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Inward Messages.

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| 1                    | 5am              | MC9           | 10th Bde         | Tail in position at 4am.<br>Many 5.9 on our forward line.<br>Some casualties. Weather very bad.   |   |
| 2                    | 5.35             | Y. 562        | 4th Aust Div.    | Sit. Report. Enemy arty. active during night, but quieted down towards 4 am. BROODSEINDE Ridge ANZAC, ROGE-ROULER'S Rly. and back area all shelled. A few gas shells were used on WESTHOEK Ridge. |   |
| 3                    | 6.10             | BM220         | 3rd NZ Rifle Bde | Sit. Rpt. 5 am. Quiet night. Rain commenced at 2 am, and the weather is still stormy.   |   |
| 4                    | 6.30             | Verbal        | Rehelft          | 5 guns blown out during app. March - 1 since at back comm.  | Replacement to be arranged. Necessary steps taken to ensure safe of damage etc. |
| 5                    | 6.35             | Y. 350        | N. Z. Div.       | Sit. 5 am. quiet. Left Bde. assembled O.K. Right Bde. reports not received yet.   |   |

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| 6                        | 6.40                        | BM41            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde.       | Assembly completed satisfactorily by 3 am.   |            |
| 7                        | 6.49                        | Verbal          | C.R. A.                    | Gen. Grimwade reported that he ascertained from 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. that they have no Smoke Shell to put on the Ridge.            |            |
| 8                        | 6.56                        | B.M.<br>11      | 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde.      | Impress. to Rep comm. by wire forward of Bde. Hqs. Visual not yet est. Runners will be slow as distances are great and going very heavy. |            |
| 9                        | 7.2                         | Pa. 563         | 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. | No news yet. ZONNEBEKE area heavily shelled. All lines forward of Bde. Hqs. down.  |            |

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| 10                       | 7.4                                    | BM12            | 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. | About 13 prisoners proceeding down K. Track past thru H.Q.  | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde advised. Also 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army or 7 <sup>th</sup> Div. |
| 11                       | 7.7                                    | Verbal          | C. R. A.              | Gen. Grimwade reported equivalent of one Bde. UP in action behind WINDMILL.   |  |
| 12                       | 7.10                                   | BM42            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde.  | Wounded man reports enemy barrage came down on assembled troops at 7 <sup>th</sup> Div minus 10 minutes. Pns. suffered some casualties number unknown. Also states leading Bn. got away well under our barrage. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army or 7 <sup>th</sup> Div. Divisions advised.                |
| 13                       | 7.24                                   | BM14            | 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. | Wounded Officer of 40 <sup>th</sup> . reports many enemy m.g. opened at 7 <sup>th</sup> . Advance was proceeding steadily at 6 am. Over 100 prisoners on way in.  | Repeated 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army or 7 <sup>th</sup> Div. Pns.                     |

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| 14                       | 7.27                        | BM 43           | 9th Bde.       | Wounded men 35th Bn. report, 34th Bn. digging in on RED LINE.   | Sent 2nd Bn. 7th Bn. 10th Bn. Bde.           |
| 15                       | 7.35                        | GA 56           | 4th Aust. Div. | 45th Bn. report at 5.40am attack going well. 47th & 48th Bns. seen on top of RIDGE. Several prisoners observed coming in. C.T. commenced progressing. Shelling heavy in rear. 3rd Aust. Div seen advancing on left. |  |
| 16                       | 8.2 am                      | Bn. 45          | 9th Bde.       | 20 prisoners of 333rd & 337th Regts. captured by 34th Bn. have passed our H.Q. 7.58am (Altered to 233 + 337th (See 11232))  | Sent II Angac<br>11. 2 Div +<br>4th Aust Div |
| 17                       | 8.0 am                      | GA 564          | 4th Aust. Div. | Message received from our RED line. Our not tired. Legons - All troops in position cheerful. Enemy shells falling on position on left flank.  |  |

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| 17                       | Continued                   |                                  |                             | All on tape.   |            |
| 18                       | 8.6.<br>am                  | 9a567<br><del>4#66</del><br>Aust | 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>Dir | 7.0.0 reports RED Line reached. Not yet confirmed. Jined 6 am -  |            |
| 19                       |                             |                                  |                             | Signal message from Contact- aeroplane 7.48 am } contact plane flew overhead and signalled O.K on Clayton home.    |            |
| 20                       | 8.23<br>am                  | 9a.567                           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>Dir | Message from 7.0.0 timed 7.18 am reads - O.K. consolidating RED line.  |            |
| 21                       | 8.26<br>am                  | R.8m<br>18                       | RWZ                         | Two wounded men of 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn report that 37 <sup>th</sup> Bn were digging in on RED line when they left. |            |

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| 22                       | 8.40<br>am                  |                 |            | Capt. Lambden reported that 18 Anzac telephoned F.O.O have sent word to them that at 7.18 REID line was being consolidated. (General Mrouash rephed. We had that news some time ago.  |            |
| 23                       | 8.42<br>pm                  | Bm<br>70        | RWZ        | Vicinity of 15c is under heavy H.2 fire from the S.E.   |            |
| 24                       | 8.42<br>pm                  | Bm<br>10        | RWZ        | Very heavy M.G fire caught the leading 2 battis in the swamp at D11c causing many casualties the swamp was serious obstacle large number of enemy have been killed with the bayonet.— |            |

