

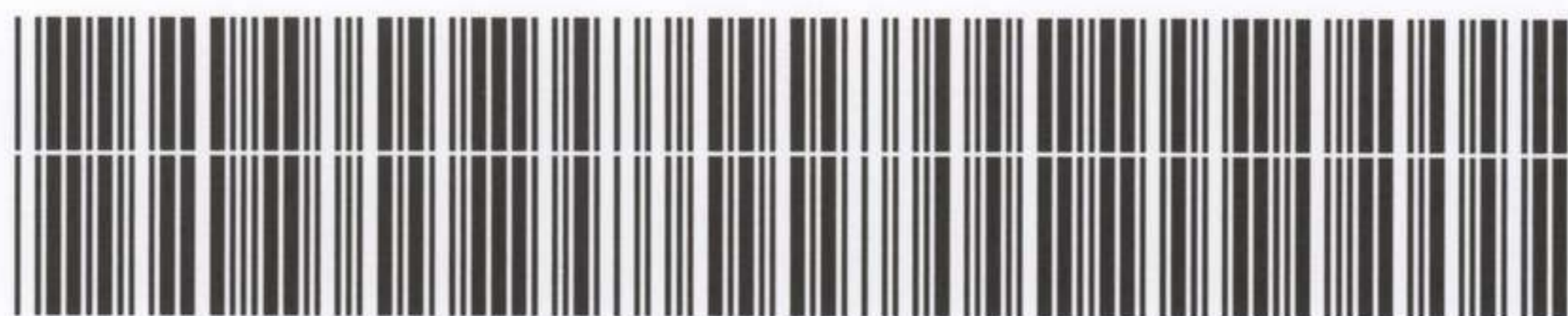
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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APPENDICES. Nos. I to XLIX.

To WAR DIARY for month of.

MARCH. 1917.

No. 60.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 20th. Feb. to 6 a.m. 1st. March. 1917.NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Operations carried out during the last 24 hours consisted of a systematic shelling of GREVILLERS TR. in M.5.a. and M.4.b., communication sap in M.5.b., and all known machine guns and road junctions in that vicinity. MALT TR. and the wire in front of same was also subjected to fire during the day. Several registrations of important points were also obtained.

At 12.38 a.m., during some heavy hostile shelling on our front, a light barrage was put down on S.O.S. lines at request of Left Inf. Bde. At 12.47 a.m., as the firing had died down considerably, this was stopped.

Offensive Operations. A post was established at M.6.c.2.8. A party bombed along MALT TR. from M.5.d.4½.3 to M.5.d.2.5 and established a post there. Further advance was checked by heavy M.G. fire. A bombing party advanced 15 yds. from MALT TR. up communication trench in M.5.d. where a M.G. prevented further advance. An attempt was made to enter MALT TR. at M.5.c.5.5 but failed owing to the wire and enemy M.Gs. which fired, one from each side of road at M.5.c.5.5 and one from M.5.c.05.45. A partial breach in wire was observed at M.5.c.3.6. Elsewhere it was intact. It is 15 ft. wide in the vicinity of LOUPART ROAD but further to left consists of single knife rests and trip wires.

Patrols. Patrols examined wire in front of GREVILLERS TR. from M.6.b.6.7 and M.6.b.4.7 and found it to be in two rows, each about 10 ft. to 15 ft. thick. Front row is 3.6" high, in good condition, and appears to be on wooden pickets. Rear row is not so high. Observation was obtained 700 yds. to the west from G.36.d.9.0. No gaps were seen. There was much movement in enemy's trenches at G.36.d.5.4: sounds of voices and moving limbers could be heard. Patrols report wire is damaged at M.4.d.8½.6½ and M.4.d.5.6 but not sufficiently to allow passage of troops.

Machine Guns. During the night indirect fire was brought to bear on LOUPART WOOD, GREVILLERS LINE & SUPPORT LINE from M.4.b.7.6 to G.36.d.9.2.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was very active. On three occasions a barrage was placed on WARLENCOURT, extending about 400 yds. north of it, by 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. guns from direction of BAPAUME. A number of lachrymatory shells fell in the vicinity of BUTTE QUARRY (M.17.a.0.7) and LE BARQUE SWITCH in M.11.d. during the night.

(SEE TABLE OVERLEAF).

Movement. A working party was seen at G.34.a.1.1. Four Germans in full marching order were seen walking towards the front line behind the GREVILLERS LINE in G.36.c.

Signalling. Red and green flares brought fairly heavy barrage on our lines at 5.30 p.m. and 1.50 a.m. At 12.15 a.m. a number of red flares brought on a heavy barrage of M.G. and rifle fire.

Strong Point. Enemy has a strong point at M.5.d.0.5½. It appears to be strongly held as is the C.T. from MALT TR. commencing at M.5.d.5.3½.

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Gas. Several Germans were seen to run from a gas cloud at M.4.d.8.7.
Observation. Owing to mist, observation was difficult.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre Rds.
M.11.b.4.7 to WARLENCOURT	10.5 am	AVENES les BAPAUME	15cm. 15
M. 16. b.	10.30 am	do.	15cm 10
M10c,d. M.11.a.	12.15pm to 1.42 pm	West of LOUPART WOOD	77mm 150
M. 11. a. & b.	12.30 pm	RIENCOURT les BAPAUME	Gas 20
BUTTE to LE SARS & GIRD TR.	12.45pm to 1.5 pm	{ BIEFVILLERS AVENES les BAPAUME	{ 10.5cm 77mm -
M.11.b. to WARLENCOURT	1 pm.	do.	77mm 30
M.17.b.1.5	1.30 pm	N.3.central	77mm 15
M.10.c. & d.	2.20 pm to 2.50pm	{ West of LOUPART WOOD	{ 77mm 100 15cm 21
GALLWITZ TR.	2.30 pm	-	{ 10.5 Barrage 15cm age 77mm
BUTTE & GIRD TR.	3 pm to 3.40 pm	{ AVENES and BIEFVILLERS	{ 10.5 Barrage 15cm age 77mm
M.11.a. & b.	3.30 pm	BAPAUME	do. do.
M. 11. a.	5 pm to 5.10 pm	{ East of LOUPART WOOD	{ 77mm 30 10.5 10
M.10.c.	5.30 pm	GREVILLERS	10.5 10
M.10.c. & d. & M.11.a.	5.45pm to 5.50 pm	{ East of LOUPART WOOD	{ 77mm 100 77mm
GALLWITZ TR.	6.10 pm	-	{ 15cm 53 77mm
Front Line in M.10.a. & M.10.b.	7 pm to 9 pm.	-	{ HE. 78
Front line and Supports.	12.45am to 1.15am	{ True bearing 20° 40° 333° to flashes from (M.15.d.9.8	Heavy Barrage

(In addition to the above, the vicinity of old NO MAN'S LAND was lightly shelled all along the front at intervals.)

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Capt
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2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 94.Divisional Headquarters,
1st March, 1917.

Reference - LE BARQUE Sheet 1/20,000.

1. In connection with para. 5. (1) of 2nd Australian Divisional Order No. 93, an attack will be made tonight (1st/2nd March) on MALT and GAMP TRENCHES.
2. The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will make the attack.
The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will co-operate on the eastern flank of the attack.
3. During the day the heavy artillery and the 2nd Aust. Div. Art. (including the two M.T. Mortars now in position) will cut the enemy's wire in front of MALT TRENCH on the line M.5.c.7.6 to M.4.b.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and for one hundred yards down GAMP TRENCH from its junction with MALT TRENCH.
Orders for artillery barrages will be issued separately.
4. Zero hour will be notified later.
5. Watches will be synchronized today at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. with Signal Co. and 2nd Aust. Div.
6. On gaining MALT TRENCH a line of posts will be established by the 5th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. from M.6.a.3.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to the junction of MALT and GAMP TRENCHES.
A block and strong post will be made as far up MALT TRENCH towards GREVILLERS TRENCH as can be reached.
7. Acknowledge.

L. F. C. Martin Major
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 95.

Divisional Headquarters,
 1st March, 1917.

Reference - LE SARS & LE BARQUE
 Sheets 1/10,000.

1. (a) Immediately after the capture of MALT and GAMP TRENCHES preparations will be made to attack the GREVILLERS line in co-operation with an attack by the 2nd Corps against LOUPART TRENCH.

(b) The attack will be made on the front G.35.d.9.7 to M.4.b.2.9 and will include the capture of the south-eastern portion of LOUPART WOOD.

2. In order to facilitate preparations for this operation a readjustment of boundaries will be made as follows :-

Right Divisional Boundary - G.35.d.9.7 - G.36.c.0.2 - M.12.a.75.75 - M.17.central, thence along present Divisional Boundary.

Left Divisional Boundary - G.34.central - G.34.d.3.0 - M.4.d.5.8, thence down GAMP TRENCH to present Divisional Boundary.

Inter-Brigade Boundary - G.35.d.0.6 - G.35.d.2.0, thence down old communication trench (inclusive to Right Bde.) to M.5.d.6.6 - Cross Roads at M.11.a.6½.3 - M.16.c.3½.6, thence along present Inter-Brigade Boundary.

3. Any movement of troops necessary to effect these re-adjustments will be completed during the night 1st/2nd March, details being arranged between brigade commanders and commanders of flanking brigades. Completion of adjustment will be reported to D.H.Q.

4. Posts will be relieved by day where possible. If a post can only be relieved by night a proportion of the old garrison will remain there till just before daylight on the 2nd March, and will withdraw under the orders of the commander of the relieving garrison.

5. The front of the Division will be established after the capture of MALT and GAMP TRENCHES on the line M.6.a.30.35 - M.4.d.50.90, from which line the attack against the GREVILLERS line will be made.

This line will at first be held as an outpost line. When constructing posts or fire-bags special attention will be given to protection against enfilade artillery and M.G. fire from the East.

To conform with the above movement, the 1st Australian Division is to establish posts on the line TRIP TRENCH (N.1.b.6.2) - M.6.a.30.35.

6. Acknowledge.

L. F. Arthur Major
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Lieut.-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 2nd Aust. Div.

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2 - 3 - 1917.SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 1st. March to 6 a.m. 2nd. March, 1917.NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. An enemy O.P. at G. 34. a. 5. 1. was fired upon by our 18 pdrs. at 11.45 a.m. Our 4.5" howitzers shelled the machine gun positions at M. 5. c. 15. 50., M. 5. c. 8. 6. and M. 5. c. 7. 6. In the afternoon 18pdrs. were employed for wire cutting in front of MALT TRENCH Registrations were also carried out. During the night light barrages were put down several times on account of enemy's bombardment. At 3 a.m. the artillery co-operated in the attack on MALT TRENCH.

Offensive Operations. at 10³⁰ p.m. under cover of our artillery barrage on LAYTON ALLEY in M. 5. b. a party bombed up the trench and thus engaged his attention while another party from the valley East of the trench attacked him in rear. Enemy was completely taken by surprise and strong point at M. 5. d. 6. 6. was captured. Six prisoners of the 5th. Coy. 2nd. Bn. 1st. Guards Reserve Regt and a sergeant of the 5th. Grenadier Guards were taken. At 3 a.m. MALT AND GAMP TRENCHES from LOUPART ROAD to M. 4. d. 3¹/₂. 6 were attacked under cover of artillery barrage. The wire in front of MALT TRENCH to the W. of Junction temporarily held up the attackers on the left. Enemy was driven from MALT TRENCH between LOUPART ROAD and TRENCH junction (M. 4. d. 7. 7.) The right party after a hard fight finally penetrated 300 yards to the east of LOUPART ROAD. 2 Machine Guns, 3 small trench mortars and 63 prisoners were taken.

Patrols. A patrol observed the wire in front of the GREVILLERS LINE from M. 6. b. 7. 8. Behind the first row (3'6" high and in form of a fence with 5 strands of wire) there are thick entanglements about 12" high on four rows of stakes. Fresh earth was not loed at G. 36. d. 5. 3¹/₂. Enemy were observed filling sandbags and chopping wood in copse near this point. Eleven men were seen at one time and much movement heard in the copse. No movement was observed in the trench but sounds of a number of men were heard.

Trench Mortars. Stokes guns co-operated successfully in our operations during the night and an enemy Strong Point in MALT TRENCH in M. 5. d. was knocked out and 4 dead Germans were lying in it when our troops occupied it.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Enemy artillery remained active during the day.
(SEE TABLE OVERLEAF)

Signalling. At 12.15 a.m. the enemy sent up flares bursting into three Red stars followed by flares bursting into single Green stars. Hostile artillery immediately opened fire.

At 12.20 a.m. the enemy sent up flares bursting into Green stars and immediately the hostile artillery ^{fire} slackened on that part of the line.

Aircraft. Hostile aircraft was active throughout the day. At 4.20 p.m. five hostile planes flew over MARTINPUCH at a considerable height.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre	rds.
HEXHAM ROAD M.17.c	3.50p.m.		21c.m.	12
GALLWITZ TR. & INF. BDE. H.Q.	5.50 to 6.10p.m.	West of LOUPART WOOD	77m.m.	53.
FRONT LINE, SUPPORTS, LE BARQUE STITCH, WARLENCOURT	6 to 6.15p.m.		15c.m.	
LE COUPEGUEULE BAPAUME RD.	6.45 to 6.50p.m.	E & W LOUPART WOOD	77m.m.	100
M.10.c., M.10.d., M.17.a.	7p.m. to 9p.m.	West of Loupart Wood	-do-	78.
FRONT LINE	-do-		21c.m.	4.
LE COUPE GUEULE	12.7 to 12.35a.m.	E & W LOUPART WOOD	77m.m.	100)
M.10c. & d.			10.5c.m.	50)
BAPAUME ROAD	11 to 11.30 p.m.		21c.m.	
FRONT LINE and SUPPORTS	12.10 to 2a.m.	(True bearing $33^{\circ} 20'$ & (40° from M.15.d.9.8.	(77m.m.	
			(10.5c.m.	
			(15c.m.	
INF. BDE. H.Q., GALLWITZ & LE SACS	3 a.m.	East of LOUPART WOOD	15 c.m.	14.
M.11.c.	9 to 9.20a.m.	True bearing $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ from	77m.m.	30.
Vicinity of BUTTE	9.25 a.m.	M.16.a.8.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.	10.5c.m.	
		BAPAUME	10.5c.m.	40.
M.13.a.&c.	2 to 4.50p.m.	-do-	15c.m.	25.
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2nd. Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
2nd March, 1917.

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

For Period 8 a.m. 23rd Feb. to 8 a.m. 2nd March.

