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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HANGEST	31 st May		8th Aust F.A. Bgde. March Order No 4. As per this order the march of the brigade to the forward area was continued on the 1st June via PICQUIGNY - AILLY-SUR-SOMME - ST. SAUVEUR RIVERY - CAMON - LONGUEAU to waggon lines at GLIST where the arrival was made about 6pm. The horses finished the journey looking very well and the men tho' tired were in good fettle after their rest rest.	MAP OF FRANCE AMIENS 1/100,000
JUNE	2		On June 2nd the 3rd Aust Divl. Artillery relieved the 4th Aust Divl. Art. in the line vicinity of VILLERS-BRETTONEUX. reliefs were carried out in daylight and were effected without mishap. The battery positions are all in O.20. & 2600 with sections forward of the main positions; the positions are all quite good and so far have had very little shelling; several tunnels of shell proof depth are being constructed as places of safety for spare men & battery personnel generally. Brigade Hq. is situated in the dugouts in the Strake.	Map of France 62 ^D SE 1/20000

8th Tula Art Bgde.

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VILLERS. -BRETTONEUX SECTOR. FRANCE 62 ^D	2		<p>side of a cliff bordering on the SOMME River flats location N24. 62060.</p> <p>For the purposes of defence of the sector the 3rd Aust SA HQ control artillery as follows. Right Group consisting of two Brigades. Left Group - two Brigades - one Brigade superimposed and one Brigade in Reserve. The Right Group is being administered by Lt Col ^{G.M.H.} King ^{CM 4 DSO.} CO 7th TABgde with the and is composed of 7th TABgde and the 8th TABgde as a sub-group under Lt Col W.G. also DSO.</p>	
	9		<p>The Ammunition expenditure is 300 Rds per ^{18 Pdr} Bty per day and 400 Rds per 4.5 How Bty per day. Gas is used by the How battery on every possible occasion. The principal firing is done at night, any movement seen during the day is promptly shot at but the sector is really very quiet & not many targets appear.</p> <p>Ideal sunny warm weather has been continuous until last night when a light rain commenced falling and today it is just wet enough to freshen everything up after the dry spell</p> <p>J. Brake heart</p>	

8th L.A. Bgde.

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Villers-BRETTONEUX	10		Instruction N ^o 4. was issued giving new instructions re harassing fire. Co. N ^o 3 Pl. Anti Sub Group.	
FRANCE 62 ^D .			Usual night firing programme was carried out with an expenditure of 200 Rds per Bty.	
—	14		The 108th Bty carried out T/58 very successfully. of Counterpreparation fire was put down by the group from 10.15 pm to 10.35 pm. and 300 Rds per Bty was expended in ordinary harassing fire on the night 14/15th.	
—	15		The 108th How Bty again carried out a successful shoot on the enemy front line system from 036d88 to P 31 a b 3.	France D 62
—	15th 30th		Beyond the harassing fire carried out by batteries by night and day there is very little to record in this period; the Sector was very quiet and the them did not hit back with anything like the vigour that he is wont to or with what was to be expected when we take into consideration the amount of ammunition which was poured over by us in that time.	Shake heart w

8th Inf Bde

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Villers - ~~15th~~
BRETTONEUX 15th
FRANCE 31st
62^D

On the 16th June Capt. G.B. Owen (30th Bty) was seconded to 3rd Aust. W.A.M.C. for training in the duties of Staff Captain. Sgt. Cookhouse reported to the Brigade ex St John's Wood Officers school and was posted to the 108th How Bty.

Since coming into this sector the Brigade has suffered practically no casualties and generally speaking the health of the troops has been good; improving very much indeed. The Rest Station established at the Brigade Wagon Lines for P.U.O. cases (Spanish Influenza) was a success and enabled the men to be returned to duty again after a few days' treatment.

The horses also have picked up and are now in fine condition thanks to the extra feed obtained by cutting the crops in the vicinity of the Battery positions and forward areas.

J Brake *Neut*

S. 5/192/1 - Secret

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To. Right & Left Art. Group.
7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes.
3rd Aust. D.A.C. & D.T.M.C.

S.5/192/1.

The following is copy of a communication received from Headquarters, 3rd Aust. Division:-

"The Australian Corps hands over to the III Corps the command of the area North of the present 3rd Australian Divisional boundary, and all troops therein, at 12 noon, 6th May, 1918.

Consequent on this change the following moves are to take place:-

1. Australian Corps Headquarters moves to BERTANGLES by 12 noon, 6th May, 1918.
2. 18th Division relieves the 47th Division in the area from the 3rd Australian Divisional Northern boundary to E.2.a.60.75 on night 6th/7th May, 1918. The 55th Brigade does not move. Headquarters of Division will be at RAVELINCOURT.
3. The C.R.A., 18th Division assumes command of the Artillery covering the 18th Division at 9 a.m., 7th May, 1918.
4. The C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division will continue to command the Artillery covering the 47th Division."

Headquarters.
5.5.1918.

W. O. Williams
Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M./691/2.

S.O.S. SIGNAL.

Bugles have now been installed, and 3 Gs. sounded on same will be a supplementary S.O.S.Signal.

The above will come into force at 12 midnight to-night - 7th/8th May, 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE.

W. H. Nicholas

Headquarters,
7.5.1918.

Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION.: R.A.Aust.Corps. Right Arty.Grp. 7th.A.F.A.Bde.
H.A.Aust.Corps. Left Arty.Grp. 8th.A.F.A.Bde.
5th.Aust.Div.Arty. 18th.Div.Arty. 6th.Bde.R.G.A.
9th., 10., & 11th.Aust.Inf.Bdes. R.A.Sig.Officer.
3rd.Aust.D.A.C. 3rd.Aust.D.T.M.O. C.R.A.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To

7th & 8th Aust. F.A. Brigades,
Left. Artillery Group, (2 copies)
867th Coy. A. S. C.

JB
W.S.H.

Reference 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery Operation Order
No.55 of 7-5-18.

Wagon Lines of Units will remain as at present situated,
except that 7th & 8th Aust. F. A. Brigades will arrange to take over
Gun Limber Wagon Lines from 3rd and 6th (Army) Aust. F.A. Brigades
respectively.

[Signature]

Captain,
Staff Captain R.A.,
3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters,
7-5-18.

Approved

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To Right & Art Group.
/ Left Art. Group.
3rd Army Bde, A.F.A.
6th Army Bde, A.F.A.

N.691.

The following in confirmation of N.691 by wire this evening, 9th inst:-

" If enemy bombardment takes place on the morning of 10th inst, C.P.Scheme Phase 2 will be effected for two separate periods each of 15 minutes duration aaa First period to take place 1 hour and 30 minutes after opening of enemy bombardment when lanes will be swept Westwards as follows - Field Arty begins in Zone "C" - Heavy Arty in Zone "D" - both working West aaa Second period takes place 2 hours and 30 minutes after opening of enemy bombardment when lanes will be swept Eastwards - Field Arty beginning on Zone "A" - Heavy Arty beginning on Zone "B" - both working East aaa Rates of fire for both periods as follows - Rate "A" aaa Zero hour being the time the enemy opens the bombardment will be decided by B.G.H.A. Corps and passed to Groups through 3rd D.A.H.Q. aaa Should communications to Batteries be broken, Battery Commanders are to decide their own Zero Hour and carry out programme. aaa On future occasions N.691 will be referred to in order to effect Counter Preparation aaa Acknowledge aaa Addressed to all concerned."

Headquarters.
9.5.1918.

W. J. Nicholls

Major, R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. SECRET.Headquarters,
12th May 1918.

Left Group,	4th A.F.A. Bde.,
Right Group,	5th " "
3rd Aust.D.A.C.,	2nd Aust.D.A.C.,
3rd Aust.D.T.M.O.	2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.

WARNING ORDER.

1. Para. 2 of 2nd Aust. D.A. Warning Order A.30/76 of May 11th (issued only to units of 2nd Aust. D.A.) is now cancelled, (except regarding Trench Mortars). Reliefs will now take place as follows:-

- (a). 4th A.F.A. Bde. relieves 7th A.F.A. Bde.
 (b). 5th " " " 8th " "
 (c). 2nd Aust.D.A.C. " 3rd Aust.D.A.C.
 (d). 2nd Aust.D.T.M.O. and T.M. batteries relieve
 3rd Aust.D.T.M.O. and T.M. batteries.

2. Batteries will relieve corresponding batteries. Location statements have been issued.
3. On relief 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades will form the Left Group 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. under the command of Lieut. Col. H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O.
4. Reliefs will be completed by 10pm May 14th.
5. Necessary reconnaissances will be carried out at once.
6. Acknowledge. ✓

Ch. Clowes

Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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STANDING ORDERS OF AREA COMMANDANT - LONG AREA.No.1. ¹³⁴ Billets.

No Billet will be occupied ~~xxx~~ except with written authority of the Area Commandant.

Arrival reports, in writing, and billeting returns of Units, will be submitted, as soon as possible after arrival to the Area Commandant. Departure reports will be submitted, in writing, to the Area Commandant.

No.2. Officers' Messes.

A limited number of suitable buildings have been arranged for as Officers' Messes. Particulars can be obtained from the Area Commandant.

Complaints are frequently made of the number of servants who make use of, or sleep in, the kitchen or other parts of the Messes. This point needs strict attention.

No billeting charges are fixed for Officers' Messes. The amount to be paid must be settled by private negotiations with the householders before occupation and paid weekly, or in the case of a shorter period, before departure. It is advisable that the agreement should be made in writing before entering into occupation of the premises.

No.3. Buildings.

No existing buildings are to be removed nor structural alteration made without reference to the Area Commandant. No bricks or stones, constructional materials, etc., will be taken away from uninhabited or ruined buildings without the sanction of the Area Commandant.

No.4. Cultivated Land.

All Crops and Land under cultivation are out of bounds.

No.5. Sanitation.

Latrines, Ablution benches, Grease traps, Dumps, Incinerators, etc. must be constructed by Units if not already in existence. Latrines must be fly proof.

Where Military latrines exist Civilian latrines are out of bounds for troops.

Horse manure must be closely packed as authorised.

Manure dumps, Camps, Huts and billets must be left in a clean and sanitary state, and a certificate to that effect must be furnished by each unit to the Area Commandant.

No.6. Fire Precaution.

Adequate arrangements to deal with fires must be made by troops in tents, Huts, and billets.

Where no fire buckets are available, tins should be used for this purpose and empty boxes for sand.

Attention is called to G.R.O. No.2717 Circular letter S.S.611.

No.7. Hostile Aircraft.

All lights are to be screened after sunset and no fires allowed in the open where they can ~~xxx~~ be seen.

No.8. Barrack Stores.

Incoming units will take over from outgoing units or from the representative of the Area Commandant. The usual "taking over" and "handing over" certificate will be given in all cases. The same procedure will be observed when leaving.

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No.9. Salvage and Surplus Stores.

Before the departure of a unit, all salvage surplus stores, rations, ammunition, etc. that cannot be taken must be handed over to the Area Commandant, or the Salvage dump or Stores as the case may be. In places where no Salvage dump or Stores exist, they should be handed over to the Mayor, a receipt taken and the Area Commandant notified.

No.10. Claims.

When a formation moves from the Area, an Officer will remain for 4 hours to assist the Area Commandant to deal with Claims from the Civil Inhabitants against the Formation.

(Sgd) R. M. RAINY-ROBINSON. Colonel.
Area Commandant, PONT REMY.

Sub-Area Commandant,
LONG Area, PONT REMY.
12-8-18.

No.3. Buildings.

All buildings are to be removed or destroyed as directed by the Area Commandant. No buildings are to be left standing unless they are of a special character and are of use to the formation. The Area Commandant will be notified of the removal of buildings.

No.4. Unimproved Land.

All crops and land under cultivation are out of bounds.

No.5. Sanitation.

Latrines, Ablution benches, Grass trays, Pumps, Incinerators, etc. must be constructed by units if not already in existence. Latrines must be 200 feet from the formation. Ablution benches must be 100 feet from the formation. Grass trays must be 100 feet from the formation. Pumps must be 100 feet from the formation. Incinerators must be 100 feet from the formation.

No.6. Fire Precautions.

Flammable materials must be stored in a safe place. Flammable materials must be stored in a safe place. Flammable materials must be stored in a safe place. Flammable materials must be stored in a safe place. Flammable materials must be stored in a safe place.

No.7. Lighting.

All lights are to be screened after sunset and no fires allowed in the open where they can be seen.

No.8. Barrack Stores.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL
ARTILLERY IN THE LONG R.A. REST AREA.

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1. ESTAMINETS. Estaminets are open from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., as per G.R.O. 3938.
2. MILITARY POLICE. Local Military Police will be provided by Units as follows :-

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>PERSONNEL.</u>	<u>AREA.</u>
7th. A.F.A. Bde.	2 N.C.Os. 4 O.R.	COCQUEREL.
3rd. Aust D.A.C.	2 N.C.Os. 4 O.R.	EAUCOURT.
8th. A.F.A. Bde.	2 N.C.Os. 4 O.R.	EPAGNE.

In addition to detail supplied by 8th. A.F.A. Brigade as above, the 8th. A.F.A. Brigade will instruct the Battery at EPAGNETTE to take such stops as are necessary to police the town.

Tour of duty of each party of Military Police will be from 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Their duties will be :-

- (a) To regulate the opening and closing of Estaminets as laid down in para 1., and to ensure that good order is kept by the troops in these Estaminets, and in their Billeting area.
- (b) Distinguishing arm bands will be available later. In the meantime Units will improvise arm bands.

3. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. No. 41. Stationery Hospital is located at PONT REMY. R.M.Os. of Brigades and D.A.C. will get into touch with O.C. Hospital with regard to evacuations and sanitary arrangements.
4. GRAZING. No grazing is allowed in this area except grass along public roads and lanes, Unless Unit Commanders can obtain in writing an agreement from the owner of the land. In the latter case a copy of the agreement will be sent to the Area Commandant, PONT REMY.
5. LEAVE ABBEVILLE. The C.R.A. has obtained permission from Base Commandant, ABBEVILLE, for leave for Officers, N.C.O's, and Other Ranks. Restrictions are as follow :-
- (a) Every Officer, N.C.O. or man, proceeding on leave to ABBEVILLE, must be in possession of a special pass signed by the C.O., as per Pro Forma attached.
- (b) The hours of leave are during the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
All troops must be clear of the town by 8 p.m.

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6. DRESS. Every man, when not in the vicinity of his billet or lines, will be dressed in Drill Order, (Bandolier - no Box Respirator), and will be smartly turned out.

N.C.O's and men proceeding on leave to ABBEVILLE should be inspected by the Orderly Officer, who should ensure that men are creditably turned out before they leave

In addition to . . . above instructions, copies of Standing Orders of Area Commandant. Long Area, are attached.

Headquarters,
16.5.1918.

J. Morrell
Captain.
Staff Captain R.A.
3rd. Australian Division.

SPECIAL PASS

No.	Rank	Name	Unit
		is granted leave to ABBEVILLE from	time
		time	date
		date.	to

Countersigned by

C.O.

F.A. Brigado.

Major

oc *Beatty*

To 134
All Batteries.

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Reference attached.

