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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Vide Appendix I, Intelligence Summaries for month of December 1917.</p> <p>1st January 1918.</p> <p><i>G. S. O. 2 "I"</i> for Capt. <i>b</i> XXII CORPS..</p>	<p>App. I.</p>

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

ACTIVITY OF ENEMY'S ARTILLERY DURING WEEK ENDED 23-11-1917.

There has been a decrease in activity during the week, especially opposite the XIX Corps. Chief attention has again been paid to the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, where our front line has on several occasions been very heavily shelled. The shelling of our battery areas has been less severe, and it is noticeable that our batteries S. and W. of FOXED Farm, i.e. in Squares D.13, 19 and 23 are not now shelled by heavy howitzers but by H.V. guns, which indicates that the enemy has withdrawn to some extent his heavy artillery in this sector.

The reduced activity opposite the XIX Corps is thought to indicate a reduction in the strength of hostile artillery opposite this front. Photographs are required to confirm this view. Otherwise, there is no change in the disposition of the artillery.

The use of H.V. guns opposite the XIX Corps and between PASSCHENDAELE and the YPRES-MENIN Road has been more pronounced - the number and activity of H.V. guns opposite the 2nd Anzac Corps is noticeable.

South of the YPRES-MENIN Road there has been a considerable decrease in gas shelling during the latter part of the week.

The principal targets shelled have been the PASSCHENDAELE Ridge, the Canal Bank, KANSAS Cross roads (D 14 a), the YPRES-ZONNEBEKE Road, the YPRES-ROULERS Railway, our O.Ps. established in the old "Fall boxes" on the BROODSEINDE Ridge, and our battery positions in the STEENBEEK Valley, and in the neighbourhood of GRAVENSTAFEL and FRESSEBERG.

In the battery area extending roughly 2,000 yards N. and 1,000 yds. S. of the YPRES-ROULERS Railway, practically no locations of batteries have been reported by the R.F.C. or by the F.S.C. during the past 10 days, although there have been numerous locations immediately N. and S. of this area. This may be due to the fact that this area is to a great extent overlooked from the Ridge at PASSCHENDAELE: the R.F.C. and F.S.C. have been asked to pay special attention to this neighbourhood.

CAMBRAI FIGHTING AND THE SECOND ARMY FRONT.

The strong counter-attacks carried out by the Germans yesterday on a front stretching from MOEUVRES to VENDHUILE show that they have considerably strengthened their lines in that area.

Fresh troops were detraining during yesterday afternoon at CAUDRY and the vicinity showing that the attacks are likely to continue.

It is considered that the fighting round CAMBRAI may affect the Second Army Front, and that fairly fresh divisions may be sent there from this area. Up to date, only one Division, the 49th Res., despatched from this front has been located by the Third Army, but others may follow. The Order of Battle is therefore likely to become more confused, especially as it is evident that the enemy are beginning to break away from their system of maintaining divisions for 6 days in the line only.

Information received yesterday shows that the enemy are re-arranging their area in the HOUTHULST Forest and vicinity. Indications pointed to a possible withdrawal of their front line but prisoners captured during the afternoon and evening in that neighbourhood were ignorant of any such intention on the part of the enemy.

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CAMBRAI FIGHTING AND THE SECOND ARMY FRONT (continued).

An operation to be carried out on the morning of the 30th ult. by the enemy N. of PASSCHENDAELE, was postponed for some unknown reason. The enemy have not apparently given up all thought of an offensive in this area.

CAMBRAI FRONT.

Early yesterday morning the enemy attacked from VENDHUILLE to MASNIERES and also on the general line BOURLON WOOD - MCEUVRES.

South west of HAVRINCOURT WOOD his troops succeeded in occupying VILLERS - SUISLAIN, GOUZEAUCOURT, LA VACQUERIE and BOIS LATEAU.

Reports indicate that our counter-attacks have regained GOUZEAUCOURT, LA VACQUERIE and the ridge S.E. of GOUZEAUCOURT.

At MASNIERES we have re-established our line, but between that village and BOIS LATEAU the situation is obscure.

South west of BOURLON WOOD the enemy's attack penetrated as far as the SUGAR FACTORY in E 29 a (on the CAMBRAI-BA-PAUME Road), where it was checked with heavy losses by our artillery fire.

Counter-attacks delivered by local reserves are reported to have re-established practically the whole of our line in this neighbourhood.

The enemy attacked our position in BOURLON WOOD repeatedly, but is reported to have been completely repulsed.

II ANZAC INTL. LIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 17.

From 6 a.m. 30th Nov. to 6 a.m. 1st Dec. 1917.

CONFIDENTIAL - THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.PART I.
INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. ENEMY RAID.

At 6 a.m. on 30th Nov. 12-15 enemy attacked our isolated L.G. post to the south of the pill-box about J 16 c 6.0. The Lewis Gun jammed, so that the team, after throwing their bombs, had to withdraw. Another gun was obtained, the enemy sentry left in the post killed, and the post re-occupied.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

J 16 c 6.0 3rd Coy. 393 I.R. 18th Res. Div. Man killed. Normal.
J 5 b 35.35 10th Coy. 5th R.I.R., 36th Res. Div. 3 prisoners.
(Normal relief).

3. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery carried out concentration and barrage shoots at 7.15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Harassing fire as usual.

Heavy artillery concentrated on six hostile batteries and neutralised 25 others. One successful observed shoot was carried out and three others attempted.

(b). Hostile activity was normal. Shelling of battery positions and back areas with H.V. guns was continued yesterday. YPRES was intermittently shelled during the night.

The retaliation to our barrages was slight, consisting mainly of 10.5 c.m. and 7.7 c.m.

The front line and support trenches of our southern division were shelled fairly heavily during the day.

Areas shelled were:-

POLYGON WOOD (J 9 and 10).

STIRLING CASTLE (J 13 c).

RED LODGE - FRIESENBERG area (J 1).

HANNEBERG VALLEY (J 2).

ANZAC - HELLES - ALMANIA WOOD area (J 3).

BELLEWARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK RIDGE - NONNE BOSCHEN area (J 7 and 8).

BELLEWARDE - HOOGE area (I 12).

HALF WAY HOUSE - LEINSTER FARM area (I 17).

VERLORENHOEK - BRIDGE HOUSE area (C 24 and 30).

AISSNE FARM - CROSS COTTAGE area (D 13).

JABBER HOUSE - MOLEMAARELSTHOEK area (J 4 a and b).

THAMES WOOD - ZONNEBEKE area (D 22 and 28).

4. PATROLS.

A patrol reconnoitred area J 16 c and d paying particular attention to those places where concertina wire had been visible from our lines. Only fragments of this among tree stumps could be found. Some considerable distance back, possibly about J 16 d 2.2 sounds as of the enemy stapling wire to tree stumps could be heard. No trace of wire could be found at J 16 c 98.15.

A patrol reconnoitring D 24 c and D 23 c reports No Man's Land was lightly shelled between 1 and 2 a.m.

A patrol operating in D 30 c was fired on by an M.G. from JUSTICE WOOD.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Wire. Patrol examined wire from J 6 c 75.35 to J 6 c 65.55 and found it badly damaged. It does not present any serious obstacle.

(b). Topographical....

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5. ENEMY DEFENCES (continued).
 (b). Topographical. The ground in J 16 c west of POLLERHOEK WOOD was found very broken and littered with logs but was comparatively dry.
 (c). M.Gs. Were located at J 17 c 14.23, J 17 c 26.03 (double pill-box), J 17 c 29.70 and J 17 c 22.91 (east of POLLERHOEK CHATEAU).
6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.
 Active. Low flights were made over our forward areas at 6 a.m. 18 E.A. patrolled up and down our positions.
 Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon two planes flew low over our front line in D 23 (BROODSEINDE area).
 At 10.45 a.m. a Stokes Mortar fired at a hostile plane which turned back.
7. MOVEMENT.
 Much movement was observed in vicinity of dugouts in front of GHELUVELT CHURCH and WINDMILL (J 22 c and d).
 At various times during the day wounded were seen being taken out of the Chateau (J 16 d).
 At 1.15 p.m. and 1.25 p.m. 5 parties of 12-15 men were seen on the road from E 25 a 60.10 to K 1 b 05.55 (S.W. of KEIENRG).
8. LATER.
 Prisoners of 5th K.I.R. state that they relieved the 68th I.R. (16th Division) on night 28/29th November. They are not clear as to adjoining units but one stated he thought the 61st K.I.R. was on his left.
 An examination will appear with tomorrow's summary.

E. E. Callaway

Capt.

for Brig.-General G.S.
 II ANZAC CORPS.

1st December 1917.

PART II follows -

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1917.

TIMES CALCULATED FOR SECOND ARMY FRONT.

AND GREENWICH MEAN TIME.

Date. Dec.	S u n.		Date. Dec.	Moon.		Phase.
	Rises	Sets		Rises	Sets	
1	7.26	3.47	1	6.21 pm.	9.57 am.	
2	7.27	3.45	2	7.28	10.32	
3	7.29	3.46	3	8.35	10.66	
4	7.31	3.45	4	9.43	11.17	
5	7.32	3.45	5	10.51	11.36	
6	7.33	3.45	6	11.57	11.50	Last Qr.
7	7.35	3.45	7	-	0. 8 pm.	
8	7.37	3.45	8	1. 5 am.	0.25	
9	7.38	3.44	9	2.12	0.40	
10	7.39	3.44	10	3.21	1. 3	
11	7.40	3.44	11	4.33	1.28	
12	7.41	3.44	12	5.45	2. 1	
13	7.41	3.44	13	6.54	2.46	
14	7.42	3.44	14	7.54	3.44	New Moon.
15	7.42	3.44	15	8.44	4.54	
16	7.43	3.44	16	9.24	6.12	
17	7.43	3.44	17	9.56	7.35	
18	7.44	3.44	18	10.20	8.58	
19	7.44	3.45	19	10.41	10.19	
20	7.45	3.46	20	11. 2	11.42	
21	7.46	3.46	21	11.23	-	First Qr.
22	7.46	3.47	22	11.42	1. 1 am.	
23	7.47	3.47	23	0. 9 pm.	2.22	
24	7.47	3.47	24	0.38	3.41	
25	7.48	3.48	25	1.14	4.55	
26	7.48	3.48	26	2. 1	6. 4	
27	7.48	3.48	27	2.56	7. 3	
28	7.49	3.49	28	3.59	7.52	Full Moon.
29	7.49	3.49	29	5. 9	8.26	
30	7.49	3.50	30	6.20	8.57	
31	7.49	3.51	31	7.28	9.19	

NOTE:- Sometimes the Moon rises on one day and sets on the next: this is indicated by arrows connecting the rising time with the following setting time.

II ANZAC "I".

1-12-17.

NOTES ON INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS OF 10th Coy., 5th R.I.R., 36th Res. Div. captured at J 5 b 35.35 on the 1st December 1917.

1. Method of Capture.

Prisoners (1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 1 Private) left the line of shell-holes held by one platoon of 10th Coy., which apparently stretches from about D 30 d 8.2 to J 6 b 8.7 in order to ascertain the position of the British line and particularly to locate certain M.Gs. which had been firing on them.

They started off in a N.W. direction through JUSTICE WOOD and then struck due west, wandering through our lines without knowing it and ultimately striking one of our posts at J 5 b 35.35.

2. Order of Battle.

All prisoners agree that the 61st I.R. were on the rising ground on their left. They did not know what Regiment was on their right but believed that their sector did not extend further North than the MOLENAARELSTHOEK Road.

It would therefore appear that the Order of Battle from North to South is :-

54th I.R.)	
5th R.I.R.)	36th Res. Division.
61st R.I.R.)	

3. Reliefs.

Prisoners' Coy. relieved a Coy. of 68th I.R. (16th Div.) on the night of the 28/29th Nov. They had come from rest billets and this was their fourth tour in the line since arriving in Flanders. Their Regiment had apparently always held the same sector, their Coy. having previously been in the same sector of the forward zone. On another occasion the Coy. had been in the Support area and in the Reserve area

4. Dispositions.

(a). Front Line. The prisoners were not clear as to the disposition of the various Coys. of the Regiment when it was in line. They stated, however, that their platoon was occupying an outpost position in the line of shell-holes from D 30 d 8.2 to J 6 b 8.7. The most talkative of the three prisoners was quite certain that this line was East of JUSTICE WOOD and of the wood running N. and S. in D 30 d and J 6 b. He stated, however, that the troops of the 61st I.R. on the rising ground half left from his sector, occupied a position nearer to the British lines. The remainder of the 10th Coy. held a position very near to this line of outposts, but the prisoners could give no further particulars, and apparently the front line Battalion is echeloned over a considerable depth.

(b). Support Line. When the 10th Coy. was in the Support Line area it occupied a line of shell-holes in K 2 a and b with its right flank resting on the HULEBEEK at Bridge K 2 a 99.99.