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| 25                       | 8.42<br>am                  | I.O.<br>280     | 9th Bde     | Further 40 prisoners - total 60 - have passed N. R. from Bu. -  | 34th.      |
| 26                       | 8.50<br>am                  | 9353            | N.Z<br>Div. | 8 am no official report yet received - 9th Divon report - that reliable information point to right Bu right Bde having reached RED Line - Artillery liaison officer with left Bde N.Z. Divon report our men well up under the barrage at 6.50 am - No report from our right Bde - No report from left Bde 3rd Aust. Divon - Aust. Divon reports that wounded men returning say their right Bde are digging in on RED Line. // |            |

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| 27                       | 9.15<br>am                  | IG<br>738       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>Divn | Left Brigades reports 3 prisoners of 8 <sup>th</sup> JAGER. Regt 195 <sup>th</sup> Divn -   |            |
| 28                       | 8.58<br>am                  | 9.354           | N.Z.<br>Divn                 | Leading battn our left Bde reports on RED line and had casualties from M.G fire which has now died down. Shelling light. Small parties prisoners passing through in exhausted condition. Also reported that Battn for BLUE objective at 6.35 am was advancing in good order to get under RED Protector. |            |
| 29                       | 8.58<br>am                  | B.M<br>23       | 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde         | 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn passed thro' 37 <sup>th</sup> Bn at RED line at 8.10 am. All going well. Majority of our prisoners being sent down along railway.   |            |

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| 30                       | 9.00<br>arr                 | IO281           | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde        | Prisoners of this Brigade who have passed H.Q. now total 80 - Principally 233, 337 & 24 <sup>th</sup> Regts.  |            |
| 31                       | 9.5<br>arr                  | N.193           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. D.A. | On the GREEN Line protective barrage being reached. No 1 Group will detail two guns to enfilade for the purpose of SOS from E.7. d. 40.75 to E7c 65.20 in order to cover our right flank. The GREEN protective barrage line will also be extended SOUTH to E7 d 40 75 [Nos 1. 2 3 4 & 5 Groups & 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. D.A.]. |            |
| 32                       | 9.25<br>arr                 | IO 282          | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde        | Prisoners mentioned in B.M.45 belong to 233 <sup>rd</sup> and 337 <sup>th</sup> Regts.  |            |

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| 33                       | 9:25<br>am                  | <u>Postal</u>   |                     | First Contact called and reported he heard from our wounded men that the 2 <sup>nd</sup> objective had been attained. - G.O.C. <sup>was</sup> incredible as it is not time yet. Prisoners captured from all regiments of 195 <sup>th</sup> Divn. - |            |
| 34                       | 9:30<br>am                  | B.8rv<br>H6     | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde | RED Line definitely gained and being consolidated. B battn passed thro' A Bn and advancing to BLUE line. Four enemy machine guns captured. Estimated prisoners total 150 at present Estimated casualties A Bn 2 Officers. 75 O/R.                  |            |

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| 35                       | 9.28<br>am                  | B 7M<br>339     | 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde | During the night 11/12 this Bde suffered heavy casualties from shell fire, their present effective strength with units in field, including Coy and Batta HQ are AERIAL (41 <sup>st</sup> Bn) 450 - ANVIL (42 <sup>nd</sup> ) 400 ADMIRAL (43 <sup>rd</sup> ) 250 ARMOUR (44 <sup>th</sup> ) 375. |            |
| 36                       | 9.55<br>am                  | B 7M<br>27      | 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde | The advance of 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn is impeded by enemy M.G fire from their left flank. This information was brought back by a wounded man and reached these HQ at 9.40 am.   |            |
| 37                       | 10.5<br>am                  | B 7M<br>49      | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde  | Latest information enemy artillery fire not ceased but considerably slackened turned 9.0 am.   |            |

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| 38                       | 10-26<br>am                 | ?               | 37 <sup>th</sup> Bde<br>RNG  | Pigeon service - Objective reached<br>4 am. Very heavy casualties.<br>No connection on the left nor<br>any sign of anyone on the<br>left flank - Heavy counter-<br>attack developing on that flank<br>at 8 am - |            |
| 39                       | 10-27<br>am                 | 9364            | N. Z.<br>Bde.                | No further reports received. Reserve<br>Bn being moved forward<br>to neighbourhood of GRAFEIVSTAFEL<br>and near 2 batts POMMEIRIV<br>CASTLE D 19a -   |            |
| 40                       | 10-28<br>am                 | BM<br>29        | RINZ<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde | Enemy artillery fire not ceased but<br>dropped to practically nothing. Round<br>man reports 40 <sup>th</sup> Bde have captured  |            |

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| Sequence No. in Register | Time of Receipt<br>Despatch | Sender's Number | From<br>To                    | SUBJECT  | Action     |
| 410                      |                             |                 |                               | BLUE lines and 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn are passing through them. Considerable enemy fire on D 15 & from about due South -  |            |
| 411                      | 10:28<br>am                 | ?               | Northampton                   | Aeroplane contact machine brought down Pilot and observer unhurt. Please report at 21 <sup>st</sup> Squadron R.F.C. -  |            |
| 421                      | 10:35<br>am                 |                 | W.I.W.<br>36 <sup>th</sup> Bn | Pigeon service - My H.Q. now D 11 d 60.20 approx heavy 5.9 barrage extending North & South in rear of my position. Have recovered portion of reserves Coy. now coming forward. Have been blown up by 5.9 - don't feel too good - can carry on. |            |

