enemy trenches and wire from N.9.c.8.1. to N.8.d.2.0 $\frac{1}{2}$. also at SUGAR LOAF SALIENT (N.8.d.) considerably damaged. Several direct hits on dump N.16.c.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

During yesterday our artillery and Medium Trench Mortar battery effectively fired on raided portion of enemy's trench and on machine gun loft in wire. Our machine guns traversed this section at periods during the night.

Crater N.10.c.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. occupied by party of our men during night.

An officers patrol from N.6.b.9.8. found enemy working on parapet and wire, damaged by our Medium T.M.s and artillery on night 12/13th. An officers patrol visited craters in vicinity of N.10.c.8.6. and found all unoccupied.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Six prisoners captured on night 12/13th belong to 230th.R.I.R. 2 to the 2nd. M.G.Coy., 3 to 11th. Coy., and 1 to 10th. Coy. (Normal)

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

New wire laid out N.9.c.41., N.9.c.5.1. and N.9.d.5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

New sally port being constructed at N.8.d.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Work continues at N.10.b.7.3., N.10.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.10.c. Number of posts at N.10.c.1.3. in front line increased to 24. Loophole reported at N.5.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.0 $\frac{1}{2}$. and sally port at N.15.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.1.

SAPS.

Work continues on extension sap N.17.a.0.6. Much timber and sandbags being used. Men observed handling heavy timber in vicinity of sap reported running N.E. and S.W. through N.16.c.8.9.

ENEMY'S REAR LINE OF DEFENCE.

20 White poles about 8 feet high erected in line from N.22.a.5.9. to N.22.b.5.3.

Trench at N.22.c.7.5. is being improved and extended in westerly direction. Work continues on FROMELLES-DU HOYON Line.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Beyond retaliation enemy shows little activity. Artillery activity considerably decreased.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR PASS	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Depth of River LYS at SALLY Bridge	10 feet 0 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

At 4 p.m. yesterday party of 20 men in dark uniform cleaning out ditch along RUE DES TURKS. At 11-10 a.m. 30 men in a field about 0.12.a. apparently watching experiments carried out in a trench. At 11-30 six 4-horse G.S.wagons passed along road at 0.0.12.d.2.8.

ENEMY'S SHOOTING.

Yesterday enemy retaliated with slight damage to parapet on V.C.Avenue, TROU & BEE Posts and front line about N.8.d.2.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

Enemy guns(5.9") at 0.10.b.7.5., 0.10.b.8.8., and 0.10.b.9.9. reported to have been moved.

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T.M.E.M.P.L.C. ELEMENTS.
Located at N.15.a.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Fires from between 2nd. and 3rd.
trees from left of group of nine trees.

MISCELLANEOUS

One shovel-full of earth observed thrown up yesterday afternoon between crater at N.10.c.8.5g and enemy's trench.

NOTE.

For information from prisoners see ANZAC summary.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 58. 16th. June 1916.

From 6 a.m. 14-6-16 to 6 a.m. 16-6-16.

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Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

On 14th. considerable damage done by our artillery on enemy works at N.16.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$, buildings at N.16.d.5.1., N.22.d.7.1., and N.16.d.0.9. and DELAPORTE AVENUE at N.15.a.8.5.

On morning of 15th. from 1-45 a.m. to 2-40 a.m. enemy opened up on our ~~artillery~~ front and support lines in vicinity of N.9.c.0 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. with artillery, M.G., and rifle fire. Our artillery retaliated heavily on enemy trenches N.9.c. till enemy action ceased.

Our M.G.s swept NO MAN'S LAND.

Yesterday our artillery obtained several direct hits on dump at BERNIERE MAJ. house N.24.b.7.9., billet 0.8.b.8.8., and house at 0.2.c.5.2. Our medium T.L.s fired 7 rounds on SUGARLOAF Salient breaching parapets for 10 feet and wire in 2 places.

On night 14/15th. an officers patrol visited enemy's wire in front of WATER FORT (N.5.c.0.9.) Wire reported in good condition Forward portion is waist high and about 12 feet wide, with trip wire concealed by long grass close up to parapet. Only cover is ditch 4 feet wide and about 2 ft 6 inches deep, containing few inches of water, running S.E. to this point. Ground is level and covered with long grass. There are few shell craters in this vicinity.

All craters in vicinity of N.10.c.8.7. were visited by officers patrol on night 14/15th. All unoccupied. Snipers position built of sods located on northern lip of crater N.10.c.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crater N.10.c.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ patrolled and found unoccupied each night.

Last night an officers patrol was bombed by an enemy patrol who were apparently waiting for them. Casualties 5 (very slight) Our patrol withdrew. Enemy's casualties unknown.

3 strong enemy patrols at N.10.c. apparently intending to cut off one of our patrols, were dispersed by M.G. fire.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

2 sally ports suspected at N.11.a.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.9. and N.5.d.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Quantity of 6" logs and 6" x 2" timber projecting over parapet at N.6.c.5.5. New wire put out at 0.1.a.3.7. Parapet thickened at 0.1.a.3.7. Party of 30 men carrying timber near dump N.16.c.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. (dispersed by artillery) Nine additional poles at N.10.b.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$

SNIPERS POSNS.

4 loop hole plates in position at N.11.a.9.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.
In northern lip of crater N.10.c.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Suspected in roof of house N.10.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.0.

T.M.E. PLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.11.b.0 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. and N.14.b.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.7.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Smoke from chimney of house 0.14.b.4.4. also at N.11.c.6.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

Fresh earth at N.23.a.5.6.

M.G. REPLACEMENT.

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Confirmed at N.11.a.9½.9½.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy's artillery still inactive. Very few 5.9" shells have been fired for several days. Retaliation very weak, consisting mainly of 77 mm and 4.2" shells. It is thought enemy has removed some of larger calibre guns.

Snipers more active than usual in right sector.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 6¾ inches

at CLIMAR FARM 5¾ "

Depth of River LYS at SALLY Bridge 10 feet 0 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Much more traffic than usual on road at P.13.a.8.2. on 14th.