(c). Reserve Position. When the 10th Coy. was last in Regtl. Reserve, it was billeted in a hut west of the road in L 1 a. Prisoner stated, however, that this hut would not again be occupied by reserve troops as the troops from whom the 10th Coy. had taken it over, had had casualties from artillery fire. On a previous occasion when in Regtl. Reserve, the 10th Coy. had been billeted at MUSCLE HOUSES (F 30 b 8.9) which was also Regtl. H.Q.

Hitherto, when the Regiment was in line, Companies seem to have been about two days in front area, two days in support and two in reserve.

5. Rest Billets.

RULLICHEMCAFFELLE.

6. Troops seen.....

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NOTES ON INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS (continued).

6. Troops Seen.
Then recently in ROLLEGHEMCAPELLI, a few days ago, one prisoner saw men of 68th I.R. (16th Div. Normal) and also gunners with 27 on their shoulder straps.
7. Company Strength and Losses.
The 10th Coy. consists of four platoons, of which one platoon, about 25 strong, is detached for ration carrying. Another platoon is the STOSS (Assault) platoon and is about 20 strong. A third platoon is under 20 strong and a fourth platoon (to which two of the prisoners belong) was only 11 strong.
The trench strength of this Coy., therefore, appears to be, at any rate, less than 60. There had been considerable losses in the Coy. (and the Regiment generally) owing to diarrhoea.
8. Orders.
Prisoners stated that in the event of an attack (as distinct from a raid) the outpost line was to fall back. They thought this order would be impossible to carry out owing to the swampy nature of the ground.
9. Machine Guns.
The 10th Coy. has three L.M.Gs., each platoon in the line being allotted one.
10. Condition of Shell-Holes.
These are full of water and the only cover is a ground sheet. No work is being done in the forward area and no attempt is being made to link up the shell holes by trenches.
11. Routes.
Each platoon came into the line from ROLLEGHEMCAPELLI separately. Prisoners' platoon marched through ILDEGHEM, STELLITE JUNCTION, STROOIBOOMHOEK and then by tracks across country to the KEIBERG - MOLENAARLISHOEK Road which they followed in a westerly direction to the battered footbridge over the HEULEBEEK at E 25 d C.9. About 50 yards after crossing the bridge they bore to the left across country to their line of shell holes. On previous occasions they went by road through STROOIBOOMHOEK, WATERDAMHOEK and KEIBERG, but this road is apparently avoided owing to artillery fire.
12. German Attack.
~~No knowledge of any impending attack.~~
13. H.Q.
Regimental at MUSCLE HOUSES, E 30 b 8.9

II ANZAC Intelligence.
2nd December, 1917.

II AMBAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 18.

From 6 a.m. 1st Dec. to 6 a.m. 2nd Dec. 1917.

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INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery carried out barrage and concentration shoots at 1.50 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. Three direct hits were obtained on POLDERHOEK CHATEAU (J 16 d). Harassing fire was maintained as usual.

Heavy artillery neutralized 11 batteries in the WATERDAMHOEK Group, 4 each in the DADIZELLE and TERHAND Groups, and 3 in the MOLENHOEK Group. In support of the operations by the Corps on our left, 11 batteries in the WATERDAMHOEK Group were kept under neutralizing fire for three hours.

No destructive shoots were possible but 12 concentration shoots were carried out.

(b). Hostile artillery activity was below normal. There was very little retaliation for our shoots, but our battery areas were shelled yesterday afternoon and during the night.

The following areas received attention:-

FREZENBERG - RED LODGE area (D 25, J 1).
HANNEBERG VALLEY (J 2).
BELLEWAARDE RIDGE - WESTHOEK RIDGE area (J 7).
GLENCORSE WOOD - INVERNESE COPSE area (J 14).
Area north of VERLORENHOEK (C 30).

2. PATROLS.

Active but no enemy were seen. The road eastwards from D 29 d 3.9 (S. of FLINTE COPSE) becomes obliterated from this point.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Are observed at J 16 d 10.46 and J 16 d 32.48 near POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Posts have already been reported close to these.

(b). Dugouts. J 16 d 5.3, J 16 d 25.25, J 16 d 2.1 and J 16 c 93.54. Movement seen at dugouts at all these points.

(c). M.Gs. Less active than usual by day but more active by night on front and support lines. Two of our planes flying low were fired on by M.G. at POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Two M.Gs. were observed firing from J 16 d 60.70 and J 16 d 25.35.

(d). Work. New trench from J 11 d 4.3 towards J 11 d 30.67 is observed. Men heard talking and working at night. Movement and work seen at J 11 d 6.3 (E. of FEUTEL). Newly turned earth and freshly erected wire are visible at J 22 a 8.5 (N. of GHELUVELT.)

(e). Wire. Is reported to have been repaired at J 16 c 9.5 and J 16 d 20.35. Enemy wire, except some concertina barbed wire at J 16 c 85.20, has been almost completely destroyed and offers no obstacle to infantry.

(f). Signal. On enemy shells falling into his own line a yellow flare bursting into two red balls was sent up. Immediately the shelling ceased.

4. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. Activity much below normal.5. MOVEMENT.

Movement was noticed on the KEIBERG RIDGE at E 25 b 30.35.

Stretcher-carrying parties under the Red Cross Flag were seen in the neighbourhood of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Much individual movement was seen round the Chateau. Several times parties crawled towards it. About midnight and again at 1 a.m. a party of enemy were seen moving from the dugout at J 16 c 93.54 to the Chateau and were engaged by L.G. fire. Movement was seen in trench at J 22 a 80.35 (N. of GHELUVELT).

N. C. Muddleston Lt.

for Brig.-General G.S.
II AMBAC CORPS.

2nd December 1917.

PART II follows...

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

12 Res. Div. in MOORSLEDE sector - document - normal.

SECOND ARMY FRONT.

Our troops attacked north of PAESCHENDAELE early this morning. From reports received the attack appears to be progressing favourably. A few prisoners belonging to the 38th Div. have been captured up to the present.

OTHER FRONTS.

All indications and captured documents point to the fact that the enemy's attack on the 20th November was made in great strength on the front from VENDHUILLE to MCEUVRES, and except for the success gained by him on the south, all attacks from MASNIERES northward were completely repulsed.

The enemy renewed his attacks yesterday on the whole front, from MASNIERES to W. of BOURLON WOOD, and except for a slight advance in the neighbourhood of MASNIERES all attacks were again repulsed.

South of MASNIERES, our counter-attacks yesterday succeeded in recapturing the village of GONNELIEU together with 300 prisoners and 40 machine guns.

Small parties of the enemy are still holding out in the village but these are surrounded. The enemy still holds VILBERS - GUISSAIN.

CAPTURED GERMAN ARMY ORDER.

The following order was issued by General von der MARWITZ to the Second German Army on the 29th November:-

"Soldiers of the Second Army!

The British, by throwing countless Tanks into the fight in a surprise attack, gained a victory near CAMBRAI on the 20th Nov. Their intention was to break through, but they did not succeed in doing so, thanks to the brilliant resistance of the troops which were put into line to check their advance. We are now going to turn their initial success into a defeat by an encircling counter-attack.

The Fatherland is watching you, and expects every man to do his duty. Forward, then, with God's help, to victory!"

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II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 19.

From 6 a.m. 2nd Dec. to 6 a.m. 3rd Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT1. IDENTIFICATIONS.

J 15 c S.O (S.W. of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU) - 4th Coy., 163rd I.R., 17th Res. Div. Prisoners. (Normal relief).

They state that the Order of Battle, North to South is -

76 R.I.R.
163 I.R.
162 I.R.

The I Batta. has 3 Coys. in front line with one in close support. Coy. H.Q. J 16 d 2.1.

The road at J 15 c S.O running south of the CHATEAU WOOD is the boundary between the 163 I.R. and 162 I.R.

2. OPERATIONS. - Infantry.

Our troops attacked POLDERHOEK CHATEAU (J 16 d) at noon today. The situation is obscure. The number of prisoners notified by the division up to 6 p.m. is 5 C.Rs. In addition 5 C.Rs. have been admitted to C.C.S.

3. OPERATIONS. - Artillery.

(a). Our artillery carried out concentration shoots at 7.15 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Harassing fire on known enemy centres of activity was continued as usual.

Heavy artillery carried out four concentration shoots and neutralized 15 batteries. In conjunction with the operations of the Corps on our left 11 batteries were kept under neutralizing fire in response to S.C.S. signals yesterday evening.

(b). Hostile activity was below normal, and there was less shelling of battery positions. The following areas were shelled. -

JABBER HOUSE - MOLLENARELSTHOLK area (J 4).
ZONNEVELD area (D 28).
FRENZBERG - RAILWAY DUMP area (D 25 d).
TOKIO RIDGE (D 27 d).
BELLEWARD RIDGE - VESTHOLK - KIT MAT area (J 7 and 1 d).

4. PATROLS.

(a). Our patrols on the southern front did not encounter any of the enemy. On our northern front a patrol reached D 24 c 36.75. Here the patrol endeavoured, unsuccessfully, to attract the enemy's attention. No Man's Land was lightly shelled while the patrol was out.

Another patrol proceeded to the S.W. corner of CHINA WOOD (D 24 c), thence to S.W. corner of BUSY WOOD (D 24 b), thence back to our lines. Several small dugouts were found at D 23 d 3.5. Between this point and the road there are some dugouts still existing in an old system of trenches. Two German wagons were found at D 23 a 4.1 (N. of DAIRY WOOD). No enemy were seen.

(b). An enemy patrol of five men was seen at J 11 d 75.70 (S.W. of JUDGE COPSE). They were bombed and fired at from our front line. Cries were heard.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Fresh earth is showing at an enemy post alongside road in JOURNAD WOOD at J 12 b 15.90.

(b). O.P. Suspected in tops of trees at A 25 a 3.7 (N. of VIEUX CHIEF).

(c). M.I.s. Were active from POLDERHOEK CHATEAU (J 16 d), J 22 b 5.5, JUDGE CROSS ROADS (J 12 a 4.3), Cemetery (J 11 d), JUNIPER COTTAGE (J 17 a).

(d) Work.....

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PART I.5. EMPTY DEFENCES (continued)

- (d). Work. New trench work appears at about J 16 c 8.0.
 (e). Wire. New wire erected at J 12 c 4.9 (N.W. of ZWAANHOEK).

6. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Less active than usual. Enemy planes patrolled our lines at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 noon, 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

7. MOVEMENT.

At 9.30 a.m., 1.20 p.m. and 1.25 p.m., small parties were seen on the road at E 95 d 08.50. They disappeared at K 1 b 10.50.

Constant train traffic was observed on the light railway running through J 25 and K 19. Trains were seen leaving WATERDAMHOEK travelling N.E. at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. At 7.45 a.m. a train was seen travelling from TERHAND (K 15) to DADIZELIE (K 12). A return train was seen at 6.30 a.m. (Ground observers).

Movement was seen as usual on the REIBERG SPUR in E 19 c.

A working party of 12 men were seen at J 16 a 8.3 (S.W. of BOKLAERE). Shortly afterwards a transport came and unloaded at the same point.

Considerable movement was seen at intervals during the day between J 11 d 50.00 and J 11 d 50.50 (East of KRUJEL).

Individual movement seen round POLLEBRUCK CHATEAU.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

It is published for information that in future the time at which air photos are taken will be inserted on each air photo thus:-
 17-10-17. 2 = 17th Oct. 1917 at 2 p.m.

9. LATER.

Information from prisoners.-

Reliefs. The 163rd I.R. relieved the 165th I.R. on the night 30th Nov/1st Dec. The 162nd I.R. relieved the 393rd I.R. on night 1/2nd Dec. The 1st M.G.K., 162nd I.R. relieved an M.G.K. of the 393rd I.R. on night 30th Nov/1st Dec.

Our attack was quite unexpected and prisoners have no knowledge of any impending German attack.

3rd December 1917.

M. E. Huddleston Lt.
 for Belg. Gen. of G.S.
 II ANZAC CORPS.

PART II follows:-.....

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

SECOND ARMY FRONT.

As a result of the fighting yesterday a small advance was made N. of GOUDBERG Copse and E. of the VINDICTIVE cross roads. At one time our troops were reported to have advanced up to the Southern end of VEAL Cottages - MALLET Copse - VOID Farm, and to have held Hill 52, TEAL Cottages and the Southern Redoubt in W 25 c. Counter-attacks, however, forced our troops back at certain points, with the result that the line runs approximately as follows:- TOURNANT Farm - V 28 b 6.7 - V 29 a 0.7 - V 29 a 6.5 - N. of VOX Farm - S. of Hill 52 - S. of TEAL Cottages - V 30 b 6.2 - V 30 b 9.0 - W 25 c 1.5 - W 25 c 3.2 to original front line.

Our attack commenced at 1.55 a.m.

During the operations three officers, 126 O.Rs. and 3 machine guns were captured.

OTHER FRONTS.

After repulsing all hostile attacks at MASNIERES on the 1st Dec., it was decided to straighten out our salient at this point, and our troops were withdrawn during the night on to a line LA VACQUERIE inclusive to R 5 central, L 35 central to the Canal at L 24 c.

