

**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Formation Headquarters

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Australian Division

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AWM4-1/50/29PART43

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message..... 04

Prefix..... Code..... Words..... Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 Charges to Collect From..... At..... m.  
 Service Instructions By..... To.....  
 Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO 5 Aust Div

\*Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 804 31

Morning report from enemy arty. more active than usual during night and good deal of gas shelling on reserve areas of left Div and 14 Army corps all concerned

1926/3255  
 31  
 7.30am

FROM PLACE & TIME  
 Aust Corps

233

Charges to Collect From..... At..... m.  
 Service Instructions By..... To.....  
 Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO

\*Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 W112 31

Situation report aaa Enemy artillery active aaa a good deal of gas shelling on our reserve positions mgs and mine activity active aaa Visib poor

1926/3261  
 31  
 7.30am

FROM PLACE & TIME  
 Puba 8 A Side

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
 (19629) W1523/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. M.C. & Co., Ltd. (E1213).

APPENDIX

1218

Prefix <i>Sm</i>	Code <i>13</i>	Words <i>13</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <i>Wire Phone</i>	At	
Service Instructions			By <i>[Signature]</i>	To	
Handed in at <i>Quvo</i>			Office <i>110a</i>	Received <i>7:50a</i>	
TO <i>Behi (5th Aust Div)</i>					
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<i>Bm 194</i>	<i>31</i>				
<i>ccc</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>addressed Shki</i>			
<i>reptd</i>	<i>flank</i>	<i>Bdes</i>			
		<i>9/12/3-63</i>			
		<i>31</i>			
		<i>7.30am</i>			
		<i>REGIS</i>			
FROM	<i>Quvo (14th Aust Bde)</i>				

Prefix <i>Sm</i>	Code <i>13</i>	Words <i>13</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <i>[Signature]</i>	At	
Service Instructions			By <i>[Signature]</i>	To	
Handed in at <i>[Signature]</i>			Office <i>110a</i>	Received <i>7:50a</i>	
TO <i>5th Aust Div 18 Div</i>					
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<i>Bm 902</i>	<i>31</i>				
<i>Morning report</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Intermittent</i>			
<i>shelling</i>	<i>S30C</i>	<i>otherwise</i>			
<i>nothing to</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>aaa</i>			
<i>addsd</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Aust Div</i>			
<i>reptd</i>	<i>flank</i>	<i>Bdes + 18</i>			
<i>Div</i>					
		<i>19/6/3-60</i>			
		<i>31</i>			
		<i>7.30am</i>			
		<i>37</i>			
FROM	<i>5th Bde</i>				
PLACE & TIME	<i>4.50 am</i>				

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of message.....

Prefix.....Code..... Words..... l s. d.	Received. From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out. At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect	Service Instructions		
Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.			

TO 5th Aust Div

* Sender's Number. 9250	Day of Month. 31	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Morning Report and situation  
quiet and relief left  
Sub-sector complete and  
Hostile arty and aerial  
activity slight and wind  
slight northerly and captures  
nil and enemy 3  
Corps Repts Flanks and  
33 American Div.

19/7/3758  
31 JUL 1918  
7.30 AM

FROM 58 Div  
PLACE & TIME

Prefix.....Code..... Words..... l s. d.	Received. From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out. At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect	Service Instructions		
Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.			

TO 5 Div


* Sender's Number. 10045	Day of Month. 31	In reply to Number.	AAA
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18th Div order No  
203 Complied with as  
Concerning 54 Bde added  
5 Div repto 18  
Div

19/7/3759  
31 JUL 1918  
7.30 PM

FROM Ruge 54 Bde  
PLACE & TIME 3 am

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Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions	By.....	To.....	

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

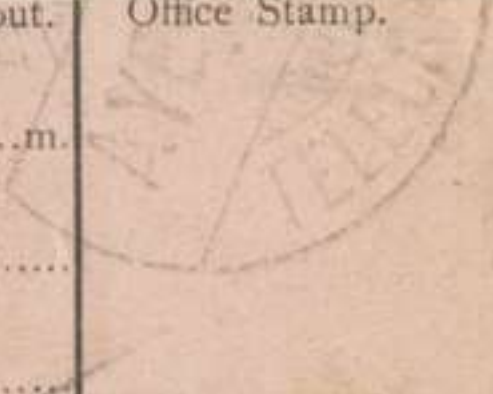
TO 5 Aust Div 1932/3256

31

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B 2453A	31	7.30am	

Dawn recon area to Meaulte chipilly Bayonvillers under observation  
 4.40 am 47  
 10 MT moving E  
 B 25 d 43 am 4.20 am  
 Michelin flare dropped over chipilly no other movement  
 sign seen Heavy MT fire encountered from K21C  
 B 2 d K 8 b and d  
 6 25 lb bombs on Mourcourt  
 weather fine visit bad owing to thick ground  
 quiet fine generally

FROM Branch 9  
 PLACE & TIME Aust Corps

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions	By.....	To.....	