1. GENERAL.

As a result of operations during the past week, our line has been advanced from 1200 to 1500 yards and is now established on the line MALT TRENCH - GAMP TRENCH, with posts pushed out in advance in M.5.d. and a. The occupation of this line has not been attained without considerable opposition on the part of the enemy, which has only been overcome after heavy fighting.

To conform with this advance our batteries have been pushed forward into the area BAUCOURT L'ABBAYE - BUTTE - LE SARS - D'ESTREMONT FARM.

2. OPERATIONS.

(i) British.

Indications of an enemy retirement were first noticed on the night of the 23rd/24th February, when enemy machine guns and trench mortars, which had hitherto been active, were silent, and no flares were fired from the enemy lines. Attempts to draw fire on the 24th were unsuccessful. Fighting patrols pushed out all along the front that evening found the enemy forward positions evacuated. These were at once occupied by our troops and our line established on the night 24th/25th February on the general line BUTTE - GALLWITZ TRENCH.

On the morning of the 25th February our patrols, pushing forward through LITTLE WOOD - WARLENCOURT and towards LE BARQUE SWITCH, were sniped on, but enemy quickly retired on his line of retreat being threatened. Posts were established to N.W., N. and N.E. of WARLENCOURT and in LE BARQUE SWITCH without serious opposition. Patrols pushed forward towards MALT TRENCH found it strongly wired and occupied by the enemy. An attempt to occupy MALT TRENCH in the evening failed owing to wire and enemy machine gun fire. Contact with the enemy was maintained during the night.

Further attempts to get into MALT TRENCH on the 26th February were again unsuccessful, but that night, in conjunction with the brigade on our right, a portion of the trench was cleared between BATTERY COPSE and the BAPAUME Rd. and a post was established in GAMP TRENCH and at M.5.d.5.1, in contact with the enemy. A detailed reconnaissance of MALT and GAMP TRENCHES showed that they were heavily wired and held by infantry and machine guns.

On the 27th February some further ground was made by bombing and a block established in MALT TRENCH at M.5.d.4½.5½. Posts were also pushed out to the North of the BAPAUME Road and at the North end of MISTY WAY.

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In view of the stubborn enemy resistance, preparations were made on the 28th February for a regular assault on MALT and GAMP TRENCHES. Trench mortars were emplaced to deal with the wire, which was also subjected to a bombardment by 18-prs. and howitzers. Our new posts meanwhile were consolidated.

On the 1st March the wire in front of the objective was successfully dealt with and on the night of the 1st/2nd inst., at 3.10 a.m., MALT and GAMP TRENCHES were assaulted by the 26th and portions of the 27th and 28th Battalions, 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Between LOUPART Road and the junction of GAMP and MALT TRENCHES the attack was immediately successful but the enemy continued to fight obstinately East of the LOUPART Road and N.W. of EMMA ALLEY. GAMP TRENCH could not be entered by the party detailed for that task owing to wire and machine gun fire, but progress was made up to a point 40 yards beyond the trench junction by bombing, and a block established there.

Some progress had been made earlier in the night in LAYTON ALLEY by the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde., which resulted in a block being established about M.5.d.5.9 and the capture of seven prisoners. An attempt by the enemy, on morning of 2nd March, to regain the lost ground was defeated by an excellent piece of co-operation between the artillery and infantry. A second attack, however, succeeded in driving us back nearly to the junction of MALT TRENCH and LAYTON ALLEY. A fresh attack drove the enemy back and a strong block has now been established at M.5.d.5½.8.

3. OBJECT OF OPERATIONS.

The above operations have been carried out with a view to

- (i) harrassing the enemy's retirement;
- (ii) maintaining touch;
- (iii) gaining a position from which an assault on the GREVILLERS Line from G.35.d.9.7 to M.4.b.2.9 can be carried out.

4. OBJECTIVES.

As given in narrative above.

5. UNITS AND APPROXIMATE NUMBERS EMPLOYED.

The dispositions on the evening of the 24th, when the advance commenced, were -

Right Brigade Sector - 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. disposed on a 2 battalion front.

Left Brigade Sector - 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. disposed on a 2 battalion front.

On the evening 26th/27th instant the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Left Brigade Sector. The Right Brigade is now on a one-battalion front.

6. ENEMY'S RESISTANCE.

As indicated above, the enemy showed little fight until our troops got into touch with him in MALT TRENCH. He has held this line stubbornly, and successfully obstructed our advance for 5 days.

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His machine guns have been particularly well-handled, firing from the MALT TRENCH line itself and from the WARLENCOURT TRENCH. Enemy artillery has also been active on lines of approach and on places likely to be used by us as headquarters. Occasionally intense barrages have been put on different sectors of our new forward area.

7. PRISONERS.

The total number of prisoners reported captured to date as the result of the week's operations is 71 O.R's. Of these 63 were captured by the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 8 by the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Captured material includes 2 machine guns and 3 trench mortars

8. OUR CASUALTIES.

Our casualties for the operation have not yet been reported.

9. RESULTS ACHIEVED.

MALT TRENCH, the capture of which was necessary as a preliminary to the more important operation against the GREVILLERS Line, has been captured. Considerable casualties have been inflicted on the enemy, his moral damaged, and nearly a mile of territory, on a frontage of 1700 yards, regained. Dumps containing a considerable amount of engineering stores have been found.

10. TRENCH MORTARS.

Medium trench mortars were emplaced on the night 28th Feb./1st March to deal with the wire in front of MALT TRENCH. These mortars were excellently handled under very difficult conditions. The wire was effectively dealt with. They contributed largely to the ultimate capture of the trench on the night 1st/2nd March.

11. ARTILLERY.

(a) Artillery action has conformed generally to that of the infantry. Batteries have been moved forward as mentioned in para. 1. Batteries were employed on wire-cutting on the 28th February and 1st March in connection with the attack on MALT TRENCH.

LOUPART WOOD has received a considerable amount of attention daily. On 1st March a body of enemy moving on the western edge were dispersed, and several observers reported in trees in the wood were specially fired on.

Heavy artillery has co-operated by neutralising enemy batteries active against our front; by shelling strong points, and by assisting in destruction of wire in front of MALT TRENCH and in the GREVILLERS Line.

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(b) Enemy Artillery.

Until the enemy evacuated his front system hostile shelling was normal, the usual attention being paid to LE SARRS and vicinity, MARTINPUICH, and the valley in M.27, 28 and 22, the BAPAUME Road and D'ESTREMONT FARM.

Since the withdrawal the fire on the whole has been slightly below normal, but on several occasions very heavy shelling has been reported, almost all firing coming from the direction of BAPAUME and its vicinity.

12. CHANGES OF DIVISIONAL OR BRIGADE FRONTS.

A readjustment of the Divisional Right Boundary, in accordance with 1st Anzac No.3/1636 of 27th February, has been made with the 1st Australian Division.

The inter-brigade boundary is now from G.35.d.2.0 down LAYTON ALLEY (inclusive to Right Bde.)- to M.5.d.6.6 - Cross Roads at M.11.a.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 - M.16.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.6.

13. CASUALTIES.

Our casualties for the period 3 a.m. on Friday, 23rd February to 6 p.m. 1st March, have been : -

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>
Killed ...	6	73
Wounded ...	19	290
Missing ...	2	30
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>393</u>

Brigadier-General,
T/Commanding 2nd Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 2nd Mar. to 6 a.m. 3rd Mar., 1917.

NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. The communication trench in M.5.b. was subjected to intermittent periods of heavy shelling throughout the morning. The medium trench mortars expended 40 rounds between 6 and 6.30 p.m. (1/3/16) in cutting the wire in front of MALT TR. at M.4.d.8.7, M.5.c.05.65, M.5.c.45.60, and in bombing the strong points at M.5.c.45.60 and M.4.d.90.65. The results were satisfactory. At 5.30 a.m. 8 bombs were fired at the strong point at M.5.c.7.7.

Offensive operations. At 5.25 a.m. (after MALT TR. had been taken) the enemy put up a heavy artillery barrage and at 5.35 launched a counterattack which was repelled, 4 German prisoners being captured. Later the whole line of trenches taken was cleared and consolidated. At 1 p.m., while the artillery bombarded LAYTON ALLEY and M.5.b.4.4, to junction with GREVILLERS TR. and along the latter trench about 100 yds. each side of the junction, a bombing party proceeded to bomb up LAYTON ALLEY and established a block at M.5.d.5½.8. 25 enemy dead were counted along the trench.

Patrols. A patrol reports two ordinary barbed wire fences, 100 yds. apart, each with 5 strands of wire, about M.6.a.3.4. Strong wire was met with about 100 yards from GREVILLERS TR. (G.36.a.1.1) four lines of stakes about 4'6" high wired in the usual way. Coughing, sounds of hammering stakes, and movement of transport in rear of GREVILLERS TR. were heard. At this point the patrol was fired on. It is estimated that 40 rifles were firing from a frontage of 300 yds. No machine guns fired. Another patrol passed through a gap in the wire at approx. G.35.d.9.1½ and met a second line about 10 yds. in rear of the first. Each row is about 20 ft. wide, well wired on stout pickets.

On the left patrols found that GREVILLERS TR. was occupied in strength by the enemy. Sounds of talking, whistling and hammering were heard, and also sound of a wheeled vehicle moving close behind the enemy line. A special patrol found no signs of enemy working in front of his wire.

Machine Guns and Mortars. Machine guns fired on enemy trenches and approaches in rear. During the morning 200 rounds were fired by Stokes mortars into LAYTON ALLEY at M.5.d.5.5, where the enemy was seen attacking down the trench. The fire was effective, causing several casualties and the enemy retired.

Sniping. Very little sniping activity on right: snipers active on left.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. MALT TR. was subjected to intermittent fire by 10.5 cm. shells throughout the day. A 21 cm. howitzer shelled HEXHAM Rd. about 4 p.m. Flashes of two guns were observed which appeared to be located at M.35.c.5.7. Flashes were also observed at true bearing 37½° from M.16.a.8½.1½

AREA SHELLED	TIME	DIRECTION	CALIBRE	RDS.	REMARKS
M. 22.d.	5 am. to 5.50 am	-	10.5cm	-	Gas Shells
LA COUPE GUEULE)	3.15am to 6.30am	BAPAUME	10.5cm	-	(Heavy Barrage)
M5d & LE BARQUE)		GREVILLERS	77mm	-	
M11.b & M.12.a.		GREVILLERS	77mm.	-	
LA COUPE GUEULE	9am to 9.30am	BAPAUME	15cm	10	
BUTTE deWARLENCOURT	9am to 4pm	GREVILLERS	77mm	-	Intermittent
M.11.a. & b.	12noon to 4pm	BAPAUME	10.5cm	60	
MALT TRENCH	1.45pm to 4.30pm	GREVILLERS	77mm	-	
M. 11. a.	1.30pm to 2pm	BAPAUME	10.5cm	35	
M. 5. c.	1.30pm to 4pm	BAPAUME	10.5cm	30	
M.23.a. & d.	2.25pm to 4pm	BAPAUME	10.5cm	16	
MALT TRENCH	4 pm	BAPAUME	10.5cm	7	

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Machine Guns. There were occasional bursts of firing.
MOVEMENT. Germans were seen in and behind GREVILLERS TRENCH frequent during the day. Enemy digging party at LOUPART TRENCH was observed and dispersed by M. G. fire.

GENERAL.
Names of trenches. Names have been given to trenches as under:-

- HOWSE TRENCH M.10.b.1.5. --- M.10.a.30.65.
- LAYTON ALLEY G.35.d.3.0., M.5.d.5.3., M.11.b.3.7., M.11.b.3.1. M.11.c. 7½.5½.
- EMMA ALLEY M.4.d.6.8., M.10.b.1.5., L.10.c.6½.7½.

RUSES. With reference to dugouts in captured enemy trenches the attention of all concerned should be drawn to the necessity of removing what looks to be yellow clay wrapped in paper and wired to small pieces of timber and hung on the walls of the entrances of most dugouts now taken from the enemy. This stuff which has the appearance of yellow clay, is an explosive. On 2nd. inst. 3 dugouts were found with this explosive at the entrance, and two charges had detonators attached. These dugouts were occupied by our troops who did not know that seering yellow clay was dangerous.

OBSERVATION Visibility low, observation poor.

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 Capt.
 for Lieut.-Colonel,
 General Staff.
 2nd. Australian Division.

PRISONERS. Particulars of prisoners captured by this Division on 1st, -2nd. inst. are as follows.

- 37. 64th. R. I. Regiment.
- 28. 1st. Guards R.I.R.
- 5. 28th. Regiment (Pioneer)

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M. 10. a. 30. 65.

AREA SHIELDED	TIME	DIRECTION	CALIBRE RIF. REMAINS
M. 10. a. 30. 65.	8 am to 8.30 am	-	19.50m - Shells
(LA COURNE GURULE)	8.30 am to 9.30 am	BAPARVES	19.50m - (Heavy)
(M. 10. b. 3. 7.)	9.30 am to 10.30 am	GREVILLERS	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. b. 3. 1.	10.30 am to 11.30 am	GREVILLERS	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 5.	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	BAPARVES	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	GREVILLERS	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	1.30 pm to 2.30 pm	BAPARVES	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	2.30 pm to 3.30 pm	GREVILLERS	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	3.30 pm to 4.30 pm	BAPARVES	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	4.30 pm to 5.30 pm	GREVILLERS	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	5.30 pm to 6.30 pm	BAPARVES	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm	GREVILLERS	19.50m - (Barbed)
M. 10. c. 6. 7. 5.	7.30 pm to 8.30 pm	BAPARVES	19.50m - (Barbed)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION GIVEN BY PRISONERS OF 1st. GUARDS R.I.R. CAPTURED IN M.5.b. and of 64th. R.I.R. CAPTURED IN M.4.d. and M.5.c.

Dispositions before attack.

1st. Guards R.I.R. sector from H.31.d.6.6. to M.5.b.3.9½. (approx).
1 Battalion front system.

LAYTON ALLEY nominally held by 1 M.G. and two sections (17 men) were just being relieved by about 40 men and 2 M.Gs. when we attacked. Remaining 2½ Coys. were in WARLENCOURT TRENCH in G.36. c&d. Company strength average 80 men. Each company in WARLENCOURT had attached to it 3 M.Gs. 1 Battalion in support in trenches round GREVILLERS. Remaining Battalion in reserve in BIHUCOURT line round about AVESNES.

Policy.

At first orders were received that MALT TRENCH and LAYTON ALLEY were to be held merely as an outpost line. Some days ago these orders were cancelled and fresh orders issued that these trenches were to be strongly held. Prisoner's impression is that the GREVILLERS - VILLERS AU FLOS line is to be held for two or three weeks.

Trenches and Defences.