The 31st. Battery will detail an Orderly Officer and Orderly Sergeant daily. In addition to the usual Battery routine they will be responsible discipline of Troops of 8th. F.A. Brigade in the town of EPAGNETTE.

The 29th., 30th. and 108th. Batteries will detail the following O.Rs. as Military Police.

29th. Battery - 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R.
30th. Battery - 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R.
108th. Battery - 2 O.R.

These men will parade outside 30th. Battery Mess at 10 a.m. 17th. instant, and there receive instructions.

The O.C., 30th. Battery will arrange to billet these police together.

An Orderly Officer as shown attached list, will mount at 6 p.m. each night and will be responsible for the supervision of watering, military police and general conduct and appearance of men in the town. He will visit all Battery Wagon Lines thro' the day and generally see that the instructions in the attached memo from D.A are adhered to. Anything unusual or requiring attention will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 8th. Aust. F. A. Bgde.

16-5-1918.

Orderly Officer	Time of Mounting	Date.
2/Lt. Worth	6 p.m.	16th. instant.
2/Lt. Paton F. McK.	" "	17th. "
2/Lt. Parkins	" "	18th. "
2/Lt. Hannah	" "	19th. "
Lieut. Gardiner	" "	20th. "
Lieut. Warnock	" "	21st. "
Lieut. Cowper	" "	22nd. "
Lieut. Peppard	" "	23rd. "
Lieut. Woods.	" "	24th. "
Lieut. Blackmore.	" "	25th. "

Dates will not be exchanged without reference to this office.

8th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.STANDING ORDERS

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Now that the Brigade is in the Rest Area, it is desired that the Brigade gets the maximum of rest combined with the maximum of training.

The following routine hours will be adhered to:-

Reveille	-	5 a.m.
Stables	-	5.30 a.m.
Breakfast	-	8. 0 a.m.
Parade	-	9. 0 a.m.
Dinner	-	1. 0 p.m.
Parade	-	4. 0 p.m. (stables)
<i>lights out</i>		<i>10. 0 P.M</i>

When it is not a battery's turn for manoeuvre or driving drill, exercise will be carried out on 5.30 a.m. parade.

The training ground as now marked out will be utilized by batteries in turn for the purposes of manoeuvres, driving drill, and battery gun drill. The 29th. and 108th. Batteries will share one ground, and 30th. and 31st. Batteries the other.

On Monday, 20th. instant, the training will commence and 29th. and 30th. batteries will carry out manoeuvre, driving drill, etc., on parade grounds as stated, and will be followed by 31st. and 108th. batteries on the 21st. instant.

Laying over the open sights will be ~~xxx~~ practised and will be direct ~~for~~ line and indirect for elevation, except for tanks. Moving targets should be engaged and the battery practised in quick switching. Particular attention must be given to sequence of orders, copies of which are attached.

All officers and Nos. 1. must be given practice in ranging a battery and in engaging moving targets.

Saluting by teams is to be practised.

In order to have uniformity throughout the Brigade in packing of vehicles, carrying equipment etc., each battery will get one team in full marching order and inform this office on the day they will be ready to be inspected. Tin helmets will be carried in future when the Parade is Marching Order. B.Cs. are at liberty to order either Marching or Drill Order, but which ever one is ordered, must be strictly adhered to.

The R.S.M. and a Staff Sergeant from 4th. Army Arty. School will take all corporals and bombardiers in classes of battery routine, N.C.O's. duties etc.

The R.S.M. will take the 30th. and 31st. and S/Sgt. the 29th. and 108th. and all N.C.Os. mentioned above will parade at the 9 a.m. parade and be handed over to the instructors. These classes alternate with driving drill, i.e., the battery not on manoeuvre will detail their N.C.Os. for these classes.

Ammunition may be removed from vehicles and placed in a central battery dump and under cover. A guard must be mounted over same.

Glacks will not be worn by officers on leave to ABBEVILLE, or elsewhere.

When men are walking out, they will always wear tunic and bandolier, and must be smartly turned out. They must also be warned about saluting.

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Men will be allowed to go to water without tunic, bandolier, etc., but watering is a parade, and there will be ~~no~~ no smoking or talking and a senior N.C.O. will be with each section. The Battery Orderly Sergeant will attend all watering parades and will water as directed by the Brigade Orderly Officer. Horses will be taken to water together, leave the troughs and proceed to lines together. This may be done either by Sections or Batteries.

E. Luff

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 8th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

19/5/1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS WEEKLY SUMMARY
OF MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE
FOR THE WEEK ENDING 29th MAY, 1918.

(All items, unless expressly stated, are taken from the Army Intelligence Summary).

1. ANALYSIS OF CLASSES OF 264 PRISONERS
CAPTURED ON 19-5-18.

<u>CLASSES.</u>	<u>NUMBER.</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE.</u>
1920 (Volunteer).	1	0.38.
1919	47	17.80.
1918	28	10.60.
1917	33	12.50.
1916	14	5.30.
1915	15	5.68.
1914	13	4.93.
1913	10	3.79.
1912	7	2.65.
Landsturm 1895/1900	7	2.65.
" 1901/1905	12	4.55.
" 1906/1910	16	6.06.
" 1911	3	1.14.
Ersatz Reserve.	18	6.82.
Reservists 1905/1911	18	6.82.
Landwehr 1897/1900	5	1.89.
" 1901/1905	14	5.30.
" 1906/1907	3	1.14.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

2. RECRUIT DEPOT.

The Recruit Depot of the 18th Div. is at BOUISCOT. It consisted of four companies, of which three had an approximate strength of 300 - 350 men each, mostly returned wounded, and the 4th Coy. (1919 Class only) 600 strong.

3. GERMAN CORPS AND ARMY BOUNDARIES.

A map found in VILLE-sur-ANCRE of a later date than those previously captured, shows that the 17th German Army side slipped southwards between the 15th April and the 15th May. The exact date is now known, but it is probably May 4th, on which date, according to a document, the 3rd Naval Division was transferred from the 2nd Army to the 17th Army.

The southern boundary of the 17th Army now runs from a point north-east of BOUZINCOURT, in W.8.a. to W.15.a., thence east, including AVELUY village. It cuts the BAPAUME - ALBERT road in X.14.a., and thence runs parallel to, and north of, the LA BOISELLE - CONTALMAISON road.

The same map shows that, between April 15th and May 15th, a re-organisation of the order of battle between the Army boundary mentioned above, and the SOMME, took place. The XXIII Reserve, which, according to German maps, dated the 14th April, was holding the front from half way through ALBERT to the SOMME, has been withdrawn, and replaced by the extension southwards of the XIII Corps (2nd Army), which now holds from the southern boundary of the 17th German Army, to a line drawn east and west through SAILLY-le-SEC. South of this line, the front is held by one regiment of the 24th Reserve Division, which is astride the SOMME, and, presumably, belongs to the XIV Corps.

The Germans, therefore, have weakened their front by the withdrawal of a Corps Staff north of the SOMME since, probably, May 4th.

4. ARTILLERY ALLOTTED TO A DIVISION.

A document found in GRIVESNES and dated the 9th May, gave the following allotment of artillery to the 76th Reserve Division.

The total number of batteries was 28, divided into 7 groups (Abteilungen) of 3 batteries each; 21 of these were field gun batteries and 7 heavy batteries. Taking into account that the division was holding a front of 3 km. 500m. this allotment is below normal as far as the heavy artillery is concerned; the normal density of artillery laid down for a defensive sector is 11 batteries per kilometre (6 Field gun batteries and 5 heavy batteries).

5. FIELD MARSHAL VON MACKENSEN.

According to a German official report the military administration in Rumania is to be dissolved; the remaining official posts have been put under the command of Mackensen.

SECRET.

Fourth Army R.A. Rest Area, No. C.A. 6.

FOURTH ARMY R.A. REST AREA.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

D. A.	BRIGADE.	BATTERY.	LOCATION.		
R.F.A. 27th D.A. Brig. Gen. WHITEHEAD.	H.Q. 235th Bde Lieut. Col. ASCHWANDEN. 236th Bde Lieut. Col. BOWRING. D.A.O. 1 & 2 Sec. No. 1 Coy Div. Train & T.M.Bs.	A; B; C; D; A; B; C; D;	LIERCOURT. ERONDELLE. LIERCOURT. BRAY -los- MAREUIL. BECQUERELLE.		
R.F.A. 3rd Aust Div. Arty Brig. Gen. GRIMWADE	H.Q. 7th F.A. Bde. Aust. F. Arty. Lieut. Col. JAMES. 8th F.A. Bde. Aust. F. Arty. Lieut. Col. ALLSOP. D.A.O. } 1 & 2 Sec. } 5th & 6th TMBs) 867 Coy ASC	25; 26; 27; (18-pr Bys 107; (4.5" How Bty) 29; 30; (18-pr Bys) 31; (18-pr Bty) 108; (4.5" How Bty.) H.Q. Brigade	EPAGNE COCQUEREL. COCQUEREL. EPAGNE. EPAGNETTE. EPAGNE FONT REMY. EAUCOURT. PONT REMY.		
ARMY.	H.Q. 169 A.F. Bde Lieut. Col. RAINSE HANNAY	376; 377; 378; 379; (18-pdr Btys.) B.A.O.	MAREUIL. MAREUIL. MAREUIL.		
	BRIGADES R.G.A.	BATTERY.	ESTABL. & NATURE OF PIECES.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
	73rd RGA Lieut. Col. ADAMS	H.Q. 243rd SB	3-12" Mk. 4.5.	WANEL. WANEL.	Unbrigaded

Leaving 1st Div. R.A. Rest Area on 28.5.18.

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LOCATION STATEMENT Contd.

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BRIGADE.	BATTERY.	ESTABL & NATURE of PIECES.	LOCATION	REMARKS
69th Bde. R.G.A. Lieut. Col. CORRIE (9.2" How)	238th S.B. 291st S.B. 331st S.B. 63rd S.B.	4 - 6" Hows. 6 - 6" Hows. 4 - 6" Hows. 6-9.2" H.Mk.I	SOREL. SOREL. SOREL. SOREL.	
27th Bde. (Mixed). Lieut. Colo HILL.	H.Q. 25th H.B. 144th H.B. 110th S.B. 216th S.B. 33rd S.B. 143rd S.B.	6 - 60-Pdrs. 6 - 60-Pdrs. 6 - 6" Hows. 6 - 6" Hows. 6-8" H.Mk.7. 4-9.2" H.Mk.I	VILLERS-sur-MAREUIL. CAUBERT. St. MARGARITE. VILLERS-sur-MAREUIL. VILLERS-sur-MAREUIL. VILLERS-sur-MAREUIL. VILLERS-sur-MAREUIL.	
<u>ORDNANCE.</u> :-	Gun Park ... ..	... ..	... ..	PONT REMY.
	No.7. Ordnance Workshops (MEDIUM)	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	No.18. " " (LIGHT)	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	No.20. " " "	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	S.I.O.M. ... ..	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	O.O., Fourth Army Troops, No.1.	... ..	... ..	LONGPRE.
<u>SUPPLIES</u> :-	Ration Dump, No.1.	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	Ration Dump, No.2.	... ..	... ..	PONT REMY.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>	Fourth Army Siege Park	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	R.A.Reinforcement Camp (Caosars Camp)	... ..	... ..	DUNCO.
	59th Sanitary Section...	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	171st Labour Company ...	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	213th A.T. Company, R.E...	... ..	... ..	R.A.Reinforcement Camp.
	Post Office, S/76.	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT.
	V.O., No.3.Veterinary Evacuating Station..	... ..	... ..	DUNCO.
	Aid Posts...	... ..	... ..	HALLENCOURT and R.A.Reinforcement Camp.
	Ammunition Dump (GROSS DUMP)...	... ..	... ..	(CAUMONT-LIMEUX (HUPPY-ERONDELLE (Cross Roads.
	Detachment P.W.I. (Guard)	... ..	... ..	.....do.....

21.5.18.

H.W. Jones
Major, R.F.A.,
for Officer Commanding, Fourth Army R.A. Rest Area

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171st Labour Company.	Signal Officer, R.A.REST AREA.
M.O; A.P.M; A.P.O; S.O; R.A. REST AREA.	

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T.

Divisional Headquarters,
31st. May, 1918.Amendment to Disposition Report dated 25/5/18.

Third Aust. Divsnl. Artillery. - Moving to "A" Divisional Area.

To be completed night 2nd/3rd. June.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

[Handwritten initials]
Divisional Headquarters,
30th May, 1918.

AMENDMENT TO DISPOSITION REPORT DATED 25-5-18.

AS AT 6.0 A.M. 31-5-18.

33rd Battalion.
34th "
35th "

0.27.b.95.55.
0.28.b.90.80.
0.24.c.30.30.

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Divisional Headquarters, 25th. May, 1918.

Ref: Map: Sheet 62D, 1/40000 Sheet ABBEVILLE, 1/100000.

Disposition of Units as at 6 a.m. 26-5-1918.

Divisional Headquarters	GLISY
Divisional Artillery H.Q.	EPAGNE (The Chateau)
7th A.F.A.Bde H.Q.	COCQUEREL
8th A.F.A.Bde H.Q.	PONT REBY
D.A.C., H.Q.	EAU COURT (Chateau).
S.A.A. Section, D.A.C.	M.2.b.40.20
3rd Aust.Div.T.M., H.Q.	EAU COURT.
Divisional Engineer H.Q.	GLISY
9th. Field Company	BLANGY TRONVILLE
10th. -do-	N.22.a.90.20
11th. -do-	O.25.d.30.70
Divisional Signal Company	GLISY
9th Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.	O.25.c.50.30
33rd A. I. Bn.	O.24.c.30.30
34th -do-	O.27.b.90.70
35th -do-	O.28.b.80.80
9th A.L.T.M. Bty	O.22.d.10.10
10th Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.	N.20.d.20.80
37th A. I. Bn.	N.34.d.80.55
38th -do-	N.28.d.00.35
39th -do-	N.23.a.90.00
40th -do-	N.22.c.80.90
10th A.L.T.M. Bty	N.22.b.05.10
11th Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.	O.25.c.60.30
41st A. I. Bn.	O.28.c.70.50
42nd -do-	O.26.c.90.30
43rd -do-	O.26.c.90.30
44th -do-	O.28.c.75.40
11th A.L.T.M. Bty	O.26.c.60.50
3rd Aust. M. G. Bn. H.Q.	O.26.d.60.90 (Advanced)
-do-	N.13.d.15.65 (Rear)
9th A.M.G. Coy	N.13.c.80.80
10th -do-	N.30.d.80.00
11th -do-	O.22.d.10.10
23rd -do-	O.27.a.30.80
Rear H.Q. - All Coys	N.13.d.50.80
3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q.	N.23.a.10.10
'A' Company	VILLERS-BRETONNEUX
'B' -do-	N.23.a.10.10
'C' -do-	N.23.a.10.10
'D' -do-	O.26.a.30.10
A.D.M.S.	GLISY
9th. Aust. Field Ambulance	M.5.c.20.50
10th -do-	ST. ACHEUL.
11th -do-	N.26.d.10.30
D.A.D.V.S.	CAMON
3rd Aust.Div.Mob.Vet Section	M.9.a.90.80.