Otherwise our line remains unchanged, but heavy fighting continued all yesterday at GONMILLIEU and the situation is not clear.

During the day hostile counter-attacks against La VACQUERIE and our new line W. of MASNIERES were repulsed.

II ANZAC. AERIAL ANNEXE.

No. 4.

3/12/17.

PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORT.(a). POSITION OF OUR TROOPS.

Two contact patrol machines were sent up in connection with to-day's operations against POLDERMOEK CHATEAU, and report as follows:-

1.35 p.m. Flare lit at J.16.d.08.40. Our troops seen on line J.16.a.50.95.- J.16.c.0.0 and an advance line J.16.d.0.0. J.16.d.0.0.

4.15 p.m. Flares appear to be lit about J.16.b.50.75., J.16.c.70.00., J.16.d.00.90., and J.16.d.00.90. also two just South West of last, which could not be accurately located. Our Artillery shelling cross roads J.17.c.25.70. and East of Chateau grounds.

(b). ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy reported at 1.35 p.m. holding what appeared to be a breastwork trench from J.16.a.5.8. to J.16.d.4.0., line semicircular in shape and running just on the East of the Chateau, and a supporting post was located among the ruins at J.16.d.7.4. about the same time machine gun at building J.17.c.10.25. fired on two machines, wounding the observer in each case.

Aeroplane photographs show a new trench from road junction J.12.b.55.00. to the south western corner of JOURNAL WOOD. J.12.b.12.52.

(c). ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Retaliation for our barrage does not appear to have been so heavy as the barrage itself, but activity between 12 noon and dusk was abnormal, over 60 flashes been reported by our flash reconnaissance machines chiefly from the group of batteries behind FLAND and in the neighbourhood of DADISSELE.

(d). ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Activity was above normal during the afternoon in the area from SILLWERT to BOORVELDE, patrols of 3 to 5 machines being seen at a time, but no attempt was made to hinder our contact patrol machines.

(e). ENEMY MOVEMENTS.

Counter attack machines and no signs of men massing either South or East of POLDERMOEK and no movement on roads in rear.

Train movement was as follows:-

12.40.	one train	LEDEGHEM	to ROULERS.
1.45.	"	LICHTERVELDE	to ROULERS.
2.10.	"	LEDEGHEM	to ROULERS.
2.35.	"	ROULERS	to LICHTERVELDE.
3.15.	"	LEDEGHEM	to ROULERS.

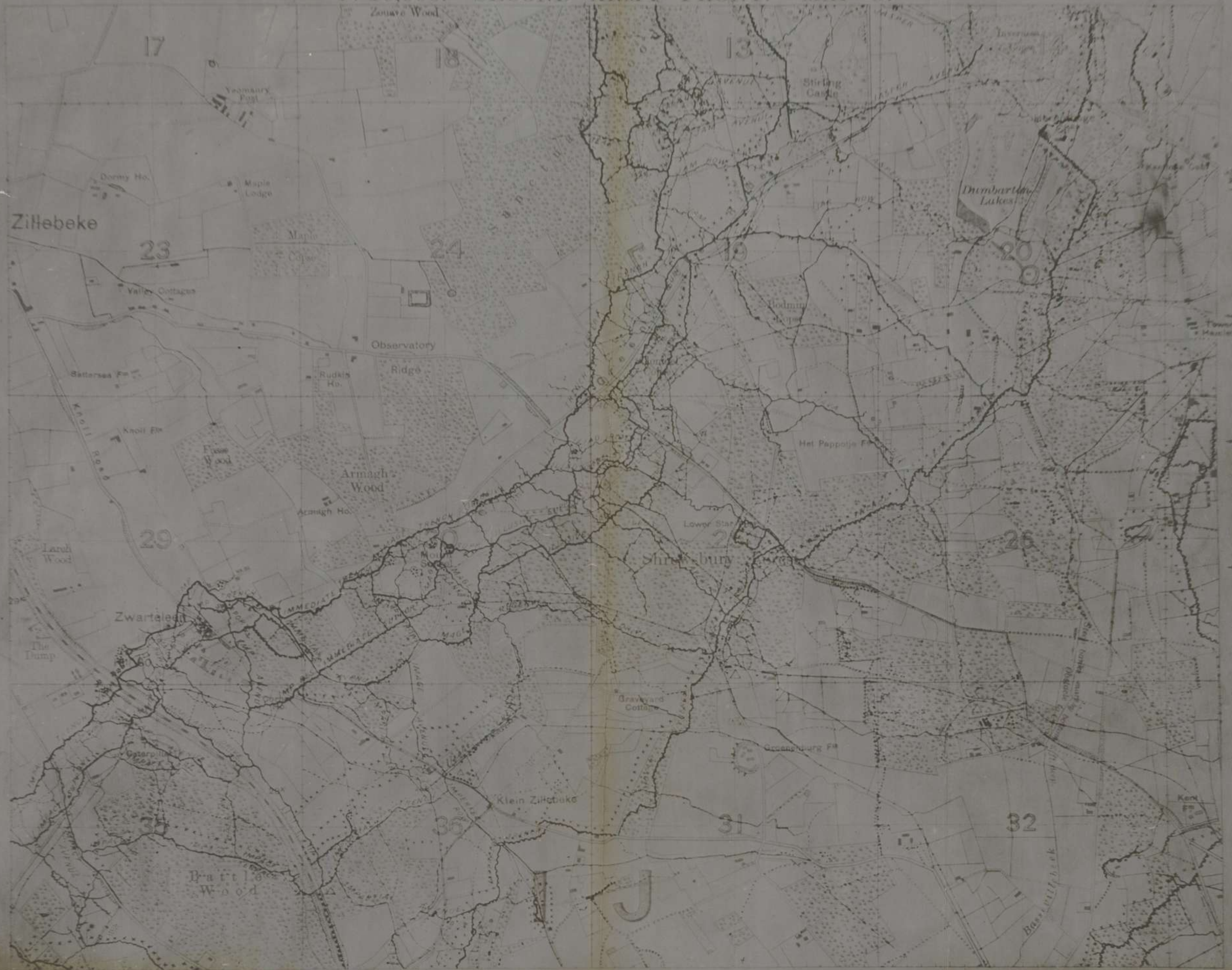
PART II. AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

A few photographs were taken in the area of POLDERMOEK - BECELARE at 1.15 p.m.

10.386.J.17.b.18a. South West of BECELARE. Photograph not very distinct and part obscured by smoke from barrage. Pill-box J.18.c.79. 71. near JUDAS PARK, farm itself hardly exists, but tracks show clearly among shell holes. Probable posts in old trench about J18.c.57.38 with large Pill-box J18.a.38.12. and post at J.18.a.50.22.

- 10.B.67.J.12a. North West of BECELAERE. A splendid photograph. Enemy has dug a new irregular trench from the road junction J.12.a.85.00. along the western side of the road to South West corner of JOURNAL WOOD J.12.b.12.52. where it runs into the strong point. (There is no trace of this in 10.B.26. of 28/11/17). Tracks show clearly in the HOLLE BOSCH going East from the trench J.12.b.56.44.
- 10.B.68.J.16.b.d. North of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. There appears to be a shallow trench or a breastwork where reported by contact patrol to-day, running just East of the Chateau, to about J.16.d.35.44. There is a very large hole in the edge of CAMERON COVERT at J.16.b.53.50.
- 10.B.69.J.18a. South of BECELAERE. Indistinct photograph but shows traces of fresh work on the trenches at J.18.c.7.5.
- 10.B.70.J.12a. BECELAERE. Photograph obscured by smoke, shows some signs of fresh work on 10.B.69., also signs of occupation of ruins J.18.a.90.05.
- 10.B.71.J.6a. North West of BECELAERE. Photograph very indistinct.
- 10.B.72.J.17.b.18a. West of BECELAERE. Pill-boxes at J.18.a.32.10., and J.18.a.49.20.
- 10.B.73.D.30d. DAME WOOD. Signs of fresh work D.30.c.92.88. and many tracks near cross roads D.30.d.15.56.
- 10.B.74.D.30d. East of CELTIC WOOD. DAMP FARM still shows very clearly, clear track from DAME HOUSE, where there appears to be a post to ruins K.1.a.22.90.

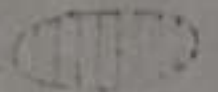
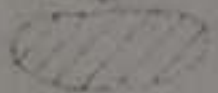
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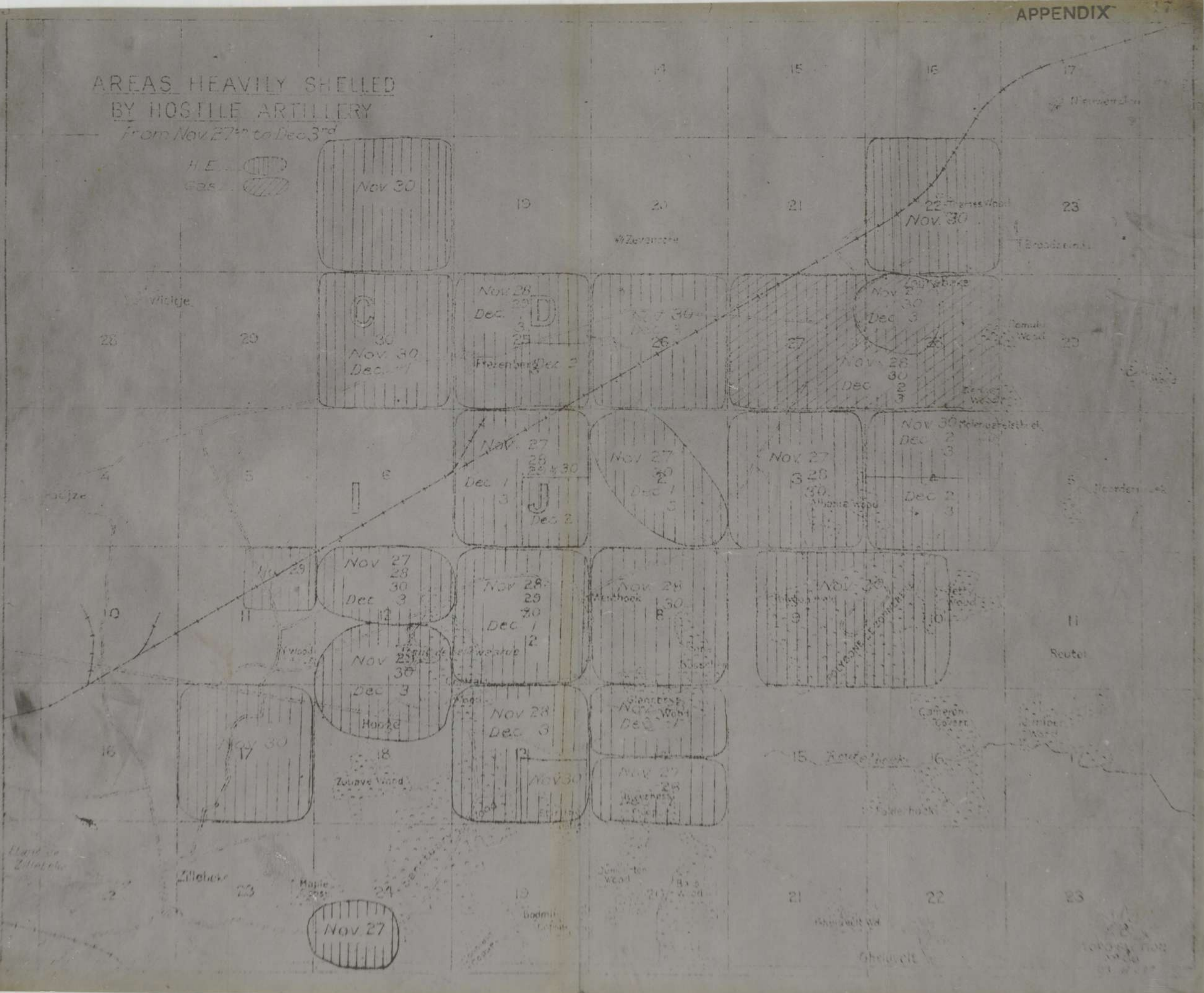


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AREAS HEAVILY SHELLED BY HOSTILE ARTILLERY

From Nov 27th to Dec 3rd

H.E. 
Gas 



FURTHER STATEMENT BY PRISONER OF 162 I.R. CAPTURED 3-12-17.

From a perusal of a rough sketch and notes taken off a dead sergeant of the 162 I.R. and from a further interrogation of an intelligent prisoner, the following facts have been established:-

1. Headquarters.

The dugout at cross roads J 30 c 00.85 is the regimental field dressing station and not the support battalion H.Q. as stated in yesterday's Summary.

The support battalion H.Q. is at J 23 b 92.81.

Front line battn. H.Q. is at J 22 b 65.09 and not J 23 a 05.50 as stated yesterday.