Working party of 20 men working on dugout in field at O.12.b.0.1.

Yesterday 1 two-horse wagon passed along road in O.12.d. towards ESCOBECQUES. Screens erected along road in O.13.c. These effectively hide movement into house at O.13.c.9.6½.

Party of 20 men in single file at O.25.c.0.1.

Party of 21 men passed along road BLAUCHAMPS-FOURNES.

Movement about dug-out at O.10.a.4.4.

ENEMY'S SH. LLING.

In active.

10 aerial torpedoes fired on our front line at N.8.d.5.9½.
Parapet damaged.

M.M. CUTHBERT. Lieutenant.
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1st. Australian Division.

CONFIDENTIAL1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 61 19th June 1916.

From 6 a.m. 16th. June. to 6 a.m. 19th. June. 1916.

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 Part I. Information from our own Front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery on 16th. inst. shelled hostile gun positions at N.24.a.3.4., N.22.d.9.2½., N.28.c.3.3., and N.22.d.9.7½. and the light railway on road at O.13.c.8½.5½. On 17th. inst we shelled the buildings of DE HOYON, FROMELLES station and FROMELLES as well as enemy trench between O.1.a.2.6½. and O.1.a.6.8. and CORNER FORT

Our light and medium T.M.s have done effective shooting on enemy front line.

Yesterday one of our howitzer batteries fired some very effective series on new works at N.16.c.1½.1½., buildings in FROMELLES between and N.23.a.2.6., N.23.a.1.1. and N.23.a.6½.2½.

The ruins of FROMELLES Church were successfully shelled. Effective retaliation carried out on enemy trenches from N.9.d.1.0. to N.9.d.3.1. and from N.9.c.4.1. to N.9.d.2.1.

TERK POINT, WATER FORT and CORNER FORT were effectively shelled by our T.M.s. in co-operation with field guns.

The shelling of enemy trenches at above points during yesterday resulted in considerable damage to his parapet and wire.

Our patrols have been active all along our front and all craters have been occupied ~~by~~ nightly.

Two prisoners were taken last night by our right Battalion. They belonged to an enemy patrol which bombed one of our listening posts. They were taken at about N.9.c.1.6. by the covering party to one of our working parties. One of the prisoners was wounded. Preliminary examination attached. *patrols*

A hostile patrol was engaged with bombs and rifle fire by one of our crater patrols at about N.10.c.7.7. last night. The enemy retired and our patrol continued and examined the ground but found no further signs of enemy.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

See preliminary examination of prisoners.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

During nights 16/17th. and 17/18th. enemy have cut down 5 tall trees at N.10.b.8½.4. behind their lines.

The enemy works continuously strengthening his front line by revetting with stout props and thickening his parapet.

LISTENING POSTS.

Recent air photographs show that the enemy has been using the following forward listening posts for covering patrols for his wiring parties:- N.11.a.5.7., N.5.d.1½.½., N.5.d.8½.1. (THE NEEDLE) and N.6.c.3½.3½., N.6.c. (central)

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Emplacement at N.9.c.3.1. has been considerably strengthened.

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.11.a.8.6.

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MINES.

At 11-30 p.m. last night we fired a camouflet which formed a small crater in vicinity of CH. LAR at N.10.c.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crater was visited by our patrols during the night.

ENEMY'S PATROLS.

See preliminary examination of prisoner.

ENEMY'S REAR LINES OF DEFENCE.

Recent air photographs and observations show the new communication trench from LES CLOCHERS passing west of MAE DE NGRE to have been well developed and traversed.

New fire trench from N.16.b.6.5. to N.16.b.6.4. has had considerable work done on it. The extension of this trench from N.17.a.0.6. to N.17.a.4.5. can now be observed from here by us and is being timbered.

The screened trench at about N.21.d.8.2. is being worked on.

Recent air photographs show that work has been done on the

DU ROYON-LE MAISONNIL Line.

Mounds of new earth are observed at N.23.a.2.2. and N.22.c.4.5

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Normal

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LIES at our parapet 7 inches.

at CH. LAR 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Depth of River LYS at SALLY Bridge 10 feet 3 "

ROUTES AND TRACKS USED BY ENEMY.

The track from LE MAISONNIL to LE HAUTE LOGE frequently used by enemy.

At 9-15 p.m. two motor vans came from FROMMERS along road towards the line and turned off towards LES CLOCHERS.

At 9-20 p.m. four parties of 12 men followed same route.

At 8-55 p.m. 15 men approached LES CLOCHERS from N.17.a.3.3. followed by a horse drawn vehicle. This is a track that is frequently used.
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MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES

Normal road movement generally and normal train movements observed in JOURNALS in last three days.

RELIEFS.

See preliminary examination of prisoner.

SEARCHLIGHTS.

Large searchlight reported from direction of BAS MAISONNIL and small searchlight from THE LOZENGE during last night. The latter was extinguished on being fired on.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Building at CROIX MARCHEL was shelled and burnt down during yesterday afternoon. House at CROIX LES CORNEZ was also set on fire.

Our front system at N.9.c. and N.10.c. was shelled during the afternoon.

Preliminary examination of prisoner and Wireless News attached.

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for Lieut-Colonel.General Staff
1st.Australian Division.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF PRISONER TAKEN BY NIGHT BRIGADE ON NIGHT
18th.19th. inst.

Prisoner is 21 years old and belonged to the 11th. Company of the 3rd. Battalion of the 16th. Bavarian Reserve Regiment (Normal) 6th. Bavarian Reserve Division. The 17th. B.R. Regt. was on prisoners left and 21st. B.R. Regt on his right (Normal)

Prisoner was one of a patrol of eight, who were sent out to investigate one of our forward saps which had been reported by a previous patrol.

Patrols go out nightly and are composed of volunteers. They have strict orders not to become engaged with our patrols except when specially ordered to do so.

Reliefs take place every 6 days, a battalion being 6 days in trenches, 6 days in Regimental reserve in FROMELLES, then 6 days in trenches and 6 days in Divisional reserve in SANTES.