WARLENCOURT TRENCH is a good trench and likely to be strongly held. It contains many dugouts and M.G. positions. Prisoners can give no definite location of the latter. GREVILLERS TRENCH is disused, being very muddy, and in some places full of water. Both trenches are wired. Wire in front of WARLENCOURT TRENCH is in two rows each about 7 metres thick distance between rows of wire about 7 metres. Prisoners do not think there are now any gaps in wire, and do not know of any forward posts. GREVILLERS is not occupied by troops, nor are there any other trenches in it except those shown on the map.

Reliefs.

There is no definite hour for reliefs. Times are constantly changed. Men move overground to the trenches. Garrison in LAYTON ALLEY used to be relieved every 24 hours.

OBSERVATION.

From GREVILLERS line prisoners say they could only see the tops of the trees along the BAPAUME - ALBERT ROAD. From BIHUCOURT line near AVESNES direct observation into WARLENCOURT could be obtained. Prisoners were told to look out for our posts in M.6.d.2.8. and 8.8. Although they could neither see nor hear anything suspicious there.

Artillery.

Battery of 10.5 c.m. N. E. corner of GREVILLERS in N.25.a.

Gefreiter of 64th. R.I.R.

Dispositions before attack.

Sector from M.5.b.3.9½. to about M.3.b. 1 Battalion in front line system of which 2 Coys. were in MALT TRENCH and 2 in GREVILLERS LINE. Coy. strength about 120 men. This Division had 2 M.G. Coys of which 6 M.Gs. were attached to each Coy. Support Battalion is in trenches round LOUPART WOOD and some recently constructed in the wood itself. Rest billets where reserve Battalion is supposed to be are in FAVREUIL.

Policy.

MALT TR. was considered most important by the enemy as it formed an excellent defence for their front line (GREVILLERS TR.) They thought MALT TR. was sufficiently strongly held to prevent us from gaining even a temporary footing in it. Prisoner said that on this account he thought no orders for a counterattack had been previously issued.

Trench Mortars.

No definite Minenwerfer Coy. was with the Division but each Regt. supplied men to form sections of Light T.M. Batteries. These Granatenwerfer have no fixed position.

Trenches and defences.

Main trench had been considerably improved recently and contained large numbers of large dugouts. Prisoner confirms information given by 1st Gds. R.I.R. about state of trench in rear of WARLENCOURT TR., FORT STEIN Line. Wire is in 2 rows 6 to 8 metres broad - about 6

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metres between rows. Pends of wire have been used on iron and woode stakes, trestles and knife rests. Wire in M.4.b. is mainly on iron stakes. All gaps have been filled in.

Prisoner knows of no forward posts between GREVILLERS Line and VALT TR. Plentiful supplies of bombs and S.A.A. in the trenches. One bomb store had been blown up by our T.M. fire.

Reliefs.

In the front line reliefs take place usually every 4 or 5 days at varying times during the night. Prisoner had come into position where he was captured at midnight.

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receipt of a later issue.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Location of Units at 8 a.m. 3rd March, 1917.

D.H.Q.	THE DINGLE.	X.27.b.6.7.
D.A.H.Q.	-do-	-do-
D.E.H.Q.	-do-	-do-
<u>5th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>	Shelter Wood Camp (X.21.d.)	Reserve Brigade.
17th Bn.	SHELTER WOOD CAMP	X.21.d.
18th "	-do-	-do-
19th "	SCOTS REDOUBT S.	X.21.b.
20th "	SCOTS REDOUBT N.	-do-
<u>6th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>	MARTINPUICH (M.32.c.8.2.)	Right Bde. in Line.
		(M.6.c.6.0 - M.5.d.40.25)
21st Bn.	SUSSEX CAMP (S.15.a.)	Reserve.
22nd Bn.	M.28.b.8.8	Support
23rd Bn.	M.16.b.5.5	"
24th Bn.	M.11.d.8.5½	Bn. in Line
<u>7th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>	MARTINPUICH	Left Bde. in Line.
(Adv. H.Q.)	M.20.d.6.5	(M.3.d.40.25 - M.4.d.8.8)
25th Bn.	26TH AVENUE (M.21.d.9.6)	Support Bn.
26th Bn.	W WARLENCOURT-BAUCOURT	} (ø)
27th Bn.	LE SARS (M.16.a.7.2)	
28th Bn.	nr. CHALK PIT (M.15.b.6.4)	
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn	GORDON CAMP	X.25.a.4.7
4th A.F.A. Bde.	M.22.c.4.8.	
5th -do-	X.12.c.5.4.	
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	LAVIEVILLE	
5th Aust. Field Co.	S.13.d.2.6	
6th -do-	S.8.a.9.8.	
7th -do-	S.13.d.2.6	
Div. Train H.Q.	ALBERT	108 Rue de Bapaume
5th Aust. Field Amb.	COMMANIAISON CHATEAU	
6th -do-	BOTTOM WOOD SIDING	
7th -do-	RECORDEL	
D.A.D.C.S.	ALBERT	
Field Cashier	ALBERT	
Gas School	SCOTS REDOUBT	X.21.b.3.2
Div. Bomb. School	X.21.b.	
Mobile Vet. Section	ALBERT	North Chimney
Salvage Coy.	X.22.a.4.6	
Div. Post Office	THE DINGLE	X.27.b.6.7
Div. Reinft. Training Camp	BECOURT	

2.3.17.

(ø) Two battalions to remain in line -
one battalion to be withdrawn from line night 2/3rd March.

M. Hutton Capt.
for Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 96.

Divisional Headquarters,
3rd March, 1917.

Reference - (LE SANS to LOUPART WOOD &
LE BARQUE Sheet 1/10,000.

1. (a) As a preliminary operation to the attack on LOUPART TRENCH, which will be carried out in conjunction with the attack by this Division on the GREVILLERS-WARLENCOURT TRENCH, the 2nd (Imperial) Division is attacking the GREVILLERS TRENCH from M.4.a. 4.4 to G.32.d.70.15 at an early date.

(b) The attack is to be carried out by the 99th Inf. Bde.

2. The 2nd Australian Division will co-operate in this operation as follows : -

(a) The G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will make preparations to raid with the intention of holding the junction of the GREVILLERS and MALT TRENCHES, and establishing blocks about M.4.b. 4.5½ - M.4.b.1.6½ - M.4.b.0.6, and to neutralise with Stokes mortar and rifle grenades any enemy machine guns which might enfilade the attack of the 2nd Division.

A machine gun barrage will also be placed on LOUPART TRENCH.

(b) The C.R.A. will arrange to keep under fire from artillery and medium trench mortars the GREVILLERS TRENCH and trenches North up to, and including, LOUPART WOOD, from which the enemy might enfilade the right flank of the attack, and to place a box round the point to be raided by 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

3. Preparations for this operation will be put in hand at once under mutual arrangements to be made between C's.R.A. and brigade commanders concerned.

4. Previous to the above operation, the line of posts ordered to be established in para.5. of 2nd Aust.Div.Order No.95, within 300 yds. of the GREVILLERS TRENCH, will be dug and consolidated.

5. Acknowledge.

L. F. Arthur Major
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 3rd. March to 6 a.m. 4th. March, 1917.

NOTE: - Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the day and night 4.5" howitzers paid special attention to trench junction at M.4b.15.55. The 18-pdrs. shelled the GREVILLERS LINE. LOUPART WOOD and country in rear.

Machine Guns. Machine Guns fired occasional bursts along the GREVILLERS LINE.

Patrols. A patrol worked up LAYTON ALLEY to M.5.b.2.8. where the sap was barricaded with knife rests and barbed wire. From approximately M.5.b.2.6. to this point LAYTON ALLEY is in good condition, 6'6" deep, duckboarded and revetted. Close to our block at M.5.d.45.45. the trench is in a bad state being in places knee deep in mud. It looked as if the enemy had quite recently used the trench for sniping and firing flares. The wire was observed from M.5.b.2.8. to be in two lines 18' apart, the front line 12' wide and the second 20' wide. The patrol was sniped at from the GREVILLERS LINE. Later another patrol got through the first line of wire near M.5.b.2.8., but was unable to penetrate the second line. It is 20' wide and uncut. Talking and coughing could be heard along the trench. A machine gun was firing from about M.5.b.0.9. At 4.15 p.m. another patrol visited the same point and found the enemy at work on his wire. A patrol examined the wire at the junction of MALT and GREVILLERS TR and found it very strong. The party was fired on by a M. G. at the junction of the two trenches. No enemy patrols were met.

Defences. Posts were established on the line M.6.a.3.5., M.5.b.8.4., M.5.b.4.3., M.5.b.25.75., M.5.a.30.05., M.4.d.25.90.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. MALT TR. was barraged with guns of all calibres from 2.40 p.m. to 4 p.m. Six minnenwerfer bombs were fired in vicinity of our posts on the right at 8.45 a.m.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre Rds.
THAMES VALLEY, M.12.a., M.11.c&d.			Intermittent throughout day.
M. 10.c.	11 a.m.	BAPAUME	10.5 c.m.
M.5.c.	11.50a. to 12.30pm.	BAPAUME	10.5 c.m.
M.10.d.	12.8 to 12.20 pm.	BAPAUME	77m.m. 20
BAPAUME ROAD	12.25 to 1 pm.		77m.m. 35
M.11.a. to M.4.d.	1.40 pm.	GREVILLERS	10.5c.m. 10
M. 16.a.	2.15 pm.	BAPAUME	10.5c.m. 10
M.5.c.	3.5 pm.	BAPAUME	10.5c.m. 6
EAUCOURT L'ANPAYE	3 pm.		10.5c.m. 5
MALT TRENCH		BAPAUME	{ 77m.m. { 10.5c.m. { Intermittent { throughout day.
OUTPOST LINE M.5.b., M.6.a.	3.30p.m.		
LAYTON ALLEY	4 to 5 pm.		

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Machine Guns. Active from GREVILLERS LINE. The rear of ridge in M.15.b. was swept by indirect fire. A machine gun was located at M.14.0.9.

Sniping. Hostile snipers were active.

Signals. At 12 midnight enemy fired close to his own wire on w. side of LOUPART ROAD. A green flare was immediately fired on either side of road and shelling ceased. Enemy flares appeared to be fired from the rear of his own line quite a number falling behind his front line.

Movement. At 4.15 p.m. a small working party was seen in vicinity of GREVILLERS at M.36.a.

Miscellaneous. An explosion was noticed in LOUPART WOOD AT 4 p.m. Our heavy artillery was firing at the time and probably caused same.

*L.C. Beavis
Capt
for Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.*

GERMAN CASUALTIES.

Later information has been received to the effect that a patrol examined NO MAN'S LAND in M.5.a. & b. between LOUPART ROAD and LAYTON ALLEY and found 50 German dead. All belonged to the 6th Coy., 2nd Bn., 1st Guards Regiment.

Location	Direction	Time	Remarks
M.15.b.			
M.14.0.9			
M.36.a.			
M.5.a. & b.			
LOUPART ROAD			
LAYTON ALLEY			
GREVILLERS LINE			
NO MAN'S LAND			

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO.97.

Divisional Headquarters,
4th March, 1917.

Reference - LE BARQUE Sheet
1/20,000.

1. The 2nd Australian Division will extend its front to the East as far as a line drawn from LUISENHOF FARM through CATAPULT Road (N.8.a.8.5).

This line will be inclusive to the 2nd Australian Division.

The front to be taken over is now held by the 1st Australian Division.

The operation of carrying out this extension will begin on 5th March and will be completed by 8 a.m. on 7th March.

A map will be issued later showing the boundaries in rear of the front line.

2. The method of holding the now extended front will be as follows :-

The three infantry brigades will each be in the front line, each brigade frontage to be covered by one battalion, with another in support and a third in reserve.

The fourth battalion will be designated the Relief Battalion.

Brigades will arrange reliefs internally, using all four battalions in turn.

The artillery will be arranged in three Groups.

3. The fronts for which each brigade will be responsible are as follows :-

(a) 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (i) Right boundary: A line drawn from LUISENHOF FARM through CATAPULT Rd. forward (inclusive to 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.)

(ii) Left Boundary: LAUCOURT L'ABBAYE to LE BARQUE Road (BLUE CUT) northwards along RED CUT (N.1 a. & c.) to N.1.a.8.9 (exclusive to 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.)

(b) 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. (i) Right Boundary: as in 3(a) (ii) above, which will be inclusive to 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(ii) Left Boundary: As at present, viz: LAYTON ALLEY (M.5.b. & d) to LE SARS, exclusive to 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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(c) 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. (i) Right Boundary: LAYTON ALLEY
(inclusive to 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.) to
LE SARS.

(ii) Left Boundary: DRY DITCH,
M.4.b.0.5 to M.9.d.0.6 and thence by
old Divl. Boundary (inclusive
to 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

4. (a) Headquarters are allotted to brigades as follows:-

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	...	M.30.b.2.½.
6th -do-	...	LE SARS CUTTING dugouts
7th -do-	...	" " " "

The 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will move into the
above H.Q. on the morning of instant. Hour to be noti-
fied to D.H.Q. 6th

(b) The Centre and Left Artillery Group H.Q. will be
as at present: -

Centre	...	M.22.c.4.8.
Left	...	M.21.d.2.0.

The H.Q. of the Right Group will be at M.30.a.7.4½
(occupied till 7th March by 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.)

5. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over its sector on the
night 5th/6th March.

The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over its sector on the
night 6th/7th March.

Preliminary reconnaissances to be carried out at once.
Programme of movements is attached.

6. Details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between
brigade commanders concerned.

All trench maps and stores, air photos., etc., will be
taken over and receipts given. Copy of receipts to be sent to
D.H.Q. within 24 hours after taking over. (See also Administrative
Order issued herewith).

7. The relief of the Field Coys. and Pioneers of the 1st
Australian Division will be arranged by the C's.R.E. of each
Division.

Work on the Decauville line to LUISENHOF FARM will be
carried on without delay.

8. The A.D.M.S. will submit proposals for medical arrange-
ments to meet the situation created by this order.

9. (a) In the case of moves to be carried out by day,
camps will be vacated by 12 noon.

(b) In all cases troops will move in file, with 200 yds.
between battalions and 100 yds. between companies.

10. The command of the extended front will be taken over by
the 2nd Australian Division at 8 a.m. on 7th March.

The responsibility for the artillery defence of the
whole front will pass to the 2nd Aust. Div. at the same hour.

11. Acknowledge.

Issued at 4 p.m.