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| 43                       | 10:36<br>am                 |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Air<br>Co  | Copy of pigeon message. Dined<br>9:15 am and 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. Objective<br>reached at 9 am. Heavy<br>casualties. No connection with<br>left nor any sign of anyone<br>Heavy counter-attack developing<br>on that flank. Repeated by Corps<br>to 10 <sup>th</sup> <del>Bde</del> Bde + N.Z. Div. —   |            |
| 44                       | 10:34<br>am                 | IG<br>739       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Air<br>Div | Three of 24 <sup>th</sup> JAEGER Batta & JAEGER<br>Regt. 195 Div. taken about 1500 yds<br>SE of PASSCHENDAELE - order of battle<br>no 6 <sup>th</sup> JAEGER Regt & 8 <sup>th</sup> JAEGER 233<br>RIR 4 Coy in right line of shell<br>holes. Either 16 <sup>th</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> JAEGER<br>batta in supports. 210 RIR in reserve.<br>Casualties heavy. Coy strength |            |

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| H44                      | feathered                   |                 |                                   | 60 to 70 yesterday. Our attack expected and special vigilance order issued last night. Two light MG per Coy in front line Reserve. Division came to PASSCHENDAELE last night. Whole 195 <sup>th</sup> Bn expected to be relieved tonight. HQ of front line troops in PASSCHENDAELE — |            |
| H45                      | 10.44 am                    | BM 340          | B & Q 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde.       | (In reply to S.16) — Yes.  |            |
| H46                      | 10.50 am                    | Phone           | 2 GOC from Col. Twissay M.L. Des. | Speld up along entire front 10.6.65. Have got CEMETERY — GOC — Any information is that I am past the RED line on the left  |            |

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| Sequence No. in Register | Time of Receipt<br>Despatch | Sender's Number | From<br>To                               | SUBJECT  | Action     |
| 47                       | Consumed                    |                 |  | Bde that is on your boundary - I have not any definite info that we are past it on my right to the top of the hill. He are told there is heavy fire coming from our left in one RED objective. Coming from your boundary inside the RED objective area. If you keep banage 100 yds or so clear of our RAVEIN-BEKE Creek boundary - then you bring it back on the RED line. |            |
| 48                       | 11.12 am                    | 1               | 2nd Lt<br>Garatt<br>21 <sup>st</sup> RTC | No movement noticed over enemy side. -   |            |
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| H9                        | 11-8<br>am                 | 'Phone.          | forps       | Commander inquired situation -<br>900 - Our men have been seen<br>on the hill at CREST FARM & I have<br>got in touch with the N.Z. Div<br>and have ordered the Reserve Bn<br>of the left Bde. to be employed<br>to secure ground we have won<br>and are giving him another Battalion<br>of my Div. Reserve to stand-by.<br>They are only standing by with orders<br>not to move until I give permission -<br>Not to be used without my orders. |            |
| 50                        | 11-8<br>pm                 | 9365             | N.Z.<br>Div | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde reports 10.25 am as follows - Whole<br>Bde held up about 300 yds in front of and<br>beyond tape line by M. Guns in pill<br>box along whole front - They report<br>your Bde is in touch with them<br>and continues the general line to  |            |

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| 50                        | (Continued)                |                  |                       | the left - Report your position - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde request barrage to be pulled back to RED line. All this interfere with you - If so state extreme limit your right & left barrage can be placed - 9 <sup>th</sup> Div report their troops on immediate left are believed to have reached first objective |            |
| 51                        | 11:35 am                   | IBM 15           | 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde. | Hits claimed by our troops yesterday ARMOUR 50 ARVIL 25 Enemy activity very active during morning of 10 <sup>th</sup> but slackened off considerably during afternoon   |            |
| 52                        | 10:50 am                   | FS18             | II Army               | Aeroplane report - 1 1/2 enemy battalions E10 a 35 and 1 battal E9. C 55 at 9 am moving west. Transport moving west near ROULERS 9.15 am Transport moving into MOORSLEIDE from East 9.15 am.  |            |

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| 53                        | 10.52<br>am                | BM<br>31         | RWZ<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde  | Following message sent by 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn at 9.50 am Advance is held up by MG fire from pill box on NZ sector Any observers with telescopes report seeing our troops moving forward near CREST FARM at 10.20 a.m. |            |
| 54                        | 11.30<br>am                | BM<br>32         | RWZ.<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde | Ref BM.31 - Bde Intelligence Officer watching with glasses does not confirm observers report as to seeing our troops moving near CREST FARM.  |            |
| 55                        | 11.35<br>am                | 'Phone message   |                              | Genl. Gwynne informed situation - Lt Jackson - the NZ barrage is going to start about 3 pm on the RED Line. I have specially asked that up till and after   |            |

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| 55                        | (continued)                |                  |           | <p>then every gun that possibly can be spared shall be along that spur south of 5 central. It is from there our left Bn is getting hit. Our position now runs roughly from VIENNA Cottages through 12 central. Unconfirmed reports state our men seen near CREST FARM at 10.20 am. Genl. Rosenthal has been told that his Reserve Battalion can be employed if necessary. Genl. Lannan told to have a Battalion ready to take place of Genl. McMichelli reserve if required. -</p> |            |