Reliefs proceed to the trenches by the main communication trench from DU HOYON to DELLEPORTE ME and march by platoons, the next relief being tomorrow night 20/21st. after 11 p.m. (our time)

Prisoner states that FROMELLES Station was formerly used as an artillery O.P. but has been destroyed by our fire. Most of the buildings in FROMELLES have been demolished by our fire. Prisoner knew the ruins of the Church but did not know whether it was used as a M.G. position.

Machine Guns in the front line are moved about and used over the parapet at night. T.M.S. are kept in strong dug-outs and only emplaced just before ~~beginning~~ being used.

Prisoner states that his whole company stands to on the fire step for the greater part of the night and that during the day 3 men per platoon are on duty the rest sleeping in dug-outs. During shelling he states that the safest place is close to the parapet.

The examination of the other prisoner was delayed owing to his being evacuated to hospital. He was a "Gefreiter" (Corporal) of the same unit.

Prisoner states that a platoon of his company is billeted in the BREWERY in FROMELLES, a platoon in BLVERN RECHTS (F.M. DU HOYON) and a platoon in dugouts in vicinity of FROMELLES. BLVERN LINKS (F.M. DE CLERCQ) is a dressing station.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 63. 21st. June 1916.

From 6 a.m. 19-6-16 to 6 a.m. 21-6-16.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

On 19th. our artillery in co-operation with T.Ms. breached enemy parapet in N.9.c., N.9.d., N.5.d., and N.6.c. Effective fire was carried out on communications in N.15.b. and N.10.c. Several buildings forming the nucleus of important works in rear were effectively shelled.

During yesterday the BREWERY in FROMELLE., FME DU HOYON and the trenches in vicinity of LE CHERQ FME were successfully shelled.

Enemy trenches in N.9.c., N.11.a., and N.10.d. were shelled in co-operation with our T.Ms. in retaliation and considerable damage done to parapet and wire.

MARTINS CORNER and RADINGHAM were shelled by our field guns and howitzers in retaliation and considerable damage done to buildings.

Enemy Trenches in N.14.b. were shelled at 10-40 p.m. last night in support of the Division on our right.

Gun position in N.23.b. and d., a number of occupied houses and any movement observed were shelled during the day.

Our M.Gs. have been active with indirect fire on main enemy communications and with direct fire on breaches in hms parapet.

All craters on our front are patrolled nightly.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Enemy parapet has been revetted and raised several feet in vicinity of N.9.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.1.

New wire has been put out in front of the LOZENGE and in vicinity of N.9.c.7.1.

A dump of trench stores has been observed at CORNER FORT

The enemy is attempting to make good the breaches recently made in his parapet by our T.Ms.

The enemy communication trench from CORNER FORT towards the rear is being worked on.

LISTENING POSTS.

The sap forward from enemy trench at N.11.a.4.7. was worked on on 19th. inst.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Our artillery obtained several direct hits on suspected observation posts at O.9.a.0.6. and N.18.d.10.2.

OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Houses at N.18.d.3.3., N.18.d.1.9., and N.18.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.3. and FME WILLAMONCHY (N.33.b.4.7.) suspected billet were shelled during yesterday.

Movement observed in rear of FME CARTER (O.13.a.3.5.)

The shutters have been erected on two windows of house at N.23.a.1.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. in FROMELLE. Previously reported as probable Headquarters.

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ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.
Sniping and M.G. fire active during night but quiet during the day. Hostile artillery quick to retaliate for our shelling.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet	7 inches
at CHILLER FARM	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 feet 0 "

ROUTES AND TRACKS USED BY ENEMY.

The PROMETTES-PAYEM road is now being used to a much greater extent than formerly. Between 8-45 and 9-30 p.m. traffic passes down the road towards the trenches. This traffic was greater last night probably owing to enemy relief taking place. About 100 men and 9 transport wagons passed along the road branching off along RUE DES TURCS

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Smoke of locomotive seen travelling S.W. along light railway in rear of PROMILLIS at about N.23.c.1.9.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

A number of shells were thrown in vicinity of WYE FARM but no damage to buildings resulted.

At 6 p.m. YORK Avenue and vicinity was shelled and at 10-35 p.m. our right flank front line system was shelled with H.E. & T.Ms.

FORAY HOUSE and the CONVENT WALL were shelled and several of our battery positions shelled with out effect.

R. H. Carey.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 65. 23rd. June 1916.
From 6 a.m. 21st. to 6 a.m. 23-6-16.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery have been ^{very} active in last 48 hours on enemy front line parapet and wire especially in N.10.b, c and d, and in N.9.d. in co-operation with our medium T.Ms. TURK POINT, WATER FORT, as well as RADINGHEM were successfully shelled on 21st.

Yesterday the dump at N.21.b.1.1. was effectively shelled with aeroplane observation. Four of our batteries combined in retaliation on FROMELLE with good effect on any building that remained standing. Direct hits were obtained on the suspected position in the apex of FROMELLE Church ruins.

Enemy front trench system in N.9.c & d, N.10.b & d, and N.8.d. was shelled in co-operation with our medium T.Ms. and good effect obtained on parapet and wire. The ANGLE, CORNER FORT, & THE TADPOLE were also shelled by artillery and T.Ms. in conjunction and visible damage caused.

Direct hits were obtained on hostile battery position at N.17.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Several suspected billets and O.Ps. were shelled during the day.

An officers patrol went out from N.5.d.5.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. and examined enemy wire in vicinity of the NEEDLE. The wire defences were found to be very thick and consisted for the greater part of barbed coils similar in construction to our 'concertina' wire, and held upright by iron stakes. The patrol saw what appeared to be telephone wires attached to enemy barbed wire. The party were evidently observed as T.M. and M.G. fire was brought to bear on them. No casualties resulted and patrol returned safely.

parties were not covering our working parties, but no interference by the enemy resulted.

The crater parties occupied craters at N.10.c.8.6., N.10.c.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. without opposition.

Our machine guns brought indirect fire to bear on roads in vicinity of BAS MAISNIL and LETOUQUET.