A.H. Bridges,
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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DATE	UNIT.	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
5th March	5th A. I. Bde. A Bn.) B Bn.) C Bn.) L. T. M. Battery) M. G. Company)	SHELTER WOOD and FRICOURT	BAZENTIN S. 8 central (No 6) S. 8. d. 1. 4. (No 8) S. 8. b. 2. 6. (No 5) LAUNCESTON CAMP S. 15. b.	
5/6th March	5th A. I. Bde. A Bn.) L. T. M. Battery) M. G. Company) 6th A. I. Bde	S. 8. central	FACTORY CORNER	Reserve Line (Relieves 5th Bn.) Proportion to move into line. Remainder on night 6/7th Mar. Extend front and support line to east up to boundary. Relieves 4th Battalion.
6/7th March	5th A. I. Bde. A Bn.) B Bn.) C Bn.) 6th A. I. Bde.	FACTORY CORNER S. 8. d. 1. 4 S. 8. b. 2. 6	Front line Support Line Reserve Line	Relieves 3rd and 7th Bns. H. Q. N. 7. c. 2 1/2. 5 (now 3rd Bn. H. Q.) H. Q. LUISENHOF FARM (Now 7th Bn. H. Q.) H. Q. FACTORY CORNER. Extend reserve to east. Relieves 1st Bn.
7th March	5th A. I. Bde. D Bn.	SHELTER WOOD	BAZENTIN S. 8. d. 1. 4. (No 8)	

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 4th. March to 6 a.m. 5th. March, 1917.

NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Twelve rounds were fired on an observer in a tree at G.36.a.20.45. reported by the infantry. The howitzers fired and obtained a direct hit on an object - reported as a periscope - at G.34.d.70 85. Several registrations were obtained on points in the GREVILLERS LINE. During the night GREVILLERS LINE and the country to the rear was fired on.

Machine Guns. Machine guns fired on small parties of Germans in G.36.d. during the morning. Indirect fire was brought to bear on LOUPART WOOD at G.34.d.7.9. and on GREVILLERS TRENCH and approaches.

Patrols. A patrol moved up LAYTON ALLEY to the block at M.5.b.2.3. Movement was seen in WARLENCOURT TRENCH. Flares were being fired and sniping was taking place from this trench. In the vicinity of M.6.a.3.9. eight of the enemy were seen at work on his wire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Artillery continued to be active. Gun flashes were observed from M.17.a.25.55. on a true bearing 17°30' and from M.10.c.4.4. on a true bearing 33°30'.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre	Rounds.
M.17.b., M.18.c.	10.30 to 11am.	BAPAUME	10.5c.m.	40.
BUTTE (M.17.a.)	11.20am.	BAPAUME	10.5 c.m.	40.
LE SARS	1.30pm.	BAPAUME	15c.m.	10.
LA COUPE GUEULE	2.45pm.		10.5c.m.	20.
GIRD TRENCH	2 to 2.30pm.		15c.m.	40.
M.5.a.5.0.	2.20pm.		15c.m.	12.
M.22.	2.30 to 4pm.	BAPAUME	15c.m.	40
M.16.b.	3.15pm.	BAPAUME	77m.m.	20.
M.22.b&c.	5.30 to 5.40pm.		15c.m.	10.

Machine Guns. M.Gs. were active firing over NO MANS' LAND during the night. One is suspected to be at G.36.d.5.3.

Sniping. Snipers were active from WARLENCOURT TRENCH. A sniper in a tree at H.31.c.9.1. was silenced.

Trench Mortars. Aerial torpedoes were fired on MALT TRENCH early in the evening.

New Work. Work is being done at G.35.d.5.3. - probably a machine gun emplacement.

Movement. Considerable movement was seen in the vicinity of LOUPART WOOD. Two men were observed walking from LOUPART WOOD to GREVILLERS along track in G.35 .b. and one man was seen to disappear underground at M.3.b.1½.9½.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.3/1/374.

Divisional Headquarters,

5th March, 1917.

C. R. A.
C. R. E.
2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
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7th -do-
A.D.M.S.

1. On taking over the extended front line defined in 2nd Aust. Divl. Order No.97 dated 4th instant, the Divisional Commander desires to indicate the manner in which the front line is to be held.

It is improbable that the attack referred to in 2nd Aust. Divl. Order No.95 can take place immediately.

The division will, as far as can be foreseen, be continuously in the line for an indefinite period, - at any rate for two or three weeks.

2. The system of giving each infantry brigade a definite section of the front line has been adopted as being the best suited to a more or less prolonged occupation.

The division is now considered as an advanced guard to the Corps, which, while stationary, will provide the outposts on the western half of the Corps front.

In each brigade section therefore, outpost companies will be told off and carefully allotted to posts or positions on the front which can be made mutually supporting. Behind the posts will be formed bodies for support.

The front line system will also include strong patrols

3. It is estimated that, in this way, one battalion on each brigade section will suffice for the front system.

Behind this the remainder of the brigade will be suitably distributed in depth; one battalion in support and one as reserve - thus leaving the fourth battalion free to go back into a hut camp where it can be near the baths and can also receive some training. It will be referred to as the "Relief" Battalion.

4. The above system in itself will be the means of training battalions in the duty of protection and will afford practice in the selection of Posts and supporting points, also in the work of patrols.

5. It is important that the enemy should not be able to slip away without the fact being discovered by our patrols at once.

It is equally important that any counter attack on his part should be discovered quickly so that the formed bodies behind may be prepared to meet him in front and envelope the flanks of any party which penetrates the line of posts.

The division is required to hold itself in readiness to take up the duties of an advanced guard at any moment.

In this case the "Relief" Battalions would be used for the Vanguard, the battalions on outpost duty closing in and forming the main guard.

The C.R.E. will be prepared to detail parties of engineers to the Vanguard.

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6. The C.R.A. will dispose the artillery placed under his orders with two objects : -

- (a) for the protection of the front held by this division;
- (b) to co-operate in the attack on LOUPART WOOD.

He will also select positions for four brigades of artillery, additional to those already in the line, these positions being sited with a view to ~~max~~ wire-cutting on the GREVILLERS LINE from M.4.b.1.5 eastwards to H.31.c.6.9.

The positions when selected will be prepared for occupation, cover being provided for detachments, and preliminary arrangements made for communications, etc.

When selected the positions will be re-acted by the R.E.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 5th March to 6 a.m. 6th March, 1917.

NOTE: - Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Country in rear of GREVILLERS TR. was subjected to fire by our 18-prs. during the night. LOUPART WOOD, M.G. position at M.5.a.2.6½ and Cross Roads at G.30.c.8.2 were fired upon during the day. Numerous registrations were carried out on GREVILLERS TR. and wire in front of it. At 3.30 a.m. enemy working party at M.5.a.0.5 was fired on and dispersed.

Heavy batteries fired on LOUPART LINE and targets in rear. In response to S.O.S. Signal from right battalion, left brigade, at 12.29 am. our artillery put up a heavy barrage until about 1.15 am.

Machine Guns. Roads in LOUPART WOOD, LOUPART & GREVILLERS Trenches, were searched. Direct fire was brought to bear on enemy's parapet and wire.

Trench Mortars. At 9 pm. Stokes mortars silenced enemy T.M. at M.5.b.3.9½ approx. Suspected M.G. position at junction of LAYTON ALLEY and WARLENCOURT TR. was also engaged.

Patrols. Patrol from M.6.a.3.5 was frequently sniped from N.E., probably sap at M.6.a.7.9. Patrol proceeded along LAYTON ALLEY to wire block at M.5.b.2.8. Enemy was sniping from WARLENCOURT TR. but no movement was seen there. In vicinity of M.5.b.2.8 hostile wire entanglements are in good repair. An officers' patrol from M.6.b.3.5 moved to M.6.b.6.8 approx. and from this point, saw enemy patrol of about 20 near enemy wire at G.36.d.3.1. A M.G. was firing from WARLENCOURT TR. but it could not be definitely located. Enemy wire round salient in G.36.d. appears to be in good repair and strong. The going in NO MAN'S LAND in M.6.b. is good. Patrols went out from Left Bde. but encountered no enemy patrols or working parties.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Enemy artillery activity was below normal. The forward area was shelled frequently, but lightly, - Most of the shelling occurring in left brigade sector. At 12.29 am. enemy bombarded our forward area, and that of Division on our left, with shell of all calibres, chiefly from North and North-East.

(SEE TABLE)

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G.s were firing from WARLENCOURT. GALLWITZ TR. was subjected to indirect M.G. fire throughout the night. M.G. is suspected at M.5.b.2.9½.

Trench Mortars. T.M. is suspected at M.5.b.3.9½.

Signals. At 4.30 p.m. flares were fired from our planes which were above MALT TR. Enemy immediately fired 13 green rockets, which appeared to consist of a string of a number of green balls. During bombardment at 12.29 am. several single red flares were fired by enemy; afterwards red and green clusters were fired.

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Miscellaneous. There is a crater, evidently blown just prior to enemy evacuation, at M.6.d.5.9, 15 yds. diameter and 15 feet deep.

Broad gauge railway line on BAPAUME RD. is generally in good condition.

There are German 77 mm. battery positions, previously unlocated, on North-West bank of BAPAUME RD. From M.6.c.8.4 to M.6.d.1.6½. These positions were evidently used until the last possible moment, as the wheel tracks leading up depression in M.6. are still quite fresh. The emplacements, and some dugouts in the vicinity, have been partially destroyed but there are other dugouts in good condition, some containing 77 m.m. ammunition. There is a considerable quantity of the latter in the open near the Battery positions.

Ravine in M.6.d. running parallel to the BAPAUME Road on N.W. side is about 15' deep and contains many shelters and dugouts, systematically destroyed.

Old wooden tram line, gauge 2'6" to 3' running from M.12.b.3½ into bank at M.12.c.6½. is in fair condition. Enemy duckboard track 4' wide from M.12.b.5.7. to M.12.c.9.7. is in good condition.

Enemy T.M. positions previously suspected in LITTLE WOOD and GALLWITZ Trench have been located, one at M.9.d.0.5. and three at M.10.c.2.8. All positions have good stone beds.

There are traces of dumps at M.9.c.8.8. and N.1.a.6.7.

There were 16 dugouts in GALLWITZ TR., 3 of which are damaged; two only have excavation at foot of stairway; the remainder have only been completed to the depth of the stairway.

There are only 3 dugouts in LITTLE WOOD: - two good, one damaged. The remainder, previously shown as dugouts, are in reality shelters.

The following information has been obtained from prisoners of 64th R.I.R. taken in M.4.c. on night of 4th/5th inst. -

Sector. Right flank of 64th R.I.R. is at G.33.d.9.9 or G.33.b.8.4. Left flank is at junction of LAYTON ALLEY and WARLENCOURT TR.

Disposition. By day 3 Coys. in line. - One in LOUPART WOOD. Support Bn. is at FAVREUIL. Rest billets are at BEUGNY. By night 2 Coys. from Support Bn. come up to dig and 2 Coys. move to close support, probably to trenches in LOUPART WOOD.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	From	TIME To	Direction	Calibre	Rounds.
M. 10. b. 2. 2.	9.30am	to 9.40am	31° T.B. from M. 9. d. 5. 6	77mm Shrap.	17
M. 10. a. 6. 3	9.40am		"	"	6
M. 10. b. 2. 2	9.50am	to 10.15am	-	"	11
M. 10. c.	10.50am	" 12.50pm	26° T.B. from M. 9. d. 5. 6	5.9" H.E.	6
PYS	1.20pm	to 1.30pm	11° " " "	-	-
M. 10. c.	1.40pm	to 3.15pm	21° " " "	5.9" H.E.	18
BAPAUME Rd.)					
M. 11. b. 5. 3 to)					
M. 16. c. 3. 3)	10.30 ^a m	" 4 pm	BAPAUME	4.2"	-
LAYTON ALLEY	4 pm	to 6 pm	-	77mm Shrap.	30
M. 10d & M. 11	4.30pm		BAPAUME	77mm	4
LE BARQUE	4.30pm	to 4.45pm	"	4.2"	4
MALT TR.	4.55pm	to 5.15pm	-	4.2"	-
M. 5. c. & d.	5.20pm	to 6 pm	-	4.2" Shrap.	20
WARLENCOURT	7.30pm		ACHIET LE GRAND	5.9" H.E.	15
Front Line	12.29am	" 1.15am	-	All	-
				Calibres	-

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INFORMATION DERIVED FROM AIR PHOTOS.

~~New trench~~ from G.34.d.0.0. joining LOUPART Trench at G.34.c.9.2. appears on 3 AE 102.

A new trench runs N.E. from G.34 c.2.8½ in LOUPART Trench into LOUPART WOOD G.34 a.5.1. This appears on air photo. 3 A.E.102.

A new communication called SA T TRENCH runs North from G.35.d.2½.4 to G.35.b.6.4. (air photo. 3 AE 129)

Trench running ^S from G.34.c.2.8. in LOUPART Trench meeting GREVILLERS LINE at M.4.a.2½.4 has been recently improved. (air photo. 3 AE 102).

There is a new trench running along DRY DITCH from M.4.b.1.5 to M.4.a.7.0. (air photo. 3 AE 102).

A new trench is being dug East from M.3.d.9.7. to DRY DITCH at M.4.c.5.6. (air photo. 3AE 116).

The line of old posts M.4.d.9.8½ to M.5^B.3.3½ on LOUPART ROAD have been improved and linked up.

New trench dug night 4/5th March runs S.W. from M.5.b.3½.4 in LAYTON ALLEY to old post at M.5.a.8½.1. (air photo. 3 AE 153)

Posts are visible on air photos at M.5.a.5.1 - M.5.a.7.1½ - M.5.a.9.4.

A new trench connecting MALT TR. & LAYTON ALLEY near their junction has been dug from M.5.d.3.5 to M.5.d.6.5 (air photo 3 AE 124)

There is an isolated new trench running north from M.6.c.5.8 to M.6.a.5½.1 where it turns sharply S.E. as far as M.6.a.7½.0. (airphoto. 3 AE 150)

Great numbers of tracks are visible on air photos 3 AE 150 & 153 in M.5.b. & M.6.a. also tracks to N.W. of LOUPART WOOD appear. 1 on 3 AE 104.

There is probably a gap in the wire at G.36.c.3.2½ as many tracks appearing on air photo. 3 AE 150 converge here.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 6th. March to 6 a.m. 7th. March, 1917.NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our activity during the last 24 hours consisted mainly in subjecting the GREVILLERS LINE and the roads in G.29.a., b., and G.35.b to irregular bursts of fire. Registrations were carried out on numerous points. A working party at L.4.a.8.6. and another party at G.34.c.65.95. were fired upon and dispersed.

Five Germans were observed moving from LOUPART TRENCH to dugout at G.34.c.35.95. A working party was observed at L.4.a.8.6. Both the above parties were fired upon by our Artillery. TILL TRENCH was intermittently shelled with shrapnel during the day.