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| 56                        | 11.20                      | -                | B Jackson<br>Lt Col<br>Am   | Pigeon service - Only one sent.<br>Situation serious held up on<br>RED line troops on left not<br>linked up - machine guns and<br>snipers on right slope of ridge<br>left of RAVEBEKE make movement<br>impossible - casualties large - |            |
| 57                        | 11.35                      | MC<br>11         | RWZ<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde | All reports say no sign of N.Z<br>on our left - and heavy M & G fire<br>from that flank. Have sent<br>BOSON (Bde Mgr) to clear up situation<br>Casualties reported very heavy &<br>swamps impassable -                                 |            |
| 58                        | 11.45                      | MC 14            | RWZ<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde | Have ordered my Bde reserve<br>forward to assist in holding<br>all ground gained. Your 527<br>received. -  |            |

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| 59                        | 11-9 am                    | IG 740           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div   | contact plane reports flares shown at 9.15 am at D 18 a 7.8. D 18 a 8.5 D 18 a 9.4 D 18 b 0.4. Two strong enemy parties observed East of D 18 b 2.4 and at D 18 b 6.3 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Div on a line VIENNA COTTS D 12 central -                                 |            |
| 60                        | 11-25 am                   | BM 54            | W 1 B 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde. | In view of your 9.27 may we now consider our Reserve Bn available for our own use or is it still to be held as a reserve. 10 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde. W 1 W 1 (36 <sup>th</sup> ) reports heavy losses and enemy in strength with many machine guns about the GREEN Line - |            |

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| 61                        | 11.30                      | -                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Garrett<br>21 <sup>st</sup> Squadron | No movement noticed over enemy's side of line.  |            |
| 62                        | 11.00                      | BM 50            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde.                                     | "A" Bn. report as follows - Casualties on approach march 22 O.R. Enemy barrage came down 5 mins. after our opening barrage. Enemy also fired H.E. indiscriminately over back area. RED LINE captured at 6.45 am. "B" Bn. were close up and passed through. "A" Bn. reorganized and Reserve Coy. sent forward with "B" Bn. one LTM blown out. Heavy m.g. fire came through barrage from concrete dugout in TIGER HOUSE. Then m.g.'s ceased fire when barrage moved on at zero plus 180. At 8.14 had captured 4 mgs and approx. 150 prisoners. Ground very wet and going heavy. |            |
| 63                        | 11.17                      | BM 53            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde.                                     | D. H. d. approx. strength 400.  |            |
| 64                        | 11.47                      | -                | 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn.                                     | Left Coy. reports taken BLUE LINE. Had to assist 35 <sup>th</sup> . Counter attack moving on their left and front. Sufficient men to take GREEN LINE. No appearance of 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. on our left.   |            |

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| 65                        | 11.46                      | BMA345           | 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde.                   | 41 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Located P. 15. C. and 16. C. HQ. at OTTO FM. Co. now estimates strength at 300. Liaison being sent 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde.   |            |
| 66                        | 11.58                      | MS1              | Stokes<br>FOO.<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. | Sit. obscure. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn. reached objective and are in shell holes. Reported that 38 <sup>th</sup> had to come back. Am trying to get information.  |            |
| 67                        | 12.4 pm                    | BMA57            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde.                    | C <sup>o</sup> Bn. report their left Coy. used to assist B <sup>n</sup> to take BLUE LINE. C <sup>o</sup> Bn. require more men to take GREEN LINE. C <sup>o</sup> Bn. cannot see any sign of 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. on their left. Turned 10.12 am |            |
| 68                        | 12.5                       | BMA346           | 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde.                   | 41 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Located P. 15. C. and 16. C. HQ. at OTTO FM. Co. now estimates strength at 300. Liaison being sent 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde.   |            |

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| 69                        | 12.15.                     | —                | Observer             | Very heavy m.g. fire on plane from CON. PLANE CRAF HOUSE and further N.   |            |
| 70                        | —                          | 4.825            | 2 <sup>ND</sup> Army | Situation Report.   |            |
| 71                        | 12.35                      | MC 19            | 10th/30th            | Just rec. your 4.24. See my MC 14. All my troops are committed. Do not know strength or location. See my MC 11. Casualties reported very heavy.   |            |
| 72                        | 12.18                      | —                | ✓                    | Sit. very serious. Ref. shows that RED LINE has not been taken. Present pos. D. 11 a. 5. 6 to D. 11 d. 6. 8. Sit. held up by m.g. fire and snipers. Casualties very heavy. Co. 38 <sup>th</sup> Pm. has given orders reinforce 40 <sup>th</sup> Pm. |            |

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| 73                        | 12.24                      | —                | 36th Bn.  | P.S. Sit. at 10.5 am. Report from BLUE Line reads: - we are on Blue Line with composite force all 3 Bns. Both flanks in air. Not suff. men left by capture Green Line. Counter attack massing E. of ECHO CAPST.  |            |
| 74                        | 12.31                      | 13M59            | 9th Bde.  | 33rd Bn. now def. 9th Bde reserve and not necessary for assisting 10th Bde. 33rd will be prepared to move on rec. of instructions 34th. 35th. 36th. will consolidate most forward positions now held. cc. 36th. will be in charge and resp. for consolidating. Early and accurate inf. is required of lines thus being consolidated. |            |
| 75                        | 12.52                      | 4.833            | 2nd Army  | Ref. my 4.825. For 'A' flank along MEERCHEELE spur has been arranged. - read 'a' flank along along Meerchule spur has been arranged.   |            |