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO 5 Aust Div

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
9695	31		

Enemy arty more active than usual during night on right corps front  
 gas consumption  
 shelling of vicinity of Buire and SW of Hamel  
 active on lines W of Albert  
 E A crashed

1932/3268  
 31  
 7.30am

FROM 5th Army  
 PLACE & TIME

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From.....At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By.....To.....  
 Service Instructions By.....  
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

723  
 31  
 Relief 1 Coy Complete  
 7.30am

FROM PLACE & TIME

\* This line should be erased if not required

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From.....At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By.....To.....  
 Service Instructions By.....  
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

5320  
 31st  
 Morning Report aca 11.  
 hrs harassing shoot with  
 77 11 11 am 10.5  
 can on left Bn  
 right Bde aca Valley  
 in Pq. am 14  
 lightly shelled with blue  
 X gas am HE  
 between midnight am 1.  
 am aca enemy arty  
 more active than usual  
 harassing left Bde forming  
 am support area aca  
 otherwise quiet aca aca  
 Aust Corps  
 concerned

FROM PLACE & TIME

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1222

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... L s. d.	Received. From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out. At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	Service Instructions		

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO  
Patrol

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
018	31st		

Patrol report aaa wiring  
Party heard about CC  
K 14 a 7.6 CC No enemy  
seen aaa

1936/3-67  
31 7.30am  
CENTRAL RECEIPT

FROM  
PLACE & TIME  
Luba (8th Bde)  
6.55am

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... L s. d.	Received. From..... By.....	Sent, or sent out. At.....m. To..... By.....	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	Service Instructions		

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO  
Patrol

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
020	31st		

Ref my 2019 aaa  
read LEFT Br Imper  
aaa

225/3276  
31-7-18  
8.55am

FROM  
PLACE & TIME  
Luba (8th Bde)  
8.55am

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received..... Sent, or sent out..... Office Stamp.....  
 From..... At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 By.....

Charges to Collect  
Service Instructions

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *Forwarded to 5 Aus. Div.*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

*Forecast wind easterly 5 to 10 mph and generally fine very warm day with some haze and morning mist or fog and day with fair and slight mist of afternoon temperature day 75 to 80 night 55 to 60*

FROM *Wetor*  
PLACE & TIME *11:00*

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received..... Sent, or sent out..... Office Stamp.....  
 From..... At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 By.....

Charges to Collect *K 31 3379*  
Service Instructions *31 JUL 1918*

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *5 Aus Div*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

*Reports to 12:30 pm area 2 to Morlancoort Chipilly warface at bancourt under observation and 9:55 am small party 3 or 4 men seen P6D85 and 9:50 am 1 H7 and 5 men going to K32D28 and 10 am 3 men going to at K31C72 and No other movement and observe reports red flag still flying at K31D2855 and 1st fire encountered from P1792 and P16018 and a noise and so now seen and 6 25 lb bomb dropped K31C92 and weather fine and tail very bad*

FROM *Buckhurst Corps*  
PLACE & TIME

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1224



Prefix *Am* Code *15* Words *15* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect *Phone* From *Phone* At *31.11.18*

Service Instructions By *Phone* To *31.11.18*

By *Phone*

Handed in at *Am* Office *335* m. Received *300* m.

TO *5th aus Div*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

*M/25* *31* *94170* *AAA*

*Regret no officer available*

*aaa*

*31.7.18 4pm*

*Lecture on Tanks*

FROM *13th Tank BN*

PLACE & TIME

\* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix *Am* Code *33* Words *33* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Charges to Collect *50* From *PUBA* At *31.11.18*

Service Instructions By *Phone* To *31.11.18*

By *Phone*

Handed in at *PUBA* Office *475* m. Received *4.28.18* m.

TO *Neti (5 aus Div)*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

*9-10-94* *31* *AAA*

*situation report* *aaa*

*Artillery more active than*

*usual on our reserve*

*areas* *aaa* *light scattered*

*shelling of forward positions*

*from 10 AM to*

*3 PM* *aaa* *visit fair*

*aaa*

*31.7.18 4.30pm*

FROM *PUBA (8 A 2 Bde)*

PLACE & TIME

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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1225

Prefix... Code... Words... Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From... At... m.  
 By... To...  
 Handed in at... Office... m. Received... m.