Mortars. Stokes mortars fired 12 rounds into WARLENCOURT TRENCH at N.5.b.3.9. a suspected M.G. position.

Machine Guns. Indirect fire was brought to bear on NO MANS' LAND during the night. During the day bursts were fired into LOUPART WOOD.

Snipers. Our snipers were alert and claim two casualties.

Aircraft. Our planes were very active during the day and on several occasions drove off hostile planes. At 11 a.m. one of our planes was engaged by 3 enemy machines and driven down at N.19.b.7.5. At 3.30 p.m. one of our planes was forced down by an enemy machine and landed in enemy's lines approx between GREVILLERS and LOUPART WOOD.

Patrols and Outposts. A listening post has been established at N.8.b.1.5. Advanced posts were established at N.2.a.4.1., N.2.a.35.15., N.2.b.2.0 and N.2.d.2.3. Patrol reconnoitred vicinity of BRICKFIELD IN N.2.a. between 12.15 a.m. and 2.15 a.m. and saw small parties of enemy moving to and from that point and the rear. At N.1.a.9.9. a patrol found several dugouts two of which were blown in. Between the road and railway appeared to be the remnants of a dump. At N.1.b.4.7. the patrol found a sniper's position and at N.1.b.7.5. a dump close to a clump of trees amongst which are several dugouts. No flares were sent up by the enemy. NO MANS' LAND was in good condition. Between 8 p.m. and midnight a patrol at N.2.b.2.0 saw enemy moving in small parties between the vicinity of N.2.b.3.1½. and the BRICKFIELD at N.2.a. central. A M.G. from a building at N.2.a.5.6. fired on the patrol: A patrol proceeded up LAYTON ALLEY (N.5.b.) and got within 40 yards of WARLENCOURT TRENCH where they were fired on by 4 machine guns from the vicinity. There is no wire within 20 yards of either side of the sap. A patrol saw 7 Germans in WARLENCOURT TRENCH from the vicinity of N.35.d.9.1. Flares were fired by the enemy and sniping became brisk along a 200' frontage. There was no M.G. fire. The wire is in good state of repair. Green flares were fired 100 yards in rear of trench. but no apparent action followed.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was active during the day.
(SEE TABLE)

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns fired from N.2.a.5.6. and vicinity of G.35.d.2.0.

Snipers. Quiet on left, fairly active on right.

O.P. Enemy O.P. is suspected at H.31.a.5.0.

Movement, Posts etc. Enemy posts are suspected at N.2.b.30.15. and N.2.a.3.2. Sounds of digging were heard at N.2.a.3.2. Movement of ones and twos was seen in and behind LOUPART LINE in G.35.c.3d. At 7 a.m. 3 Germans with packs on moved from front line at G.35.d.9.3. to the rear. A party of several Germans appeared to be repairing communication wires at G.34.a.4.3.

Signals. Flares were fired from TILL TRENCH and GREVILLERS LINE throughout the night.

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Aircraft. Enemy planes were very active during the day.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre	Rounds.
WARLENCOURT } M.10.b.	12.30 to 12.40am.	BAPAUME	77 m.m.	30
BLACK ST. between } LUISENHOF FARM & } FACTORY CORNER } VALLEY WEST OF } BUTTE }	11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 3 p.m. to 3.20 p.m.		10.5 c.m.	Intermittently.
East of BUTTE	12noon to 3 p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5 c.m. 15 15 c.m. 4 77 m.m. 1	
	1.30 to 3 p.m.	-do-	10.5 c.m. 17 15 c.m. 8	
N.8.b.3.4., N.2.c.7.2 } (Coy.H.4.) Thilloy }	8 p.m. to 3 a.m.	BAPAULE	87 m.m.	Intermittently.
N. 1. Central } GUNPIT ROAD } LARTINPUICH }	12.15 p.m. 11.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	BAPAUME (Sound Bearing 32° from M.26d5.5.	77 m.m. 15 c.m. 21 c.m.	30

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 7th. March to 6 a.m. 8th. March, 1917.

NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Owing to unfavourable conditions, very little shooting was carried out. GREVILLERS TR., LOUPART WOOD, and the roads in G.36.b and H.31.a. were subjected to irregular bursts of fire.

Machine Guns. During the day bursts were fired on LOUPART WOOD and roads and trenches in H.32.b. and d., H.31.a. and b., and H.25.b. and c.

Snipers. Our snipers fired on parties of enemy moving in vicinity of H.31.c.

Patrols. A patrol moved down RED CUT (N.1.a.) to its junction with BAPAUME RD. An enemy M.G. opened fire on the party from H.31.b. 25.40. No enemy movement was seen. RED CUT has been well cut up by shell-fire. An enemy post at M.5.b.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9, concealed in the wire, bombed one of our patrols, wounding two men. A M.G. also fired from the rear of the post. Another patrol moved along LAYTON ALLEY but was stopped 100 yds. from the wire by a M.G. which enfiladed the sap. The patrol moved to the left but was bombed from a post at M.5.b.1.7. One man was wounded. Another patrol encountered a M.G. and a party of riflemen near M.4.b.4.4 covering a large working party, which had apparently been at work on the wire. Artillery fire was directed on this locality when the patrol returned.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was less active than usual, probably on account of low visibility. The THAMES VALLEY in M.11.b. and M.12.a., WARLENCOURT, the vicinity of the BUTTE, LE SARS and LE SARS CUTTING, received a few shells during the day and night.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre	Rounds.
S. of MALT TRENCH	8 am to 8.30am	GREVILLERS	10.5cm.	6
BAPAUME RD. N.1a	8.30am to 9.30am	N.E.	15 cm.	20
Posts in N.1.b.	8.30am to 9.30am	"	77mmHE.	55
THILLOY & N.2.c.	Intermittently	"	77mm	
Vicinity of BUTTE	8am to 9.45am	GREVILLERS	(Shrap).	-
WARLENCOURT	11am	BAPAUME	10.5cm.	19
BUTTE	12.30pm	"	15 cm.	4
M.17.b.	2.10pm	GREVILLERS	15 cm.	20
BUTTE	2.10pm	BAPAUME	77 mm.	40
M.23.b.	3pm to 3.15pm	-	15 cm.	
Sunken Rd. in			77 mm.	4
M.17a. & M.11c.	3.25pm	AVESNES-LES-BAPAUME	10.5cm	100
M.17a & BUTTE	3.30pm to 4.30pm	BAPAUME	15 cm.	
M. 22. a.	4.15pm to 4.25pm	GREVILLERS	10.5cm	10
GUNPIT RD.M.32a5.5	5pm to 5.45pm	VILLERS -AU-FLOS	77 mm.	6
			21cm.How.	-

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns were located at approx. N.3.a. 2.7, N.2.b.9.1, N.2.b.6.4, H.31.b.25.40, G.35.d.3.0.

Trench Mortars. About 30 T.M.bombs were thrown close to N.2.b. 0.4 from approx. N.3.a.0.0 and 6 rifle grenades were fired into CHALK CUT in N.1.c. during the night.

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Snipers. Enemy snipers were not very active.

Movement. Small parties were moving freely in LOUPART WOOD and LOUPART TRENCH during the day. About 6.30 am (7th inst.) a party of about 30 Germans was seen in and outside wire in vicinity of M.4.b.5.4. They appeared quite at ease and a few walked towards our trench and retired again. Fire was opened on them by our Lewis guns and 7 casualties are claimed. Remainder ran from shellhole to shellhole back to their own lines. Parties of the enemy, from 3 to 6 in number, were seen moving to and from suspected strong point at N.2.b.30.15 and junction of TONGUE and TILL TRENCHES.

Defences. Patrol reported wire in front of WARLENCOURT TR. strong and in good condition. No gaps have been located.

Miscellaneous. At 7.45 p.m. a dull red glow was observed behind enemy lines in LOUPART WOOD. On the right of the sector, flares were fired only at long intervals.

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Calibre Rounds	Direction	Time	Area Shelled
10.00	GRUVILLERS	8.00 to 8.30	Block of MARE TRENCH
18.00	"	8.30 to 8.50	"
20.00	"	8.50 to 9.00	"
22.00	"	9.00 to 9.10	"
24.00	"	9.10 to 9.20	"
26.00	"	9.20 to 9.30	"
28.00	"	9.30 to 9.40	"
30.00	"	9.40 to 9.50	"
32.00	"	9.50 to 10.00	"
34.00	"	10.00 to 10.10	"
36.00	"	10.10 to 10.20	"
38.00	"	10.20 to 10.30	"
40.00	"	10.30 to 10.40	"
42.00	"	10.40 to 10.50	"
44.00	"	10.50 to 11.00	"
46.00	"	11.00 to 11.10	"
48.00	"	11.10 to 11.20	"
50.00	"	11.20 to 11.30	"
52.00	"	11.30 to 11.40	"
54.00	"	11.40 to 11.50	"
56.00	"	11.50 to 12.00	"
58.00	"	12.00 to 12.10	"
60.00	"	12.10 to 12.20	"
62.00	"	12.20 to 12.30	"
64.00	"	12.30 to 12.40	"
66.00	"	12.40 to 12.50	"
68.00	"	12.50 to 1.00	"
70.00	"	1.00 to 1.10	"
72.00	"	1.10 to 1.20	"
74.00	"	1.20 to 1.30	"
76.00	"	1.30 to 1.40	"
78.00	"	1.40 to 1.50	"
80.00	"	1.50 to 2.00	"
82.00	"	2.00 to 2.10	"
84.00	"	2.10 to 2.20	"
86.00	"	2.20 to 2.30	"
88.00	"	2.30 to 2.40	"
90.00	"	2.40 to 2.50	"
92.00	"	2.50 to 3.00	"
94.00	"	3.00 to 3.10	"
96.00	"	3.10 to 3.20	"
98.00	"	3.20 to 3.30	"
100.00	"	3.30 to 3.40	"

Enemy machine guns were located at approx. N.3.0. About 30 T.M. bombs were thrown close to N.3.0. A few approx. N.3.0.0 and a rifle grenades were fired into CHAS. CUT in N.1.0. during the night.

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Artillery. During the last twenty-four hours our activity consisted mainly in a systematic shelling of LOUPART WOOD and GREVILLERS LINE and WARLENCOURT TRENCH in E.4.b., M.5.a.3b., G.35.d. and H.32.c&d. GREVILLERS and the roads in G.28.d., G.30.a., b. and H.32.b., d. were also subjected to a fair amount of fire. Registrations were carried out on important points in the GREVILLERS LINE, WARLENCOURT TR. and the wire in front of these trenches.

Trench Mortars. Medium T.M.'s fired 7 shots and Stokes mortars fired 120 rounds into BRICKFIELD in N.2.a.central. The Stokes mortars also fired at N.2.a.3.4.

Machine Guns. Indirect fire was brought to bear on enemy's front trenches, communications and approaches. Direct fire was opened on selected targets in vicinity of LOUPART WOOD. A captured German gun was used to fire on LOUPART TR. (M.4.b.6½.9½ to G.34.d.3.3).

Snipers. Our snipers were active and claim one casualty in GREVILLERS TR. at E.4.a.9.8½ and one at E.4.b.7½.9½. A few targets were obtained in TILL TR.

Patrols. A patrol discovered 40 coils of barbed wire at N.8.b.5.2. A M.G. fired on the party from N.9.a.8.0. Patrol at M.6.a.2.7 heard an enemy party inside the wire laughing and talking. The wire was observed to be 4 ft. high and in good condition. A patrol located an enemy sniper at about M.6.a.1½.8. Flares were being fired at the time from WARLENCOURT TR. in G.35.d. but not from any other point.

A patrol at M.5.b.25.65 heard talking and observed M.Gs. firing from M.5.b.1.9 and G.35.d.4½.0.

A patrol observed a M.G. at G.36.d.6.2 and heard talking in vicinity. No gaps in the wire were seen.

A patrol proceeded along TILL TR. It is blown in most of the way and is only a depth of two feet and partly filled with broken wire. Enemy wire was tested for 150 yds. to E. of the gap. It is very strong barbed wire, staked with iron and wooden pickets, approx. 15 ft. deep and 3 ft. high and filled with a considerable quantity of loose wire. Much talking and coughing was heard in trenches behind.

A patrol confirmed the existence of an enemy post (with M.G.) at E.5.b.0.6

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Normal - See attached Table.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. were active as usual. Guns at N.9.a.8.0, N.3.c.20.65, N.3.a.2.7, N.2.b.9.1, N.2.b.6.4, G.35.c.4.8, E.5.b.2.8½, E.5.a.6.7½, E.5.a.0.5 were active.

Trench Mortars. Enemy T.Ms were very active during the night. Several hundred bombs were fired into our front line posts and their rear in N.2.c, N.2.a and N.8.a. T.Ms. were located at N.2.a.30.75 and N.3.c.20.45. About 8 bombs were fired on B.PAUME RD. in N.1. from vicinity of G.36.d.9.2. Four Minenwerfer bombs fell near E.5.a.4.2 during the night, thrown from approx. E.5.a.9.9.

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Snipers. Enemy snipers were active.

Movement. A party of 5 Germans was seen walking in GREVILLERS TR. carrying tools. (9 a.m.)

11.20 a.m. - 3 men in fatigue dress were seen near house at N/b.25.45.⁴

12.30 p.m. - One man was seen baling water out of trench at about H.31.d.5.6.

1.10 p.m. - A party of 6 men moved N. from H.34.c.1.7.

2 p.m. - Movement observed in WARLENCOURT TR. at M.5.a.7.8.

3.5 p.m. - 8 Germans were seen on road at G.34.a.1.1. They disappeared into LOUPART WOOD.

4.20 p.m. - One man moved hurriedly from H.32.d.9.5 to H.33.d.3.7.

7.30 to 10 p.m. - Continued enemy movement was seen in vicinity of BRICKFIELD. In a building in its vicinity a small light appeared

for a minute. Enemy parties also moved from BRICKFIELD to trees at N.1.b.95.60. Talking was plainly heard round BRICKFIELD.

5.30 a.m. - A party of 12 was observed on road at G.35.b.8.8 walking towards front line, but disappeared before fire could be brought to bear on them.

Defences. The wire in front of enemy lines from M.3. to M.5. appears to be considerably knocked about.

Miscellaneous. At 2 p.m. what appeared to be a red cross flag was observed at G.35.d.5.0.
A ladder was seen on a tree in G.36.d.