2. Field Kitchens.

These are at ARTOISHOLK (J 30 c) and ration parties were to be there by 5 p.m. (English time) on the 17th Nov. according to captured note.

II ANZAC "I".
6th Dec. 1917.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 20.

From 6 a.m. 3rd Dec. to 6 a.m. 4th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. OPERATIONS. - Infantry.

As a result of our attack on POLDERHOEK CHATEAU yesterday noon our line now runs from J 22 a 6.8 - J 22 a 9.9 - J 16 d 05.00 - J 16 d 10.15 - J 16 d 00.30 thence in a straight line to J 16 c 30.65. This is being consolidated.

In addition to the prisoners mentioned in last night's summary 12 unwounded and 5 wounded O.Rs. have been taken, making a total for the operation of 17 unwounded and 11 wounded O.Rs. All are of the 162nd and 163rd I.Rs.

2. OPERATIONS. - Artillery.

(a). Our artillery continued harassing fire and put down barrages in support of the infantry attack on POLDERHOEK CHATEAU.

The heavy artillery attempted one destructive shoot and subjected 8 hostile batteries to bursts of fire during the morning. Seven batteries were neutralized in the WATERDAERHOEK Group, 19 in the TERHAND Group, 26 in the DE DIZEMIE Group and 4 in the MOLENHOEK Group. Twenty-two batteries were neutralized from zero hour onwards.

(b). Hostile activity was below normal until noon. During the afternoon forward areas and battery positions were shelled, shelling being continued intermittently during the night. The main barrage lines appeared to fall along the HANNEREK VALLEY. Our 6" T.M. positions were engaged by guns of all calibres. Some gas shells were used against northern group battery positions during the night.

The principal areas shelled were -

RED LODGE - FRIEZENBERG area (J 1 - D 25).

HANNEREK VALLEY (J 2).

JABBER HOUSE - MOLENAARSTHOEK area (J 4).

CHATEAU WOOD - STIRLING CASTLE area (J 7 c - J 13).

POTSDAM - ZONNEBEKE area (D 26 - 27 - 28).

BELLEWARDE area (I 12).

3. PATROLS.

A patrol left our lines about J 11 c 53.39 (REUTEL) and worked down the ridge to J 17 a 50.95, thence bearing westwards until the REUTELBEEK LAGOON could be clearly seen. A party of the enemy about 50 or 60 men strong was seen lined out and working. Patrol returned to cross roads at J 11 c 52.30 and proceeded eastwards along road for about 50 yds. where an enemy patrol was seen. Ground was fairly dry, though much cut up by shell fire.

A patrol operating in CELTIC WOOD (D 30 c) was fired on by an M.G. from about D 30 c 9.3. They report the wood was lightly shelled by 10-cm. shells.

The whole of the Corps front was actively patrolled but nothing further was seen of the enemy.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). M.Gs. Located at D 30 c 9.3 (S.E. of CELTIC WOOD). An M.G. fired from JOURNAL WOOD (J 12 b).

(b). Work. Patrol reports a large working party in J 16 b near REUTELBEEK LAGOON.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Hostile planes were active throughout the day constantly flying over our lines.

6. MOVEMENT.....

PART I.6. MOVEMENT.

A party of about 100 were seen in the vicinity of JUDAS FARM (J 18 c).

A train was seen moving south through E 21 b.

7. IDENTIFICATIONS. - By Corps on our left.

E 1 a and c. 2nd Coy., 29th I.R., 16th Div. 4 prisoners.

They do not know the order of battle, nor which regiment they relieved, nor what the enemy's intentions are.

The 16th Division has presumably relieved the 26th Division in the PASSCHENDAELE sector. It was in the sector north of BICHLAERE until Nov. 28/29th, when it was relieved by the 36th Res. Div.

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4th December 1917.

EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS OF 162ND and 163RD I.R., 17TH B.D.
captured in J 16 d on 3-12-17.

Dispositions.

The boundary between 163 and 162 I.Rs. is the road running along the grid line between J 16 and 22.

The 163rd I.R. has 3 Coys. in the front line (from N. to S. the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Coys.) with the 1st Coy. in close support about 150 yds. back.

The front line battalion H.Q. are believed to be in the cellars of the Chateau which some prisoners believe are capable of accommodating about 60 men.

The whole of the 1st M.G.K. is in the front line area, two guns being stationed in the large pill box at J 16 d 2.1.

The width of the front of the 163 I.R. is about 300 yds.

The dispositions of the front line battn. of the 162 I.R. are similar. It also has all four coys. far forward and the battn. H.Q. appears to be at J 23 a C5.50.

Rest Billets.

Prior to coming into the line the 162 I.R. had been resting for six days at HALLUIN and the 163 I.R. at LEDEGHEM.

Coy. Strength etc.

The trench strength of all coys. of both regiments appears to be not more than 60. Each Coy. has three light M.Gs.

PART II follows -.....

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

SECOND ARMY FRONT.

From the identifications recently obtained, it appears extremely probable that the enemy is reducing the number of supporting divisions in each Group between the MENIN Road and HOUTHULST Forest. Until quite recently, in this area, each division in line was supported by a division in close reserve. From the fact that the 16th Div., which was acting as support div. in the N.E. of POLYGON WOOD Sector, on relief on 28/29th Nov. should have relieved the 25th Div. in the PASSCHENDAELE sector on 3/4th Dec., it appears that in the YPRES Group the 16th Div. is the only supporting division to the 3 divisional sectors which comprise it.

The same re-arrangement has probably taken place in the STADEN Group. There, also, the 38th Div. (supporting division in the HOUTHULST Forest E. Sector) relieved the 199th Div. in the WESTROOSEBEEK Sector on 1/2nd December.

This probably leaves the 58th Div., and possibly one other as the supporting divisions to the STADEN Group.

It is possible, also, that there is only one division in close support in the DIXMUDE and WYTSCHAELE Groups.

It is natural to suppose that the Germans will attempt to return to a normal method of holding the line as soon as possible, and as our attacks show signs of coming to an end, so will the Germans probably reduce their divisions in close support. It is considered probable that the supporting divisions along the entire front have already been reduced from 10 to 5.

Prisoners must be closely questioned on this matter and divisional reliefs carefully watched.

The best method of obtaining confirmation of this will be by the capture of prisoners at frequent intervals along the whole front.

From the diminution of artillery fire against PASSCHENDAELE during our attack on 1/2nd December it appears that the enemy has also withdrawn batteries in the neighbourhood of WESTROOSEBEEK.

OTHER FRONTS.

On the night of the 2/3rd our troops made some progress west of BOURLON WOOD, capturing 52 prisoners and 16 machine guns. During the fighting of the 30th Nov. and 1st December one of our divisions captured 70 machine guns and 3 field guns with limbers and teams.

Early yesterday morning the enemy attacked in great strength from GONNELIEU to MASNIERES, and fighting continued on this front the whole day. Reports indicate that all hostile attacks have been repulsed except at LA VACQUERIE where the enemy has gained a footing in the southern portion of the village, and at MARCOING where our troops have been forced to withdraw to the west bank of the Canal. South of MARCOING the enemy broke through our front line, but the situation was restored by an immediate counter-attack.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 21.

From 6 a.m. 4th Dec. to 6 a.m. 5th Dec. 1917.

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PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. ENEMY RAID.

About 6.30 a.m. on the 5th a strong enemy party collected behind POIDERHOEK CHAU. and attacked our flank post at about J 16 d 15.70. It was repulsed by Lewis Gun and rifle fire when within 30 yds. of our line.

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Our artillery engaged enemy troops reported to be working at about J 17 d 3.4 (E. of POZZELHOEK). Concentration shoots were carried out at 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Retaliatory fire from 4.12 to 4.45 p.m. on JOCKAL WOOD and JOINERS WOOD J 12 b and J 6 d. Harassing fire as usual.

Heavy artillery attempted two destructive shoots and neutralized 23 batteries. 12 batteries were subjected to bursts of fire at various times during the period. In addition 30 batteries were neutralized in heavy hostile barrage in J 5, 11, 16, and 21, at 1.50 p.m.

(b). Enemy artillery activity was below normal before noon. Afterwards normal activity prevailed. Areas shelled include the following -

RED LODGE - FREZENBERG area (J 1).
 HANNEBEK VALLEY (J 2).
 ANZAC - HELLIS - ALBANIA WOOD area (J 3).
 BELLEWARDE RIDGE (J 7 c).
 CHATEAU WOOD - STIRLING CASTLE area (J 13).
 GLENGORSE WOOD area (J 14 a).
 ZONNEBEKE area (D 27 and 28).
 BELLEWARDE area (J 12).

3. PATROLS.

We have established a post at J 17 a 55.97 (N. of JUNIPER WOOD).

A patrol of 9 men reconnoitred the area J 16 d 1.8 to within 50 yds. of the Chateau. Close to the Chateau is a fortified tree apparently occupied by two men. There appeared to be an enemy relief in progress and much movement was noticed E. of the Chateau.

At 2.30 a.m. 6 patrols of 1 officer and 10 G.Rs. each left our lines at pre-arranged points with orders to form a line of standing patrols along the whole of our northern divisional front. The line was established as follows:-

A patrol	-	J 6 a 15.60.
B "	-	CELTIC WOOD.
C "	-	About D 30 a 08.40.
D "	-	D 23 d 43.15.
E "	-	D 23 d 82.64.
F "	-	D 23 b 65.60.

Patrols B, E and F did not encounter the enemy.

B patrol cut a telephone wire found leading from the direction of the German lines to the old gun pit at D 29 d 50.60.

A patrol on reaching the outskirts of JUSTICE WOOD about 400 yds. from our line came upon a German M.G. post well concealed. Our patrol got to within 15 yards of the German post and was about to rush it when a large party of the enemy estimated at about 150 strong emerged from behind the M.G. and lined a hedge about J 6 a 4.9, opening fire on our patrol who although somewhat disorganized by the first burst of fire retaliated and accounted for three of the enemy.

C patrol saw a party of six of the enemy at 3.30 a.m. at D 30 a 08.40 but were unable to get into touch with them as the enemy made off immediately on being sighted.

D patrol.....

PART I.3. PATROLS (continued).

D patrol with a Lewis Gun occupied a shell hole about D 23 d 44.10. Shortly afterwards a party of enemy was seen along the hedge D 23 d 68.00 to 70.50. The enemy apparently saw our men and about 12-14 of them advanced. They were allowed to get within 10 yards of our patrol before being challenged. After an exchange of fire the enemy retired.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Pill Boxes. A pill box at J 17 a 20.80 is believed to be occupied.
 (b). M.G.s. Very active from behind POLDERHOEK CHAU. and GHELUVELT SPUR. Also from pill boxes J 11 d 6.3 and 35.10 (REUTEL), JUNIPER COTTAGE (J 17 a). Further guns were located at J 6 a 37.91 and 65.98 (JUSTICE WOOD).
 (c). Work. J 16 d 6.6 - new earth seen. J 16 d 15.32 - new earth thrown up here on morning of the 5th suggests commencement of enemy sap.
 (d). Topographical. The ground in the neighbourhood of J 17 a 55.97 (N.E. of JUNIPER WOOD) is fairly dry and drainable but much cut up by shell fire.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Hostile planes were active between 3 a.m. and 4 p.m. flying over our forward and battery positions. Seven enemy aircraft were up during an enemy barrage about 2 p.m.

6. MOVEMENT.

Continuous movement in the REUTELBEK VALLEY (J 17) seen between 7.30 and 8 a.m. J 29 a and b - 30 men going S.E. along MENIN Road. J 23 b 55.80 - 80 men equipped moving N.E. K 14 a 10 men seen at 9 a.m. on the road and single men all day. E 21 b and d party seen on the road at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. E 16 d 15.15 small party seen walking at 8.10 and 8.30 a.m. L 25 d 05.00 six men seen walking on the road at noon. They disappeared at K 1 b 10.50. Smoke from engine on light railway reported near BECELAERE.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

J 16 d 10.37, about 50 yards W. of POLDERHOEK CHAU: Amongst some large trees is a series of enemy shelters covered by brushwood and waterproof sheets among the branches.

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5th December 1917.

TRANSLATION OF EXTRACTS FROM A DIARY TAKEN OFF AN M.O.C. PRISONER OF 183RD I.R. CAPTURED ON 3RD INST. IN J 16 d.

Oct. 14. The 9th Coy. had 20 casualties through gas, of whom 12 were killed. (Note. This was when they were in the sector S. of the SCARPE before being relieved by the 11th Div.).

Nov. 14. Relieved by 164 I.R. (11th Div. - S. of the SCARPE).

Nov. 15. Every coy. has now received three L.M.Gs. Billeted in cellars in LACREME.

Nov. 23. The 8th Coy. 76th R.I.R. had a direct hit this evening in our village. About 20 killed.

Nov. 24. Relieved by the 165 I.R. Went to rest billets in LEDEGHEM.

PART II follows.....

PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OT-R SOURCE

ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS ON THE CAMBRAI BATTLE FRONT.