TO: 5 Aus Div  
 \* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 31

Forecast wind between North and East 5 to 10 mph and generally fair or fine with some morning mist or fog aaaa haze in the day aaaa Morning visibility indifferent day visibility fair aaaa slight risk of thunderstorms developing later and wind 7 pm NR 4 mph Midnight and 4 am light between North and East

FROM: Nekov  
 PLACE & TIME: 5.15

\* This line should be erased if not required.

233

Prefix... Code... Words... Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From... At... m.  
 By... To...  
 Handed in at... Office... m. Received... m.

TO: 5th Aust Div  
 \* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 9324 31

Evening report aaaa light scattered shelling forward area right bde aaaa otherwise situation quiet aaaa 8a inactive aaaa captures nil aaaa added Aust Corps reptd flanko

FROM: 3rd Aust Div  
 PLACE & TIME: 5pm

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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26/336  
 31. 7.18  
 5.25  
 226  
 37

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From.....At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By.....To.....  
 Service Instructions By.....  
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *54 Bde Aust Div*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*Bm 907 31*

Evening report aaa situation  
 quiet nothing to report  
 aaa out of touch  
 with battns will report  
 later if necessary aaa  
 added 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div  
 reptd flank Bdes

FROM *54 Bde*  
 PLACE & TIME

*[Handwritten scribble]*

*19/6/33/0  
 31/7/18  
 5.45/18*

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From.....At.....m.  
 Charges to Collect By.....To.....  
 Service Instructions By.....  
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *54 Bde*

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
*9743 31<sup>st</sup>*

Evening report aaa Situation  
 quiet. nothing to report  
 right for heavy shelling  
 of 9 inches 218 D and  
 7.30 between 9 am  
 and 12.30 pm with  
 5.9 and 4.2 aaa  
 left for enemy artillery  
 active between 11 am  
 and 1 pm aaa  
 Captures 7th and 8th  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps Repts French  
 Div and 33<sup>rd</sup> American  
 Div

FROM *58 Div*  
 PLACE & TIME

*19/6/33/2  
 31/7/18*

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**"C" FORM.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

(In books of 100.)

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From..... At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 5629 31st

Evening report in area  
 situation quiet and light  
 scattered shelling of  
 forward areas and  
 inactive and captures  
 2 hrs and added  
 4 army Repts all  
 concd

26/3376  
 31-7-18  
 6.10pm

FROM

PLACE & TIME

Aust Corps

223

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....  
 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.  
 From..... At.....m.  
 By..... To.....  
 Charges to Collect  
 Service Instructions

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO

\* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 55155A 31st

Report to 6pm area  
 Area 2 to No. 1000  
 Sully Laurette Marcel leave  
 workshop under observation  
 12.45 pm 2 47  
 going E at 21925.0  
 12.18 pm 1 17  
 going E at 2160  
 an fairly active in  
 zone seen 6 25  
 16. bomb on 2190  
 weather fine with light