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| 76                        | 12.54                      | G.834            | 2nd Ampac | Ref. G.825. N. 7. Div. report that they will renew attacks at 3 pm. and will make Blue Line their final objective.                                    |            |
| 77                        | 1.3                        | MC18             | 10th Bde. | Just rec. your G. 24. See my MC 14. All my troops committed. Do not know strength or locations. See my MC 11. Casualties reported very heavy.         |            |
| 78                        | 1-54                       | G.842            | 2nd Ampac | Ref to N. 3 Div's orders sent under my G. 841. Please arrange for contact plane to call for flares at 4.20 pm o'clock hour this afternoon on RED line |            |

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| 79                              | 2.5<br>pm                        | B8M<br>62           | W1B<br>9th Bde | The Blue line is to be consolidated<br>SOS being arranged 200 yards in<br>advance of BLUE line. All troops<br>in advance of BLUE line must be<br>withdrawn to it. Left flank to<br>be refused along inter-battalion<br>boundary to join up with 10th<br>Bde at D11d6.8. Special care to<br>be taken to meet counter-attacks<br>from North-West, North + South North-<br>East. CARGO (33 <sup>rd</sup> ) will hold two<br>coys at disposal of CABLE (36 <sup>th</sup> )<br>to meet counter-attacks. |            |
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| 80                        | 2-15 pm                    | Phone message<br>900 to Genl<br>Ressenthal |           | The operation against Crest Spur is washed out. Genl. Russell cannot move today. When you have given orders to stop everything going on ring me up & talk to me further - Genl. McHagan on your right. His people say that you have not left the RED line. Can you throw any light upon that? They say you have not joined up. You don't think that Mulue is making ... |            |
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Telephone conversation - 2.15 p.m. 12-10-17.

G.O.C. to GenL. ROSENTHAL.

The operation against CREST FARM is washed out. General RUSSELL cannot move today. When you have given orders to stop everything going on, ring me up and talk to me further

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Gen: McLAGAN on your right - his people say you have not left the RED line. Can you throw any light upon that? You don't think that MILNE is making any mistake between the RED and the BLUE line. Will you have it verified later on. Will you let me have that information in a telegram? That means that you have only got to be anxious about your left - what are you doing about that? Are you attempting to form a line North-West? The orders are to dig in and consolidate the ground we have captured.

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G.O.C. to CORPS. 2.23 p.m. 12-10-17.

Gen: ROSENTHAL says that he has it in writing from two Battalion Commanders that they are holding the BLUE line, and that they are in touch with the 4th Division - Col: MILNE and Major McDOWALL. I only want to tell you that because you said the AIR people cast a doubt on it. Even if we only have from the road to the Cottages, we have the higher ground. I am taking every step to secure the position. We are fully organised for that and the work is going on now.



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| 82                        | 12.46                      | 9.367            | N.7.D.ii  | <p>Barrage has been ordered to be placed on Red Line at once. Reconnaissance and recon attack at 3 pm. Objective Red Line. At 3 pm Barrage will open on line D.10.6.95.40. D.4.6.10.55. and also on line D.5.6.25.40. D.10.6.75.60. It will remain down on line mentioned for 8 mins. It will then creep forward by lifts of 50' every 4 mins. until it reaches a hole 200' in front of Red Line where it will halt and form a protective and S/S barrage. 2nd W. Bde will detail 2 Coy to Lt. Belleme's Spur from 5E and 3rd W. Rifle Bde. will arrange to co-op. from N.W. Protective barrage will lift one hour after Red objective has been capt.</p> |            |

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| 82                        |                            | comd.            |                      |   |            |
|                           |                            |                  |                      | <p>Left 50<sup>x</sup> very 4 mins. by position<br/> 200<sup>x</sup> beyond and in front of Blue<br/> Line which will be your final<br/> objective of today's operations.<br/> 3rd M/R. Bde. during advance will<br/> provide for protection of left flank.</p>                                 |            |
| 83                        | 12.50                      | -                | Col Smith            |   |            |
|                           |                            |                  |                      | <p>New Zealanders have surrounded<br/> group of houses at Bellevue.</p>   |            |
| 84                        | 1.7                        | -                | 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde. |   |            |
|                           |                            |                  |                      | <p>36<sup>th</sup> Bn. reports consolidating<br/> Blue Line and not able to advance<br/> beyond. Gen. Rosenthal wants<br/> savage to come down on line 400<sup>x</sup><br/> in front of Blue Line and then<br/> work in by 200<sup>x</sup> so as to drive<br/> back any strong men of ours.</p> |            |