An order, issued on the 18th Nov. 1917, by the Divl. Artillery Commander of the 54th Div., then in line on the CAMBRAI Front, shows that the following measures were being adopted to strengthen the enemy's artillery in this sector, in view of the possibility of the British attempting to capture HAVRINCOURT Village:-

(a). The 54th Div. was allotted two field batteries from Army Reserve, to go into action at once.

The Army Reserve Batteries selected were a resting 7.7-cm. battery of this Division, and a resting 10.5-cm. How. battery of the 20th Ldw. Div., (then in line N. of the 54th Div.).

(b). All preparations were to be made for the arrival of the following further artillery reinforcements for the division:-

3	...	7.7-cm. gun batteries (1 Abteilung).
3	...	10.5-cm. How. batteries (1 Abteilung).
1	...	10.-cm. gun battery.
2	...	15.-cm. How. batteries.
1	...	21.-cm. How. battery

A total of 10 batteries - 39 guns. (24 light and 15 heavy).

(c). One Abteilung (3 field batteries) of the reinforcements mentioned in para. (b), was to be employed for the support of Counter-Attacks (Stossabteilung).

The following conclusions can be drawn from the above:-

(1). In quiet sectors, resting batteries of divl. artilleries actually in line are placed in Army Reserve. They are not under the tactical control of their own division.

(2). The British estimates of guns in this area, based on activity reports, showed an average of 56 guns per division in line, i.e. about 13-15 batteries per division.

This is about the average strength on quiet fronts allowing for one or two resting field batteries.

The reinforcements destined for this front would thus have brought up the artillery strength of the 54th Div. to between 24 and 26 batteries.

This should be compared with the average of 31 batteries per div. on the YPRES battle front.

PART III.
CONTRE-ESPIONNAGE.

The following papers have been either lost or stolen, and are therefore cancelled:-

(1). Carnet d'Etranger, No. 31135, in favour of CARBON, Germaine, Mlle., resident at LEDRINGHEM.

(2). Permis de Sejour, 1526, VALDEPUTTE, Madeleine, born RENINGHELIST, 2-11-1901, valid for RENINGHELIST.

(This P. de S. has been burnt).

(3). Permis de Sejour, 3220, DEUSAERT, Rach-el, born VERVICQ 27-5-1901, valid for LATOU. (Lost).

FURTHER EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS OF 162 I.R. and 163 I.R.
captured in J 16 d on 3rd Inst.

1. Personal. Of the 17 unaccounted prisoners taken during the operations there were 7 of the 1918 Class (i.e. 19 years old).
2. Morale. One prisoner who had been with the same coy. since 1912 stated that the losses sustained by it in the sector S. of the SCARTE had caused very large gaps in the coy. which had been filled up by young recruits and their morale was very bad.
3. Coy. Strength. The same prisoner stated that the ration strength of the 4th Coy., 163 I.R. is only 191 and that the trench strength is only 45. To make up for this weakness, reliance is placed on the 3 L.M.Gs.
4. Dispositions.
 - (a). Front Line. As stated in yesterday's summary the coys. in the front line are far forward.
 - (b). Support Line. The support battalions of both regiments appear to occupy a line of shell holes which roughly follow the former trench line running from J 18 c through J 24 to J 29 b.
 - (c). Reserve Line. The reserve line billets of the 163 I.R. were until recently in DADIZELLE in cellars of houses at about K 12 d 75.35. Owing to recent casualties it appears that this village is likely to be avoided as a reserve position in future, but farms in its immediate neighbourhood will be substituted.

The areas occupied by the reserve battn. of the 162 I.R. are farms further south but about the same distance from the front line. One prisoner of the 1st coy. 162 I.R. stated that his platoon was billeted at ARTOISHCEK (K 30 c).

5. Headquarters.

162 I.R.	Front line battn. - J 23 a 05.50 (dugout). Support battn. - dugout at cross roads J 30 c 00.85.
163 I.R.	Front line battn. - cellars of POLDERHCEK CHAU. Support battn. - very probably in pill box J 18 c 79.71. (If not here another pill box in the near vicinity).

6. Routes. The 162 I.R. coming into the line from HALLUIN followed the main YPRES-MENIN road as far as the support battn. H.Q. (J 30 c 00.85). They then marched up the BECLAERE road as far as J 23 b 55.80 where they turned to the left along the GHELUVELT road, then passed the front line battn. H.Q. at J 23 a 05.50 thence by track into the front line position.

The 163 I.R. left DELEGHEM by the DADIZELLE road. The centre of DADIZELLE was avoided owing to previous casualties and the road running east and south of the chateau was taken. The main DADIZELLE-TERHAND road was rejoined at K 17 b 6.8 and followed as far as the point K 15 d 5.5 where the field tramway breaks off in a N.W. direction. A tramline was followed as far as the road in L 13 a when a track was taken across country to the PECELAERE - GHELUVELT road about J 18 c 6.8 which they followed for a short distance. In order to pass the REUTEL-BEPK the road was left and a track taken S.E. of the road, which was again rejoined at about J 17 d 8.1 from which point a track was taken into the chateau grounds.

FURTHER EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS OF 162 I.R. and 163 I.R.
captured in J 16 d on 3rd inst. (continued).

7. Rest Billets.
When the 163 I.R. were resting at LEDEGHE they were billeted in huts N. of the road in L 8 b.
8. Orders.
In case of attack the troops in the front line had orders to hold the line at all costs.
9. Wire.
One prisoner, taken 60 yards west of pill box at J 16 d 2.1, stated that there was no wire between him and this pill box.
10. Pill Boxes.
J 16 d 2.1. There were four M.Gs. kept in this dugout which fired from near or over it. It is stated to be capable of accommodating 70 men. It has an entrance at N.E. corner.
J 16 d 8.0. Said to be abandoned and under water.
11. Gas.
On the 14th October last the 4th Coy. of the 163 I.R. lost more than half its strength as the result of one of our gas attacks. The prisoner, an active soldier of five years standing, wept bitterly when he referred to this attack as he stated he lost all his former comrades by it.
12. Units seen.
When at LEDEGHE a reliable prisoner saw runners with 45 or 54 on their shoulder straps. He was not sure which.

II ANZAC "I".

5th Dec. 1917.

APPENDIX

IT 11210.

AERIAL ANNEXE, No. 5.

5/18/17.

PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORT.

ENEMY DEFENCES. No fresh work reported and no cases of machine gun fire against our machines.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

TRAINS. Railway activity was below normal during the morning, three trains being seen in the ROULERS area between 7-40 and 9 a.m. but shunting operations were in progress in ROULERS station between 7-30 and 8-30 a.m. At 9-50 a.m. one train MENIN towards ROULERS. At 11 a.m. (probably result of a shoot on L.13.o.) three trains moved out of LEDEBEM, two going South and one North. Between 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 15 trains were seen as follows:-

ROULERS - MENIN line 6 northbound and 3 south.

ROULERS - VILKAVENHOLK 1 going South.

North of ROULERS 2 trains.

EAST of ROULERS 1 train.

East and South of MENIN 2 trains.

In addition there was considerable activity on light rail-ways in the area DADIZEELE TERHAND - MOORSLEDE between 7-15 and 8-30 a.m., and during the afternoon a train was seen between MENIN and GHELUWE at 2-20 p.m. and another North West of GHELUWE at 2-40 p.m. No road movement was observed.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy machines were continually patrolling the area between DADIZEELE and MOORSLEDE throughout the day. At 9-10 a.m. a large two seater machine crossed line South of GHELUVELT apparently on photography, it was chased back by our machine. At 11 a.m. 3.E.A. were seen between ZONNEBEKE and GHELUVELT. At 2-30 p.m. 5.E.A. were seen over ZONNEBEKE. Between 3 and 3-30 p.m. several machines were on the line and were engaged by ours.

BALLOONS. These were up along the line of the ROULERS - MENIN road, seven been seen at one time and were probably 1 over ROULERS, 1 near DE RUTTER, 1 in 28.E.13., 25.L.7. and two near MENIN.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quieter than on previous days, very few flashes being located.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 10-25 red flashes were seen in K.9.b. north east of TERHAND. At 11-15 a fire was seen in WESTROOSEBEKE. Bombs were dropped on the enemy support positions near BECLABRE and on the KEIBERG spur.

PART II.

NOTES ON AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

- 10.B.75. J.21. North West of GHELUVELT shows our front and support lines on either side of the MENIN road.
- 10.B.76. J.21. North West of GHELUVELT shows our front and support lines north of the MENIN ROAD.
- 10.B.77. J.16.c.d.22.a.b. POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Our front trench appears to run from about J.22.a.45.66. to about J.22.a.75.76. where there is a small salient, from there to the road at J.16.c.88.00. including the post at J.22.a.87.38. From J.22.a.85.92. a second trench bends back to the road at J.16.c.7.0. North of the road the front trench is not very clear, but

10.B.77. (continued)

appears to run as follows:- J.16.c.88.00., J.16.d.05.10., 02.25., 00.36., from here a trench bonds eastwards to about J.16.d.1.4. and is continued to a post about 30 yards further North. (This trench seems to have been knocked about considerably). A second trench, leaves the road at J.16.c.70. and runs parallel to this one, and about 50 yards in rear, joining our original front line at about J.16.c.7.8. The trench east of the Chateau reported on photograph of 3/12/17 shows clearly, and there appears to be a short trench running east and west about 25 yards north of the Chateau, ending in a post at J.16.d.25.40. There also seems to be a trench running away from the Chateau eastwards.

10.B.78. J.16.cd.22.ab. South of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Too indistinct to show posts clearly, but there may be a post near the STABLES at about J.16.d.4.3.

10.B.79. J.10.b.11a. East of POLYGON WOOD.

10.B.80. D.22.c.23d.28b.29a. BROODSEINDE. Shows new work of ours on either side of the road from D.29.a.25.90 to D.29.a.43.20.

10.B.81. J.5. NOORDEHOOEK. Our own lines.

10.B.82. D.18d.29c.J.4b.5a. MOLENAARELSTHOEK.

10.B.83. J.16b.17a. North of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Apparently a new trench is under construction along line of road from about J.11.c.52.05. northwards towards across roads J.11.c.54.28.

10.B.84) J.21. North West of GHELUVELT. Our lines on either side of
10.B.85) the MENIN road.

10.B.86. J.10.d. West of REUTEL. Our own lines.

10.B.87. J.10.ab. North West of REUTEL our own lines.

10.B.88. J.10.ed. West of REUTEL. Shows our posts at J.16.a.92.36., J.16.b.02.58., J.16.b.00.72: (an irregular trench about 50 yards long) J.16.b.1.8. Supporting posts at J.10.c.88.00. large pill-box J.16.a.94.78. with two smaller just in rear,

10.B.89. J.15.d.18c. South West of POLDERHOEK.

10.B.90. J.17.18c. South West of BECELAERE. Old trenches just north of east of JENKINS FARM J.18.c.40.86. probably contains posts in shell holes, as tracks lead to the road also probable post at farm ruins J.16.a.36.04.

10.B.91. J.4.d.5c. South of MOLENAARLSTHOEK.

10.B.92. J.13.d.18. South West of POLDERHOEK. Our own trenches.

10.B.93. D.17a. NIEUWEMOLEN cross roads.

10.B.94. D.26. West of ZONNEBEKE.

10.B.95. D.23c.d. East of BROODSEINDE. Shows tracks probably those of our patrols out to a post at D.23.d.33.50. No sign of life in TABLE WOOD.

10.B.96. J.16.b.d. East of POLDERHOEK. Area very cut up by shell fire and photo not distinct enough to show posts

NOTES on photographs will be published in tomorrow's

Summary.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 22

From 8 a.m. 5th Dec. to 6 a.m. 6th Dec. 1917.

CONFIDENTIAL - THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

PART I.

INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT1. IDENTIFICATIONS.

J 22 & 3.4, 5th Coy, 162 I.R. Prisoner. (Normal).

He states that the II Battn. came into line on the 4th inst. and expects to be relieved on the 10th inst. (From the Corps on our right).

E 1. III Battn., 28th I.R., 16th Div. Prisoners. (Normal).

Order of Battle N. to S. is 68th, 28th, 20th I.Rs. It appears probable from prisoners' statements that only elements of the 16th Div. were in the line recently in the N.E. of POLYGON WOOD sector. (From the Corps on our left).

2. OPERATIONS.

(a) Corps concentrations were carried out at 6.15 a.m. and 4 p.m.

At 6.35 a.m. 3 batteries fired on the 150 enemy reported by one of our patrols to be in JUSTICE WOOD.

About 3 p.m. fire was directed on a reported massing of hostile troops near POLDERHOEK CHAU.

Harassing fire was carried on as usual.

Heavy artillery carried out 4 successful observed shoots causing two explosions and attempted six others. 16 batteries were subjected to bursts of fire and 32 were neutralized. 30 batteries were engaged yesterday evening for heavy hostile shelling in J 11 and 16.

(b) Hostile activity was below normal before noon, but above normal afterwards especially on front trenches. At 6 p.m. our roads and tracks were harassed by guns firing from the direction of MOORSLEDE and TERLAND.