Machine gun fire from front line prevented the enemy effecting repairs to his parapet damaged by our fire.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

New wire has been put out in front of the LOZENGE and the ANGLE

New work of revetting of enemy front line with stout timbers is proceeding at various points. This work has been constantly reported and now embraces practically the whole front opposite us.

The CORNER FORT communication trench is now a main enemy communication and much work has evidently been done on it.

Work proceeds in continuation of sap easterly from N.17.a.0.6 stout timber being used.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Observer seen using a telescope from roof of house at N.16.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.3. on RUE DES TURCS. This house has previously been reported as occupied.

Flash of glass seen from roof of house at N.18.b.5.3.

Suspected in house at N.18.a.4.1.

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TRENCH MORTARS.Located at about N.16.b.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Men seen to run out of building at O.7.a.9.6. on our shelling it.

Smoke seen from houses at N.17.b.3.7., N.18.c.8.1., and FME CARTIER (O.13.a.3.5.)

Smoke seen from suspected Headquarters at N.23.a.1.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Although enemy are acquainted with our forward saps on right flank, no effort has been made in last 48 hours to interfere with the work.

Enemy shelling has been more active. Otherwise enemy action has been normal.

CONDITION OF GROUND.Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
at CELLAR FARM 3 "

Depth of River IYS at SAULLY BRIDGE 3 "

NO MAN'S LAND IS now quite dry and hard.

ROUTES AND TRACKS USED BY ENEMY.

The FROMELLES-PATEM-LES CLOCHERS road is now used at dusk and probably after dark.

The road at N.17.c.3.5. is used from dusk onwards.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Small steam locomotive seen in O.32.a. travelling towards FOURNES at 10 a.m. yesterday. Locomotive and 12 trucks loaded with timber left FOURNES in direction of FROMELLES at 8-6 p.m. with 10 men walking in rear of train.

HEADQUARTERS.Numerous lines and tracks on recent air photograph meet at house at O.20.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. It is possibly of some importance.ENEMY'S SHELLING.

More active during yesterday. Our trenches in N.6.b. & c. were shelled yesterday evening. V.G. Avenue and trenches in N.8.b. and N.9.a. were shelled without effect. A number of shells were thrown at various battery positions but no material damage done.

CROIX BLANCHE was shelled yesterday morning but no damage resulted.

A number of light T.M. bombs were thrown into our lines in N.6.a & b. and N.5.3.

SEARCHLIGHT.

At 11-30 p.m. powerful light from direction of FME DE LA MARLAGUE.

WIND TEST

A small white balloons released from enemy lines in N.11.a. at 7 p.m. last night.

FUZES.

Fuze H.Z.05.Gr.L.B.Sp.16.M., brass with steel point and two aluminium rings, graduated up to 7000 metres fell in our lines at N.4.b. yesterday. Also the following, H.Z.05.Sp.14., H.Z.05.Sp.16., H.Z.14.0.Simson.15., and Gr.Z.04.J.16.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Steel cupolas covered with sandbags, burster layer and loose earth were struck by 4.2" shells yesterday and no damage to interior resulted.

Gas alarm given last night at 11 p.m. proved to be unfounded

Pigeons are frequently seen crossing over lines and the enemy's. our

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

Ph. Carey.

Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 68. 26th. June 16.
From 6 a.m. 23rd. to 6 a.m. 26-6-16.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

23 Our artillery has been very active in the last 3 days. On 23rd. inst. a large number of direct hits were obtained on dump at N.18.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. with aeroplane observation. On same day an effective combined shoot was carried out on enemy trenches in N.9.c. & d., our T.Ms. doing considerable damage to his parapet and wire.

FROMELLES was also heavily shelled and explosions caused by our fire on hostile gun position at O.13.c.4.7., in the dump at LE MAISNIL Church and in ammunition dump in EME MARLAQUE buildings.

On 24th. inst. we obtained a number of direct hits on enemy gun pits at N.24.d.2.5. and enemy's front line in N.10.d. was effectively shelled by our T.Ms. under cover of artillery fire. Suspected billets were set on fire at O.13.c.5.5., and O.13.c.6.8. Field guns and T.Ms co-operated in shelling CORNER FORT and the ANGLE.

A number of suspected billets and gun positions have been shelled. Our M.Gs. have been active with indirect fire on FROMELLES-HAYEM-LES CLOCHERS road and on other communications and on breaches in enemy's parapet caused by our gun fire.

Yesterday our artillery shelled FROMELLES station and buildings in the village at intervals throughout the day. A house was set on fire and several direct hits recorded on the BREWERY in rear of FROMELLES.

Suspected gun positions at N.23.b.7.1., N.23.c.5.6., N.22.d.8.9., and N.23.d.4.4. in rear of FROMELLES were shelled. AUBERS was shelled in co-operation with batteries on our right.

LES CLOCHERS FARM and communication trench, LE MAISNIL, BERNIERE FARM, and the dump at N.18.a.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. were effectively shelled in retaliation during the day.

Enemy front line in N.9.c. & d. was shelled throughout the day in retaliation in co-operation with our medium T.Ms. and gaps made in wire. An officers patrol which went out last night reports wire between N.9.d.0. $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.9.d.3.1. considerably damaged and thrown up on enemy's parapet.

Our medium T.Ms supported by field guns fired 45 rounds on enemy parapet and wire between N.9.c.5.1. and N.9.c.9.1.

TURK POINT, THE NEEDLE, CLAPHAM JUNCTION and SNAIL POINT were fired on by our medium T.Ms at 11-30 p.m. last night to divert the enemy's attention from operations on our left.

Suspected billets at N.21.c.1.2., N.27.a.5.2., N.10.d.2.3., O.14.b.6.6., O.14.a.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$, O.14.b.2.5., O.13.a.6.7., O.1.d.8. $\frac{1}{2}$, N.18.d.9.2 O.13.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. were shelled effectively during yesterday, direct hits being obtained on all targets.

Our artillery fired 650 rounds on selected targets in support of the operation carried out by the Division on our left from 11-30 p.m. on a.m. last night.

A large working party was observed and dispersed by our artillery at N.22.c.(central) early this morning.