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| Sequence No. in Register. | Time of Receipt. Despatch. | Sender's Number. | From. To.     | SUBJECT.   | Action.    |
| 85                        | 1.10                       | 15742            | 4th Aust Div. | 9 more prisoners rep. 8th Jaeger Regt 233 P.I.R. 190 Div. 358 P.I.R. Coy. 449th I.R. 233 Div. Av. Coy. strength 50 by 60. 5th Par. Div. at present in reserve expected to relieve 195 Div. tonight.    |            |
| 86                        | 1.18                       | 8250             | 10th Pde.     | LORD def. states that present forward position 11.20 am is P.11.A.5.6 to 11.d.6.8. Several reports confirm CREST FM still in enemy's hands. 3 Coy's 41st Par. each 80 strong are near ABRAHAM HEIGHTS. |            |

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| 87                       | 1.40                        | IGA<br>138                           | 2nd Army<br>I | Pris. state 195 Div. was expecting relief today by 5th Par. Div. Latter Div. by present close being PASSLE. OC front line Par. in BREWERY D.B.d. 3.6. Mors. 195 Div. is ISECHEM.   |            |
| 88                       | 2.16                        | 12th<br>Bde.<br>4th<br>Div.<br>2.16p |               | Report from 48th Par. Armed 8.50 — states 9th Bde. held up on our left preventing our advance beyond Red Line Loc. of 47th and 48th. and R.A.P. D. 17.c. 6.9. No further reports from 48th Par. yet to hand. Have asked 48th confirm message from 3rd Div. stating 9th Bde on Blue Line and for proposals for continuing advance of 3rd Div. |            |

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| 89                       | 2.35                        | 4a<br>379       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Div<br>Div. | Message from 12 A/Bde begins.<br>Report from 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn. timed 8.30 am<br>states 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde. held up on our<br>left preventing our advance beyond<br>Red Line. Location 48 <sup>th</sup> or 47 <sup>th</sup><br>Reg. D. 17. c. 6. 9. No further report<br>from 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn. yet to hand. |            |
| 90                       | 2.40                        | -               | 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn.        | Please inform 35 <sup>th</sup> Bn. that<br>Liaison Off. sent from them<br>to us has been killed.   |            |
| 91                       | 2.52                        | 454             | 4 <sup>th</sup> Div         | Ob Right Bn. 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde. states he<br>is in touch with our Blue Line Bn.<br>on Blue Line and that our Bn.<br>has established post at E 7 c 5 8.<br>This has not been confirmed by<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Bde. who have had no  |            |

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| Sequence No. in Register | Time of Receipt<br>Despatch | Sender's Number | From<br>To             | SUBJECT   | Action     |
| 93                       | 2.57                        | D.992           | 21st Squadron          | Can you give us any news of RE 8, number on tail 5752 Pilot Lt. DRESCHFELD, observer Lt. MOORE - left ground at 9.5 am.   |            |
| 94                       | 3.7                         | 4.374           | M. 7. Div.             | Operations of 2nd W. Inf Bde. and 3rd W. Inf Bde. as laid down in G. 367 are cancelled.   |            |
| 95                       | 3.55                        |                 | Phone Gen. Ross - Hel. | They are in touch with 4th Div. on the Right - apparently both on Blue line. An officer is up there now to finally verify the line. They are being infiltrated from Belleme Spur and will |            |

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| 95                       | Cont.   |                 |            | continue to be so infiltrated until they get underground.   |            |
|                          |   | (Gen. MONASH)   |            | Artillery has been firing on Spur, on Graf, on Obichell, and whole of the spur. It can only be the extreme left of your line that is being infiltrated, because the right cannot be.  |            |
| NOTE:-                   | Information supplied by Lt. COHEN, Sig. Officer, 33rd BN. |                 |            | after information suggests that the whole Div. is back where it started from. Have you heard anything about a counter-attack? Will you have got the 43rd Bn at your disposal and you will have to use it if necessary to secure the ground you have, assuming that you are still on |            |

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| 95                       | cont.                       |                 |            | Blue Line. You may have to make a flank along the Div. boundary in the direction of DECK WOOD because if you hold on to that I do not think any Boche can get through.   |            |
|                          |                             |                 |            | You had better move them up, and have them ready because a rot might set in. We have, at least, our original line of Oct. 4 to hold if we cannot get any further forward than that, and I want to know something about the conditions that you are in; condition of the troops - How many men you have, condition of your Bde. I mean as to numbers. |            |

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| 96                       | 1.10                        | 453             | 4th<br>Aust Div. | Situation Report.  |            |
| 97                       | 2.55                        | 4847            | 2nd<br>Ampac     | Ref. G. 825 1- from report and 4.834.<br>My Div. will push forward with its<br>Left Bde. by Red Line at 3 pm.<br>Co-operating with 9th Div. Right<br>Bde. of N. Z. Div. will not attack<br>Dard Trench or Pellum today<br>but will be prepared to renew the<br>attack tomorrow. The 3rd Aust.<br>Div. will consolidate the position<br>which it holds at present and<br>be prepared to renew the attack<br>in co-op. with My. Div. tomorrow. |            |

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| 98                       | 3.6                         | M2410th         | Pde.        | SOS line is wanted between<br>D.12.a. 30.25. and D.5.d. 35.25.<br>Available fighting strength of<br>Pde. is under 500. Noickers<br>or Stokes have been able to get<br>up. Troops are waist high in<br>mud. Large numbers of wounded<br>awaiting removal and all efforts are<br>being made. Almost impossible<br>to advance towards Passle<br>within my boundary. My forward<br>line is being infiltrated from D.11.a.28 |            |
| 99                       | 3.36                        | 4854            | 2nd<br>Army | Ref. my 4.847. Operations<br>of W. D. Left Pde. is<br>cancelled.  |            |