The areas shelled were:-

FRYZENBERG - RED LODGE area (D 25 - J 1).

HANNEBERG VALLEY (J 2).

ANZAC - HELLER - ALBANIA WOOD area (J 3).

BELLEWARDE area (I 12 & J 7 c).

SANCTUARY WOOD - GIENCORSE WOOD - INVERNESS COPSE area (J 13 - 14).

WESTHEK - KONNEBOSCHEN area (J 6).

POTSDAM area (D 26).

3. PATROLS

A patrol attempted to locate enemy post just south of JUDGE CROSS ROAD (J 12 d). They were fired on by M.Gs. and rifles. Two men are missing and the third returned wounded.

A patrol reconnoitred JUDGE COTT. (J 11 b). No sign of enemy but tracks leading to enemy lines seen.

The wire on the west side of CEMETERY (J 11 d) was reconnoitred by a patrol. No enemy were seen.

BUSY WOOD (D 24 a), FLINTE COPSE (D 29 b) and CELTIC WOOD (D 30 a) were also patrolled without any of the enemy being encountered.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.(a) M.Gs. Two organized M.G. shoots appeared to have been carried out during the day. Five or six guns were firing from the CEMETERY in J 12 c. An A.A. M.G. fired from J 18 a 43.55 (S.W. of RECHLAERE). Another gun was located firing from approx. D 30 c 5.5. Guns were active from the direction of CLITIC WOOD (D 30 d).(b) Signals. During a five minutes barrage on our front line at 2.30 p.m., a flare bursting into two red stars was put up. Immediately the shelling slackened off.5. Hostile Aircraft.

PART I.5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Was normal during the period. Flights of 10 crossed our lines and on several occasions reached our battery areas. About 4.20 p.m. a large plane with British markings and the figure "3" on the fuselage flew low over our battery areas dropping pamphlets of German propaganda printed in English.

6. MOVEMENT.

A great deal of movement of parties and individuals was seen at and near POLIERHOEK CHAU.

J 23 a 7.6. - Nine men going west on road at 9.45 a.m.

J 23 b 05.75. - Ten men moved from this point and disappeared at dugouts J 23 b 15.29

Small parties were seen between 10 and 11.30 a.m. at F 16 d 15.15, D 24 c 18.80 and E 28 c 60.95.

A train was seen moving south at 11.25 a.m. in K 25 (N.E. of OUDE-KRUISLECKE).

E.E. Calhoun

Capt.

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II ANZAC CORPS.

6th December 1917.

PART II.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.CAMBRAI FRONT.

Our troops were withdrawn successfully on the night of the 4/5th inst. without molestation by the enemy from the MARCOING - NOYELLES - CANTAING - BOURLON - MOUVRES salient to a selected position on the FLESQUIERES ridge.

SIGNALS

A captured notebook of man of 141st I.R., 35th Div., killed S. of HOUTHULST Forest on 2nd Dec. contains the following notes on the change of barrage fire signals, viz:-

1. BARRAGE FIRE - YELLOW.	4. BARRAGE FIRE - GREEN.
ANNIHILATING FIRE - GREEN.	ANNIHILATING FIRE - YELLOW.

2. BARRAGE FIRE - RED.	5. BARRAGE FIRE - YELLOW.
ANNIHILATING FIRE - GREEN.	ANNIHILATING FIRE - GREEN.
	INCREASE RANGE - RED.

3. BARRAGE FIRE - GREEN. (Double star).
ANNIHILATING FIRE - YELLOW. (Floating balls).
CONCENTRATION FIRE - RED.
on VILLERET)

No dates are given, but from observer's reports and prisoners' statements the last appears to be in use in the STADEN, YPRES and WYSEBARTL Groups.

Coloured flares have also been fired S. of HOUTHULST Forest without any artillery action following. They may be connected with hostile patrol activity.

FURTHER....

APPENDIX

II. ABZAG. Aerial. Appendix. No. 3. d/12/17.

PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORT'S.
ENEMY DEFENCES.

No ~~work~~ work noticed.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS.

TRAINS.

Between 7-55 and 10 a.m. 5 trains were seen on ROULERS - LENIN line, all South-bound. At 2-10 p.m. one train was seen in ROULERS station. Between 11-50 a.m. and 12-15 p.m. two trains were seen on light railway between GELJWA and LENIN, and two South of this line.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery not being active, few flashes being observed.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

L.A. activity normal, during morning. At 1 p.m. 7 seen over WATERDAMROEK. Activity increased during the afternoon, and our machines were attacked on several occasions by formations of 4 or 5.

5 balloons were up along the line of the ROULERS - WELIK road.

MISCELLANEOUS.

9-10 a.m. Fire in DADIZELLE, and 1 p.m. explosion at E.18.b.4.5. South East of BOORLEDE.

Bombs were dropped on BECELARE and enemy support position behind village, and on KLIBERG spur, also on WATERDAMROEK and vicinity of BOORLEDE.

PART II. NOTES ON AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

10.B.97. J.17.a. North East of POLDERHOEK. Shows our trenches North of the road in REBEL village and the new trenches to our post at J.17.a.55.97.

10.B.98. D.29.c. North of BOORDEHOEK. Our own lines.

10.B.99. D.22.c. ZONNEBEKE.

10.B.100. D.16d.22b. East of ZONNEBEKE.

10.B.101. J.7bd.8ac. WESTHOEK.

10.B.102. J.2c. North West of POLYGON WOOD.

10.B.103. J.2d.8b. West of POLYGON WOOD.

10.B.104. D.27. ZONNEBEKE.

10.B.105. E.19a. West of DROOGLNERCODEGK. There appear to be tracks among the shell holes near ZWERG COTTAGE, which seems to be occupied.

THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN 12, FRIDAY,

10.B.106. E.13c.19a. North West of DROOGLNERBROODHOEK. The trenches across the bend in the road from K.19.a.87.70 to 75.86. are evidently occupied, some work has been done to northern part. Also signs of fresh work just in front of semi-circular trench E.19.b.10.06.

PART II. (continued).

- 10.B.107. J.12a. JUDGE CROSS ROADS. No addition to new trench from cross road to JOURNAL WOOD, but tracks clear along western edge of wood and across road to JOINERS WOOD at J. 8.c.94.30.
- 10.B.108. D.24. DE HISPOLAERE CABARET. Many more tracks visible near cross roads D.24.d.20.75. than recently; these very pronounced from D.24.d.82.88. to D.24.d.7.2. The enemy appear to leave the road at the former place and go westward across the country. There is a post at D.24.d. 30.35. Just East of the cross roads, where machine guns have been reported active here.
- 10.B.109. E.20.ab. East of BROUWENBROECKER. Fresh work in shell holes at corner of ledge E.19.d.92.58. Pill-box in wood E.20.b. track from road at E.20.b.12.90. to buildings E.20.a.85.50 still intact.
- 10.B.110. D.30.bd. DAME WOOD. Shows tracks from road junction E.25.c. E.25.ac. 95.80. to North Eastern corner of DAME WOOD. The shell holes in area E.25.a.4.2. are probably occupied also those at D.30.b.95.75.
- 10.B.111. J.4ad.10.ab. POLYGON WOOD.
- 10.B.112. K.1.c.7.a. North East of BECHLAERE. The road from MOLENHOEK to cross roads K.1.c.97.05. has been completely obliterated in places. This photograph shows many support posts in shell holes in following places:-
 K.7.b.05.95. (group of large holes) K.1.c.05.15.
 (isolated shell holes) K.7.a.62.70., K.7.a.60.33. and larger groups at ruins K.1.c.25.20. and adjoining CLIMBRY and on the West side of road about K.7.a.40.55. (this is by far the largest group and many tracks lead thence towards ZWAANHOEK). This photograph deserves very careful study and the area is certainly occupied by a large number of men.
- 10.B.113. J.6.b.K. 1a. Area North of last photograph. Very clear tracks from K.1.b.00.45. to ruins K.1.a.10.18. also from K.1a.99.90. to same place. These tracks continue across country in a South Westerly direction. The tracks from KLIMERS towards the JOINERS WOOD area are still used extensively. There appears to be an occupied shell hole area from corner of field J.6.d.74.84. passing J.6.b.72.82. to the South Eastern corner of JAUNT COPSE J.6.b.72.90. There is also a post at D.30.d.95.08. & another at South Western edge of field J. 6.b.48.10. at J.12.c.94.85. and J.12.d.0.7.
- 10.B.114. J.12.ac. JUDGE CROSS ROADS. Probably posts on west of road at J.12.c.94.85. and J.12.d.0.7.
- 10.B.115. D.30b. West of KEIBERG. There are a great many occupied shell holes in area D.30b.9.6. and also D.30.b.0.9.

NOTES on the remainder of the photographs will appear in tomorrow's Summary. In general the photographs show that the position of shell holes occupied have become easier to locate owing probably to fresh work and also that the enemy is using cross country tracks instead of the roads as a result of our shelling.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 23.

From 6 a.m. 6th Dec. to 6 a.m. 7th Dec. 1917.

CONFIDENTIAL - THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.PART I.
INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.1. IDENTIFICATION.

J 17 a 55.97 - 3rd Coy. - 76th R.I.R. - 17th Res. Div. - Man killed.
(N. of JUNIPER WOOD) Normal.

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). The field artillery carried out harassing fire and dispersed working parties.

Heavy artillery successfully carried out 3 aeroplane observed shoots and one with visual observation. Three other observed shoots were attempted. In addition 12 enemy batteries were subjected to bursts of fire and 22 were neutralized.

(b). Hostile artillery activity was quieter by day, but during night the front and support lines were shelled intermittently. The areas J 1, D 26 and 28 were heavily shelled before noon. Gas shells were used at intervals on the forward areas.

The following areas were shelled:-

FED LODGE - FRENZBERG area (J 1). Heavily.

HANNEBEEK VALLEY (J 2).

WESTHOEK - NONNEBOSGANN area (J 6).

Area S. of VERLORENHOEK (I 6).

" S. of HELL FIRE CORNER (I 16).

POTSDAM area (D 26).

ZONNEBEEK area (D 28).

Most of the activity came from the MOORSLEDE and WATERDAMHOEK Groups.

3. PATROLS

Of the two men reported missing yesterday one man has returned uninjured and one man was killed and his body has been brought in. The enemy obtained no identification.

FLINTE COPSE (D 29 b), CHINA WOOD (D 24 c) and CELTIC WOOD (D 30 c) were reconnoitred but no enemy were seen.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Have been located at J 11 d 7.5 and J 11 d 5.3 (east of REUTEL)

(b). M.Gs. Located at approx. J 6 c 8.2 (east of IN DE STEK CABT.) and D 29 b 6.6 (east of FLINTE COPSE). About 6 guns fired from direction of CEMETERY J 11 d 5.4.

(c). Work. New piece of trench has been dug from pill box J 11 d 35.10 (S.E. of REUTEL) to road near CEMETERY at J 11 d 35.27.

A party of 10 men worked in a trench at J 6 d 45.90 (N. of JOINERS WOOD).

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Active. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. enemy planes patrolled our front line at intervals.

At 5.40 p.m. a plane dropped 4 bombs near ANZAC (J 3).

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Smoke seen at ruins J 12 c 75.55 at 10.35 a.m. (ZWAANHOEK). This area is evidently occupied.

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7th December 1917.

PART II follows:-

Part II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

The following information has been received concerning villages in rear of enemy's lines.

DADIZELLE. Hutments east of the road leading into DADIZELLE, about N 18 5 1.9 (17-11-17).

Ammunition Depots along the eastern side of the MENIN-ROULERS Road, and the northern side of KANTERHOEK-LEDEGHEM Road (N.E. of cross roads at L 1 c) in 7 large wooden sheds. (20-10-17). (Confirmed by air photo). Also about 250 metres west of MENIN-ROULERS Road, along the KANTERHOEK-LEDEGHEM Road, 15 dumps, 40 metres apart, protected by concrete. (20-10-17). (Confirmed by air photo).

Chateau of DADIZELLE. Several Generals and their Staffs are quartered here. (Rapatrié, 20-10-17. Confirmed by air photos).

DADIZELLEHOEK. A strong point has been constructed in the S.E. angle formed by the COMMERESTRAAT-KLEPHOEK Road and the MENIN-ROULERS railway line. (28 L 14 a). It is surrounded by water. (20-10-17).

South of DADIZELLEHOEK along the MENIN road on the eastern side as far as the Halte (28 L 14 and 20), there are a number of workshops. (15-10-17).

Supply Depots are in several huts north of DADIZELLEHOEK along the MENIN-ROULERS Road up to LEDEGHEM Station. (15-10-17).

KANTERHOEK. Fillets in houses about 28 L 1 c 2.1. (21-11-17).

The farm in 28 L 7 a has been blown up and the ruins fortified. There are concrete caves underneath. (20-10-17).

LEDEGHEM. Brigade and Divisional Headquarters here. (23-11-17).