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3rd Aust. Div. Train H.Q.	CAMON
867th Company	PONT REMY
868th -do-	CAMON
869th -do-	CAMON
870th -do-	.. .. .	CAMON
3rd. M. T. Company H.Q.	.. .. .	SALEUX
Ammunition Section	.. .. .	SALEUX
Supply Section	.. .. .	SALEUX
3rd Aust. Div. Salvage Company	.. .. .	N.20.d.10.45
D.A.D.O.S.	.. .. .	M.5.d.70.80
A.P.M.	.. .. .	GLISY.
Divisional Gas Officer	.. .. .	GLISY
Divisional Masketry Officer	.. .. .	GLISY
Divisional Paymaster	.. .. .	GLISY
Divisional Reinforcement Wing	.. .. .	ST. LEGER
Divisional Staging Depot	.. .. .	M.10.d.60.20

ATTACHED UNITS.

4th. Aust. Div. Artillery, H.Q.	.. .. .	GLISY
10th A.F.A. Bde H.Q.	.. .. .	O.25.b.00.85
11th -do-	.. .. .	N.24.b.20.60
D.A.C., H.Q.	.. .. .	N.14.c.40.50
No.1 Section	.. .. .	N.15.b.50.70
No.2 Section	.. .. .	N.9.d.60.30
S.A.A. Section	.. .. .	M.2.b.40.20
4th Aust. Div. T.M., H.Q.	.. .. .	N.24.b.20.70
14th Army Bde R.F.A., H.Q.	.. .. .	N.7.central
14th B.A.C.	.. .. .	N.20.d.30.40
23rd Army Bde R.F.A., H.Q.	.. .. .	O.13.c.30.60
23rd B.A.C.	.. .. .	N.14.central
86th Army Bde R.F.A., H.Q.	.. .. .	O.13.c.20.90
86th B.A.C.	.. .. .	N.8.d.30.30
179th Army Bde R.F.A., H.Q.	.. .. .	O.13.c.20.70
179th B.A.C.	.. .. .	N.7.b.00.50.
Troop, 13th Light Horse	.. .. .	N.20.b.90.50
Platoon, Cyclist Batta.	.. .. .	N.20.b.40.00
4th. Aust. Sanitary Section	.. .. .	CAGNY, 8 Rue Mallet.
8th. Tank Battalion	BLANGY TRONVILLE.

NOTE - Amendments to be immediately notified to Divisional H.Q.

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Australian Corps,

29th May, 1918.



2nd Australian Division.
 3rd Australian Division.
 4th Australian Division.
 5th Australian Division.
 G.O.C.R.A., Aust. Corps.
 B.G.H.A., Aust. Corps.
 5th Tank Brigade
 3rd Squadron, A.F.C.

1. In the attack on the 27th inst. on the VOORMEZEELE - LOCRE front, the artillery preparation consisted of about 2 hours intense bombardment of battery areas with gas shell, including yellow cross. The majority of hostile batteries then switched on to the forward system, and the shelling of the battery areas died down.

A small proportion of green cross shell formed the only gas shelling in this trench bombardment.

On the attack being launched, shelling of battery areas was resumed but no gas shell were employed on the front of attack. There was heavy gas shelling of trenches in battery areas on the southern flank of the attack both before and during the assault. Shelling on the northern flank was limited to battery areas, and, as on the front of attack, gas shell were only used during the first 2 hours.

2. The artillery preparation for the attack on the AISNE on the morning of the 27th inst. consisted of an intense bombardment of 3 hours duration along the whole front between VAUXAILLON and BRIMONT.

The bombardment followed a period of marked calm. The forward system, battery positions and rear areas to a depth of 12-km. were all engaged. Gas shell were largely used, particularly against valleys, roads and communication trenches. Tanks are reported to have been used at CRAONNE and VILLE-aux-BOIS on the front held by the British troops.

Sashum
 Brigadier-General,
 General Staff, Australian Corps.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

CONFIDENTIAL

Intelligence Summary No.130 from 5.30 pm 29-5-18 to 5.30 pm 30-5-18

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS)

PART I.

1 - OPERATIONS

Artillery. During the night, harassing fire was brought down on enemy's roads, approaches and places of concentration; 18-pdrs. fired on MONUMENT WOOD, BERTHE WOOD, TANK in U.5.b., enemy strong points at U.6.a.50.20., VAIRE WOOD, Road and Tracks in V.1.a. b. and c., V.7.a. b. and c., V.1.a. and b., P.31., P.22, P.21, and P.27. 4.5 hows. fired on Dumps and Tracks in P.33.b., V.3.a., b. and d., Railway Lines in V.1.a. and V.3.c. and d. A total of 680 rds. of Gas was fired during the period. Hostile Battery at P..22.a.20.70. was silenced.

Trench Mortars. 3" Stokes Mortars fired 152 rds. during the day; 22 of these were specially prepared incendiary shells fired as a test into WOOD at U.6.a.50.40. and on TANK in U.5..b. Other targets were centres of movement U.6.a.40.40., U.36.d.70.80, and U.5.b.70.40. At 11.0 p.m. an enemy working party at U.5.b.90.50 was dispersed.

Machine Guns. Our M.Gs. fired 8,000 rds. on enemy works and traffic routes; main targets engaged were : trench from U.6.d.60.65 to U.6.d.70.90, Road and trenches in P.32.a., Road in V.1.c. and d, Cross-Roads in P.31.c., Railway Crossing in V.1.b. and enemy trenches in P.26.c. and d. and P.32.b.

Rifle Grenades. Rifle Grenades were also fired in conjunction with the T.M. shoots on working party at 11.0 p.m. - result could not be ascertained.

Patrols (a). Patrols of the Right Bde. heard movement in the vicinity of building at P.25.d.50.20 at 7.5 a.m. Two men were seen to carry something to their line at P.25.d.90.50. shortly afterwards. Three men were seen going towards TANK in U.5.b. about 11.0 p.m. A Working Party was heard about U.6.a.50.50 at Midnight. One of our patrols was fired on by M.C. situated at U.6.a.80.95. Sounds of digging were heard in MONUMENT WOOD between 1.0 and 2.30 a.m.

(b) Patrols of the Right Bde report VERY Light was fired from shell hole at P.25.b.40.20, where enemy post was suspected. A Patrol captured one of the enemy at P.25.b.30.30. at about 9.45 p.m. (See para. 2). -

Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were very active during the period, and especially between the hours of 6.0 and 8.30 p.m. Reports emphasise the absence of enemy A.A. and A.A.M.G. fire during the day. Our aeroplanes flew low over enemy lines.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 332 I.R. 77th. R.D. (one prisoner) NORMAL.

4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy's artillery fire was again well distributed. Three cases of gas shelling have been reported during the period.

At about 6.0 p.m. 100 rds. 15 c.m. fell in O.22. and O.26. from the direction of WARFUSEE. At 9.0 p.m. 50 rds. 15 c.m. fell in U.1.a. and b. About 9.30 p.m. 100 rds. 15 c.m. fell in O.20.b. Between 9.0 and 11.30 p.m. 50 rds. 77 mm and 10.5 c.m. fell in O.27. and O.28.

For the most part about the main road, from direction of ABANCOURT; (harassing). - Between 5.15 and 5.45 a.m. 36 rds. 10.5 c.m. fell in O.35.b. from direction of P.29. (destructive) At 9.30 a.m. 20 rds. 10.5 c.m. fell in O.27.c. Between 10.45 a.m. and 2.0 p.m. 95 rds. 15 c.m. fell in battery area in O.21.c. and O.26.b.

At 1.37 p.m. a H.V. gun fired into our back area from direction 121 deg. (grid bearing) from P.12.c.10.90. Between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. a 21 c.m. gun registered with air bursts on O.31.a. and c. from direction of MARCELCAVE. At 5.50 p.m. enemy shelled H.Q. in O.24.a. with aeroplane observation.

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Between 9.0 and 9.25 p.m. 60 rds. 10.5 cm. H.E. and gas (mustard) fell in O.25.d.00.40. from the direction of MARCELCAVE. At about 12.0 midnight 50 rds. 10.5 cm (gas) fell in O.27.b. and O.28.a., and between 5.0 and 6.0 a.m. 130 rds. 77 mm. and 10.5 c.m. (gas) fell in T.6.a. and N.36.s. and b.; Yellow Cross, Blue Cross and Phosgene gas were used in these two latter shoots.

At 2.15 p.m. enemy fired 7 rds. ranging with high bursts on the Railway Junction at LONGUEAU.

5. - ENEMY ATTITUDE. There has been no apparent change in the enemy's attitude during the period.

6. - ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. fired only a few bursts during the night. A M.G. situated at U.6.a.80.95. fired on one of our patrols.

Posts. An enemy post is suspected at P.25.b.40.20.

7. - HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

A few E.A. were seen over our Front Line at 5.0 p.m. and again at 9.0 p.m. and were heavily engaged by our A.A. L.G. fire.

At 7.45 a.m. an E.A. flying from V.18. came over our Front Line in U.6.a.; when over U.6.c.40.40. it signalled with 8 M.G. bursts.

8. - MOVEMENT IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

A party of the enemy seen in V.14.c. were dispersed by our artillery fire. At 4.30 p.m. three horsemen were seen galloping at V.14.c.40. 10. At 6.30 a.m. 8 men were seen walking at V.7.a.20.80. At 7.0 a.m. 8 men were seen at U.5.b.6 0.20. going towards TANK. Two men were seen at U.6.a.40.10. - dress dark-grey, wearing caps. Considerable movement of small parties towards MARCELCAVE was observed between 7.45 p.m. and dark.

11. - MISCELLANEOUS.

Enemy balloons were observed from O.15.b.75.80 - 185, 70, 45 and 80 degrees - (grid bearing).

S.H. Jackson

Captain. G.S.
for Lieut.-Colonel. G.S.

PART II. - - attached.

Intelligence Summary No. 131 from 5.30 p.m. 30-5-18 to 5.30 p.m. 31-5-18

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS)

PART I.

1 - OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the night harassing fire was put down on railway in V.1. and 2., Cross-roads and tracks P.20.b. and d., P.21., 22., 32., and 33, and roads and approaches to MARCELGAVE. 4.5 Hows. fired 617 rds. Gas. During the day 15-guns. fired on MONUMENT WOOD in U.6., Strong points at U.5.b. Targets in P.31.b. and c., V.1.a. and b. and V.2.a.b. and c. Two enemy parties were dispersed in V.14.a. and 'b.' by our fire. M.G. at P.31.central was silenced. Trenches in V.13. and 14. P.26.a., P.27.d., P.28.a. and d., P.21.b. and d. and P.32. and 33. were also fired on. 4.5 Hows. fired on Railway in V.1. and 2. and roads and tracks in P.32. and V.2.

Trench Mortars. M.T.Ms. fired on House at O.36.d.95.90, obtaining direct hits. 3rd Stokes Mortars fired a total of 140 rds. on Points where enemy work or movement had been reported; 30 rds. were fired on huts in O.36.d., 60 rds. into WOOD at U.6.a.40.40, U.5.b.90.50, and U.6.a.90.70, 20 rds. on Road at U.6.b.90.60, and 20 rds. on tank in U.5.b.

Machine Guns. 5,500 rds. were fired on enemy trenches and approaches, the main targets fired on being :- Cross-roads in V.6.c., road and trench P.20.b.25.15, Tracks P.26.b.50.30 and Road Junction P.26.c.85.40.

Rifle Grenades. Rifle Grenades were fired into enemy L.P. and Front Line in P.25.d.; enemy were seen to evacuate Post.

Snipers. Snipers of the Left Bde. claim 6 hits.

PATROLS. (a). Patrols of the Right Bde report hearing working parties near the Tank in U.5.b. and at U.5.d.95.98 (fired on by T.Ms). Another enemy working party was heard at U.6.b.10.90. An enemy patrol at U.6.a.36.95. brought M.G. and rifle fire to bear on one of our patrols and then withdrew. M.G. is reported firing from House at U.6.a.60.90. (this House was demolished by T.M. shortly afterwards). Considerable movement was heard on WARFUSEE ROAD in P.27., P.28. and P.29. A new deep trench, 15 yds. long, with a M.G. emplacement in it, was found at P.31.a.90.80.

(b). A Patrol of the Left Bde. saw enemy looking over his parapet at P.20.a.50.00. New earth was also being thrown up at this spot (this target fired on by artillery - result unknown). This patrol then went South and located a T. head about P.25.b.50.30. which showed signs of recent use.

AIRCRAFT. Our aeroplanes were active during the whole of the hours of daylight. E.A. were driven back on several occasions during the day. At 11.0 a.m. an enemy aeroplane was brought down by one of our aeroplanes at about T.4.a.30.10, both occupants killed.

2. - IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL

4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery during the period showed an increase in activity. He used only a very small quantity of gas shell. He registered on crossroads in N.28.d. and N.20.c. (GLISY) and the railway in N.20 & 21. On our forward area, his shooting, which was heavier than usual, was again well distributed. It has been noticed that the enemy is using only a very small proportion of 77 mm. guns.

The main targets reported were :- From 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. yesterday, 300 rds 15 cm. with occasional 21 cm. on O.26.a.b. & d. (battery area and railway cutting) from direction of MARCELGAVE. At 9.30 p.m. 50 rds. 10.5 c.m. fell in O.14. a. and b. Between 11.30 p.m. and 3.0 a.m. 300 rds. 77 mm and 10.5 c.m. fell in O.30. from direction of WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT. Between 11.30 p.m. and midnight, 75 rds. 10.5 and 15 c.m.

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fell in P.25.c. and a. from direction TAILLOUX WOOD. Commencing at 11.45 p.m. 100 rds. 77 mm and 10.5 cm fell about our trenches in 0.30.c. and 0.36.a. from the same direction. At 4.30 a.m. 55 rds. 15 c.m. fell in 0.26.d. from direction of MARCELCAVE.

During the day 0.35.b. and VILLERS - BRETONNEUX were shelled at intervals, a total of 100 rds. 10.5 and 15 cm falling in that area.

Between 9.15 pm and 1.0 am 40 rds. 10.5 cm H.E. and gas (mustard) fell about both sides of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX ROAD between N.29.d. and 0.25.c. At 10.30 pm 14 rds. 10.5 cm Gas (mustard) fell in 0.25.a. and b. About 2.45 a.m. 25 rds. 10.5 cm Gas (Mustard) fell in 0.22.d.

At 9.5 am a 10.5 cm H.V. gun fired 8 rds. into 0.30., direction 108 deg. (Sound bearing) from 0.16.b.13.95.

Gun flashes were observed from bearing of 93 degrees from 0.16.d. 50.50., 106 deg. from 0.30.c.30.50., 130 deg. 30 minutes and 131 deg. 30 minutes from P.19.c.10.10. (grid bearing) and 90 deg. T.B. from N.36.d.30.00.

5. - ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy artillery was more than usually active during the day, and a greater number than usual of his aeroplanes were over our lines.

6. - ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. were located firing from U.6.b.10.75, U.6.b.30.70. (ESTAMINET HOUSE), tank in U.5.b., House at U.6.a.60.90, and U.6.a.85.95. A M.G. in P.26.c. was several times silenced by our L.G. Fire.