(to inspect) An officers patrol went out from N.9.d. $\frac{1}{2}$.7. last night on enemy's wire. The patrol was hampered by shell fire and M.G. fire and by numerous flares, but eventually approached enemy wire and found that it was much broken and thrown up on his parapet between N.9.d.0. $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.9.d.3.1.

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Operations (contd)

Officers patrol went out from N.5.d.2.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.6.a.7.0. and swept the ground in vicinity of these points up to enemy's wire but no sign of hostile patrols or working parties encountered. Patrols report only a few inches of water in the ditches.

The craters at N.10.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.10.c.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. were occupied without resistance.

Our M.Gs. have been active in keeping open all breaches in enemy's parapet and wire, and in indirect fire on his communications in rear.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Air photos show a new communication trench in course of construction from N.12.b.1.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. to meet front line at about N.6.c.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.5.

A dummy tree about 12 feet high was erected in centre of the NINE TREES at about N.15.a.3.6. on the 23rd. inst. and is still in position. The CORNER FORT communication trench is being worked on and is an important communication for this front.

The LES CLOCHERS communication trench has been considerably improved and strengthened and has had overhead cover erected where it meets the front line at about N.10.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.5. The parapet has also been improved at this point.

SNIPERS POSITIONS.

Located at N.11.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.6.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Anti-aircraft gun located at N.11.a.7.8.

MINES.

We fired a camouflot at 8-30 a.m. yesterday at about N.10.c.9.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Enemy were heard working in the face just prior to our blowing and as no crater was formed it is thought that enemy gallery was destroyed and at least one of the enemy caught.

The enemy fired a mine just after daylight today in close proximity to our blow of yesterday, forming small crater. No damage to our works reported.

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OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Man carrying a bag seen to enter house at N.22.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy has displayed greater artillery activity in last few days in reply to our own, but his M.G. fire and sniping has been normal.

CONDITION OF GROUND?

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 7 inches

at CELLAR FARM 4 "

Depth of River LYS at SALLY Bridge 10 feet 5 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Between 8 and 9 p.m. last night observers report several platoons in full marching order between LA HAUTE LOUE and LE MAISNIL. At 7-30 p.m. last night about 80 men seen leaving FOURNES in direction of Trenches, fully equipped and carrying rifles.

Since our carrying out indirect M.G. fire on the FROMELLES-HAYEN road it has been very little used by the enemy.

RELIEFS.

The movement of troops seen last night on the LE MAISNIL road may indicate relief having taken place last night.

According to prisoners statements the relief is due opposite our right Bde. tonight but it is known that the periods are varied from time to time.

HEADQUARTERS.

It is probable that the building at N.23.a.1.6½. in FROMELLES is still used as a headquarters.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

At 11-25 p.m. last night enemy fired 3 groups of 2 red rockets in quick succession followed by a single green rocket.

SEARCHLIGHTS.

Shortly after the start of our bombardment last night a searchlight was started from enemy trench at O.1.a. but was extinguished on our M.Gs opening fire on it.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

Hostile artillery has been ~~again~~ active in last three days, our front and 300 yards lines being fired on in retaliation for our combined operations with field guns and T.Ms. on enemy parapet and wire.

The enemy's Minenwerfers have replied to our medium T.Ms. their heavy projectiles being usually accompanied by numerous 12 lb. T.M.bombs. The flight of these bombs can usually be observed and avoided. V.C.Avenue and vicinity, CELLAR FARM AVENUE, the Salient in our line at N.6.central. and BAY Avenue have been shelled and a farm house at H.32.a.3.5. set on fire in last 3 days.

Between 11 and 12 p.m. last night V.C.Avenue and 300 yards line and CELLAR FARM AVENUE and vicinity were fairly heavily shelled and minor damage caused.

Buildings at G.25.d.8.8. were shelled yesterday evening. CROIX BLANCHE and LA BOUTILLERIE also shelled without effect during yesterday afternoon.

ENEMY'S SHELLS.

Several small "Tracer" anti-aircraft shells fired from small Q.F.gun have fallen in our lines. The shell resembles a pom-pom and contains a black granular powder which gives off a dense white smoke after reaching a height of 6000 feet.

The shells apparently contain no explosive. They are fired in rapid series of about ten forming a dense cone of heavy white smoke which hangs in the air for some minutes and on which subsequent rounds are corrected.

Part II. From other sources.

The Division on our left carried out a successful raid on enemy trenches at 11-30 p.m. last night, killing at least three of enemy and bringing back four prisoners. Hostile artillery retaliation was weak.

The Division on our right had a combined M.G. shoot in which 64 guns were employed.

Incendiary bombs were dropped from our aeroplanes on enemy observation balloon between LOAME and LILLE during yesterday afternoon.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

R.G.CASEY Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 70. 28th. June 16.

From 6 a.m. 26th. to 6 a.m. 28-6-16.

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 Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

On 26th. our artillery bombarded the TADPOLE in conjunction with T.Ms. and enemy's wire and parapet between N.10.b.7.4. and N.11.a.0.5. were very considerably damaged. Our shell fire caused fires in the buildings at FME DELANGRE and at LA HAUT QUESNOY and at MARLAQUE FARM.

Suspected billets, dumps and movements were actively shelled during the day.

Yesterday our artillery were active in shelling suspected billets. Houses at N.22.d.9.9. (LME DU PARADIS) N.22.b.9.4., N.23.a.1.5 $\frac{1}{2}$., N.22.a.1.7., O.15.a.0.1., N.18.d.10.2., N.24.a.4.7. were shelled, direct hits being obtained and considerable material damage done.

Dumps at N.16.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.22.d.7.5. were effectively shelled. Direct hits were effected on the suspected wireless station at N.23.a.3.6. in FROMELLES.

Suspected O.Ps. at N.22.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$., N.22.d.8.6., and N.22.b.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$. were successfully shelled.

Enemy front line in N.9.c. & d. was shelled in conjunction with medium T.Ms. at 4-15 p.m. and 5-15 p.m. Direct hits were effected on parapet, wire and dug-outs in rear. Rain and mist prevented accurate observation.