North of LEDEGHEM 28 L 2, there is a large Pioneer Depot. (Prisoner's statement and rapatrié's report. Confirmed by air photos).

KLEPHOEK. Headquarters of an Infantry General are in a large farm south of KLEPHOEK on the DADIZELLEHOEK Road in 28 L 14 a. (Rapatrié 20-10-17. Confirmed by air photos).

Headquarters are also reported south of KLEPHOEK Church (28 L 7 c) on the MENIN-ROULERS Road in a large two-storied house with a red-tiled roof. (Rapatrié 20-10-17. Unconfirmed).

MOORSLEDE. There are artillery headquarters at E 9 b 2.2. (19-11-17).

ROULERS. Is partially evacuated. (8-11-17).

SLYPSKAPPELL. (28 E 29 d). Wholly evacuated. (20-10-17).

IN ANZAC AERIAL ANNEXE. No. 7. 7/12/17.

PART I. OBSERVER'S REPORTS.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Bad visibility rendered observation difficult, but following trains were seen:-
 10.15. One train from LEDEGHEM to MENIN.
 12.25. One East of ROULERS towards THIELT.
 12.34. One from ROULERS to LEDEGHEM.
 During the afternoon greater activity was observed.
 4 trains South-bound for ROULERS towards MENIN between 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m., one stationary at LEDEGHEM, one South of HALLUIN and 2 on light railway East of LEDEGHEM.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.
 No flashes seen, owing to bad visibility.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.
 Very few E.A. seen in contrast to marked activity yesterday.

MISCELLANEOUS.
 12.20. Explosion at STROOIBOOMHOEK.
 3.0. Large fire South of DADDIZEELE.
 Bombs were dropped on enemy lines East of CELTIC WOOD on support positions East of BECELAERE and on GHELUVELT.

PART II.

NOTES ON AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

- 10.B.116. J.6d. JOINERS WOOD. Tracks still very clear along the northern side of the wood, especially from about J.6.c.55.25. to J.6.c.85.50. The trench from J.6.b.25.00 to J.6.d.45.80. has been cleaned out in places and is probably occupied. The post at J.6.b.45.10. shows very clearly, also one at J.6.d.47.85. There also appears to be a post in large shell holes about J.6.b.3.3.
- 10.B.117. D.30b.d.DAME WOOD. Fresh work is visible in the shell holes West of the road from D.30.d.12.50 to D.50.d.05.90. DAME HOUSE and the North Western corner of DAME WOOD. Tracks across country do not show clear with the exception of one from the direction of EIGHT HOUSE (E.25.d.) towards the North of DAME WOOD.
- 10.B.118. J.18c. South West of BECELAERE. Work still seems to be in progress on the trenches on either side of the road in J.18.c. but photo is too indistinct to show posts.
- 10.B.119. J.18.b.K.13.a.c. BECELAERE. Ruins of Church still show clearly, possible post South East of Church. Many tracks from about K.13. central towards cross roads K.13.c.10.03. There would appear to be some fresh work on trenches about K.13. central.
- 10.B.120. D.29d.30c. CELTIC WOOD. Our own front line.
- 10.B.121. J.5. NOORDEMHOEK. Our own lines.
- 10.B.122. E.25c. West of KEIBERG. The KEIBERG - MOLENAARELSTHOEK road has been much damaged and cross country tracks lead North West and South West from the bridge over the HEULEBEEK. E.25.c.95.80. occupied shell holes at E.25.c.4.3. and E.25.c.3.6. also at EIGHT HOUSE.

PART II. (continued)

- 10.B.123. J.12. North of BECELAERE. There is probably a post in the shell holes at J.12.b.62.05. in the HOLLE BOSCH.
- 10.B.124. E.25.c.^K.1.a. South West of KEIBERG. Indistinct photograph and most of area covered by other photos. There appears to be a post at D.30.d.82.10. East of JAUMI COPSE.
- 10.B.125. E.26. East of KEIBERG. No fresh work on the TERHAID line, but wire is still good. The farm at E.26.c.35.80 still appears occupied and tracks lead Westwards. Shell holes in area about K.28.c.55.60. are probably occupied, also several further North.
- 10.B.126. E.20. East of DROOGELBROCDHOEK. Roads very damaged, especially the KEIBERG - MOORELEDE road.
- 10.B.127. K.7b.8a. MOLENHOEK. Many tracks from OOSTHOEK to MOLENHOEK along track marked on map, running from K.8.b. D.5. to the latter village. Occupied shell holes just North West of KENNEL WOOD at K.1.d.35.10. and also about K.7.b.45.40.
- ¹⁰.B.128. K.1.b.2ac. North of OOSTHOEK. No fresh work on TERHAND line.
- 10.B.129. I.12.d.18b. In our own lines.
- 10.B.130. J.2. "
- 10.B.131. J.2bd.3ac. "
- 10.B.132. I.12ab. "
- 10.B.133. J.1.cd.7a. "
- 10.B.134. J.1d.7b. "
- 10.B.135. J.7.cd. "
- 10.B.136. I.12b. "
- 10.B.137. J.7c. "
- 10.B.138. I.12bd.J.7ac. "
- 10.B.139. I.11cd. "
- 10.B.140. I.17ab. "
- 10.B.141. I.12d. "
- 10.B.142. J.2b.3a. "
- 10.B.143. I.10d.11c. "
- 10.B.144. I.10ac. "
- 10.B.145. I.12b. "
- 10.B.146. J.8a. "
- 10.B.147. J.2a. "

The above photographs were taken yesterday, but were too late to be included in the Summary.

II ANZAC WEEKLY SUMMARY OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

No. 3.

For week ending 7th Dec., 1917.

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PART I.
INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.

1. ORDER OF BATTLE.

(a). Northern Sector. No identifications have been obtained lately, but it would seem probable that the 12th Res. Div. is still in the line with the 51 R.I.R., 36 R.I.R., 23 R.I.R. from N. to S.

(b). Centre Sector. The 36th Res. Div. has returned to this sector for the fourth time, relieving the 16th Division about the night 28/29th November.

The Order of Battle from N. to S. would appear to be 5 R.I.R., 61 R.I.R. and 54th I.R.

(c). Southern Sector. The 17th Res. Div. relieved the 7th Div. on the nights 30th/1st and 1st/2nd.

The Order of Battle from N. to S. is 76 R.I.R., 163 I.R. and 162 I.R.

There are indications to show that the enemy are returning to their normal method of holding the line and discontinuing the six day relief principle. Each Group of divisions will in future probably have only one division in reserve instead of as formerly a division for every division in the line.

2. PRISONERS.

The following prisoners have been taken by this Corps during the last week:-

(a). Unwounded.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>No. of Prisoners.</u>	<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Regt.</u>	<u>Division.</u>
1-12-17	3	10	5 R.I.R.	36 Res. Div.
3-12-17	7	1	162 I.R.	17 Res. Div.
do.	2	1st M.G.	162 I.R.	do.
do.	2	3	163 I.R.	do.
do.	6	4	163 I.R.	do.

(b). Wounded.

3-12-17 - 12 prisoners of 162nd and 163rd I.Rs., 17th Res. Div.

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8th December 1917.

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EXTRACTS FROM CAPTURED CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. KREMERBRUCH, 25-10-17.
(District of RUMKELSBURG, POLERANIA).

"The potatoes will be gathered tomorrow. They are quite good, but this year there are no roots, and it will be a bad winter for cattle fodder.....Otherwise everything is in good order."

- b. (?) Probably KREMERERUCH, 18-11-17.

".....Father has bought a cow in BUTOW for 770 marks (= £38:10/-).....Milking cows were appreciably dearer at the market than formerly. Otherwise young weaned heifers for killing were cheap. My heifer cost 120 marks (£6)....."

- c. BERLIN, 23-10-17.

".....Here in BERLIN there is nothing doing. It is indeed occasionally very quiet. The Pariser Strasse is quite dark, now and then one runs into a tree.....There are no amusements here now, only the "movies". I suppose better times will come.....The worst is the feeding. We are now only receiving 1 loaf and 7 lbs. of potatoes per week. On that one has to live. Occasionally I receive a parcel from home, but that doesn't go far.....You can imagine how hungry I have been. What is one to do when one hasn't anything? I have only had beans to eat for two days, and they are now finished. One nearly breaks down from hunger.. Now you can picture to yourself how things are here. Aunt is ill in bed, probably being unable to digest the beans. I have also been in bed for 2 days, but am now recovered.

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PART II.
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

EXPECTED BRITISH ATTACK AND INTENDED GERMAN ATTACK AT PASSCHENDAELE.

A captured document, dated 23rd Nov., contains the following:-

To 2nd Bn, 237 R.I.R.

An English attack is expected on the morning of the 28th. The Reserve Battalions will stand to. The 1st Battalion will be withdrawn this evening in order that it may have 2 days' rest, after which it will carry out an operation. Its place will be taken by a battalion of the 153rd R.I.R. (24th Res. Div.).

On the evening of the 28th the 2nd Bn. will probably be relieved by a battalion of 153 R.I.R. The 2nd Bn. will then become the support battn., and the 3rd the Reserve Battn.

The greatest stress is laid on the necessity for utmost alertness.

(Note.- Prisoner of 2nd Coy., 1st Bn., 237 R.I.R., captured 30th Nov. afternoon states that his battn. attempted to attack at 6.50 a.m. on the 30th. This is confirmed by our troops who report the attack was repulsed with loss.)

PROBABLE TRANSFER OF A DIVISION FROM THE WESTERN TO THE ITALIAN FRONT.

A captured document, dated 15th November, shows that the 195th Div. was then resting at GRAVELOTTE, near METZ, and expected to move to Italy shortly.

The 195th Div. is largely composed of Jäger Bns. It will be remembered that this division was intended for employment on the Italian Front at the beginning of October, when it was transferred as a reinforcement to Flanders.

GERMAN RUSE.

A prisoner recently captured on the French Front, states that, during a surprise attack recently carried out by the 1st Guard Div. without any artillery preparation, the artillery of the neighbouring sector carried out a bombardment, and the infantry in that sector exposed dummies in their trenches in order to give the impression that the surprise attack was to be carried out in their sector.

GERMAN WIRELESS ESTABLISHMENT.

A captured document, dated the 15th July, 1917, gives the German Wireless establishment on that date as follows:-

- (a). AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS:- One Army Wireless Detachment comprising two heavy field stations, two compass stations and one intercepting station.
- (b). AT GROUP HEADQUARTERS:- One Corps Wireless Detachment with one Corps field station and one compass station.
- (c). AT DIVISIONAL H.Q.:- One Divl. Wireless Detachment consisting of the following:-
 - 1 Divl. Wireless Station.
 - 1 Infantry Wireless Section. (2 large, 5 medium and 6 small trench sets).
 - 1 Artillery Wireless Section. (2 large, 6 medium and 4 small trench sets).

LISTENING SETS.

A captured document, dated the 15th July 1917, shows that the establishment of German Listening Sets is two per Division. Of these, one is portable and is used for intercepting and keeping a watch on the German telephone system, while the other is used for intercepti-

both....

PART II.LISTENING SETS (continued).

both the German and our own messages.

The document also claims that a German telephone apparatus which cannot be overheard is in course of construction.

NSW "SECRET" AMMUNITION

From a document found on a German aviator, captured by the French, it appears that a supply of "Secret" ammunition (geheime Munition) was transferred from the aircraft park of the Second Army to that of the Fourth Army in September 1917.

The nature of this ammunition is not known; captured aviators should be examined regarding it.

GERMAN ANTI-TANK TACTICS.

The following has been extracted from a captured order of the CAUDRY Group, dated 27th November 1917, dealing with the lessons learnt regarding anti-tank tactics during the recent fighting near CAMBRAI:-

Obstacles.- Trenches at least 13-16½ feet wide and 10 feet deep, and very deep mud are serious obstacles to Tanks. Ploughed land is easily passable and so are barricades.

The construction of obstacles is not worth while. Thorough offensive action is better.

Artillery.- Advancing Tanks must be engaged before they come into action even when there is no probability of really hitting them. The main point is to prevent the enemy's infantry from following them up. The infantry must be made to fear the area in which the Tanks are advancing.

For the engagement of the Tanks themselves the only suitable means are guns in emplacements in the forward battle zone, which can immediately put Tanks out of action, firing with open sights. Every direct hit kills some of the crew and frequently sets the Tank on fire. Sections (Artillery) kept in readiness well in rear of the front line have no knowledge of what is going on and generally arrive too late. Such guns must, on principle, be sited well forward; the enemy cannot then surprise us.

The commander of the front line troops must be made responsible for the posting of anti-tank guns. Guns on motor lorries are very useful if the roads are good.

Infantry.- The battle line must only be opened to allow undamaged tanks to pass through. Cover should be taken but troops must not retire. Tanks must be put out of action behind the line. The main thing is to repulse the enemy's infantry.

A few detachments posted behind the front line should be detailed for anti-tank defence.