Work. The tank in U.5.b. appears to be heavily wired. Trench in vicinity of U.5.b.60.20 shows much new earth. Small sap runs forward from trench at U.5.b.60.00, probably L.P. or M.G. position.

7. - HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

E.A. were active during the day and were fired on heavily by our A.A. Guns, and were also on several occasions driven back by our aeroplanes.

8. - MOVEMENT IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

Much movement was seen about MARCELCAVE, particularly about 8.0 pm at V.9.b.30.90. At 4.15 pm a train was seen at P.30.a. moving towards CERISY. At 6.0 pm a train stopped at P.24.a.0530, at 6.20 pm a horse and limber approached the above train. Frequent movement of individuals was seen at P.22.d.70.30. At 6.30 pm the railway guns again fired a few shots from W.7.b.99.54.

10. - SIGNALS.

A balloon at T.B. 197 deg. from 0.36.d.26.73 fired four rockets, each bursting into five stars, at 4.0 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. 20 such rockets were fired at $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes intervals, all breaking into four five or six stars - observers believe these to be signals to artillery. Nine bright lights were dropped by aeroplanes over our lines at 9.20 p.m.

11. - MISCELLANEOUS.

At 7.0 pm a fire was caused by our shelling in V.3.c. At 1.10 a.m. an explosion was seen in MONUMENT Buildings now demolished; this is believed to be the work of the enemy. The Left Bde reports there has been a distinct increase in the number of rifle grenades used by the enemy.

S. J. Jackson
Captain. G.S.
for Lieut.-Colonel G.S.

PART II and Aerial Annex attached.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,
30th. May, 1918.

- C.R.A.
- C.R.E.
- 3rd Aust.Div.Sig.Coy.
- 9th Aust.Inf.Brigade
- 10th -do-
- 11th -do-
- 3rd Aust.Pioneer Bn.
- 3rd Aust.M.G.Bn.

S.G.401/37/24



In continuation of this office G.401/37/24, dated 25th instant. The following extract from Second Army G.306 of 15/2/1917 - "Instructions regarding the use of Signalling Communications near the Front" - is republished for information and guidance :-

- "....."
6. The following measures will be put into force as regards all signal communications in front of Brigade Headquarters, except in circumstances of urgency when these precautions may be disregarded on the personal responsibility of the Officer Commanding on the spot, who will be required to justify his action.
- (a) The Telephone will be used for urgent official communications only. All private conversation is absolutely forbidden. Ordinary official communications which are not urgent will be sent by hand.
- All telephone conversations which may be of the slightest use to the enemy will be in code.
- Artillery ranges from gun to target may be given in clear. The effect of enemy's fire on our trenches or works will be sent in code.
- Position calls, and not code names, must be used for calling up and testing the lines.
- In conversation, units must be referred to by code names and not in clear.
- Officers will never be mentioned by name but only by their official designation, e.g., the Adjutant, O.C., Company, the C.O., etc., neither the unit nor formation being mentioned. A change of names gives a sure indication of a relief.
- (b) The Buzzer will not be used for messages in clear, except in the case of artillery messages quoted above.
- Position calls, and not code names, must be used for calling up and testing the lines.
- In the "address to" and "from" in messages, position calls should be used if possible. If the position call is not known, it may be necessary to use the code name, but this should only be employed when unavoidable.
- In the text of messages units must be referred to by code names and not in clear.
- All messages for transmission by buzzer will be in code and must be signed by an officer, who will be held personally responsible for the contents of the message sent.
- (c) Runners and Fullerphones.
- should be used for operation messages - preferably the former, if time permits.
- (d) Pigeons, Visual Signalling, Wireless, etc., which are liable to interception, should be resorted to for important messages only when the employment of runners and Fullerphones is impracticable.
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[Signature]
Major
for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

Subm. 617/2 of 27/5/18

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Situation. - The French Army on our right reports that the American sector near CANTIGNY was heavily shelled during the morning. This shelling was followed by a counter-attack in which tanks participated. The counter-attack failed. Prisoners captured by the Americans now number 230.

Aisne Battle front. - The fighting in the AISNE sector continued yesterday and the front of the attack increased. 23 divisions, of which 4 are fresh and 19 were withdrawn from the SOMME front, have so far been identified. There is no evidence as yet of the engagement of divisions from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies.

The line yesterday evening ran as follows :-

CRECY-au-MONT - TROU-des-LOUPS - Western outskirts SOISSONS - CHACRISE - DRAVEGNY - LAGERY - SABIGNY-sur-ARDRES - THILLOIS - LA NEUVILLETTE - BETHENY

Enemy intentions. - A prisoner captured near VILLERS BRETONNEUX yesterday stated that the officers had told the men that they would in rest by June 1st. He has heard no talk of any intended attack by the Germans in this sector. In view of the fact that the prisoner's division is about to be relieved this seems extremely probable. The prisoner's evidence is reliable.

Bombing raids. - The following bombs were dropped by our aeroplanes:-

BOIES-de-TAILLES	250	25-lbs.		
BRAY-MORLANCOURT	110	"	42	112-lb.
BUSIGNY	64	"	17	"
CAMBRAI	8	"	1	"
BAURAUME & PERONNE Road	8	"	--	--
PERONNE	110	"	15	112-lb
BECORDEL Valley	102	"	20	40-lb (Phosphorous)
SUZANNE	12	"	--	--

In all 11 tons were dropped.

Enemy defences. - According to a prisoner of the 108th Div. the support line is in front of a little wood between the railway and the WARFUSEE Road. Air photos. show activity at trenches west of the little wood in V.3.a. (40 V.4062 and 3977). The reserve battn. is in the ravine in Q.35 between MORCOURT and HARBONNIERES. There is considerable activity here (Air photos.49 V.156, 48 V.4396).

Distribution of enemy forces.

Army front. 77th Res. Div. 332nd I.R. VAIRE WOOD sector.29/30 May. prisoner, P.25. This division has not been identified since 18th instant. Two regiments of the division have now been identified.

108th Div...243 F.A.R...WARFUSEE sector...27th May....(P.S.)
11 Foot Arty Bn " " "

This battn is probably attached to the 108th Div. (P.S.)

Relief. - The 108th Division expect to be relieved before June 1st by a Division unknown (.P.S.)

Movement of the 108th and JAGER Divisions.

On May 17th the 108th Div. was relieved by the 77th Res.Div. It then went into the back areas near ROSIERES, and subsequently relieved the JAGER Div. The 265th R.I.R. (108th Div.) was relieved by 419 I.R. (77th Res.Div.) on 17th instant and later relieved the 21st Res. JAGER Bn. east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX,

The JAGER Division on relief went back into the ROSIERES area. A prisoner of the 108th Division heard that it was shortly to proceed to CAMBRAI.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

AISNE BATTLE FRONT.

The enemy continued his attack on the SOISSONS-RHEIMS front, and made a further advance. On this battle front 26 divisions have now been identified, of which 4 were fresh and 22 were withdrawn from the SOMME front. One division from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of armies has been identified on the battle field up to the present.

The line now runs - CUTS - BLERANCCOURT - VEZAPONIN - TARTIERS - CHAVIGNY - MONTAGNE DE PARIS - BERZY LE SEC - PARCY TIGNY - LE PLESSIER HULEU - MONT ST. PERE - JAULCONNE - LE CHARMEL - CHAMPOISY PASSY GRIGNY - ANTHENAY - CORBIE - between ROMIGNY and VILLE en TARDENOIS - between POILLY and SARCY - between MERY and STE. EUPHRAISE VRIGNY - THILLOIS - RHEIMS.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. - Aircraft.

A low flying scout belonging to the 77th Pursuit Flight was brought down near FRANVILLERS by fire from the ground.

Artillery. South of the ANCRE there was an increase in gas shelling, but the total volume of activity was less than on the preceding day. Early yesterday morning a heavy concentration of yellow cross shell, estimated at 3,000 rounds, was directed against CORBIE and LA NEUVILLE.

In the afternoon, battery areas south of MENICOURT and north of GENTELLES were engaged with 21 cm. hows. There was a fair amount of harassing fire from the lighter calibres of H.V. guns. The activity of long range guns was maintained.

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AERIAL ANNEXE TO THIRD AUST. DIV. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.131

Notes on Aero. Photos.

- A.3.AEA.419 shows the following points of interest :-
- at P.25.b.8.4. Listening post
 - P.26.a.0.6. M.G.
 - P.20.c.55.15. M.W. position
 - P.20.c.85.10 Headquarters and new work down the trench.
 - P.20.c.80.80. M.G.
 - P.20.d.20.40. } M.Gs.
 - P.20.d.20.50. }
 - From P.26.b.57.58 } Living Trench.
 - to P.26.b.59.50. }
 - P.20.d.98.30. M.G.
 - P.21.c.20.30. M.G.
 - 417 At P.21.c.80.50. M.G.
 - P.21.c.90.40. probable H.Q.
 - 436 At P.21.b.90.20. H.Q. or Dump.

Attention is drawn to the well defined and used track shown on these photos. It runs P.25.b.8.5. - P.26.b.8.4. - P.27.b.5.5. - Also to the large amount of activity in P.21.b. and P.22.a. and c.

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SITUATION.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES

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Other Fronts. - The north-east corner of AVELUY WOOD was heavily shelled during the morning, while ENGELBELMER, GOMMECOURT and AUCHON-VILLERS were intermittently shelled throughout the day. The French Army on our right report a quiet day, except for the usual harassing fire. Some 38 cm. shells fell near DURY.

The AISNE Battle Front. - Between SOISSONS and CHATEAU THIERRY, the fighting continued without any important modifications in the line. The enemy made slight progress in the eastern outskirts of VILLERS-COTTERETS forest.

Forty-one divisions, of which 9 were fresh, and 32 were previously engaged on the SOMME front, have been identified. One fresh division from Prince RUPPRECHT'S Group of Armies, (making 2 in all), has now been identified on the battle front.

Yesterday evening, the line ran as follows :-

W. of LE PORT - Crest W. of PERNANT - LAGLAUX Farm - VERTE FEUILLE Farm (French) - CHAVIGNY Farm (German) - W. of CORCY FAVEROLLES (French) - TROESNES (French).

The remainder of the line remains unchanged.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. North of the ANCRE, the activity of the enemy's artillery was normal. During the night of the 2nd/3rd, bursts of fire were directed on roads and villages in forward areas; a few gas shells fell in MILLENCOURT.

South of the ANCRE, there was a slight decrease in hostile shelling. Intermittent fire was directed against villages in the valleys of the ANCRE and SOMME, throughout the night of the 2nd/3rd. Long range guns engaged ALLONVILLE, FRENCHENCOURT and QUERRIEU; against the last named target 15 cm. gas shell was used. About 12.20 a.m. our trenches east and south-east of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX were heavily bombarded in preparation for the enemy's unsuccessful raid.

Yesterday, light area shoots were reported north of LA NEUVILLE and south of FOUILLOY.

The shelling of AMIENS declined. About 110 rds fell in the city during the night 2nd/3rd; the day was comparatively quiet.

Enemy Reconnaissance Tactics.

A prisoner states that, on the 30th May, the 77th Pursuit Flight received orders to detail as many machines as possible to escort a Rumpler two-seater on a strategical reconnaissance north of the SOMME, and 20-km behind the lines; 7 machines were told off. The orders in question mentioned that this reconnaissance was extremely important, and that the co-operation of scouts was required, in view of the fact that single machines had found it exceedingly difficult to penetrate the British line patrols.

German Artillery Methods.

South of MONTDIDIER, the enemy appears to have adopted on several occasions new methods of registration and subsequent fire for effect.

(a) If registration is by high air bursts, the previous method of firing 10 or 12 rds at short and regular intervals on the line of the target (above and slightly short of it) has been replaced by 1/2 to 1 hour's fire, comprising high and low air-bursts and bursts on graze. During this series, 12 to 15 high air-bursts occur at regular intervals; these constitute the real registration. A second and similar series is often fired to avert suspicion.

Usually an hour or two elapses before the enemy passes to fire for effect. This consists of either:-

- (i) Two shoots, each of about 200 rds, with several hours interval between them,

or

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(11) Four or five concentrations of about 15 minutes' duration, at intervals of 45 to 75 minutes, each of 60 to 100 rds.

(b) If aerial registration is employed, fire for effect rarely follows close upon registration. The usual interval is one hour. Fire for effect is then carried out by one of the two methods stated above. In exceptional cases, it is controlled by aeroplane.

Effect of British Gas Operations.

(a) A prisoner of the 29th Res. Inf. Regt. (16th Res.Div.) captured on the 25th May near SERRE, had the following entry in his diary :-

"12th March 1918; 400 gas casualties in our regiment. Masks worn for over two hours. English barrage accompanied by gas mines."

This probably refers to our projector attack south of MOEUVRES on the 12th March. The prisoner states that the majority of cases occurred in the 1st Battalion, that none of the gas cases had re-appeared by the 25th May, and that the strength of most of the companies in the 1st Battalion was reduced to 30 men.

The prisoner further states that they had had a considerable number of casualties from the effects of their yellow cross gas blowing back over their lines. Most of these were eye cases.

(b). A prisoner of the 87th Res. Inf. Regt. (21st Res. Div.) states that, in the CA BRAI sector about the middle of March, 1918, his regiment suffered 300 gas casualties, including a percentage of dead, and that only one man had returned from hospital.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To

7th & 8th Aust. F. A. Brigades,
3rd Aust. D.A.C., & 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.
22nd Coy. A.A.S.C.

4th Australian Divisional Artillery are sending down Advance Parties to take over present billets and horse lines occupied by this Divisional Artillery. These Advance Parties will arrive by train at PONT REMY Station at 7.8 p.m. on 30th instant, and will comprise the following:-

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>
10th Aust. F.A.Bgde. Hdqrs.	-	2.
Each Battery of 10th F.A.Bde.	1	1.
11th Aust. F.A.Bgde. Hdqrs.	-	2.
Each Battery of 11th F.A.Bde.	1	1.
4th Aust. D.A.C. Hdqrs.	-	2.
Each Section 4th D.A.C.	1	1.
4th Divl. T. Mortars.	1	1.
Coy. A.A.S.C. (Attchd. 4th Divisional Artillery).	-	1.

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade will take over billets of 7th Aust. F. A. Brigade.

11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will take over billets of 8th Aust. F. A. Brigade.

Units will send guides and transport (either horses or mess cart) to the Station, PONT REMY, at 7 p.m. 30th instant to meet the Advance Parties, and will conduct them back to their lines, arranging accommodation for them for night 30th/31st instant.

All billets, horse lines, area stores, etc., will be handed over to the Advance Parties of the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

R. Miller

Captain,
Staff Captain R.A.,
3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters,
29-5-18.

In information + necessary action

8th. AUST. F. A. BRIGADE March Order No.4.

Issued by Lieut. Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O., Commanding 8th.F.A.bde
 Reference Map, AMIENS, 1/100,000. 31st. May, 1918.