WATER FORT, TURK POINT, CLAPHAM JUNCTION and CORNER FORT were shelled in retaliation during the day, in co-operation with light T.Ms. Parapet and wire in vicinity of WATER FORT are reported considerably damaged.

Our M.Gs. have been active with indirect fire on the FROMELLES-H.Y.M. road, on junction of road and communication trench at N.21.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.4. and on the new communication trench under construction from N.12.b.2.7. to N.6.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. Fire from front line has been directed on gaps in wire and breaches in enemy's parapet.

An officer's patrol went out from N.6.a.7.0. and swept the ground in vicinity of N.6.c.(central) in an attempt to intercept a hostile patrol. No sign of enemy were seen. Two German "Cylinder-Stick" hand grenades were brought in.

Two other patrols were out with similar object but did not encounter any of enemy.

Covering parties to our working parties were established.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

Sounds like the mixing of concrete and shovelling of road metal have been heard frequently of late in enemy's front line.

An air reconnaissance of 26th. inst. reports much work having been done in enemy front line in way of concreting parapets, particularly in N.10.b. and N.9.c. also curious S shaped concreting visible in communication trench at about N.6.d.6.7. (CORNER FORT AVENUE) The above points to the fairly general use of concrete in enemy's front line.

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OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

Men seen loitering in vicinity of white house at O.13.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Smoke seen from house at N.18.b.6.8., at N.18.b.5.4. from THE CARTIER, and from small thatched cottage at N.11.b.9.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Man seen to approach house at N.12.a.8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy generally less active opposite our Left Brigade. Sniping and M.G. fire normal at night.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 7 inches.
at CELLAR FARM 5 "

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY Bridge 10 feet 3 "

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Enemy working parties of about 30 men at about N.28.c. (central)

Working party of about 30 men observed at about N.17.a.2.3. dispersed by our fire and one casualty seen to be inflicted.

Small locomotive seen travelling from BEAUCAMPS to FOURNES at 7-25 yesterday morning.

Party of about 40 men seen working on trench at about O.11.b.9.2.

Smoke of locomotive seen travelling south on line through P.14.a.

Movement of small working parties seen in trenches at O.13.b.2.7. and in vicinity of LES CLOCHERS communication trench at N.10.d.5.1. & 2.

Small movement seen on track between LA HAUTE LOGE and LE MAISONIL Church. Working party of 50 men seen at N.11.b. (central)

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

V.C. and PINNELYS Avenues were shelled without effect during the afternoon yesterday. CONVENT WAIL and DEAD DOG avenues and vicinity were shelled between 4 and 4-30 p.m.

Some shells were thrown into DEVON and BAY Avenues. No material damage was done by hostile artillery during yesterday

ENEMY'S BATTERIES.

Located by flash at N.30.b.5.5., N.30.b.8.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. and O.13.b.6.4.

ENEMY'S SHELLS.

4.2" shells with fuze HZ 05 Gr LB dated 1915 and 1916 are now falling daily in our left Brigade area.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Statements of prisoners recently captured is to the effect that our indirect M.G. fire by night is much feared by the enemy.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

R.G.CASEY. Captain. G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

ENEMY'S SHELLS.

981. 15. An unexploded 5.9" shell has fuze markings Gr.2.14.

m.W.M. (1915) composed entirely of brass has fallen in N.10.c. A Minenwerfer fuze (probably the medium T.M.) 2.s.u.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 72. 30th. June 1916.
From 6 a.m. 28th. to 6 a.m. 30-6-16.

This summary is to be regarded as a confidential document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

Part 1. Information from our own front.

OPERATIONS.

Successful raid against vicinity of WATER PORT carried out on night 28/29th. Two prisoners captured and about 15 enemy killed. (Full report in Corps Summary of yesterday)

Yesterday our artillery obtained direct hits on gun-pits from which guns had been seen firing at night at N.18.a.3.6.

A small explosion was caused by our shell fire on enemy work at N.10.d.0.0.- 3.2.

Combined series with artillery and T.M.'s were fired on trenches in N.8.d. and N.9.c. & d., the LES CLOCHERS communication trench, and front parapet and wire in vicinity of the TADPOLE.

Retaliatory series were fired on above targets at various times throughout the day.

A combined series with our heavy artillery was fired on enemy battery at N.24.d.3.5.

A number of direct hits were obtained on house at N.18.d.4.4. known to be occupied.

An O.P. in house at O.13.b.8.3. was successfully shelled and men seen to leave hurriedly.

A number of rounds were fired on selected targets from midnight onwards last night in support of the enterprise by the Division on our left.

A patrol went out from N.5.c.2.2. to examine old listening post at about N.11.a.0.6. A hostile patrol was heard returning to its own lines. Low whistles were heard and a number of flares were sent up and two searchlights started. When all was again quiet the listening post was examined and found unoccupied and showed no signs of use.

Another patrol which went out from about N.6.a.5.0. heard similar low whistling and a number of flares were sent up.

A patrol from N.5.d.3.8. and examined the small barricade across the road at about N.5.d.5.4. and found it unoccupied. Patrol reached a point close under enemy's wire and also heard low whistling.

The enemy are apparently very nervous as is indicated by the number of flares sent up during the night, the signal for which seems to be a low whistle.

A patrol from our left flank heard much work going on in enemy's lines, and on his wire.

Covering parties for our working parties were established. Our M.G.'s in the front line have been active on enemy's parapet and wire.

Indirect fire was brought to bear on roads and communications in rear.

ENEMY'S FRONT AND SUPPORT LINES.

The enemy are working on their parapet and wire in vicinity of CORNER FORT & THE ANGLE. The handling of iron can be heard in CORNER FORT. New earth has been banked up behind this point and hurdles used for revetting.

The wire has been strengthened in vicinity of N.9.c.1.1.

Damage to parapet has been repaired at N.9.d.4.1. and revetting with poles is continuing in this vicinity.

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OBSERVATION POSTS.

Flash of glass again seen in house at 0.13.a.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

M.G. EMPLACEMENTS.

Suspected at N.11.a.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

T.M. EMPLACEMENTS.