Armament.- The most important means of engaging Tanks is the armour-piercing bullet (S.M.K.). It is feared by the Tank crews, as it goes clean through (the armour), at the same time producing a long flame which frequently sets the petrol tank on fire.

A tank is best attacked from behind, as it cannot fire very well to the rear and the stern is the least protected portion. House to house fighting against tanks is much in favour of the infantry. The troops take cover in the houses, allow the tanks to pass, and then open machine gun and rifle fire on them at close range.

Hand Grenades. Single hand grenades are useless. They are only effective if used as a concentrated charge (several cylinders tied round a central grenade) and thrown under the tank; this is, however, not easy.

Minenwerfer...

PART II.GERMAN ANTI-TANK TACTICS (continued).

Minenwerfer. Light Minenwerfer are effective when fired at low angles of elevation. Good results were obtained when used singly.
General. Anti-Tank tactics must be discussed and practised, Tanks will then lose their terror.

DRAFTS FROM THE EASTERN TO THE WESTERN THEATRE.

A deserter of the 35th R.I.R. (6th Res. Div.) who surrendered in Galicia on the 24th November, stated that all fit men in his regiment were being withdrawn and sent to France, and that they were being replaced by Alsations and recruits of the 1919 Class.

DIVISIONAL ASSAULT DETACHMENT.

Prisoners state that the Assault Detachment of the 17th Div. has a total strength of 3 Officers and 160 O.Rs. There are, in addition, 60 other men undergoing training.

The detachment is divided into four platoons, each organized in four sections (Trupps) of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men. The 4th Platoon is the machine gun platoon, and is armed with 3 heavy and 2 light machine guns. All the men are armed with carbines and grenades. The 3rd Platoon has two sections trained in the use of Granatwerfer.

POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF THE 117TH DIV. FROM ITALY TO FLANDERS.

A document indicates the presence of the 11th R.I.R. (117th Div.) in the sector E. of WYTSCHAETE, normally held by the 8th Div.

The 117th Div. was last identified in Italy on the 29/30th Nov.

The 5th Div. is also believed to have been transferred from Italy to the Western Front.

PROCLAMATION BY THE KAISER.

The following notification issued by Field-Marshal von Hindenburg to the Field Army has been captured:-

General Headquarters.

I bring the following Imperial Rescript to the knowledge of the Field Army.

"The past weeks rendered it necessary to reduce and economise the rations of the Army in the Field. It was necessary to come to the help of the people at home in their hard struggle with economic conditions. Methodical economies in all departments and voluntary self-denial on the part of officers and men, have achieved this object.

"In spite of the reduction and economy in the necessaries of life, there was no weakening of our strength or wavering in the will to conquer. The self-sacrifice was willingly carried out for wife and children and parents at home.

"For this I express to the Army my thanks and those of the Fatherland now that the new crop has brought the period of want to an end. The old German God, who does not desert us, and loyal labour at home, have helped to achieve this.

I order you to make this Rescript known to the Field Army.

WILHELM,

I.R."

2nd October.

GERMAN.....

PART II.GERMAN TROOPS IN TURKEY.

A document indicates that the 703rd Inf. Batta. arrived at CONSTANTINOPLE shortly before 27th October.

The 701st, 702nd, 703rd, 707th and 708th Inf. Battns. were all identified at KAUHA MER Camp (Silesia) during the latter half of September. These battalions, which presumably form part of the two Turco-German divisions known as Tigris I and Tigris II appear to have been sent to Turkey during October.

The German Field Post Office No. 511 has been transferred from the Balkans to Turkey.

THE 1920 CLASS IN THE DEPOTS.

A deserter, who left the Ers. Batta. of the 65th I.R. at COLOGNE on the 26th November, states that 500 recruits born in the year 1900 joined the Recruit Companies of his Depot on the 22nd November.

FRENCH 75-mm. gun CONVERTED FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT WORK.

A French 75-mm. field gun, recently recaptured, has been converted into a gun (Calibre 77-mm.) for use both as an ordinary field gun and as an anti-aircraft gun, by mounting it on a German light field how. carriage. The limits of elevation are minus 10° and plus 60°, though greater elevation can be obtained as usual by sinking the trail.

CAPTURED GERMAN ORDER.

The following is a translation of a secret order issued by General von MOSER, commanding the ARRAS Group on the 29th November:-

"By dint of sanguinary and stubborn fighting since the 20th Nov. the troops of the ARRAS Group have held up the enemy in his advance on CAMBRAI, and in doing so have inflicted such heavy losses on him that whole divisions, e.g., the 40th English Division, may be regarded as annihilated.

"Tomorrow morning a great attack by the Second Army will give the enemy the Coup de Grace, and frustrate his hopes of taking CAMBRAI. A powerful concentration of artillery will prepare the attack with an overwhelming storm of fire, and will screen it with a creeping barrage. Strong aerial forces will support the attack. I am convinced that the gallant infantry will accomplish the rest with a dashing assault, supported by the field guns, which will accompany the attack in a true spirit of comradeship."

This order was issued to the following divisions:-

49th Res. Div.	20th Div.
221st Div.	21st Res. Div.
214th Div.	3rd Guard Div.
119th Div.	

and orders were given for it to be burned as soon as it had been read out.

THE GERMAN ATTACK ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER.

Organization.- Captured documents and other evidence now enable the German Order of Battle and intentions during the attack of the 30th November to be defined.

Prior to the attack the German line had been re-organized into :-

The ARRAS Group:- (XIV Res. Corps Staff) extending from W of MOEUVRES to BOURLON (inclusive).

The CAUDRY Group.....

PART II.THE GERMAN ATTACK ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER. (continued).

The CAUDRY Group:- (XIII Corps Staff) from BOURLON (exclusive) to the vicinity of BOIS LATEAU.

The BUSIGNY Group:- (not known) from the vicinity of BOIS LATEAU southwards to about BELLECOURT.

The intention of the attack, as given in a captured order of von der MARWITZ (commanding Second German Army) was that it should be "an encircling counter-attack to change the victory which the British had gained on the 20th into a defeat." This is still further amplified by a captured order of the ARRAS Group, which states that the intention of the attack on that front was to frustrate the British hopes of taking CAMBRAI.

Troops Employed. The total force employed in the main attacks comprises 6 divisions in front line and five divisions in support, a total of 13 divisions.

In addition to these, holding attacks were probably intended by divisions between the main attacks and on the flanks of these attacks, notably by the 107th Div. between the BOURLON attack and the MASNIERES attack.

Activity farther beyond the flanks of the attack was noticed as far north as LENS.

Method of Attack. The method of attack appears to have varied in the various sectors. The attack by the CAUDRY Group and the BUSIGNY Group was timed to take place two hours before the attack of the ARRAS Group. In the attacks of the CAUDRY Group and the BUSIGNY Group, the intention apparently was to obtain complete surprise. There was a very short preliminary bombardment.

A captured order states definitely that the attack of the ARRAS Group was to be preceded by a powerful concentration of artillery, developing an overwhelming storm of fire, and finally protecting the infantry with a creeping barrage. It is also stated that strong aerial forces would support the attack.

A noteworthy feature of the attack in the southern area, BUSIGNY and CAUDRY Groups, was that the field artillery was ordered to accompany battalions in the attack, with a view to protecting the infantry against a counter-attack by Tanks.

Objectives. The objectives of the northern attack have not been disclosed by captured documents, but it seems clear that it was intended to reach the area of FIESQUIERES and HAVRINCOURT in one day's operations.

The objective of the CAUDRY Group, according to a captured map, went as far as RIBECOURT and the high ground near TRESCAULT and BEAUCAMP.

The objective of the BUSIGNY Group attack went as far as immediately W. of GOUZAUCOURT.

The infantry action in the northern attack appears to have been in dense waves. It is reported that as many as 11 waves advanced successively on one portion of the attack.

Similar tactics appear to have been followed in the MASNIERES attack. In the attack in the vicinity of GONNELIEU advantage was taken of cover afforded by the ground, and the attack does not appear to have been executed in such dense formation. In this area the attack was preceded by the Assault Battalion of the Second German Army, reinforced by portions of the Assault Battalion of the Fourth German Army. These picked troops cut the wire and made gaps for the advance of the main infantry attack.

II ANZAC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6 a.m. 7th Dec. to 6 a.m. 8th Dec. 1917.

No. 24.

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PART I.
INFORMATION FROM OUR OWN FRONT.

1. IDENTIFICATIONS.

The Corps on our left captured a prisoner on the night 7/8th belonging to the 5th Coy., 51st R.I.R., 12th Res. Div. at E 12 central (Normal).

2. OPERATIONS.

(a). Field artillery carried out harassing fire on targets in E 19 a and b, E 20 a and b, E 25 c and d and E 26 c and d. Large enemy working party reported in K 25 c was engaged.

Heavy artillery fired bursts on 12 batteries and neutralised 21. In addition 29 batteries were engaged in response to an S.O.S. signal early in the morning of 7th December.

Our T.Ms. were active on enemy's lines in J 17 a, Cemetery J 11 a, JUDGE CROSS ROADS and JOURNAL WOOD (J 12 a).

Our M.Gs. co-operated in harassing fire. They engaged a small party near POLDERHOLK CHAU. Rifle grenades fired on to Cemetery (J 11 c); 3 men seen running away and cries heard.

(b). Hostile artillery was more active in the northern sector than usual on the battery areas during the night and at 1.25 a.m. the enemy put down a 15 minutes barrage on the extreme north of our front. In the southern sector hostile artillery was below normal. A few gas shells on extreme south part of our front line.

The following areas were shelled:-

Front and support line of northern sector, D 26 and especially c 10.30, RETALIATION FARM (D 28 d), JABBER TRACK, D 27 c, ZONNEBEKE, D 29 b 10.70, J 2 d, J 2 c (heavy bombardment), D 27, J 3, HELLES TRACK and D 28 c.

Hostile light T.Ms.: 60 granatenwerfer were fired on to our line from J 6 c 2.4 to J 12 a 25.80.

Hostile M.Gs. were abnormally active throughout the night, the southern sector continually sweeping our forward areas. There was continuous fire from 12.40 a.m. to 1.15 a.m. This is a marked contrast to enemy's previous attitude and possibly indicates that a relief has taken place. There were hostile M.G. bursts on D 23 c 15.25 during the night and D 29 b 1.9 was traversed by a M.G. firing from the direction of FLINTE COPSE.

3. PATROLS.

Our patrols were active along the front.

(a). We examined enemy's wire on W side of JOURNAL WOOD. It appears to be about 80 yds. from edge of wood. No enemy met with. Enemy wiring party seen at J 6 c 45.70 was fired on by our Lewis Guns.

(b). A patrol of 2 officers and 21 O.Rs. left our lines at 11.4 p.m. to reconnoitre JUSTICE WOOD. The patrol went along the KEIBERG ROAD as far as D 30 c 20.30. On reaching this point the patrol was fired on by a M.G. about J 6 b 5.7. The party then entered JUSTICE WOOD and reached J 6 a 8.8. No enemy were seen. Two flares were fired from about D 30 d 30.00.

(c).....

PART I.3. PATROLS (continued).

(c). Patrols reconnoitred FLINTE COPSE, BUSY WOOD and CHINA WOOD. No enemy were seen.

(d). A patrol of 1 officer and 12 O.Rs. reconnoitred CELTIC WOOD. The patrol was fired on by a M.G. from the N. of the wood and occasional Very lights were fired from the eastern edge of the wood.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). Posts. Enemy post at J 12 a 40.50. Much movement seen here at 6.45 a.m. Sniper's Post at J 17 a 75.80.

(b). Light T.M. Five granatenwerfer fired from J 12 a 45.30 on to our front line.

(c). M.Gs. From J 18 a 90.99 two men fired a M.G. from near pill box. A hostile M.G. fired from about J 6 b 5.7 and another from direction of FLINTE COPSE.

(d). Wire. One row of French wire runs from N.W. corner of JOURNAL WOOD to J 12 a 55.70. Two rows of wire on W. side of post J 12 a 40.50 and one row from J 12 a 40.25 to J 12 c 60.90.

(e). Dugouts. There appears to be a dugout at E 19 d 72.20.

(f). Work. Trench runs along crest of hill from ZWAANHOLEK to J 12 a 4.2 round W. side of post at J 12 a 40.50 and then along road to N.W. corner of JOURNAL WOOD.

Between 8 and 9.30 a.m. 20 men were seen digging in small parties on KEIBERG SPUR between E 25 b 85.70 and E 19 d 72.20.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

5 hostile planes which flew over our lines were engaged by Hotchkiss guns. At 11.15 a.m. a plane thought to be hostile fell in the enemy's lines. One of our machines was seen to fall N. of ZONNEBLAKE at 10.30 a.m.

6. MOVEMENT.

Unusual amount of individual movement seen around pill box J 18 a 90.99. Three men seen at entrance with a map and pointing in different directions.

At 3.45 p.m. seven Germans were seen walking in a southerly direction at E 25 b 45.25; they disappeared in the ruins at E 25 b 25.25.

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8th December 1917.

PART II follows:-.....