1. INTENTION: The Brigade will continue the march tomorrow, 1st. June, to the Forward Area.
2. MARCH ORDER and TIMES: The order of march and times of passing the Starting Point will be as follows:-

Headquarters.	-	9.30 a.m.
31st. Battery.	-	9.31 a.m.
108th. do.	-	9.37 a.m.
29th. do.	-	9.43 a.m.
30th. do.	-	9.49 a.m.
3. STARTING POINT: The Starting Point will be:-
 CROSS ROADS about 150 yards East of 'Y' of CROUY.
4. ROUTE: The Route will be:
 STARTING POINT - PICQUIGNY → AILLY-sur-SOMME -
 ST.SAUVEUR - RIVIEREY - CAMON - LONGBAU.
5. BILLETING PARTIES: Advance Parties as usual will report to Lieut. BRAKE at the Church, HANGEST at 6 a.m., 1st. June., and will proceed to GLISY.
6. REFILLING POINT: Refilling Point for 1st. June will be *notified later*
7. RELIEF: Attention is directed to 3rd, D.A.K.Q. Operation Order No.62 attached.
8. DISCIPLINE: On the March today, March Discipline was very low. Distances were not maintained. Section Commanders and Nos.1 do not carry out their duty, i.e. looking after their sections, etc. When 'EYES RIGHT' was given to the B.R.A., a No.1 generally succeeded in making the Gun team salute, the Wagon Teams hardly ever hearing the order, and as Corporals or Lead Drivers did not take the order up, the Wagon Teams did not salute, or if they did, the saluting was done by Drivers not together, but in very bad succession. Gunners on vehicles must be instructed when 'EYES RIGHT' is given that the head is turned, not only the eyes. Additional transport, where allowed, will travel with its own Battery, and not with or in rear of another Battery.

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Men still consistently walk outside the carriages. Attention is also drawn to the necessity of rolling Gunners' greatcoats neatly, and that there was no uniformity in the way in which Mess Tins were put on. Hat will always be worn up at the side unless the C.O. orders them to be worn turned down. Transport and spare horses straggled very badly.

Particular attention will be paid to points mentioned above and Batteries will ensure that these points are corrected to morrow.

LIEUTENANT.,
ADJUTANT., 8th. AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE.

SECRET.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.L./G/36.

RIGHT ARTY. GROUP.
 LEFT ARTY. GROUP.
 14th. Army Bde. R.F.A.
 23rd. Army Bde. R.F.A.

1. LOCAL NAMES.

The following local names for woods and cross-roads have been approved :-

1/20,000 Sheet 62 D. S.W.

Barnoy Cross Roads.	M.5.d.10.65.
Stop Copse.	M.12.b.10.40.
Lock Copse.	N.7.a.70.70.
Listen Copse.	N.7.b.20.85.
The Spinney.	N.8.d. - N.14.b.
Choux Wood.	N.14.b. & d.
Manor Copse.	R.31.a.
Glisy Copse.	N.31.b.
Cagny Copse.	M.33.d. - S.3.b. and 4.a.
Tronville Wood.	N.34.c. - T.4.a.

Col. Chouley.

Lieutenant.

Reconnaissance Officer,
 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

Headquarters,
 2.6.1918.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Handwritten initials and scribbles

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- Right Group Artillery.
 - Left Group Artillery.
 - 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - 23rd Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - 3rd Aust. D.A.C.
 - 3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O.
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Attention is again drawn to the question of reporting " Hostile Bombing and Shelling".

All such happenings should be reported without delay by 'Priority' wire to this Office.

Reports concerning bombing should give the following information :-

- (a). Time.
- (b). Locality bombed.
- (c). Number of 'planes.
- (d). Number of bombs dropped.
- (e). Casualties and damage.

Shelling reports should include :-

- (a). Time and duration of shelling.
- (b). Locality shelled.
- (c). Number and calibre of shells.
- (d). Direction of shelling - by reference to some known village or landmark.
- (e). Casualties and damage.

Handwritten signature

Headquarters,
3.6.1918.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Intelligence Summary No.134 from 5.30 pm 2-6-18 to 5.30 pm 3-6-18

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS)

PART I

1. - OPERATIONS.

Artillery. - At 4.35 p.m. 18-pdrs of the Left Group brought fire to bear on VAIRE WOOD in P.14.d. During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads and approaches and centres of activity, the main areas receiving attention being - P.31, P.32 & P.36. Enemy roads and tracks in U.6.c. & d., and trench in U.7.a. & b. and V.2.c. were also fired on.

At 10.30 p.m., 10.50 p.m., 12.10 a.m., and 12.45 a.m., selected targets in V.2.b. & V.3.d. were subjected to gas shelling by 4.5 hows. A hostile battery at P.22.c.20.80 was engaged by 4.5 hows. during the day.

Trench Mortars. - Our 3" Stokes Mortars fired 180 rds during the period. At 3.50 p.m. 40 rds fired into enemy front line between the tank and wood in U.6.a., reported to be occupied by the enemy at that time; this was repeated at 5.15 p.m. At 11 p.m. and again at midnight, 35 rds were fired on to wood in U.5.c. This shoot was arranged to cover the action of patrols moving in NO MAN'S LAND opposite this point. At 4.30 a.m. 24 rds were fired into enemy's front line U.5.d.80.80; at 5.0 a.m. 10 rds on O.36.d.05.80. Shooting reported to be good.

Machine Guns - M.Gs. fired 15000 rds during the night. The following areas containing enemy tracks, new work, etc., were kept under fire:- P.31.a.b.c. & d., P.32.a. & c., V.1.a.b.c. & d., P.22.a., P.26.d., P.21.c., P.32.a., P.27.a., P.20.b. & d., and the southern end of VAIRE WOOD; crossroads P.31.c.85.60., enemy dump P.21.a.43.40 and junction of tracks and trenches, P.26.d.75.90 were also fired on.

Lewis Guns. - At 11.30 p.m L.Gs. dispersed enemy wiring party at P.20.c.50.45.

Patrols. (a). A patrol of the right brigade met a hostile party near MAISON BLEU in O.36.d. - bombs were thrown by both parties and the enemy withdrew. Much talking was heard in enemy front line in MONUMENT WOOD defences. Ruined house at U.6.a.50.80 was searched; no sign of enemy patrols were seen. At midnight six of the enemy were seen going to U.6.a.50.75 - probably a L.P. Conditions were unfavorable for an attempt to be made to capture this post. A thorough search was made of NO MAN'S LAND shortly after enemy raid on our post about 1 a.m. and a wounded prisoner was brought in - (see Para: 2.).

(b). At 11.30 p.m. a patrol of the left brigade located an enemy wiring party at P.20.c.50.40 - this was dispersed by our L.G. fire. Another patrol located enemy L.P. at P.26.a.35.90. At 2.30 a.m. 4 men came from enemy's lines into the post and 2 went out. Our patrol crawled to within a few yards but came upon strong enemy wire, partly hidden by growing crops. This wire, which was about 5 ft. high, consisted of loose concertina, with loose barbed wire thrown on it. Our patrol threw 10 bombs into the post and, judging by cries heard, inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy. The attack caused considerable commotion in the enemy's lines and our patrol withdrew.

Aircraft. - Our aeroplanes were again very active over the enemy's lines during the late hours of yesterday and were heavily fired on by enemy A.A. & M.G. fire. At 4.30 a.m. today, one of our machines was attacked by three E.A. Our machine drove one of the enemy down in flames between VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL and then withdrew.

Our aeroplanes continued to be active over the enemy's lines throughout the day.

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2. - IDENTIFICATIONS. 97 I.R...108 Div.....(1 prisoner).

4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy's artillery maintained its activity during the night, shelling being well distributed over the whole forward area; but little shelling was done during the hours of daylight. The main features were:- barrage of 77 mm and 10.5 cm put down on our front and support lines in the vicinity of the railway line in O.35.d., O.36.c., and U.5.b., from the direction of LAMOTTE AND MARCELCAVE (prior to his attempt on our post in U.5.b) and gas shelling of valley in O.34 and the vicinity of main road in O.27.d., O.28.a. & b., and about the AUBIGNY system in O.21.c., and O.27.a. This gas shelling consisted of 100 rds 10.5 cm (mustard) gas on O.34 from direction of MARCELCAVE at 9.0 p.m. (fired in salvos of 4); 9.45 to 9.50 p.m., 50 rds 77 mm (mustard) on O.27.d. and O.28.c. & d. and at 10 p.m. 20 rds gas (nature not ascertained) on O.21.c. & d. Other shoots reported were - from 5 to 6 p.m. 50 rds 15 cm on O.32; 9.30 to 11.30 p.m. 100 rds 15 and 10.5 cm U.2.a. & d. and U.3.c; about 12.30 a.m. 90 rds 77 mm and 10.5 cm on VILLERS BRETONNEUX from direction MARCELCAVE and WIENCOURT (fire broke out in buildings); 8.30 p.m. 30 rds 10.5 cm on O.34.a. & b. from direction MARCELCAVE and 8.55 p.m. 30 rds 10.5 cm on O.27.d. and O.28.c. & d., from same direction; 5.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. yesterday, 40 rds 10.5 cm on O.23 from S.E. direction. Commencing at 7 a.m. 100 rds 15 cm on O.33 from direction HANGARD WOOD; 12 noon to 2 p.m., 50 rds 77 mm on O.30.d. and O.28.a. from same direction. About 1.30 a.m. 5 shells from H.V. gun fell about N.21.d. from direction of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Gun flashes were observed on T.B. 123 deg., from O.24.d.90.50

Hostile Infantry Action. At about 1 a.m. the enemy put down a heavy 15" barrage on our front and support lines in O.35.d., O.36.c. and U.5.a. & b. Under cover of this an enemy party of 20 attempted to enter our trenches in U.5.b.50.50. Our men were alert and repulsed the raiders with bombs and L.G. fire before they could pass our wire. The enemy retired, leaving 2 dead and 1 wounded man in NO MAN'S LAND. A patrol went out immediately afterwards and brought in the wounded man and also papers and identifications from the dead; 9 enemy rifles were also secured, and it is claimed that at least 7 or 8 other casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

5. - ENEMY ATTITUDE. The enemy appears to be very alert along the whole front. His M.Gs were more than usually active during the night.

6. - ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs were active at intervals from ESTAMINET HOUSE U.5.b.85.45, DOLL'S HOUSE O.36.d.90.90., V.1.b.10.70., P.25.c. ~~xxxx~~.65.50. A "V" shaped opening was seen in the enemy's parapet at P.26.a.80.20 - probably a M.G. emplacement. A M.G. used for A.A.work was located at U.6.a.50.85.

Work. What appears to be a large dugout is situated at V.16.d.50.40

Minenwerfer. M.W. were located by patrol about U.6.b.30.30. 10 rds "Pineapples" were fired from a position in O.25.d. on to vicinity of our front line near the main road. At 11 p.m. 8 rds L.M.W. fell in O.35.d. from about U.6.b.30.30.

7. - HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. E.A. showed little activity during the day. At 1 a.m. an enemy aeroplane, flying low, fired bursts of M.G. fire into the streets of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

8. - MOVEMENT IN & BEHIND THE ENEMY'S LINES. At 5.30 p.m. 4 men were seen in trench at P.28.d.75.50. At 6.30 p.m. 4 men jumped into trench at P.22.d.70.35. At 9 p.m. movement in P.29.a. was fired on by our L.Gs. At 8.30 p.m. 15 men entered VAIRE WOOD, P.20.b.65.40. At 11 pm an enemy working party at V.7.b.30.90 was fired on by L.Gs. and artillery and dispersed.

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Intelligence Summary No.135 from 5.30 pm 3-6-18 to 5.30 pm 4-6-18.

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PART I

1. - OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the night harassing fire was maintained by 18-pdrs and 4.5 hows. on enemy's roads, approaches, centres of activity and known defences. At 9.30 p.m. 35 rds Gas were fired on targets at V.1.b. 85.65 - 80.10 and 10.60. In reply to an S.O.S. signal repeated from the Division on our right, Hows. and 18-pdrs fired on S.O.S. line from 2.5 a.m. to 2.20 a.m. Selected targets in P.31.d., V.1.a.& b. were engaged by 18-pdrs during the day. An enemy L.P. at P.38.d.50.20 was also fired on with effect.

Trench Mortars. M.T.Ms. fired 10 and 5 rds on targets at U.6.a.40.30 and U.6.a.50.80 respectively. 3-inch Stokes Mortars fired 20 rds on suspected enemy post at P.25.d.80.40.

Machine Guns. 18,500 rds were expended during the night on enemy's tracks, new work, etc., in the following areas:- P.26.a.b. and d., P.21.a. and c., P.20.b. and d., P.31.a.b.c. and d., P.27.a., P.30.a., P.32.a. and c., V.1.a. and b., and south end of VAIRE Wood. Bursts of fire were also put down on roads in U.6.c., U.6.d., 60.20 to U.6.d.90.00., crossroads P.31.c.85.60., P.21.c.40.90., junction of tracks P.32.cent., enemy dump P.21.a.43.40., railway bridge and road V.1.b., southern edge of wood in U.6.b., and junction of tracks and trenches P.26.d.75.93.

Snipers. Snipers of the right brigade claim four hits; during the period few targets presented themselves.

Patrols. (a). A patrol of the right brigade searched MAISON BLEU and the shell hole ground in the vicinity (O.36.d). The light of an enemy searchlight showed enemy moving in their front line; the patrol fired on them and one man was seen to be hit. At 12.5 a.m. a party of the enemy threw stick grenades at our L.P. in P.26.c; the patrol forming the post retaliated with Mill's grenades and enemy patrol of about 15 men was seen to retire - machine gun fire was brought to bear on them. At 2 a.m. an enemy patrol of about 20 men approached our outpost line at P.31.a.40.75; these were fired on by L.G. and dispersed. A patrol searched NO MAN'S LAND immediately afterwards - no signs of the enemy were seen. Patrols report many flares fired from U.5.d.70.90 during the night.

(b). A patrol of the left brigade saw enemy working party at P.20.c. central; about the same time our artillery opened fire on the spot. Another patrol saw two of the enemy at P.28.b.20.40; these were fired on by our L.Gs and disappeared into enemy trench. L.P. in P.25.b. reported that enemy patrol left their wire at P.25.b.26.50 - nothing further was seen of this patrol.

Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were active as usual over the enemy's lines and were heavily fired on by A.A.M.G. fire.

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4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy's artillery again showed considerable activity during the hours of darkness, his fire being mainly directed against our forward areas and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. No gas shelling or counter-battery work on the part of the enemy was carried out. Hostile fire during the day was light and scattered and mainly of a harassing nature, from 10.5 and 15 cm.hows.

Between 9.0 and 9.20 p.m. 150 rds 10.5 cm fell in VILLERS BRETONNEUX from direction of WARFUSEE. Between 11.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. 130 rds 10.5 and 15 cm fell in VILLERS BRETONNEUX from direction of ABANCOURT. Between 1.30 and 2.30 a.m. 200 rds 77 mm, 10.5 and 15 cm fell in O.35. a.b.c.& d. and U.5.c.& d. and a further 200 rds on front line and railway station yard in O.36.c - the greater part from direction of WARFUSEE.