See preliminary examination of prisoner.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy is nervous at night and is throwing considerably more flares than usual.

Otherwise normal.

CONDITION OF GROUND.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 7 inches.

at CELLAR FARM 6 "

Depth of River LYS at HILLY Bridge 10 feet 6 "

DUMPS.

See preliminary examination of prisoner.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BEHIND ENEMY'S LINES.

Motor car seen on road at about 0.3.b.8.2. travelling fast along road to 0.9.d.9.9. at 12-45 p.m. yesterday.

Party working at 0.11.b.5.5. again reported.

Considerable traffic of wagons and small parties of men on roads in vicinity of FOURNES LES MOTTES Chateau, and ROSIMBOIS FME at intervals throughout the day. This has not been seen for some time.

Smoke from locomotive seen at 0.13.d.2.5. This line has not been seen to have been used for 3 weeks.

During yesterday afternoon about 120 men in small parties seen to leave RADINGHEM going easterly and about 160 men moving past MARTINS CAMP going S.W. The above parties were carrying packs.

RELIEFS AND LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS OF UNITS.

See preliminary examination of prisoner.

LIGHT SIGNALS.

At 11-30 p.m. last night two series of 6 lights and at midnight 5 red flares were sent up from enemy trench on our left.

WIND TESTS.

A small blue flag has been erected on enemy parapet at TURK POINT.

ENEMY'S SHELLING.

The CONVENT WALL, CROIX MARCHEL and SMITH'S VILLA were shelled without much effect. V.C. Avenue and vicinity was shelled with slight damage.

Our front line in N.10. was shelled without material damage.

ENEMY'S BATTERIES.

Located by flash at N.28.c.4.7. and at 0.13.c.4.8.

Wireless News from various quarters attached.

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1st. Australian Division.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF PRISONER TAKEN BY 1st. BATTALION
ON NIGHT 28/29th. IN VICINITY OF WATER FORT

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Prisoner/an Ersatz Reservist, 26 years of age and was a private in the 5th. Company, 2nd. Battalion, 20th. Bavarian R.I.R., 6th. Bavarian Reserve Divn. (Normal). The 21st. Regt is on his left and a Prussian Regt. on his right (Normal).

The Battalion does a tour of 6 days in the trenches, 6 days in LE MAISNIL and 6 days in Divn. Reserve in either SANTES or WAVRIN

The next relief is due on night 1st/2nd. July.

The routes taken by the relief are as follows:-

Two companies leave LE MAISNIL and go via the road corner at N.24.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.6. down the road towards the trenches to FME MARLAQUE enter the communication trench there leading to the trenches at N.11.a.5.7 from which point prisoner's company passes to vicinity of WATER FORT

The other two companies go from LE MAISNIL to the road corner at N.12.b.5.2. entering the communication trench leading past BAS MAISNIL to the trenches at about N.6.c.3.2.

The relief starts at about 9 p.m. - 9-30 p.m. and goes on all night, relief being by companies.

The dump for the left two companies is at FME. MARLAQUE and for the right two companies at O.7.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rations are drawn from these dumps at about 9p.m. - 10p.m. every night.

The Headquarters of the Battalion in the line is in LE MAISNIL and for the Battalion in reserve at house at O.20.a.7.7.

The prisoner knew of a heavy battery just off the road at about O.21.a.8.9. Pioneers are billeted in the CONVENT at BEAUCAMPS.

Regimental Headquarters are at LIGNY. The Regiment is commanded by Oberst WEISS and the Division by General. SCANZONI

The right flank of his regiment is at about N.6.b.8.4. and the left flank at about N.10.b.4.0., the companies being at present 7, 8, 5, 6, from his right to left.

Prisoner states that his Company commander is very unpopular. The platoon commanders are all offizier stellvertreter (acting officer). Officers dug-outs are fitted with electric light. All pumping is done by hand. Prisoner knew of no motor or electric pumps.

There are no T.Ms. in prisoners company but there are 3 emplaced on concrete beds close up to the front trench in the company front on his left (i.e. between N.11.a.4.6. and N.10.b.4.0)

The bread issued is sufficient but prisoner had had very little meat, sausage is issued once in 6 days. Beer can be bought in SANTES. Cigars and cigarettes are issued at rate of 2 per day alternately.

The road corner at N.24.a.2.6. is known as WINDECK, FME MARLAQUE as DEPOT FERME and RUE DES TURCS as TURKIEN STRASSE.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Operation Summary from Friday 26th. May up to 6 p.m. 1st. June 16.

1. An increase in the enemy's artillery activity has been noticeable, and on 2 or 3 occasions breaches have been made in our parapets and damage done to the Reserve line and communication trenches. On every occasion our artillery, assisted by the heavy artillery and trench mortars, has vigorously replied.

2. On the night 30th/31st. May the enemy made a raid on our trenches near N.10.c.65.65. The raid was preceded by an intense bombardment of some 125 yards of front trench, which demolished about 60 yards of parapet.

A heavy fire from our artillery was maintained on enemy's trenches and machine gun and rifle fire on NO MAN'S LAND from the flanks of the threatened point.

3. A few of the enemy penetrated into our trench, as unexploded bombs were subsequently found within our parapet, but their stay was of short duration. A few bombs were thrown as our infantry who had temporarily been withdrawn from the area of the bombardment, reoccupied their trenches after its cessation. No enemy were captured, nor were any dead seen in front of our parapet.

4. Considerable casualties resulted from the bombardment and a further number of men lost their lives as a result of being buried, there is however no evidence that the actual raiders achieved anything beyond slight damage to one of our mines.

5. The work of re-building our parapet has led to men being diverted from other defence works, which as a result have not made as much progress as they otherwise would.

6. Much patrol work at night has been done. Several small encounters have taken place and one prisoner been taken.

7. Our snipers have been active and claim some victims.

8. Indirect Machine Gun fire has been largely employed at night on enemy's communications. Prisoner stated that the fire had caused some casualties.

9. Casualties.

	Officers	Other ranks.
Killed	-	61
Wounded	2	152
Missing	1	13.