255/3396  
 31/7/18  
 7pm

FROM

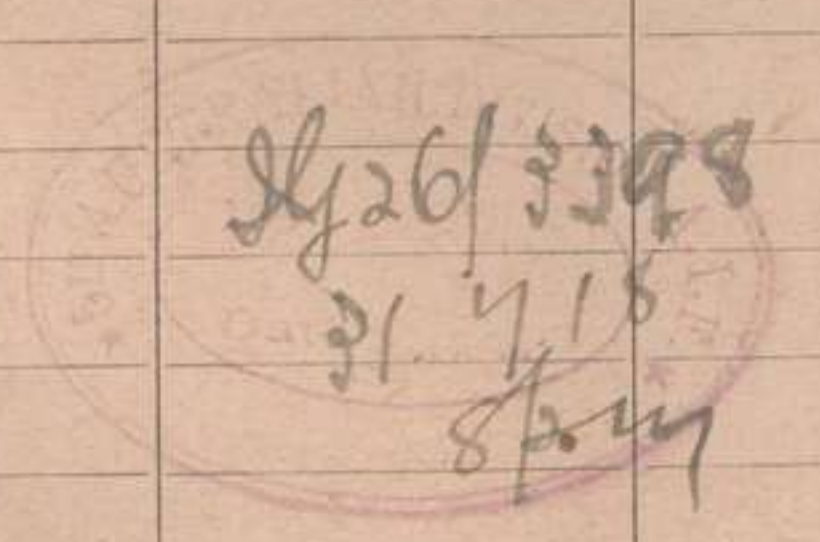
PLACE & TIME

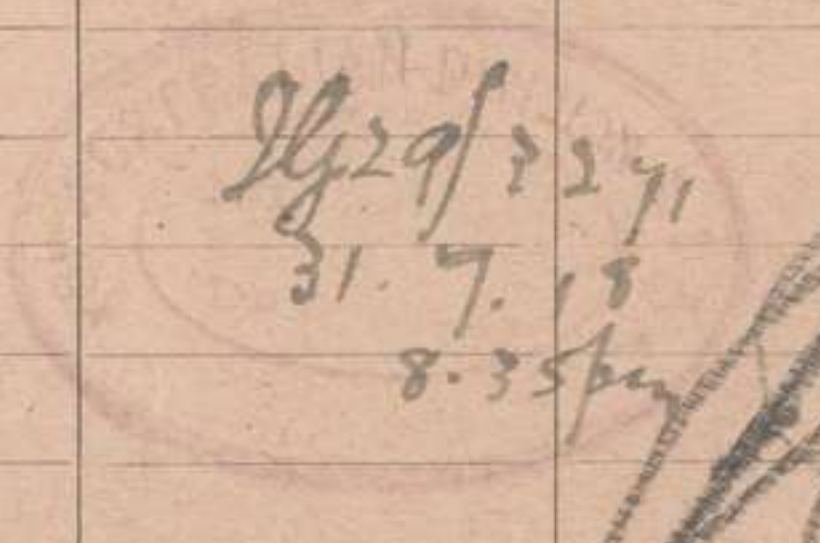
1st Bus Corp

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Prefix.....Code.....Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From.....	At.....m.		
Charges to Collect	By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions		By.....	
Handed in at.....Office.....m.		Received.....m.	
TO 5 Aust Div			
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA (6)
4705	31		
Trenches NW Kernancourt heavily shelled with 5.9 and 4.2 during morning aca light shelling NE Millencourt aca otherwise quiet aca Captures 2 OR			
			
FROM fourth Army			
PLACE & TIME			

Prefix.....Code.....Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
From.....	At.....m.		
Charges to Collect	By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions		By.....	
Handed in at.....Office.....m.		Received.....m.	
TO Heli (5 Aust Div)			
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
5019	31		
Right Br Snipers claim 18 casualties for period ending 6 am today aca			
			
FROM Puba (8 Bde)			
PLACE & TIME			

APPENDIX 37 1229

Prefix..... Code..... m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at .....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
	At .....		Service.....	From .....
	To .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO *13<sup>th</sup> Pm Tanks.*

* Sender's Number <i>H140</i>	Day of Month <i>31</i>	In reply to Number. <i>-</i>	AAA
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*Can you arrange  
for an officer to lecture on  
Tanks to 14<sup>th</sup> Aust by  
Bde School H3C 22 at  
5.30 pm 2/8/18*

From *5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div*  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at .....
	At .....	Service.....	Date.....
	To .....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From .....
	By.....		By.....

TO *Aust Corps 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div  
H3C 58 Div. 5 Div Art  
18 Div.*

* Sender's Number <i>H1</i>	Day of Month <i>31</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*2 prisoners surrendered - K14C  
has been hiding in N.M.L since  
operation was 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn in reserve  
in Messaire Wood Valley K23  
kitchens and artillery also in  
gallery and artillery have suffered  
heavy casualties from our  
shelling and direct hits have  
knocked out battery crews  
and kitchens and several M  
and L M Ws on road just to  
left of CT at K14d 2536 also  
among trees on road - K14b and  
Division expects relief about  
August 4<sup>th</sup> and order of battle  
52 ORIR 227 RIR 232 RIR - Add  
Aust Corps Repl 58 Div 18 Div 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust  
Div - 5 Div Art*

From *5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div*  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(3198.) Wt. W 1205/M4204

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Prefix.....Code.....m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on alc of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.	Service.		From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { Aust Corps 58th Div.  
3rd Aust Div. 4th Aust Div.  
5th Div Arty.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
\* Ig. 4161 31

Morning report	aaa	Enemy	Artillery
active	during	nights	aaa
good	deal	of	gas
shelling	on	reserve	positions
of	left	Brigade	aaa
Intermittent	shelling	of	1300
aaa	MGs	and	MWs
active	aaa		

Addsd Aust Corps. reptd all concerned.

From 5th AUST DIV.  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) PRIORITY TO AUST CORPS.  
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent	Service.	Date 233
	At.....m.		From.....
	To.....		By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { Aust Corps 18th Div.  
3rd Aust Div. 58th Div.  
5th Div. Arty.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
\* Ig. 4227 31

Situation report aaa situation quiet aaa  
light scattered shelling from 10 am to 3 pm  
aaa captures 2 OR previously reported aaa  
Addsd Aust Corps reptd all concerned.

From 5th AUST DIV.  
Place  
Time  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) PRIORITY TO AUST CORPS.  
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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(3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 818.)

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