L. E. Beavis
Capt

for

Lieut.-Colonel
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre	Rds.
M. 22.d., M. 23.a., c.	9 to 9.30 a.m.	FREMICOURT	77mm.	9
M. 27.a.	9 a.m.	BIEFVILLERS	15cm.	18
M. 6.a., b.	10a.m. to 1.45p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5cm.	44
LOUPART ROAD (M. 11.a.)	10.5 a.m.	BAPAUME	-do-	3
GIRD TRENCH (M. 17.a.)	10.10 to 10.30a.m.	-do-	-do-	30
MALT TRENCH	10.45 a.m.	-do-	-do-	20
M. 17.b.	10.50 to 11 a.m.	-do-	15cm.	8
BUTTE & GIRD TRENCHES	11.10 to 11.20a.m.	-do-	-do-	10
M. 16.c.	11.35 a.m.		10.5cm.	3
M. 17.c.3.9.	11.30a.m. to 12 noon		-do-	12.
M. 5.c.d.	11.45a.m. to 12 noon		-do-	8
M. 16.d.	11.55 a.m.		-do-	22
BAPAUME ROAD (M. 11.c.)	12 noon to 12.50p.m.	BAPAUME	-do-	17
LE BARQUE	2.10 p.m.		15cm.	4
GIRD TRENCH	2.25 p.m.	BAPAUME	10.5cm.	20
BUTTE	2.35 P.M.	BAPAUME	-do-	19
GIRD TRENCH (M. 17.b.)	4.20 p.m.	-do-	-do-	5
M. 18.b.5.1.	4.15 to 5 p.m.	RIENCOURT	-do-	19
M. 30.d.	5.30 p.m.		-do-	6
MALT TRENCH				
LAYTON ALLEY (M. 5.d.5.4.)	12.15 to 12.30 a.m.			133
LA COUPE GUEULE (M. 11b.)	1.45 to 2 a.m.		77mm. & 10.5cm.	100
N. 2.a. & N. 2.c.	Intermittently		77mm.	250
LIGNY-THILLOY		BAPAUME	10.5cm.	
THILLOY		North of LOUPART WOOD.		
BEAULENCOURT ROAD)	Intermittently			
N. 3.a. and b.	during night.	BAPAUME	77mm.	
DESTREMONT FARM	6.5 a.m.	47° T.B. from		
		M. 16.a.6.2.	15cm.	12
BAPAUME ROAD	6.25 a.m.	-do-	-do-	10
DESTREMONT FARM	7.20 a.m.	-do-	-do-	10
BAPAUME ROAD M. 21.a. & c.	8.15 a.m.	-do-	-do-	14

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SECOND—AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No 98.

Divisional Headquarters,
9th March, 1917.

Reference: LE SARS to
LOUPART WOOD & } 1/10,000.
LE BARQUE Sheet)

1. In continuation of Second Australian Divisional Order No 96 the Corps on our left will capture the GREVILLERS line on the 10th March.
The exact hour of zero, which will be early in the morning, will be notified later.
2. The tasks to be carried out are given in para. 2 of the Order quoted above.
3. The Division on our left will establish strong points at M.4.a.55.50 with blocks about 50 yards along both trenches running east and north-east;
also at
M.4.a.4.6.
M.3.b.7.6.
G.33.d.1.0
G.33.c.6.6.
G.33.c.5.8.
4. Flares will be lighted by the party of the 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade attacking GREVILLERS TRENCH at 6.30 a.m. and again at 7.30 a.m. on the morning of 10th March, if the contact aeroplanes are up.
If visibility is bad then the aeroplanes will fly over as soon after as possible and again one hour later.
In any case the flares will be lighted when our aeroplanes sound their klaxon horn or drop lights.
The aeroplanes may be recognised by streamers on the lower planes.
5. MALT TRENCH will be opened up to form a communication trench up to the points where our posts are to be established as quickly as possible after the operation and before the barrages die down.
6. Watches will be synchronized with 2nd Aust. Divisional Signal Company at 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to-day.
The 2nd Australian Divisional Signal Company will be responsible for synchronizing with the 2nd Division (British).
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. A. Bridges,

Issued ~~at~~ noon.

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff, 2nd Aust. Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
9th March, 1917.

HEADQUARTERS,
2ND
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
(GENERAL STAFF.)

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

For Period 8 a.m. 2nd March to 8 a.m. 9th March.

1. GENERAL.

The policy has been that of steadily pushing forward and establishing a line of posts in advance of the captured trenches to get within striking distance of the enemy, and to prepare for future operations against the LOUPART Line.

The attitude of the enemy has been quiescent.

In accordance with 1st Anzac Order No. 104, the 2nd Australian Division relieved the 1st Australian Division in the front line from CATAPULT Road, N.8.a.8.2 to M.6.a.3.3 (original inter-divisional boundary).

The front is held by a series of outposts with supports and reserves.

The line now runs from N.8.a.8.2, round THILLOY, to N.2.d.1.0 to N.2.c.9.8 to KNOTTY POINT, thence to TRIP TR. to N.1.a.8.2 to M.6.b.9.4, thence to M.5.b.4.3 to M.5.a.3.1 to M.4.d.9.9 to M.4.b.3.0 to M.4.c.7.8.

2. OPERATIONS.

No raids or attacks have been attempted by our troops or by the enemy forces. (N.B. - Last report on operations included details of attacks up till 12 noon on 2nd instant).

3. PATROLS.

(1) British. Our front has been systematically patrolled, both fighting and reconnoitring patrols being sent out nightly, with the object of keeping in contact with the enemy, ascertaining his dispositions, and obtaining up-to-date information regarding NO MAN'S LAND and enemy defences. From patrol reports it appears that the enemy is still holding the LOUPART LINE in normal strength, but with a large number of machine guns, and snipers in forward posts, and that any movement of our patrols in the vicinity of enemy trenches and wire immediately draws heavy rifle and machine gun fire.

(2) Enemy. On three occasions only have enemy patrols been seen in NO MAN'S LAND. On night 5th/6th March an enemy patrol of about 20 was seen near enemy wire at G.36.d.3.1 - objective unknown. On night of 7th/8th one of our patrols encountered a machine gun and party of riflemen near M.4.b.4.4 covering a large enemy wiring party. Patrol returned and directed artillery fire on to this point.

On night of 4th/5th March enemy patrol of 3 O.R.'s. wandered into our lines and was captured by our machine gun post at M.4.d.3.8. All three prisoners belonged to 64th R.I.R.

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4. MACHINE GUNS.

(1) British. Enemy has been harrassed by firing bursts of indirect fire at irregular intervals along his trenches and approaches.

Bursts have also been fired into LOUPART WOOD, where movement was observed.

(2) Enemy. Enemy machine guns have been active at night firing across NO MAN'S LAND. Guns have been located by our patrols at intervals along GREVILLERS, WARLENCOURT and TILL TRENCHES.

5. TRENCH MORTARS.

(1) British. Stokes mortars have engaged suspected machine gun positions in WARLENCOURT and GREVILLERS TRENCHES, and enemy post in BRICKFIELD at N.2.a.

Medium trench mortars have been put in position for cutting enemy wire round salient in G.36.d., in M.5.a. & b., and in M.4.a. & b.

(2) Enemy. Enemy mortars have done little firing except on night of 8th/9th March, when Right Brigade reported that several hundred bombs fell in THILLOY. Enemy appears to have been chiefly using the light Granatenwerfer.

6. ARTILLERY.

(1) British. General policy has been to shell LOUPART line, WARLENCOURT and TILL TRENCHES, LOUPART WOOD and GREVILLERS; to search cross roads, communication trenches and other approaches.

Special operations were undertaken on 2nd March when artillery covering fire was provided on the north part of LAYTON ALLEY to assist a bombing attack up the latter; and on the 8th of March when 90 rounds were expended in cutting wire at G.36.c.1.1.

(2) Enemy. During the past week reports indicate that enemy artillery fire has usually been slightly below normal. The apparent direction in most cases was between GREVILLERS and BAPAUME, and in one case a 15 cm. gun was reported as firing from the direction of VILLERS-au-FLOS.

Shell of all calibres from 77 mm. gun up to 21 cm. howitzer have been used. The principal weapon employed appears to have been the 10.5 cm. howitzer. There was a considerable diminution in the percentage of 15 cm. howitzer.

7. CHANGES OF DIVISIONAL AND BRIGADE FRONTS.

In accordance with 1st Anzac Order No.104, the 2nd Australian Division relieved the 1st Australian Division in the front line, and the divisional right boundary has been adjusted accordingly. Owing to this readjustment, it has been found necessary to hold the front with three brigades in the line. The interbrigade boundaries are now from N.1.a.7.5, along RED CUT to N.7.a.2.3, along BLUE CUT to M.18.c.4.7 to M.29.a.5.4 to M.28.d.8.9 to M.26.d.7.0 to M.34.d.0.0 to S.3.a.0.1: and LAYTON ALLEY (inclusive to Left

/Brigade

Brigade) to M.5.d.4.3 to M.16.c.3.5 to M.27.b.5.0 along
road to M.32.c.4.8 to M.30.c.0.4

8. CASUALTIES.

Casualties to 3 a.m. 9-3-17: -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>
Killed ...	2	83
Wounded ...	10	352
Missing ...	2	9
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Major-General,
Commanding 2nd Aust. Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. March 9th to 6 a.m. March 10th, '17.
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NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. The centre and left sub-groups wire cutting batteries fired on wire in lanes at the following points :- G.35.d.25.30, G.35.d.65.05, G.35.d.85.10, G.36.c.3.3, G.36.c.65.40, M.4.b.45.45, M.4.b.75.60, M.5.a.25.60, M.5.a.55.70. Registrations were carried out during the day.

The BRICKFIELDS in N.2.a., the clump of trees at N.2.a.05.60, the cross roads at N.1.b.85.45 and trees at N.1.b.7.6 were fired on.

At all these points, working or moving had been seen.

To assist the attack of the II Corps on GREVILLERS TR., LOUPART & GREVILLERS TRENCHES in G.34.c.& d. and M.4.a. & b. were kept under a heavy fire from 5.15 am to 6.15 am, a light barrage being continued at the request of 2nd Corps till 8.45 am.

38 rounds were fired by the medium trench mortars at enemy wire about M.4.b.2.4.

Medium trench mortars also fired on the BRICKFIELDS.

Trench Mortars. Stokes mortars fired on the BRICKFIELDS and strong point at N.2.b.30.15.

Machine Guns. Machine guns fired on LOUPART WOOD, GREVILLERS LINE & enemy's communications.. Enemy working party of 12 men in front of GREVILLERS LINE was fired on and 8 casualties inflicted. M.G's. in co-operating with attack on left fired on LOUPART TR. & GREVILLERS LINE at G.35.c.

Snipers. At 7 am snipers fired on an enemy party in vicinity of BRICKFIELD in N.2.a. and dispersed them with one casualty.

Patrols. Information from patrols shows that enemy is definitely established from BRICKFIELD (N.2.a.) to TILL TR. at N.9.c.9.8. In front of the latter point he has snipers well in advance of his line. The strong point at N.9.c.65.90 is still occupied. Flares were fired throughout the length of TILL TR. There is no sign of the enemy between the B APAUME RD. and the BRICKFIELDS. Patrols came under M.G. fire owing to the good visibility.

A patrol examined wire from G.35,d.6.0 to junction of LAYTON ALLEY and WARLENCOURT TR. (N.5.b.) and found it heavily wired on strong wooden stakes. No gaps were observed. At about G.36.d.6.0 the patrol was fired on by enemy with rifles and bombs. A machine gun fired approximately G.35.d.5.0. One man was wounded.

A patrol found tracks through the enemy wire at G.36.c.3½.3 and at another point about 250 yds. east of G.36.c.3½.3. The wire is in good condition.

Patrols reported that wire in front of GREVILLERS LINE at M.4.b.2.3 is not cut.

Works. A large number of German bombs and horseshoes were salvaged. Trenches and posts were deepened as much as possible under frozen conditions. On the right posts are now linked by a continuous trench as far west as N.2.c.25.85. 250 yds. of wire was put up on the right of the line to strengthen that put up on previous night. About 400 yds. of trench running east from LAYTON ALLEY is now 4'6" deep. About 500 yds. of trench running west from BAPAUME RD. is nearing completion.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. BAUCOURT L'ABBAYE was heavily shelled between 11 am & 1 pm. (See table overleaf)

Trench Mortars. On the right brigade front 200 to 250 rounds were fired during the night. Bombs also fell on BAPAUME RD. and rear of MALT TR.

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns fired occasional bursts over NO MAN'S LAND, front and support lines.

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Snipers. Enemy snipers were firing constantly.

Patrols. No hostile patrols were met.

Movement. Parties of 3 to 9 men were observed at Road in G.9.d., G.33.b.7.6, G.9.c.7.2, G.27.c.8.6, H.32.a.9.8, G.9.d.5.3, G.34.d.00.35, G.9.a.7.7, G.33.d.2.3.

Aircraft. An enemy plane hovered over FACTORY CORNER (N.19.c.) between 11.30 a.m. and 12 noon, while enemy shelled FACTORY AVENUE.

----- TABLE OF HOSTILE ARTILLERY. -----

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre	Rounds
M. 30. d.	9.10 am to 9.30am	BEAULENCOURT	10.5 cm	8
EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE	10 am to noon	BAPAUME	21cm.?	50
M. 17. b. 5.5	10 am to noon	"	15 cm	30
M. 18. b., c., d.	10.30am to 10.45am	"	77 mm.	20
do.	10.30am to 1 pm	RIENCOURT or BANCOURT	10.5cm	110
M. 30:	10.30am to 10.45am	VILLERS AU FLOS.	10.5cm	20
EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE	11 am to 1 pm	N.E. of BAPAUME	21 cm	100
N. 19. b.	11.5am to 11.30am	BAPAUME	15 cm	8
HEXHAM RD.	11.20am " 11.30am	GREVILLERS	10.5cm	12
do.	12 noon to 12.25pm	-	10.5cm	20
N. 19. b.	12 noon to 12.20pm	BAPAUME	15 cm.	6
N. 1. d	1.5 pm.	-	10.5 cm.	20
N. 25. d.	3.10pm to 3.30pm	BAPAUME	10.5 cm.	6
LE BARQUE	3.20pm	"	10.5 cm	40
Valley to N. & W. of LE BARQUE	3.25 pm to 3.50pm	-	10.5 cm.	80
M. 13. d.	3.25pm to 3.50pm	-	10.5 cm	40
M. 17. b.	3.30 pm	BAPAUME	15 cm.	20
M. 22. d.	3.45pm to 3.55pm	-	15 cm.	20
N. 7.	4.30pm to 4.40pm	AVESNES les BAPAUME	10.5 cm	50
Valley to N. & W. of LE BARQUE	4.30pm to 4.40pm	-	(10.5 cm	20
LE BARQUE	4.40pm to 4.45pm	BAPAUME	77 mm.	20
M. 18. b.	4.40pm to 4.45pm	BAPAUME	10.5 cm.	9
			77 mm.	8

A. J. Hatton
for Capt

Lieut. -Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 99.Divisional Headquarters,
10th March, 1917.Reference Sheets 57D, S.E.
and 57c, S.W. 1/20,000.