Major-General.

Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

Summary of Operations from 6 p.m. 2nd. June to 6 p.m. 8th. June 16.

1. A comparatively quiet period without any important item to report.

2. Much work has been done in rebuilding our parapet where it was demolished by the enemy's artillery fire on the night of 30th/31st. May. This has now been completed and the parapet is stronger than it was formerly.

In addition work has been done in adding to the parapet generally throughout its entire length, improving the Reserve Line, Supporting Posts and Communications.

3. The enemy's artillery has been less active. His fire has been concentrated mainly on our advanced billets, and has necessitated the evacuation of BARRIER FARM and CROIX MARECHAL, the latter being set on fire. Our artillery has retaliated vigorously to the enemy's fire.

It is reported that the enemy has shown increased activity with his Trench Mortars.

4. Our patrols have been active. The enemy do not seem to come out of their trenches much, and no encounters have been reported.

5. Much Machine Gunwork has been done, especially at night by means of indirect fire on the enemy's communications.

6. The enemy fires a mine this morning (8th) at about N.10.e.2.4. No damage or casualties resulted. This is the 3rd. hostile mine which has been exploded in this area, with no apparent object, and steps are being taken to have the locality photographed with a view to seeing whether a clue can be found to his intentions.

7. Casualties.

	Officers.	Other Ranks.
Killed	-	15
Wounded	2	69
Missing	-	-

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Summary of Operations from 6 p.m. 9th. June to 6 p.m. 15th. June 1916.

1. There has been a marked decrease in the enemy's shelling and it is thought that some of his medium artillery has been removed or are husbanding ammunition.

Our artillery have been more active and have carried out several deliberate bombardments of selected portions of his front line and of working parties and billets in rear without drawing more than a ^{very} feeble retaliation. At about 1 a.m. however on 15th. inst. the enemy commenced a rather heavy bombardment by field guns and 4.2" on on our right battalion, and it is estimated that he fired some 500 H.E. and shrapnel. Our artillery retaliated and continued to shell his front trenches till after he had stopped firing.

2. The Medium Trench Mortars have been active and in co-operation with the artillery have done much damage to the hostile trenches.

3. A successful raid was carried out by the 6th. Battalion 2nd. Infantry Brigade on the night 12th/13th. June. The artillery co-operation was carried out exactly according to the plan arranged. The enemy's trenches were entered between the ANGLE and the LOZENGE. Six prisoners were brought back. One machine gun and two trench mortars destroyed and 12 of the enemy killed, apart from those killed by the bombardment and by the bombing of dug-outs. Details were given in narrative forwarded on 13th. inst.

4. Work on the parapet and parados and on communication trenches was continued throughout the week and good progress made.

Wiring and the construction of more dug-outs has continued.

5. Our patrols have occupied the mine craters in NO MAN'S LAND each night and have inspected the enemy's wire.

6. The enemy blew a camouflet opposite the left battalion of the right Brigade at 7-30 p.m. on 11th. inst.

No damage was done to our galleries and no crater was formed.

7. During the last two days the enemy's snipers have been rather more active.

8. Much rain has fallen during the week necessitating much pumping.

9. Casualties during the week:-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed	1	8
Wounded	2	68

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Summary of Operations from 6 p.m. 16th. June to 6 p.m. 22nd. June 1916

1. Operations during the period under review have been confined to mutual artillery bombardments and patrol encounters. At times the enemy's bombardment has been heavy, but beyond a certain amount of damage to buildings in rear of our lines, little harm has been done.
2. Our artillery have daily carried out combined schemes on portions of the enemy's trenches, in which the Medium Trench Mortars have joined. These Mortars have proved most effective for breaching the enemy's parapet and demolishing his wire. The artillery schemes were prearranged and were carried out as retaliation for the enemy's shelling.
3. Good work has been done by our Machine Guns with indirect fire at night in the enemy's communication trenches and approaches. The effect can only be surmised, but the fact that it has of late led to retaliation on the part of the enemy, would seem to indicate that it is causing him casualties.
4. Two encounters between patrols are reported. In one two prisoners were captured, one of whom was wounded.
5. The improvement in the weather has led to the trenches and communications becoming much drier.

Casualties.

	Officers	Other Ranks.
Killed	1	16
Wounded	3	79

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Summary of Operations from 6 p.m. 23rd. June to 6 p.m. 29th. June 1916.

Artillery. 1. A marked increase in Artillery activity on both sides is the most noticeable point to record. The enemy shows little inclination to initiate bombardments, but is quick to retaliate for any offensive on our part.

Systematic bombardments have been carried out daily by our gunners with a view to destroying the enemy's parapet and wire. The Medium Trench Mortars have co-operated in these schemes and have proved most effective.

Raids. 2. On the night 28th/29th. June a raid was made by a detachment of 50 men of 1st. Battalion on the enemy's trenches near the WATER FORT. A short bombardment preceded the raid which entered the trenches without opposition in spite of wire being practically intact. The enemy showed little fight and the raiding party withdrew after inflicting considerable casualties, bringing two wounded prisoners with them. The hostile retaliation on our trenches was heavy and most of our casualties (1 other rank killed, 2 officers and 9 other ranks wounded) occurred during the withdrawal.

Patrols 3. Our patrols have been active every night and enemy's wire has been thoroughly reconnoitred. No encounters are reported and it is thought that the enemy does not often venture out beyond his wire.

Machine Guns. 4. Our Machine Guns have again been actively employed both by day and night. Prisoners have admitted the good effect from their indirect fire on communications in rear of enemy's line.

Work. 5. The work of remaking the defences has been somewhat interfered with by the necessity of repairing the damage to parapets and communication trenches caused by the enemy's shelling.

Weather. 6. Much rain has fallen which has made the trenches very wet, but the drainage shows an improvement as the result of the work done in cleaning and deepening the drains.

7. The 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade have been attached to the Division in place of 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade which has moved to the 24th. Divisional area.

Casualties. 8.	Officers	Other Ranks.
Killed	1	23
Wounded	8	124
Missing		1

Major-General.

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