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Between 2.0 and 3.30 a.m. 150 rds 77mm, 10.5 and 15 cm. fell in 0.30. c.& d. and 0.36.a.& b. from direction MARCELCAVE and WIENCOURT. Between 10.0 and 10.30 p.m. 60 rds 10.5 and 15 cm fell in 0.24.c. and 0.23.d. from direction HAMEL. Between 4.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. 100 rds 10.5 cm fell in 0.33.b. from direction BAYONVILLERS. Between 10.25 and 10.40 p.m. 30 rds 10.5 cm fell in 0.22.a. from S.E. direction. Commencing at 1.40 a.m. 40 rds 10.5 cm fell in 0.28.b. also from S.E. direction. Between 5.0 and 6.30 p.m. 110 rds 15 cm fell in T.6.b. and U.3, and at 10.30 p.m. U.3 was again shelled by 10.5 cm hows. At 11 p.m. CACHY was shelled by 10.5 and 15 cm. hows. and about 11.15, 100 rds, same calibre, fell about the northern portion of the village in U.2. and U.3. At 5 p.m. 2 shells, calibre unknown, fell in ST.ACHEUL about the AMIENS-LONGUEAU road. A H.V. gun shelled vicinity of railway line between GLANGY and GLISY at intervals throughout the day.

5. - ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy patrols were more than usually active - this was particularly noticeable opposite the front of the right brigade. Otherwise there is no apparent change in the enemy's attitude.

6. - ENEMY DEFENCES.
Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs. were not active during the night. This was probably due to his increased patrol activity. No enemy M.Gs were located.

Work. New work appears on trench from P.26.d.90.00 to P.26.d.90.40.

7. - HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 10.40 p.m. an E.A. dropped 8 bombs on 0.31 and N.36.d. and T.5.b. During the day very little activity on the part of enemy aircraft has been reported. At noon one enemy machine crossed our lines near VILLERS BRETONNEUX but was immediately driven off by A.A.MG. fire.

8. - MOVEMENT IN & BEHIND THE ENEMY'S LINES.

Between 3 and 4 p.m. yesterday about 50 men were seen in trench at U.6.c.80.50 (dispersed by our artillery fire). At 6 p.m. 10 men ran along trench at U.6.c.80.50 towards MORGEMONT WOOD. At 6.30 p.m. a motor car with passengers moved behind MORGEMONT WOOD. At 7 p.m. much movement, including transport, seen on road in V.13.b. Between 8 and 9 p.m. much movement of small parties seen between HANGARD WOOD and MARCELCAVE. At 6.45 p.m. a G.S. wagon was seen going S. at P.30.b.50.50. 7.20 p.m. movement seen around house at P.30.d.40.80. 7.30 p.m. cyclist from WARTUSEE-ABANCOURT went to P.22.d.70.30. 7.40 p.m. wagon loaded with cut timber came from TAILLEUX WOOD and unloaded at P.29.b.00.20. At 8.5 p.m. light train was seen at Q.27.a.20.50. 7 p.m. two wagons were seen on road at P.28.b. and d. going S.E. 7.40 p.m. two trains, about 22 wagons and many men were seen at P.23.d.60.70: considerable traffic between that place and WARTUSEE-ABANCOURT was noticed until 8.20 p.m. At noon about 20 men seen watching a small fire in MORGEMONT WOOD. At 2.15 p.m. a train was reported standing at P.23.d.60.70 - train was still there at 3.15 p.m. A train was seen going N. at P.18.d.90.30 at 1.30 p.m. Another train was seen at W.7.d.90.60 at 9.25 p.m. going East. At 1 a.m. railway gun was seen going E. in W.8.a, and at 2.15 p.m. railway gun in W.2.d. was seen going S.W.

11. - MISCELLANEOUS

At intervals during the night, enemy searchlight was active from on a bearing 90 deg. T.B. from 0.29.d.80.50. At 8 p.m. a signalling lamp was observed 110 deg. T.B. from 0.29.d.80.50.

S. S. Jackson

Captain, G.S.

for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

PART II - Attached.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCESSituation.

Army Front. About 15 of the enemy attempted to raid our trenches south of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. They were repulsed, leaving 2 dead & 1 seriously wounded prisoner in our hands. Another prisoner was captured by an Australian patrol north of the SOMME.

During the night VILLERS BRETONNEUX was heavily shelled. QUERRIEU was shelled with H.E. and gas from a H.V.gun. Otherwise the front was quiet.

Other Fronts. The total number of prisoners captured in AVELUY Wood now numbers 2 officers, 75 other ranks, and 6 M.Gs.

The AISNE Battle Front. The enemy continued to press between SOISSONS and CHATEAU THIERRY. Two fresh divisions from reserve have been engaged on the AISNE battle front on either flank of the salient formed by the German advance to CHATEAU THIERRY, and a division withdrawn from the SOMME front has also reinforced this front south of SOISSONS. Two additional divisions have been engaged owing to the extension of the battle front east of RHEIMS, and a total of 37 divisions have now been identified. Only the one division of Prince RUPPRECHT'S Army already reported has so far been employed.

The line now runs -

AUTRECHES - HAUTEBRAYE - E. of LE PORT - COMPIEGNE - SOISSONS Road-VAUX - E. of LOISY - CHAUDUN - FERME BEAUREPAIRE (German) - CHAVIGNE LONGPORT - CORCY (German) - FAVEROLLES - TROESNES - E. of DAMMARD - CHEZY en ORXOIS - VINCY - NEUILLY la POTERIE - TORCY - BELLEAU - N. and E. corner of Bois de la MARETTE - OROGIS - N. border of Bois du LOUP - AULNOIS - the MARNE - E. of VERNEUIL - LA MALMAISON - E. borders of the Bois de TROTTE - CUISLES - E. borders of Bois de la COHETTE - BOUJACOURT - BLIGNY. No change between d'AUTRECHES and the OISE.

Enemy Activity - Artillery.

North of the ANCRE there was a slight increase in the activity of the enemy's artillery. During the night of the 1st/2nd. a considerable quantity of "green cross" shell (phosgene) was fired into the area HENENCOURT - MILLENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE. Communications in back areas were engaged with H.V. guns. Yesterday morning the enemy is reported to have registered our trenches north-west of DERNANCOURT and north of BJIRE.

South of the ANCRE the enemy's artillery was again very active. Early yesterday morning, our trench systems east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and villages in the SOMME valley were heavily engaged with gas shell. During the remainder of the period under report, bursts of fire were directed against villages and trench systems in forward areas. The activity of long range guns against villages in back areas declined.

German Tanks.

From the preliminary reports from the British troops engaged on the AISNE battle front, it appears that the enemy employed German tanks similar to the tank captured at VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

The tactics adopted were, however, somewhat different, as the tanks were employed with the front waves instead of following the infantry into action. The morning of the 27th May was misty, and the tanks appeared close to our front line, either immediately preceding or among the leading infantry waves.

The only evidence received as yet shows that tanks were used near la VILLE-AUX-BOIS and in the valley of the MIETTE.

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PART II - Continued.

Distribution of the enemy's forces.

Army Front.

108th Division.

97th I.R.....U.5.b.	S.of VILLERS BRETONNEUX	2/3 June Pris.
265th R.I.R.....J.30.b.	N.of SAILLY-LAURETTE.	2/3 June Pris.

All three regiments of this division have now been identified since they relieved the JAGER Division in the WARFUSEE sector.

It appears that the 2nd Bn. of the 265th R.I.R. was brought up from south of the SOMME to relieve the 1st Bn. of the 107th R.I.R. (24th R.Div.), which had suffered very heavily. This relief took place on the night 1/2 June. The remaining two battalions of the 265th R.I.R. are in their normal sector E. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

JAGER Division.

It now seems certain that the 108th Division relieved the JAGER Division on the night 19th/20th May, and not on the night of the 25th/26th May, as stated in Army Summary of 1st June.

11. - MISCELLANEOUS.

At 8.40 p.m. an enemy dump exploded on a bearing 109 deg., T.B. from 0.29.d.00.40 - probably in V.5.d. An enemy searchlight was active throughout the night on T.B. 90 deg., from 0.29.d.00.40.

S.H. Jackson Captain, G.S.
 for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

Aerial Annexes to Intelligence Summary No.134 - 2 - 3/6/1918.

Notes on Aero: Photos.

- A.3.AEA.508 At P.26.d.6.0, (approx) three probable M.Gs. At 0.32.a.8.3., 8.4 and 8.5. three M.G. positions. At 0.32.a.9.2, M.G. position. At 0.32.a.9.4., probable M.G. position. Note well defined track crossing road at approx. P.32.a.6.4. and running down with evidence of much use, the short line of trench from P.32.a.9.2 to P.32.a.9.4, which seems to be strongly fortified. This path continues across P.32.b. and meets trench in P.33.a.2.4.
- 511 shows very clearly signs of new work on enemy trenches South of the MONUMENT - noted in Annexes to Summary of 1-6-18.
- 510 shows country already noted upon - see Aero: photo. chart of 31-5-18.
- 516 shows marked activity - note number of tracks and condition of trench - in P.22.d. Number of new "lice" in evidence. Artillery have been notified.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Reference Map:- Sheet 62.D. 1/40,000.

1. AMMUNITION.

Ammunition Railheads - FLESSELLES and SALEUX.

Divisional A.R.P. - GLISY Dump (for 18-pdr., 4.5" How., and 6" Newton) is located at N.21.c.5.2

SUPPLY. Boxed ammunition is delivered from Railhead by Motor Lorry to A.R.P., where it is unboxed and issued to Units.

Batteries, assisted by D.A.Cs. and B.A.Cs., are responsible for supply from A.R.P. to Battery positions to meet their requirements.

ALTERNATIVE A.R.P. for 18-pdr. and 4.5" How. is located at N.19.d.5.5.

5000 rounds 18-pdr., 1000 rounds 4.5" How. is kept in reserve at this location for use in case the main A.R.P. is put out of action.

DORPS RESERVE DUMPS:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Amounts held.</u>	
		<u>18-pdr.</u>	<u>4.5" How.</u>
CANBERRA	G.24.b. Sheet 62.D.	21,000	5,600
TYABB	G.36.a. Sheet 62.D.	6,000	1,600
WAGGA DUMP	R.26.b.&.d. Sheet 62.E.	17,200	2,200
RAMPONNET DUMP	B.20.d. Sheet 62.D.	9,600	2,400

DUMP STAFF:-

Permanent Dump Staff at GLISY is as follows:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>N.C.O.'s.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
3rd Aust. D. A. C.	2	1	21
179th Army Bgdo. R.F.A.	-	1	10
86th " " "	-	1	10
23rd " " "	-	1	10
14th " " "	-	1	10
TOTAL.	2	5	61

A permanent guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 Men is maintained at alternative A.R.P.

ESTABLISHMENT will be notified by this Office from time to time.

Present Establishment is as follows:-

	<u>Per 18-pdr. Gun.</u>	<u>Per 4.5" How.</u>
(a) Dumps at Guns	300.	250.
(b) Full Echelons.		

Echelons must be kept full at all times.

PROPORTION OF ISSUE of ammunition from Railheads varies from time to time.

Present proportion is 4 "A" to 3 "AX" A.R.P. will issue in this proportion except when ammunition is being got up for special operations.

2. SALVAGE.

There is a Salvage Representative from 3rd Aust. Divl. Salvage Coy. permanently stationed at the A.R.P. Empties must on no account be allowed to accumulate at Battery positions, but be returned by Units to the Salvage Representative at the A.R.P., and a receipt obtained.

A weekly statement of the Salvage Officer, showing quantity and classification of empties returned by Units, will be issued by this Office.

Salvage areas are allotted to Groups as follows:-

LEFT GROUP:- Northern Bdy. A line running through N.24 Central, O.19, 20, 21, and 22 Cent. Southern Bdy. Main road running East and West through N.29 and 30, O.25, 26, 27, and 28.

Eastern Bdy. As far forward as possible.

Western Bdy. North and South centre grid line of squares H.2. N.30.

RIGHT GROUP:- Northern Bdy. Same as Southern boundary for LEFT Group.

Southern Bdy. A line running through T.6, U.1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Central.

Eastern Bdy. As far forward as possible.

Western Bdy. North and South centre grid line of squares N.36 and T.6.

Groups will subdivide areas and allot to Brigades, who, assisted by B.A.Cs. and D.A.C., will be held responsible for keeping the areas clean.

R.E.MATERIAL.

Demands, giving detail of material required, to be forwarded by orderly to this Office.

Material urgently required to be 'phoned to this Office.

CAMOUFLAGE.

Corps Camouflage Dump is located at H.19.c.1.0. on North side of AMIENS-QUERRIEU Road.

Requirements, giving details of colour etc., to be sent to this Office.

GRAZING.

Arrangements for grazing have been made as under:-

For Units North of River SOMME -

All pasture lands contained in Squares M.17 & 18, and N.13.c. between the CAMON-LAMOTTE Road and the River.

For Units South of River SOMME -

All pasture lands contained in Squares N.19 & 20, between the two railway lines.

WORKSHOPS.

For this Divisional Artillery and affiliated Brigades:-

No.53 Ordnance Workshops, Light, LONGPRE, L.21.c.1.2. Sheet 62.E.

No.22 Ordnance Workshops, Light, PICQUIGNY, J.5.d.7.0. Sheet 62.E.

No.22 accepts all work passed from 53rd, which would take too long to do in the latter Workshops.

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7. ADMINISTRATIVE LOCATIONS.

C.O. Aust. Corps Troops - SAJJEUX.
 3rd Aust. D.A.D.O.S. - M.5.d.7.8.
 3rd Aust. Mob. Vet. Sectn. - M.9.a.9.8.

Corps R.E. Dumps - M.36.b.2.2. CHATEAU DUMP.
 N.29.c.2.3. TRANSIT DUMP.

3rd Aust. Divl. Canteen Stores - CAMON.

CEMETERIES - (LONGEAU CEMETERY, Sheet G2.D., M.29.d.1.5.
 (LE BLANGY CABARET, do. N.29.c.3.6.
 (VILLERS BRETONNEUX, do. O.28.c.6.7.

DIVSL. BURIALS OFFICER - Hdqrs. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Btln.

BATHS - BLANGY TRONVILLE (Opp. 3rd Aust. Pioneer H.Q.
 LA MOTTE.

PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE (Divsl. Baths Officer
 can be found here).

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Morrell

Captain,
 Staff Captain R.A.,
 3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters,
 4-6-18.

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RIGHT ARTILLERY SUB-GROUP. *Appendix*

INSTRUCTION No. 1.

Issued by Lieut. Colonel W. G. Allsop, D.S.O.

4th. June, 1918

1. POSITIONS

Batteries will at once select alternative positions, both for main battery and detached section, forward locations to this office and when approved commence at once to prepare these positions for occupation.

2. LIAISON.

Infantry Brigade Headquarters is located at O.25.c.40.25 and this duty is shared by 7th. and 8th. F.A. Brigades, and will be supplied by batteries with an officer not under the rank of Captain, as per Appendix attached.

Battalion and Company Liaison will be combined and this duty will be carried out by batteries in turn as per Appendix attached.

The Officer detailed will report to Company H.Q. at O.36.c.4.6 at 5.30 a.m. daily. He will remain there during the day and report to Left Battalion H.Q. at O.28.d.8.4 at 8 p.m. daily, where he will remain till 7 a.m. and then return to his Battery.