1. Divisional Headquarters will move from the DINGLE to BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT (No.3 Camp - S.8.a.9.1) on Monday 12th March.
2. All headquarters offices will close at the DINGLE at 11 a.m. and open at BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT at the same hour.
3. The necessary transport will be arranged by "Q" of division.
4. Acknowledge.

J. H. Arthur Major
for

Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

Issued at 8 p.m.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 10th March to 6 a.m. 11th March, 1917.NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. At 11.30 am about 100 shrapnel were put into vicinity of BAPAUME RD. at H.31.d. and H.31.b. Enemy trench mortars firing from H.32.e.2.2 were engaged and silenced at 2.30 pm. Wire cutting in lanes was carried out with observation during the day at the following points:- M.4.b.9.6, M.5.a.95.80, G.36.c.65.35, G.36.c.3.3, G.35.d.8.1, G.35.d.7.1 and G.35.d.60.05. 3000 rounds time shrapnel were expended.

Trench Mortars. Medium T.M's. fired 60 rounds about 3 pm at wire in four places between M.4.b.80.55 and M.5.a.1.6. It was reported that the wire was cut in each case. 14 rounds were also fixed on wire on G.36.d.7.2.

Machine Guns. Direct fire was brought to bear on road at G.35.d.2.5 and the S.E. end of LOUPART WOOD. During the day and night indirect fire was brought to bear on enemy's front line trenches and tracks, and communications in rear.

Lewis Guns. Lewis Guns fired occasional bursts over enemy front lines during night.

Snipers. Enemy snipers in TILL TR. were silenced by our own after much activity. Four casualties to enemy are claimed in vicinity of LOUPART WOOD.

Patrols. A patrol found the BRICKFIELD (N.2.a.) occupied by the enemy, with whom they had a bomb fight.

A patrol moved along BEAULENCOURT RD. to N.6.b.45.20, where they found a tree across the road. Freshly used track runs from the tree to the enemy's line, also a telephone wire which was cut. At N.8.b.4.2 the patrol was fired on by M.Gs. from approximately N.3.c.2.1, N.9.a.8.3.

A patrol went out towards the wire at G.36.d.7.2, previously bombed by the medium T.Ms., but the exact damage was not ascertained owing to a German party which was working in and about the wire.

A patrol moved from in front of our lines at M.6.a.9.7 to E. to BAPAUME RD. No enemy were seen or heard.

A patrol moved up the sunken road in M.5.b. It reported that the enemy is probably rebuilding post at M.5.b.1.7 and that movement in the wire was heard.

A patrol examined wire at M.5.a.1.5 and found it uncut. Sounds of enemy working on the wire to the E. were heard from this point.

Work. The right brigade improved front line and posts. The centre brigade continued the digging of the new forward trench. The left brigade deepened the front line and provided shelters in all posts.

A communication trench from MALT TR. to post at M.4.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{2}$ was commenced. Sap from MALT TR. at M.5.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{2}$ was dug to a support post at M.5.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{2}$. A new block was put in MALT TR. 150 yds. in advance of post at M.4.b.3.0. Trench between these points has been cleaned out and deepened to 5 ft.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Enemy appears to register on a lone tree near LUISENHOF FARM. Shells of all calibres are fired in vicinity until they strike close to the tree. The tree will be removed tonight.

(See Table Overleaf)

Trench Mortars. Every half hour during the night enemy put over salvos into N.2.d.2.2 and N.2.c.5.7. A number of bombs also fell around KNOTTY POINT (N.2.c.) The bombs seemed to come from N.2.a.6.8. Some bombs also fell into M.6.b.

P. T. O.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. were active with indirect fire over our lines during the day and night.

Patrols. A bombing party of 12 attempted to bomb party at post in LAYTON ALLEY (M.5.b.) at 6 a.m., 10/3/17. Our bombers and Lewis gunners drove them off. 8 enemy casualties are claimed.

Works. A direct hit on an apparent enemy strong point at M.5.b.1.7 was seen to send sheets of iron, etc. into the air and 5 men ran to the rear. During the night patrols reported that enemy was probably rebuilding this.

Movement. At 10 am. 2 Germans were sighted at about N.1.a.8.8. They were fired on but disappeared in the fog. Two enemy ran back from a clump of bushes E. of BRICKFIELD when artillery opened fire on the BRICKFIELD.

Considerable movement of hostile parties of 2 and 3 from the GREVILLERS LINE at G.35.c.5.1 to LOUPART WOOD was observed. Possibly a H.Q. is at G.35.c.5.1.

--- HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE. ---

Area Shelled	TIME		Direction	Calibre	Rounds
	From	To			
M. 30. b.	9.30am	9.40am	BAPAUME	10.5 cm	6
Vicinity of WARLENCOURT	10am	11 am	"	"	3
M.5.c.6.5 to M.5.d.6.9	10am	11 am	"	"	4
Vicinity of WARLENCOURT	11am	12noon	"	(15 cm	3
				(10.5cm	1
M.16.a.9.1 to M.21.b.89	11am	12noon	"	"	3
Nr-25r					
Vicinity of WARLENCOURT	12noon	1 pm	"	"	13
N. 25. c.	12noon	12.15pm	"	"	8
M.4.d.4.8	12noon	1 pm	"	"	6
M.5.c.6.5 to M.5.d.6.0	12noon	1 pm	"	"	7
M16.b.9.9 to M16.b.4.5	12noon	1 pm	"	"	5
M16.d.9.8 to M16.d.6.7	12noon	1 pm	"	(15 cm	2
				(10.5cm	3
Vicinity of WARLENCOURT	1 pm	2 pm	"	10.5cm	10
M. 9. d.	1 pm	2 pm	BANCOURT	15 cm	19
M.5.c.6.5. to M.5.d.6.0.	-do-		BAPAUME	77mm.	4
				15 cm.	8.
N.2.c.2.9. THILLOY	10 a.m.		BANCOURT	77mm.	30
N.2.c.5.4. (Coy.H.Q.)					
THILLOY	12 noon			10.5cm.	25
M.16.a.9.1. to	1 pm. to 2pm.	BAPAUME		77mm.	4
M.21.b.6.9.				15cm.	3
M.16.b.9.9 to				10.5cm.	3.
M.16.b.4.5.				15cm.	1
Vicinity of WARLEN-	-do-	-do-		10.5cm.	8.
COURT M.4.d.4.8.	2pm. to 3.45pm.	-do-		15 cm.	1
M.5.c.6.5. to M.5.d.6.0.	-do-	-do-		10.5cm.	21
				77mm.	8
M.16.b.9.9. to M.16.d.4.8.	-do-	-do-		15cm.	4.
COUPE GUEULE	2.30pm. to 3pm.	-do-		10.5cm.	7
MALT TRENCH	2.15pm. to 4pm.			15cm.	30
LOUPART WOOD	2.15PM. TO 3.45PM.			15cm.	10
BAPAUME ROAD	2.30pm. to 2.45pm.	-do-		10.5cm.	6
LE SARS	3pm. to 3.10pm.	GREVILLERS		15cm.	3
N.1.c.8.8.	4.15pm.			77mm.	25
N.2. Central	12pm. to 4am.	GREVILLERS		77mm.	50
CHALK PIT N.1.c.6.2.	11pm. to 1am.	BAPAUME		10.5cm.	25

L.C. Beavis
 for Lieut.-Colonel, Coy
 General Staff.
 2nd. Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No 100.
-----Divisional Headquarters
11th March, 1917.Reference: Sheets 57c.SW 1
and 57c.SW 3

1. (a) The Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the right sector of the Divisional Front by the Eighth Australian Infantry Brigade (5th Australian Division) on the nights of the 11th/12th and 12th/13th March. On the same nights the Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the Seventh Australian Infantry Brigade in the left sector.
The relief will be carried out in accordance with the attached Table of Reliefs.
- (b) On relief the Seventh Australian Infantry Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve and will be located in camps in the BECOURT area with one Battalion at ACID DROP CAMP.
2. Details of the reliefs will be arranged mutually between Brigade Commanders, subject to the following:
 - (a) The relief is to be completed by 8 am on 13th instant.
 - (b) Command of Brigade Sectors will be transferred on completion of relief, but G.O's.C of relieved Brigades will not leave Brigade Headquarters until no longer required by the incoming Brigadiers.
 - (c) Two sections (8 guns) of the Fifth Aust. Machine Gun Company will remain at the disposal of the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division temporarily for duty on the Intermediate line.
 - (d) Stokes Mortars will be handed over in situ in exchange for a similar number to be taken over by the Seventh Australian Infantry Brigade at BAZENTIN LE PETIT (Camp S.6 central) on the 13th instant.
3. All trench stores, maps showing dispositions and trenches in the particular sector, air photographs, log books, Battalion ammunition and bomb dumps, and all documents likely to be of value, will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to D.H.Q. within 48 hours of completion of relief. Orders regarding the handing over of Brigade dumps will be issued by "q" of Division.
4. The tramway from BAZENTIN to FACTORY CORNER will be at the disposal of the 5th Australian Division from 6 p.m. on the evening of the 11th instant. It will also be available for the use of the Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade until completion of the relief.

5. (a) The HIGH WOOD - POIERES ridge is still under view from the enemy's position. No troops in formed bodies will cross this ridge before 6.30 p.m. except under cover of mist or fog.
- (b) Distances of 200 yards between Battalions and 100 yards between Companies will be maintained.
6. On completion of the reliefs the boundary between the Second and the Fifth Australian Divisions will be:-
RED CUT and BLUE CUT (inclusive to Second Australian Division) southwards to point M.18.c.0.3, thence due south along co-ordinate line to present boundary at M.36.a.0.0, thence along present boundary.
7. The Second A.F.A. Brigade at present covering the front of the Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade will be transferred to the tactical control of the G.O.C. Fifth Australian Division at 8 a.m. on 13th March.
Ammunition on charge of this Brigade will be transferred with it, Anzac Form FA being used, after which its ammunition expenditure will be accounted for by the Fifth Australian Divisional Artillery.
8. The A.D.M.S. will arrange to make the necessary adjustment in the disposition of Advanced Dressing Stations etc. in consultation with the A.D.M.S., Fifth Australian Division.
9. The C.R.E. will arrange to hand over all R.E. work at present being carried out in the Right Brigade Sector to the C.R.E. Fifth Australian Division.
10. The command of the Right Brigade Sector will be handed over to the G.O.C., Fifth Australian Division at 8 a.m. on 13th March.
11. ACKNOWLEDGEL

A.A. Bridges.

Issued at. 3.30 p.m.

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 2nd Australian Divn.

(Distribution Overleaf).

RELIEF TABLE. - Issued with 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 100

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Date	Unit	TO MOVE		In relief of	To be relieved by	Remarks
		From	To			
Night 11/12th MARCH	"B" Bn. (18th) 5th A. I. Bde.	Support R. Sector	No. 6 Camp	17th Bn.	31st Bn., 8th A. I. Bde.	
	"C" Bn. (19th) 5th A. I. Bde.	Reserve R. Sector	Reserve L. Sector	25th Bn.	30th Bn., 8th A. I. Bde.	25th Bn. to BECOURT Camp.
	"D" Bn. (17th) 5th A. I. Bde.	No. 6 Camp	Support L. Sector	27th Bn.	-	27th Bn. to BECOURT Camp.
Night 12/13th MARCH	"A" Bn. (20th) 5th A. I. Bde.	Front Line R. Sector	No. 6 Camp	18th Bn.	31st Bn., 8th A. I. Bde.	
	18th Bn.	No. 6 Camp	Reserve L. Sector	19th Bn.	20th Bn.	26th Bn. to BECOURT Camp on 12th inst. 20th Bn. becomes Relief Bn. of L. Sector in No. 6 Camp.
	19th Bn.	Reserve L. Sector	Support L. Sector	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	
	17th Bn.	Support L. Sector	Line L. Sector	28th Bn.	19th Bn.	28th Bn. to ACID DROP Camp
	31st Bn.	Support R. Sector	Front line R. Sector	20th Bn.	30th Bn., 8th A. I. Bde.	
	30th Bn.	Reserve R. Sector	Support R. Sector	31st Bn.	29th Bn.	
29th Bn.	Div. Reserve	Reserve R. Sector	30th Bn.	32nd Bn.	32nd Bn. becomes "Relief" Bn.	

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RELIEF TABLE (CONTINUED)

Date	Unit	TO MOVE		In relief of	To be relieved by	Remarks.
		From	To			
Night 12/13th MARCH (Ctd.)	5th Aust. M.G. Coy. (less 2 sections)	Line R. Sector	Line L. Sector	7th Aust. M.G. Coy.	-	Any guns required for defense of Left Sector in addition to 2 sections of 5th A.M.G. Coy. will be left at disposal of G.O.C., 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Remainder of 7th Aust. M.G. Coy. to BECOURT or GORDON Camps.
13/14th	5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	Line R. Sector	Line L. Sector	7th Aust. L.T.M. Battery	-	7th Aust. L.T.M. Battery to BECOURT or GORDON Camps.
	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.	M. 30. b. 2.1.	LE SARS CUTTING	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.	-	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. to BECOURT Camp.

NOTE : - "A" Battalion - Battalion in Front Line
 "B" " - Support Battalion
 "C" " - Reserve Battalion
 "D" " - Relief Battalion.