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| 100                      | 3.44                        | —               | 36 <sup>th</sup> Bn.  | Officers and men of Blue Line are exhausted. Can you send up some SOS rockets and give some idea of SOS to cover Blue Line.  |            |
| 101                      | 5.6                         | BM<br>355       | 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde. | 43 <sup>rd</sup> Bn. will proceed to positions occupied by them on 11 <sup>th</sup> . with<br>to operating with 41 <sup>st</sup> . who are on their left. 41 <sup>st</sup> and 43 <sup>rd</sup> . remain under orders of Gvc. 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde. and must not be committed except under orders of that Bde. But co-ordination will be maintained with troops of 10 <sup>th</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> Bdes. respectively. |            |

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| 102                      | 5.30 pm<br>6.5 pm           |                 |                      | General Gwynne in conference with G.O.C. - 5.30 pm to 6.5 pm.   |        |
| 103                      | 6.10 pm                     | 'Phone          | Gen Monash to Corps. | Everything was alright until 1/2 an hour ago when I began to get dis-quieting messages. Then ROSENTHAL rang me up to say that his Intelligence Officer had seen two battns digging in on RED line when I say 2 battns I mean people from 2 of them. - The men are probably pretty tired and I don't want to commit my reserves. I have just got a report from Gen. CANNAN which I should like to read to you<br>a (See Reg No 113 - Book 4) | u      |

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| 104                      | 5.45 pm                     | None            | Genl<br>Rosenthal<br>to Genl<br>Monash | Just got information from my Intelligence Officer that 33 <sup>rd</sup> + 34 <sup>th</sup> Bns are digging in a line from the CEMETERY to the North East corner of AUGUSTUS WOOD. The 35 <sup>th</sup> + 36 <sup>th</sup> Bns are trying to consolidate a line about 300 yds east of that line. Do not know reason for withdrawal but believe it is their getting MG fire in back from left rear. This B.M. is finding out further particulars. When I hear from B.M. I will advise. |            |
| 105                      | 5-1 pm                      | MC 29           | RWZ<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde            | Have sent all available company parks forward to stiffen the line. Henderson reports is in touch with 9 <sup>th</sup> on night + consolidating on the  |            |

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| 105                      | Continued                   |                 |            | WATERFIELD line. A 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn straggler at my HQ states that the 3 battalions of CAPSTAN are back on their tape line. This is unconfirmed. Re your 955 SOS line will need revision when definite information is received. —   |            |
| 106                      | 5.9 pm                      | 4378            | ZEAL       | Disposition Zeal for tonight BRAITH + YOUNG two battalions holding line side by side BRAITH in depth to line BERLIN WOOD WATERLOO + YOUNG to line of STROONBEEK remaining battalions of each brigade east of line HANEBEEK and responsible in Bde area for ABRAHAM'S RIDGE defence HEART 2 battalions POMMERN vicinity |            |

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| 106                      | Continued                   |                 |            | and 2 batts O&A Bdes responsible for evacuation own wounded & to communicate with OC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amb. at A.D.S WIELTJE   |            |
| 107                      | 5.16 pm                     | 8               | Mekor      | Forecast wind SW 15 to 20 mph changing to West 35 to 45 mph with severe squalls overcast and wet at first rapidly becoming stormy and afterwards probably fairer, milder temporarily wind 7 mph SW 30 mph midnight and 4 am West 35 mph. |            |
| 108                      | 5.27 pm                     | 9379            | N.Z Div    | Reference our 9.378 - second sentence should read BRAITH & YOUNG each two batts, etc.  |            |

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| 109                      | 5.29<br>pm                  | 9863            | II Corps           | Contract patrol reports line to run as follows about 3 pm today.<br>West side of VIENNA COTTAGE D12c<br>in trench parallel to road up to D12c 20 65 thence in shell holes to D11. a. o. o., D10 3 50 along road to road junction D10 3. 3. 9 D4 d 51 in shell holes and short lengths of trench to WOLF FARM D 4 c<br>Shell holes in CEMETERY D36-95-35 thence to west side of VIOLET- |            |
| 110                      | 5.36<br>pm                  | B9m<br>356      | B9 (P)<br>11th Bde | Major WEICK called here en route for 10th Bde. Will call on on return -  |            |

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| 111                      | 5.50 pm                     | N/197           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amd<br>D. Art. | Harassing fire on enemy roads and communications will be carried on with at once except during SOS. CREST FARM will not be fired on - 60 rounds per gun and 40 rounds per howitzer per day will be expended -                        |            |
| 112                      | 6.0 pm                      | 9a<br>581       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Amd.<br>Aio    | 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde report - SOS signal to left of their front - message timed 5.15 pm -  |            |
| 113                      | 6.3 pm                      | BFW<br>357      | BGO<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Bde    | Following my BFW 339 and BM 345 of this morning. Enemy fire shelling has increased casualties. At 5 pm boy report following strengths<br>41 <sup>st</sup> 275 - 42 <sup>nd</sup> 250 - 43 <sup>rd</sup> 200 - 44 <sup>th</sup> 250 - |            |