3. O.P.

Brigade O.P. is at O.29.d.83.10. This duty is 24 hours and will be shared by batteries in turn as per Appendix attached, and reliefs will take place at 6 a.m. daily.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Griffith
Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Right Arty. Sub-Group.

APPENDIX to INSTRUCTION No. 1.

Liaison with Inf. Brigade.

31st. Battery:	8.6.18 to 12.6.18	-	10.7.18 to 14.7.18
108th. "	16.6.18 to 20.6.18	-	18.7.18 to 22.7.18
29th. "	24.6.18 to 28.6.18	-	26.7.18 to 30.7.18
30th. "	2.7.18 to 6.7.18	-	"

Battalion and Company Liaison.

29th. Battery.	June:- 4, 8, 12, 15, 20, 24, 28.
	July:- 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30.
108th. "	June:- 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29. July, 3,
	July:- 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31.
31st. "	June:- 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30,
	July:- 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, August, 1.
30th. "	June:- 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27.
	July:- 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, August 2.

Brigade - O.P.

31st. Battery :-	June, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28 - July, 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26.
30th. "	" 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29 - " 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27.
29th. "	" 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30 " 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28.
108th. "	" 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 " 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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 Intelligence Summary No.136 from 5.30 pm 4-6-18 to 5.30 pm 5-6-18.

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS)

PART I.

1. - OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads, approaches and centres of activity during the night. 60 rds were fired on railway cutting V.1.a., and M.G. U.6.b.90.80; 30 rds road junctions U.6.b.70.60 and V.1.b.50.60; railway cutting V.1.b., and selected targets in U.6., 250 rds; V.1.a.30.20, U.6.b.91.20 and V.1.b.85.00, 180 rds; V.6.a.80.94 and M.G. posts U.6.a.40.30 and V.1.d.40.20, 90 rds. During the night 700 rds were expended on enemy works opposite right brigade front. At 12.10., 12.40., 1.15., 2.10 and 3.0 a.m. bursts of fire were directed against enemy works opposite the left brigade front. 18-pdrs fired on selected targets in V.2.b., V.1.b.50.60., V.1.b.90.50., V.1.b.40.20. V.1.central and U.6.a.75.30.

Registrations were carried out by 18-pdrs and 4.5 hows. during the day. 4.5 hows. also fired 32 rds on houses in V.9.b. - several direct hits were obtained. Gas was fired against M.G. emplacement at V.1.b.20.70., trench junctions at V.1.b.80.10 and V.2.a.45.10., crossroads in MARCEL-CAVE., V.10.d.20.80., V.9.d.50.30., trench system at V.1.b.88.78 and on enemy dumps in P.23.d. and P.23.e. At 5.10 p.m. yesterday, 60-pdrs engaged 6-horsed wagon and 20 men at Q.31.a.30.40 - (the wagon hurried away towards BAYONVILLERS). From 5.30 to 5.45 p.m. TAILLOUX WOOD was heavily engaged. At 5.40 p.m. a fire broke out in P.30.e.70.20 during our shelling of this place - it appeared to be a dump. From 6.20 to 6.30 p.m. heavies fired 65 rds into P.22.a. & c., where much movement has taken place lately.

Trench Mortars. Our H.T.Ms. fired 10 rds on buildings in the vicinity of U.6.a.35.40 at 6 a.m., obtaining 5 direct hits on the building.

Machine Guns. Our M.Gs. fired 19000 rds during the night on special areas showing tracks and works - the following targets receiving attention - P.27.a., P.26.a., & b., south end of VAIRE WOOD., P.20.b. & d., P.26.d., P.31., P.32.a. & c., P.21.a. & c., P.30.a., V.1.a. & b., V.1.b.50.50. to V.1.d.50.50., V.1.a.50.00 to V.1.c.50.00., V.1.a.10.30 to V.12.b.80.90. The following special points were also dealt with - enemy dump P.21.a.43.40., junction of tracks P.32.central., junction of tracks and trenches P.26.d.75.93., crossroads P.31.c.85.60. and road in P.2.c.

Snipers. Snipers of the left brigade claim 1 hit at P.26.c.50.50.

Patrols. (a). Right brigade patrols report no enemy seen or movement heard on right battalion front. Flares frequently seen at U.5.b.90.10 and from near ruins at U.6.a.70.90. Enemy searchlights were very active. At 2 a.m. three rifle grenades were fired at U.5.b.90.90 - direction not ascertained. Enemy working party located in P.26.c. Frequent flares from a post in vicinity of orchard at O.36.b.85.15. At 12.30 a.m. three rifle grenades fired from about O.36.b.80.30; several flares were fired immediately afterwards.

A patrol brought in the body of a German officer killed during patrol encounter on night 3rd/4th June - (See Summary No.135).

(b). Patrol of the left brigade reports 2 men digging at P.20.c.70.30. Enemy working parties were located at P.26.a.00.40 and P.25.b.50.30 - the latter was dispersed by L.G. fire.

Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were again active throughout the whole of the day. A hostile aeroplane, brought down in flames, landed East of MORGEMONT WOOD between 7.30 and 8.0 a.m.

2. - IDENTIFICATIONS - 332 I.R. 77 R.D. (Normal) - (1 enemy dead).

4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

There was a slight increase in hostile artillery fire as compared with the previous twenty-four hours. Most of the enemy shelling occurred during the hours of darkness. No gas shelling was reported. VILLERS

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BRETONNEUX and the western outskirts of the town were intermittently shelled during the night, and BLANGY TRONVILLE, the railway and its vicinity, also received attention.

Fire during the day was light and scattered and mainly directed against roads and tracks in the vicinity of our battery areas. One instance of hostile counter-battery work was reported; at 2.45 p.m. 20 rds 15 cm. being fired from direction WARTUSEE on battery area in 0.20.d.

From 2.20 to 4.0 a.m. approx. 320 rds 15 and 10.5 cm. were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX and western outskirts in 0.27., 0.28 & 0.34 from the direction of MARCELCAVE.

During the day 70 rds 15 cm were scattered over 0.14.a. and 0.15.c., and at 10 a.m. 100 rds from the direction of MARCELCAVE fell in 0.21. central. This seemed to be an observed shoot carried out with balloon observation. From 9.30 p.m. to 2.0 a.m. the valley in 0.34.b. was intermittently shelled with 77 mm and 10.5 cm - approx. 200 rds from the direction of WARTUSEE. Between 9.15 and 10.30 p.m. 140 rds 77 mm and 10.5 cm from the same direction fell at 0.35.c.90.40. Areas also shelled were N.30.a., 0.26.d., 0.27.c., and about 50 rds 10.5 cm from direction of MARCELCAVE fell in 0.28.c.70.90., 0.28.d., and 0.27.c. From 9.0 to 10.30 a.m. 100 rds 15 cm. H.E. was scattered over 0.29 and 0.28 from the direction of LA MOTTE. From 1.0 to 1.30 p.m. 50 rds 10.5 H.E. fell in 0.34.a. from the direction of BAYONVILLERS.

At 12.20 p.m. 8 gun flashes were seen from a 10.5 cm battery at P.35.a. 50.50. A 10.5 cm battery at P.25.c.50.60 from T.B. 86 deg.; fired 30 rds. between 1.20 and 2 p.m. At 2.10 p.m. gun flashes seen T.B. 94 deg. approx. P.36.a; other flashes seen T.B. 126, 130 and 122 deg., - all bearings from 0.29.d.90.35.

5. - ENEMY ATTITUDE. Except for an increase in enemy artillery activity, during the night, there is no apparent change in his attitude.

6. - ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs showed very little activity.

7. - HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aeroplanes trying to cross our lines at 8.0 a.m., 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. were driven back by A.A. and M.G. fire.

8. - MOVEMENT IN & BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 11.50 a.m. light train in P.24.b. went South. Between 3.45 and 7 p.m. a train, traffic and much movement were observed at P.23.d.60.70 - artillery informed. At 8.30 p.m. a man seen at P.20.d.20.40, with a white band on his cap; movement here at 8.40 a.m. At 4.45 p.m. motor lorry at P.30.d.40.90 went North. At 6.15 p.m. two motor lorries at Q.26.b.15.80 went North. At 7.30 p.m. two wagons at P.29.b.15.60 went South. At 4.30 p.m. smoke screen at W.2.b.80.40 - railway gun fired from there; also smoke screen at P.24.b; these had cleared by 5.15 p.m.

11. - MISCELLANEOUS. Patrols report that when an aeroplane approaches, enemy searchlight gives two flashes and if the machine is German, it appears to answer with a burst of M.G. fire. When our aeroplanes are over the enemy lines, there being no reply to these flashes, strings of lights are fired towards the machines and other searchlights commence searching for it.

Three rifle shots were fired from tank in U.5.b.

S. H. Jackson.

Captain, G.S.
for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

PART II and AERIAL ANNEXE Attached.

PART II.

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INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.SITUATION.

Army Front. During the night a party of the enemy (200 strong according to prisoners) attempted to raid our trenches S.W. of MORLANCOURT. The attempt failed. Nineteen prisoners and 4 M.G. were left in our hands; 25 dead have been counted in NO MAN'S LAND. A normal division was identified.

Hostile artillery fire showed a slight decrease yesterday. During the night VILLERS BRETONNEUX was intermittently shelled, while scattered shelling took place astride the SOMME.

GENERAL.

The situation is unchanged. The enemy have apparently received orders to raid our lines, as after a very inactive period they have attempted to carry out two raids during the last five days. They apparently wish to create the impression of activity and to ascertain from prisoners whether reinforcements from this front have been sent Southwards. It is probable that raiding activities will continue.

AERIAL ANNEXE.Notes on Aero: Photos.

49 y. 554) 555) 557 )	) Make a good and complete mosaic of the village of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, down to and including the MONUMENT, and as far East as V.l.d.O.8
49 v. 518) 556) 205 v. 619) 620) 626)) Make a fair mosaic including Squares P.21., 22., 25., 27., 28., 31., 32., 33., 34., V.2., 3., and 4 and O.24., 30., and 36. This country has already been plotted on aero photo charts from photos. of 31-5-18. No changes to report. Note great activity as shown by tracks in P.28 and P.22.

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Ref Map. 62 D, 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 3.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 4.6.1918.

OUR FIRE. 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows, carried out further registrations during the day. 15 rds. were directed against a M.G. position at Tank in U.5.b. - one direct hit being reported. During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows, on enemy roads, approaches, centres of activity, and known enemy defences. At 9.30 p.m. 35 rds. BNC were fired on targets at V.1.b.85.65 - 80.10. and 10.60. At 2.5 a.m. Hows. and 18 pdrs. of the Right Group in reply to an S.O.S. signal observed on the front of the Right Battalion, Right Brigade, opened on their S.O.S. lines. Fire ceased at 2.20 a.m. Selected targets in P.31.d. and V.1.a. and b. were engaged by 18 pdrs. during the day - 180 rds. fired. - An enemy Listenin. Post at P.30.c.5.2. was also fired on with effect by 18 pdrs.

T. MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 10 rds. and 5 rds. on targets U.6.a.4.3. and U.6.a.5.8. respectively.

HOSTILE FIRE The enemy's artillery again showed considerable activity during the hours of darkness, fire being mainly directed against our forward areas and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. No gas shelling or counter battery work on the part of the enemy was carried out. Hostile fire during the day was light and scattered and mainly of a harassing nature from 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows.

Main features as follow :-

From 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. 110 rds. 15 cm from direction 141° T.B. (Sound) fell in T.6.b. and U.3. and again at 10.30 p.m. U.3. was shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. firing from the same direction - 70 rds. - From 8.30 to 10.30 p.m. FOUILLY was shelled by 15 cm Hows - 50 rds. - At 10.15 p.m. 40 rds harassing fire were directed against roads in O.14.a. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE. - At 11 p.m. CACHY was shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. 40 rds. and at 11.15 area N. of the village in U.2. and U.3. received attention from . Hows. of the same calibre - approximately 100 rds. - From 1.30 a.m. to 1.45 a.m. approximately 300 rds 15 cm and 10.5 cm were directed against VILLE S BRETONNEUX and area to East of the town. Other areas receiving light attention were O.11. (30 rds. 10.5 cm) O.10.a., O.3.a., O.4.c. 40 rds 10.5 cm from 112° G.B. from O.9.d.4.4. - O.9. a. and b. and O.11.b. At 9.55 a.m. a H.V. gun shelled AUBIGNY-20 rds- and at 11.30 a.m. a further 50 rds 15 cm were directed against CACHY, while O.11.a., O.21. O.22. and O.6.c. were lightly shelled at intervals during the day by 10.5 cm Hows.

INTELLIGENCE.

E.A. were active during the afternoon of 3rd. inst. At 10.40 ~~777777~~ an enemy machine dropped 8 bombs on O.31., N.36.d., and T.5.b. damage not ascertained. Hostile planes were active over our back areas during the night on bombing operations. At noon 4th. inst. one E.A. crossed our lines on the Right Group front but was immediately driven off by A.I. fire. E.A. otherwise inactive. -

ENEMY DEFENCES. Now work is being effected on trench from P.26.d.9.0. to P.26.d.9.4.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 6.30 p.m. flashes from a 77 mm battery were observed 130° Grid bearing from O.30.b.3.0.

MISCELLANEOUS. At intervals during the night an enemy searchlight was active on a bearing 90° T. from O.29.d.8.5. and at 8 p.m. a signalling lamp was observed 110 deg T.B. from O.29.c.8.5.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. There is no apparent change in the enemy's attitude. Visibility poor -improving,

Headquarters,
4.6..1918.

W. P. ...
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer 3rd. Aust. Div. Arty.

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Ref Map 62 D 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 4.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 5.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the period 18 pounders fired 100 rds. on selected targets in V.2.b. and at V.1.b.5.6., V.1.b.9.5., 85.00., 4.2., and V.1. Central. 60 rds. were directed against Cross Rd at U.6.c.75. 30 and U.6.b.7.6. while further registrations were carried out by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. during the day.

During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy's road, approaches and centres of activity, the following targets receiving special attention :- Railway Cutting in V.1.a. and M.G. at U.6.b. 9.8. - 60 rds. - tracks in U.6.b. and road junctions at U.6.b.7.6. & V.1.b.5.6. 60 rds. railway cutting in V.1.b. and selected targets in U.6. - 250 rds. - V.1.a.3.2., road junction at U.6.b.7.6., V.1.b.05 00. and U.6.b.91.20. - 180 rds. - V.6.a.80.94. and M.G. posts at U.6.a.4.3. and V.1.d.4.2. - 90. rds. while a further 700 rds were expended on enemy works opposite the ^{RICHM.} Group front during the night. At 12.10 a.m., 12.40 a.m., 1.15 a.m., 2.10 a.m., and 3 a.m. bursts of fire were directed against enemy works opposite the Left Brigade front.

During the period 4.5" Hows fired 32 rds. on houses in V.9.b. - several direct hits were obtained.

At 9.45 p.m. 50 BNC and 20 rds. BX were directed against M.G. cm- placement at V.1.b.1.7. and at 11.15 p.m. and 12 midnight 100 rds. BNC were directed against trench junctions at V.1.b.8.1. and V.2.a.45.10. At 2.40 a.m. and 3.20 a.m. 50 rds. BNC were directed against Cross Roads in MARCELCAVE, V.10.d.2.8. and V.9.d.5.3. and at 4.45 a.m. 50 rds. BNC were fired on trench system at V.1.b.88.78.