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- 1)
- 2) File
- 3 A.Q.
- 4 G.O.C.
- 5)
- 6) War Diary
- 7 C.R.A.
- 8 C.R.E.
- 9 2nd Aust. Div. Signal Co.
- 10 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 11 6th -do-
- 12 7th -do-
- 13 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 14 A.D.M.S.
- 15 A.D.V.S.
- 16 2nd Aust. Div. Train
- 17 D.A.D.O.S.
- 18 A.P.M.
- 19 56th Supply Column
- 20 1st Anzac "G"
- 21 1st Anzac "Q"
- 22 D.B.O.
- 23 D.G.O.
- 24 1st Aust. Division
- 25 4th -do-
- 26)
- 27) 5th -do-
- 28 2nd Division
- 29 Anzac Heavy Art.
- 30 2nd Aust. Div. School
- 31 2nd Aust. Div. Reinfct. Camp
- 32 1st Anzac Reinfct. Camp
- 33 3rd Squadron, R.F.C.
- 34 Div. Camps Commandant
- 35 14 H.A. Group
- 36 Town Major, BECOURT
- 37 Div. Salvage Co.
- 38 No. 1 Special Co. R.E.
- 39 Camp Commandant
- 40 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 41 Town Major, MARTINPUICH
- 42 O.C., Corps Light Railways.
- 43)
- 44) Spare
- 45)

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 11th. March to 6 a.m. 12th. March, 1917.NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. The 4.5" Howitzers fired on the trench junctions throughout the front line and support systems. At 12 noon a 20-minute intense bombardment of the enemy front line system was carried out. A hostile battery at H.20.a.9.1, reported by aeroplane, was engaged at 4 p.m. by our 4.5" hows. Registrations were obtained on the wire and other important points. During the day 5104 rounds 18-pr. were fired to cut wire; 19 different lanes were dealt with as follows:- G.36.c.65.35, G.36.c.50.35, G.36.c.3.3, G.36.c.10.25, G.36.c.0.2, G.35.d.90.15, G.35.d.8.1, G.35.d.7.1, G.35.d.60.05, G.35.d.5.0, G.35.d.4.0, M.5.b.3.9, G.36.c.00.55, M.4.b.6.5, M.4.b.75.55, M.4.b.6.7, M.4.b.7.7, M.5.a.4.6, M.5.a.95.80.

Where locations are underlined it is claimed that the wire has been cut. At M.4.b.6.5, M.4.b.75.55, G.36.c.3.3, G.36.c.10.25, G.36.c.0.2, G.35.d.90.15 and M.4.b.6.7, infantry officers expressed themselves as satisfied that lanes had been cleared. In several places it has not been found possible to secure observation of the wire, particularly on the 2nd line. During the day hostile aircraft interfered to a large extent with the wirecutting.

Trench Mortars. Medium T.Ms., between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm, fired 32 rounds at the wire at M.4.b.2.4 and M.4.b.45.40, at both of which places it has been cut. At 3 am they also fired 22 rounds in cutting wire at G.36.d.8.0 and G.36.d.7.0.

Machine Guns. Indirect fire over enemy's lines and approaches was carried out. Occasional bursts were fired into LOUPART WOOD to check enemy snipers and observation. At daybreak an enemy working party was fired on and 12 casualties inflicted. Between 2 am and 4 am LOUPART WOOD and approaches were swept with M.G. fire as an enemy relief was expected to take place at that time.

Patrols. A patrol moving along BEAULENCOURT RD., N.8.b., saw a party salvaging wire from the dump previously reported. Patrols reported an enemy listening post at N.2.b.2.2. Work was also heard going on in rear of the BRICKFIELD.

A patrol heard movement in enemy trench in G.36.c.

A patrol examined enemy wire in vicinity of M.5.b.5.8 and found it badly damaged in places. A M.G. was firing from G.35.d.5.0.

A patrol observed wire to be cut in several places in the vicinity of G.35.d.8.2 and G.36.c.2.3. Gaps 5' to 10' wide were seen.

A patrol moved from G.36.c.6.2 along wire to G.36.d.6½.½. It reported that wire was damaged at several points but not sufficiently to allow ingress. About 8 Germans were seen at work on wire at G.36.d.6½.½. A M.G. fired from approx. G.36.c.9.4½.

A patrol saw a party of 7 men at work behind the wire in the salient at G.36.d. A patrol reported LAYTON ALLEY (M.5.b.) near enemy line, in bad condition although recently used. Wire at junction is much broken by our artillery fire.

Enemy was very much on the alert during the night and used a great number of flares.

Snipers. Our snipers report one enemy casualty.

Works. On the right, front line trench was widened and deepened. Existing wire was strengthened.

In the centre, posts at M.5.b.3½.5, M.6.a.3½.7, M.6.b.3½.7, N.1.a.3½.6 were completed to an average depth of

5'6" and connected to an average depth of 3' with the exception of about 25 yards at about M.6.a.7.7.

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On the left, MALT TR. was cleaned out. It had previously been blown in at many places. 50 yds. single corkscrew wire was put out in front of posts. From trench at M.5.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a sap was dug for 60 yds. 3'6" deep and 3' wide at top. Posts were improved.

Aircraft. Our planes were very active. One landed at M.24.d.7.8 with engine trouble and a few bullet holes through the propeller. Pilot was slightly wounded. One fell in the vicinity of the BUTTE and one at M.10.c. A fourth one was reported to have fallen, but this has not been verified.

Miscellaneous. The tree near LUISENHOF FARM was cut down last night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was active. Between noon and 2 pm enemy shelling increased in retaliation for our wire cutting operations. DEAD MULE CORNER, M.22.c., was heavily shelled during the afternoon by 8" from N.E.

Area Shelled	From	TIME To	Direction	Calibre	No. of Rds.
WARLENCOURT & vicinity M.10.b.	7am	9am	BAPAUME	15cm	5
H.4.d.4.8 to M5c4.5	6am	7am	"	10.5cm	10
M16.b.9.c.9 to M16b4.5	7am	8am	"	(77mm-1, 10.5cm.-14.	
M.5.c.6.5 to M.5.d.6.0	7am.	10am	"	(10.5cm	19.4
MARTINPUICH	8.20am	9.16am	"	15cm	3
MALT TR, WARLENCOURT	10am	noon	"	10.5cm.	13
M.18.a.c.d.	10am	11am	RIENCOURT	"	50
N.1.c.8.4	11.20am	11.35am	GREVILLERS	"	10
N. 1. d.	11.30pm	12.45pm	BAPAUME	"	24
M. 3. & 4	-do-	-do-	"	"	
LE BARQUE	-do-	-do-	BAPAUME	77mm.	35
LE SANS	2.50pm.	3pm.		10.5cm.	13
M.1c.b.1.4. to b.4.8.	2pm.	3pm..		77mm.	29
M.29.c.	4.15pm.	4.30pm.	BAPAUME	10.5cm.	10
M.22.c.	4pm.	5pm.	-do-	(15cm. 21cm.	40

Trench Mortars. Salvoes were fired from enemy T.Ms. in H.32.c. and N.2.a. during the day and night. About 250 bombs fell during the 24 hours. A T.M. is suspected at N.2.a.7.7.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. fired occasional bursts over our lines. They were active when any movement was noticed. M.Gs. are suspected at G.35.d.5.1., G.36.c.9.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. and L.5.b.1.8.

Defences. Wire is damaged in front of salient in G.36.d.

Movement. 2 Germans were seen to pass through wire at H.31.d.50.65. and disappeared at about H.31.d.3.2. Movement was seen in WARLENCOURT TRENCH. At 6.12 a.m. 8 men were seen at G.34.a.1.1. A party appears there regularly every morning. Considerable movement was noticed in LOUPART TRENCH throughout the day. Parties going along both ways in road in G.9.d. appear to enter dugout at G.9.d.5.4. and then move on again. Movement was observed on roads at G.2.c.5.9., G.3.c.1.3., G.9.c.8.2, G.9.d.5.4. The road in G.9.c. and d. appears much used.

Aircraft. Enemy planes were active. One was driven down behind LOUPART WOOD.

Signals. At 5 p.m. enemy dropped a shell into his own wire. Blue flares were put up and range lengthened.

Miscellaneous. At 1 p.m. yesterday a fire which lasted several hours was observed in direction of GREVILLERS. At 2.15 a.m. loud explosions were heard in direction of LOUPART WOOD (G.35.c.) lasting about 30 seconds. Another explosion in direction of GREVILLERS followed almost immediately. During the night large clouds of white smoke were observed along enemy lines opposite our left sector and sounds of muffled explosions were heard. At 4 a.m. explosions were heard in both the suspected strong points at G.35.c.4.2. and M.4.b.1.7. Flares had been sent up from these points during the night. House at G.2.d.3.9. near LONG LOGEAST WOOD appears much used and in good condition.

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for Lieut.-Colonel, Capt
General Staff.
Second Australian Division

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 12th March to 6 a.m. 13th March, 1917.

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NOTE:- Not to be taken into front line trenches.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. At 4.25 pm. a 20-minutes intense bombardment of the wire in front line was carried out. On the Right Sector the wire in front of TILL TR. received special attention. A party of men observed at G.35.d. 95.60 at 11 am. was fired on and dispersed.

Registrations were carried out during the day.

During the day 4350 rounds were fired on the wire protecting the enemy front system in the following localities :- M.5.b.00.85, M.5.a.95.80, M.5.a.75.75, G.35.c.3.5, G.36.c.60.65, G.36.c.45.60, G.36.c.3.6, G.36.c.15.35, G.36.c.00.55, G.35.d.8.6, M.4.b.8.6, M.4.b.9.6, M.5.a.5.7, M.5.a.

6. At all these points it is reported that lanes have been made, except the two last-named, where it is stated that, though the wire has been removed, knife-rests still remain. The wire all along the front of trench G.35.c.1.3 to G.35.c.5.8 has been badly damaged by shell fire.

Machine Guns. During the afternoon small parties in G.31.a. were fired on. Indirect fire was maintained on enemy approaches until 2 am.

Patrols - Operations. Owing to observation of flares falling short on enemy's line, it was suspected that the enemy had evacuated the front line trenches. Patrols went forward. At 11.50 pm., patrols entered WARLENCOURT TR. at G.35.d.8.2 and at G.35.d.3.0. The strong point at latter place had been blown up. There were no signs that the enemy was in occupation of the trench. Parties were pushed out and by 2 am. WARLENCOURT TR. was occupied. GREVILLERS TR. was then occupied and patrols pushed forward to the line H.31.a.1.5, QUARRY (G.36.a.) FONDS BERTIN (G.29.d.), corner of wood G.35.a.4.4. South-East corner of LOUPART WOOD was found unoccupied. By 6 a.m. posts had been established on this line and patrols went on into GREVILLERS. No opposition was met with.

Hostile M.G. fire and sniping was heavy from the East (H.32), also from G.24.d. and H.19.c.

About 6 a.m. enemy shelled WARLENCOURT & GREVILLERS LINE from direction of BAPAUME.

One prisoner was taken in LAYTON ALLEY, G.5.b.2.9.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was very active during the day over the whole of the front, but slackened towards dusk. LE SARS CUTTING (M.16.c.) was shelled throughout the day by 15 cm.

(SEE ATTACHED TABLE).

Movement. Parties of between 6 and 20 men were seen on the road in G.9.a. and G.9.b. and the road through G.9.c. & G.9.d., throughout the day.

for LC Beavis
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY TABLE.

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Calibre	Rounds
M.30.b.	6 a.m.	VILLERS-AU-FLOS	10.5cm.	10
GIRD TRENCH	9.10am. to 10.30am.	BAPAUME	15cm.	12
M.10.c.	10 am. to 11 am.	GREVILLERS	10.5cm.	4
MALT TRENCH	-do-	-do-	-do-	18
LE SARS	10 am. to 2.30 pm.	-do-	-do-	46
LOUPART TRENCH	10 am. to 10.30am.	-do-	-do-	6
M.6.c.	10.15am. to 12noon	BAPAUME	-do-	60
M.19.c.	10.55am. to 11.30am.	BANCOURT	(-do-	50
S. of MALT TRENCH	11am. to 1pm.	GREVILLERS	(15cm.	9
M.17.d.	11.45am. to 1.45pm.	-do-	15cm.	10
M.24.b.	11.30am. to 1pm.	BEAULENCOURT	- DO -	10
M.24.b.	11.30am. to 1pm.	RIENCOURT	15cm.	10
M.24.b.	-do-	-do-	-do-	8
WARLENCOURT	11.30am. to 1.50pm.	BAPAUME	77mm.	18
LA COUPE GUEULE	11.45am.	-do-	10.5cm.	3
WARLENCOURT	Noon to 1pm.	GREVILLERS	-do-	13
LE SARS	12.30pm. to 2.30pm.	-do-	(10.5cm.	12
M.16.d.	12.30pm.	BANCOURT	(15cm.	121
M.22.a. and b.	1pm. to 3pm.	BAPAUME	10.5cm.	5
M.17.a. & S. of BUTTE	2pm. to 3.30pm.	GREVILLERS	15cm.	43
M.16.d.	3.10pm. to 3.50pm.	BAPAUME	(15cm.	81
M.18.c. & M.17.c.	3.20pm. to 4pm.	-do-	(77mm.	21
			15cm.	4
			-do-	11

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Information obtained from a prisoner of 9th. Coy. 3rd. Bn.
 1st Guard Reserve Regt. captured near H.5.b.2.9.

He stated that yesterday afternoon (12th.) 9th. and 10th Coys. were in LOUPART LINE with not more than 3 Machine Guns. At 4 p.m. prisoners dugout was blown in and six men buried. Two were killed and the prisoner lamed. The other three managed to dig out by 7 p.m. when they, quite unexpectedly, found the trench vacated.

The following information was obtained from prisoner:- 9th. and 10th. Coys. relieved Coys. of 2nd. Battalion on March 7th. One Coy. went to MORCHIES the other to the vicinity of H.26.c. The 12th. Coy. reinforced by part of the 11th. Coy. formed the Rearguard Coy. and was resting at MORCHIES. 3rd Battalion was to have been relieved by the 1st. on 11th. inst. 1st. Battalion was to be relieved by Rearguard Coy. on 14th. which was to hold LOUPART LINE for one or two days to cover retirement of remainder to LOGEAST-BAPAUME TRENCH as front line. On the 11th. a message was received that 3rd. Battalion was to hold LOUPART LINE until 14th. inst. Evacuation of LOUPART LINE last night came as a surprise. LOGEAST - BAPAUME LINE is not good, and not likely to be held for long. Wire is thick and 4 to 5 metres wide. Switch trench in H.25.a. and H.25.c. is shallow and not likely to be held. Trench H.25.a.30. to H.26.d.2.1. is not completed but wire is good. The trenches in H.33. are not in a good condition although the wire is good. GREVILLERS has never been used for billets or Headquarters. There are no dugouts in the village, only a few reinforced cellars. There are a number of good wells but prisoner thinks they are mined. The prisoner said HINDENBURG LINE (SIEGFRIED STELLUNG) is a very formidable obstacle with concrete dugouts. The wire is not more than 15 to 20 metres broad and about 1 to 2 metres high. During December Russian prisoners were working on it, and since then French civilians. The road from BAPAUME to FREMICOURT is fairly good up to Brickfields. From there it is deeply rutted owing to artillery traffic and has not recently been repaired.

A fortnight ago two batteries of 10.5 cm. guns were removed from road junction in G.35.b. owing to our shelling. Dugouts in WARLENCOURT had been prepared for blowing up but our occupation was too rapid.

A rumour was in circulation to the effect that the Division was to be relieved by Bavarians.