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| 114                      | 6.11<br>pm                  | ga<br>581       | H <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>Divn. | Situation report- RED line held and being consolidated except at COSSYRIA Hostile Artillery very active on RED line old front line and on BROODSEINDE RIDGE. ZONNEBEKE shelled all calibres. Hostile fire slackened between 11 am + 2 pm after which it has increased. Enemy reported massing squares 18c 24 13c and 19a Art. brought to rear so far no infantry action. reported - Approx. prisoners of war 1 officer 100 o/r 3 MG captured |            |
| 115                      | 6.25<br>pm                  | BM<br>65        | 1N113<br>9th Bde              | Asst Bde Major just returned after seeing all Ben County Line held runs from Xing at D17b. 30 25 to D11c 50 05 at which point they join up with  |            |

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| 115                      | four turned                 |                 |                              | with 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. It is understood that 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde line shifts the SW edge of AUGUSTUS WOOD. H.Q. of all our Battalies at BEINE Augout. D16.d.75 |            |
| 116                      | 6:32 pm                     | 4872            | II Anzac                     | Ref II Anzac 4847. The operations for tomorrow therein referred to are cancelled -  |            |
| 117                      | 6:32 pm                     | 5383            | N.Z. Div.                    | Evening report - SOS going up on whole front - at 5:35 pm otherwise no further developments -   |            |
| 118                      | 6:22 pm                     | 'P/one          | Corps Comd <sup>g</sup> GOC. | } Attached.   |            |

INWARDS TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From Corps Commander to G.O.C.      5.22 p.m. 12/10/1917.

Re **D** D.18.a.9.8.

G.O.C. I have already told ROSENTHAL that he has got to make touch with MACLAGAN's forward troops. I have already taken steps in that direction but will confirm them.

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INWARDS TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

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| 119                      | 7.2 pm                      | 958             | 4th Aust Div. | Report at 3.40 pm from front line states 47th and 48th Battal hold approx RED line with 3rd Aust Div. 100 yds to rear of left flank - later report just received states that owing to troops on left having fallen back further 12th Aust Inf Bde has had to retire to original line - orders issued to hold on at all costs |            |
| 120                      | 7.10 pm                     | 9384            | N.Z. Div.     | Our right Bde report hold following line - D4d16 to D4d33 thence in a straight line to the road at D10755 - Between this point and the RAVEBEEK a/c position of line is somewhat obscure -   |            |

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| 121                      | 7.79<br>pm                  | B.M.<br>HS      | R.W.Z.                       | The line being consolidated is D10 d 45.80 to D17 a 10 75 and SOS line for this Bde to run through D10 b 75 15 to D11 c 5.1  |                 |
| 122                      | 8.9<br>pm                   | 4891            | II Amzac                     | Have you received II Amzac 4854 of today   | ack<br>See 8.71 |
| 123                      | 8.5<br>pm                   | 90<br>585       | H <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>Divn | SOS line D29 b 65 to D24 e 0.6 to D24 a 65 to D18 c 60 to D17 b 94   |                 |
| 124                      | 9.43<br>pm                  | 9391            | N.Z.<br>Divn                 | Zeal SOS line tonight as follows -<br>D10 b 92 35 to D4 d 70 to D4 d 25 75 to D4 a 50 65 to D4 a 65 88 where KING SOS joins. Also right flank SOS D10 b 95 40 to D11 a 60 95 - |                 |

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| 125                      | 8.9<br>pm                   | T60             | A.P.M.<br>3rd Div.   | Report of prisoners captured<br>(see attached)  |            |
| 126                      | 7.70<br>pm                  | BM<br>361       | BGOR<br>11th Bde     | Major WEICK leaving here on<br>his return -   |            |
| 127                      | 8.27<br>pm                  | 1               | Aeroplane<br>No 3780 | No enemy movement   |            |
| 128                      |                             | N/202           | 3rd Aust<br>Div Art  | Reference my N/197 of today<br>delete - " Except during SOS<br>CREST FARM will not be fired<br>on "   |            |
| 129                      | 9.70<br>pm                  | BM<br>363       | BGOR                 | Reference my BM 355 of today - Owing to<br>the heavy going it has been found<br>impossible to move ADMIRAL (43rd) ARMOUR<br>(44th) has therefore been substituted - |            |

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| 130                      | 8-40                        | 14/201          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. B. Art. Jutta #18                        | Ref 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Bw Art. Jutta #18 - |            |
|                          | pm                          |                 | D. Art. Barrage "A" on B day will start from SOS lines - ack - |  |            |
| <del>121</del>           |                             |                 |  |  |            |
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| 131                      | 5.5<br>am                   | Bm<br>51        | RWZ<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Bde | Except for slight shelling at intervals front quiet - Nothing to report.   |            |
| 132                      | 3.0<br>pm                   | TG<br>744       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust<br>Dwn | Prisoner of 55 RIR was captured near DAISY WOOD this morning -   |            |
| 133                      | 3.5<br>pm                   | Bm<br>373       | GSO.1                       | Wells has not been to see Cannon as directed. They should meet to settle MG defense - Will you tell Wells which guns he should hand over to Cannon - that is the 16 guns of 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> or Cannon's own company. Saw afraid the forward guns of 9 <sup>th</sup> + 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde may leave & have none to replace them. |            |

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