TRENCH MORTARS. NIL.ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A slight increase in hostile fire as compared with the previous 24 hours is noticeable. The bulk of the enemy's shelling occurred during the hours of darkness. No gas shelling during the period was observed. VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the western outskirts of the town were intermittently shelled by 15 cm and 10.5 cm Hows. during the night, and BLANGY TRONVILLE and railway in the vicinity also received attention.

Fire during the day was again light and scattered, and mainly directed against roads and tracks in the vicinity of our battery areas. One instance of hostile Counter Battery work was recorded, viz., at 2.45 p.m. 20 rds. 15 cm on 4.5" Howitzer Battery position at O.20. d.54.50. from the direction of WARFUSEE ABANCOURT (Probably P.35.) No damage, however, was sustained.

Main features as follow :-

From 6.15 to 6.20 p.m. the enemy put down a barrage of 15 cm, 10.5 cm, and 77 mm on our forward trenches in the neighbourhood of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. From 2.20 a.m. to 4 a.m. approximately 320 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm were directed against VILLERS BRETONNEUX and western outskirts in O.27., O.28. and O.34. - direction of fire MARCELCAVE. Other areas receiving attention during the night were U.2.b., U.3.a., 40 rds. 10.5 cm, road in O.13.c. 35 rds. 15 cm, O.15 and O.8.c. light, O.16 a. and b. 50 rds 15 cm, O.8.a. 40 rds. 15 cm, O.10.a. 40 rds. 10.5 cm, O.11.c. 50 rds. 15 cm.

During the day 70 rds. 15 cm were scattered over area O.14.a. and O.15.c. from a direction 78 deg Grid bearing from O.9.c.20.25. and at 10 a.m. 100 rds. from the direction of MARCELCAVE were directed against O.21. Central This appeared to be an observed shoot, probably carried out with balloon observation.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. No change is apparent in the attitude of the enemy.GENERAL.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft has shown more activity during the period. At 8 p.m. 3 enemy planes flew over our forward areas on the Right Group front but were driven off by anti-aircraft guns.

At 8.55 a.m. one E.A. was brought down as a result of an aerial combat and fell in the direction of U.18., and at 7.15 a.m. an aeroplane

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came down on a bearing 95 deg. True from O.21.c.39.88. This is believed to have been a hostile machine.

At 12.30 p.m. 7 enemy machines crossed our lines and passed over VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Anti-aircraft succeeded in driving off these planes.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY

At 10.15 a.m. a party of 6 men of the enemy was observed in P.23. b. Parties of 2 men were frequently seen at the same place at intervals during the day.

BALLOONS.

Grid bearings have been taken of hostile observation balloons as follows :-

From O.29.c.20.25. 09, 98, 119 deg. 30 min., 131 deg, 141 deg 30 min., 149 deg, 30 min. From O.15.a.2.4. 93.deg 30 min. From O.9.d.5.4. 90. deg. 188. deg., 133 deg., from O.15.a.60.98., 120 deg., 139 deg, 150 deg., 155 deg., 170 deg., and 164 deg 30 min.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A stationary searchlight was active at intervals during the night on a bearing 92 deg. True from O.29.d.8.1. About 11.30 a.m. a fire believed to have been caused by hostile shelling occurred in VILLERS BRETONNEUX - apparently an S.A.A. dump.

Visibility fair - low at intervals owing to haze.

Although

Lieutenant.

Reconnaissance Officer.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
5.6.1918.

Intelligence Summary No.138 from 5.30 pm. 6-6-18 to 5.30 pm. 7-6-18

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS)

PART I.

1. - OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads, approaches and centres of activity, special attention being paid to the following targets :- V.1.b.4.9., V.1.b.5.6., V.1.b.85.00., V.1.a.9.7., road junction in U.6.c., M.Gs. at U.6.b.66.98 and U.6.b.30.34., track junction U.6.b.69.45., M.G. U.6.a.61.12., road and trench junction V.1.a., and U.6.a.80.94 - 690 rounds in all being expended. A further 400 rds were directed against targets in P.26., P.27., P.31., and P.32. 18-pdrs of the Left Group fired short bursts on enemy's roads and defences at 10.10, 10.40 and 11.50 p.m. and 1.30 and 2.40 a.m. At intervals during the night 4.5 hows. fired on trench junction P.26.b.5.5., P.27.c.0.6., P.21.d.3.4 and P.22.c.2.3. Enemy movement at P.27.d.8.3 was actively engaged by 18-pdrs and a small party of the enemy - about 20 - observed on road in V.14.a. was fired on and dispersed. Further movement at V.1.a.9.4., V.1.b.9.6 and V.1.a.4.2 was fired on. At 4.45 p.m. a train was observed in W.8.a. and when fired on by our heavy artillery, moved off behind LIMOTTE. A wagon was observed in P.27.d. at 4.15 p.m. and was effectively engaged by 18-pdrs.

During the period 100 rds Gas were fired on railway cutting from V.1.b.00.70 to V.1.b.60.50: 80 rds Gas were fired on P.31.d., and P.32.central and 150 rds Gas on trench and railway junction in V.2.b., and on buildings in V.9.d. At 4.15 p.m. a large fire was started by our heavy artillery at V.10.c.10.75 and in the buildings in this vicinity. At 6.30 p.m. a direct hit was obtained on the high building - probably water-tower - west of MARCELCAVE, and at 10 p.m. 18-pdrs silenced an enemy M.G. at O.36.d.80.80.

Trench Mortars. Our M.T.Ms fired 11 rds on buildings in U.6.a. and on derelict tank at U.5.b.70.20; H.T.Ms. fired 14 rds on the same target - one direct hit was obtained and the tank turned side-on. Good registration was also obtained. At 3 p.m. L.T.Ms also fired 50 rds on this target with good results.

At 9 p.m. L.T.Ms. fired 75 rds against MONUMENT WOOD, and at 1 a.m. at the request of the O.C.French troops, in conjunction with their minor operations, 50 rds were fired on enemy's front line in rear of tank in U.5.b.

Machine Guns. Our M.Gs. were active during the night, the principal targets engaged being - crossroads P.26.c.9.4., enemy dump P.26.a.43.40., trench P.20.d.10.35., crossroads P.20.a.3.5., crossroads P.31.e.85.60., junction of trenches and tracks P.26.d.75.93., and junction of tracks P.32.central. Other targets engaged were - P.31. P.27.a., P.21.a., P.25.d., P.26.d., V.1.a.& b. and P.32.a.& c.

Lewis Guns. Our Lewis Guns were active during the night firing upon and dispersing enemy working parties.

Snipers. Snipers of the Left Brigade claim 3 hits.

Patrols. (a) Between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m. ten patrols operated on the front of the right brigade. Flares were fired from near the tank in U.5.b.70.20 and from about U.6.a.60.70. Considerable movement of working parties around the ruins at O.36.d.90.90 from 1 to 2.30 a.m. was reported - L.G. fire was directed on the spot - the parties appeared to be wiring. Much talking was also heard in this vicinity. At 2.30 am a party of 7 of the enemy was seen moving towards the railway from ruins at O.36.d.90.90; our patrol fired on this party but no hits were obtained. About 3 a.m. a small party of the enemy was seen moving towards their own lines at U.5.b.60.60. An enemy wiring party was heard at approx. P.25.d.90.80 and was fired on by L.G. A working party was also heard about the Orchard and GABLE END ruin - (work ceased on L.G. fire being directed on the spot). A strong covering party fired lights from crops west of the Orchard. Flares were below normal, but single rifle shots were frequent.

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(b). Seven patrols were out on the front of the Left Brigade during the early part of the night, covering relief. Much talking was heard at about P.25.b.7.3. The extreme south of the sector was very quiet. Little machine gun activity was reported.

Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were active over the enemy's lines during the afternoon, and after dark carried out bombing excursions. At 9 p.m. 8 of our 'planes ~~was~~ drove off two of the enemy's machines, one of which seemed to be in trouble, flying unsteadily and very low.

2. - IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy's artillery activity has again shown a slight decrease during the period. During the afternoon and evening, our front remained quiet, but towards the early hours of the morning the enemy concentrated his attention on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and the area U.4.d. and U.5.a. and c. No counter-battery work was carried out by the enemy.

The main shoots reported were:- 5.30 p.m. 50 rds 77 mm on CACHY from direction 140 deg. T.B. from U.2.b.98.10. At 11.5 p.m. 50 rds 77 mm fell in O.27 from the direction of P.30. Between 11 p.m. and 12 midnight, 60 rds 10.5 cm on VILLERS BRETONNEUX from direction of MARCELCAVE. Between 1.15 and 1.30 a.m. about 500 rds 77 mm, 10.5 and 15 cm fell in VILLERS BRETONNEUX, forward into U.36.c., U.5.a. & c., and U.4.d. from the direction of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT.- (fired in salvos of 10). Between 2.15 and 3.30 a.m. 120 rds 10.5 and 15 cm fell in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX from the direction of MARCELCAVE. At 3.15 a.m. 50 rds 77 mm and 15 cm. fell in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.

At 1 a.m. 30 rds, including a proportion of gas (nature not ascertained), fell between O.25.c.50.30 and O.25.c.50.00. At 10.45 p.m. 12 rds Yellow Cross Gas fell in O.34.a.

At 7.30 p.m. 32 rds 21 cm. fell in O.27.a. from a direction due East of that place.

5. - ENEMY ATTITUDE. No apparent change.

6. - ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. - Enemy M.Gs. were active from O.36.d.9.9., U.6.d.1.9. and P.25.d.40.40, firing along main road and S.E. across our lines. M.G. was located active from P.25.b.35.00 and M.G. was located at P.25.b.7.3.

Enemy Snipers. An enemy sniper was located at U.6.a.50.80.

Enemy Posts. There seems to be an enemy post at O.36.d.50.20. At 9 p.m. 5 men were seen at this spot and a man was seen there during the day.

Wire. New concertina wire has been erected at U.5.b.75.40. A party, apparently wiring, was seen in the vicinity of Orchard O.36.d.8.8. Work, also apparently wiring, was being carried out about P.25.d.20.98.

7. - HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft showed little activity during the day, but between 6 and 9 p.m. were more active than usual. Hostile bombing 'planes were active at about 11 p.m. dropping 3 bombs about O.25.a.central. At 11.15 p.m. 5 bombs were dropped near railway bridge O.25.c.70.50. At 9.30 a.m. 2 enemy aeroplanes patrolled our trenches at a low altitude.

8. - MOVEMENT IN & BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 6.45 p.m. a horseman went from WARFUSEE to TAILLOUX WOOD. At 6.5 p.m. wagon at P.24.a.1.1 went South. At 6.30 p.m. a train went from Q.27.a.6.8 to Q.25.d.70.35. At 7.0 p.m. train at Q.31.c.5.8 went South. At 5.25 p.m. Red Cross flag seen flying from Church Steeple at FRAMERVILLE. At 6.20 p.m. 20 men at P.30.d.5.8 moved round house, probably billets - artillery notified. At 7.25 p.m. two men walked along railway V.4.a.4.1 going towards WIENCOURT.

11. - MISCELLANEOUS. At 2.30 p.m. enemy ammunition dump blew up at P.22.c.25.30.

S. H. Jackson

Captain, G.S.

for Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

PART II & Serial Annexes attached.

PART II.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.Situation - Other Fronts.

The French Army on our right report that, with the exception of the usual harassing fire, and of what were probably registration shoots in the southern sector of the army, the day was quiet.

Sickness in the 10th Ersatz Division.

According to a captured letter, dated 26th May, and written by a man of the 370th Inf. Regt. (10th Ers. Div.), the 10th Ers. Div., which was withdrawn from line near KEMMEL about the 3rd May, was to go into line again on this front about the 19th May, but was unable to do so owing to the whole division going sick. The man goes on to say that not even the doctors knew what the disease was, which only consisted of fever.

Effect of our Air Operations.

Recently captured prisoners state that the following losses were incurred as a result of our bombing:-

HANGEST, between the 10th and 14th April. 1 officer and 30 other ranks killed, about 100 other ranks wounded. 6 horses killed.

CAIX, between the 1st and 5th May, 10 killed. 8 wagons destroyed and the railway damaged.

Note - Both these places were attacked by the R.A.F. on the dates given.

Escaped British prisoners of war.

On the night 5th/6th inst., one British prisoner of war escaped from PERONNE and two from MARCHELEPOT. From their statements it would appear that there are many German troops in the neighbourhood of the above-mentioned places.

Our incessant bombing is considerably harassing the enemy, and causing material damage.

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| 8 AEA. 113 | shows clearly trenches in P.21.b.c. & d. Dugout at P.21.c.7.5. |
| 114 | Series of shell-holes, probably organised as living quarters, about P.29.a. |
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 4 p.m. 6.6.1918. to 4 p.m. 7.6.1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads, approaches and centres of activity, the following targets receiving special attention :- V.1.b.9.4., V.1.b.5.6., 85.00., V.1.a.9.7., road junction U.6.c., M.Gs. U.6.b.9.8. and 30.34., track junction U.6.b.6945., M.G. at U.6.a.61.12., road and trench junction in V.1.a. and U.6.a.80.94. - 690 rounds expended.

In addition to the above 400 rds. were directed against selected targets in P.26., 27.; 31.; and 32 while 18 pdrs. of the Left Group fired short bursts on enemy's roads and defences at 10.10, 10.40., 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 and 2.40 a.m. At intervals during the night 4.5" Hows. fired on trench junction at P.26.b.5.5., P.27.c.0.6., P.21.d.8.4. and P.22.c.2.3. 100 rds. BNC were fired on railway cutting from V.1.b.00.70. to 60.50. 80 rds. BNC on P.31.d. and P.32.Central and 150 rds. BNC on trench and railway junction in V.2.b. and buildings in V.9.d.

During the period enemy movement at P.27.d.8.3. was effectively engaged by 18 pdrs and a small party of the enemy (10 men) observed along road in V.14.a. was fired on and dispersed while a further 37 rds. were expended on enemy movement at the following points :- V.1.a.9.4., V.1.b.5.6., V.1.b.85.00., and V.1.a.4.2.

TRENCH MORTARS. M.T.Ms. fired 11 rds. on buildings in U.6.a. and 5 rds. on derelict tank at U.5.b.65.15.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A further slight decrease in hostile artillery fire is reported, this was particularly noticeable during the afternoon and evening of the 6th inst when our front remained quiet. No gas shelling and no counter battery work were carried out by the enemy. Main features were as follow :- At 5.30 p.m. CACHY was lightly shelled by 77 mm guns from a direction 140 deg T.B. from U.2.b.98.10. - approximately 50 rds. - From 10.35 to 10.45 p.m. our front line and support trenches on the Right Brigade front were subjected to heavy shelling by 77 mm guns - approximately 500 rds. - are reported to have fallen during this shoot. At intervals during the night 0.20. and 0.21. were shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. - 200 rds. Other areas receiving attention were VILLERS BRETONNEUX, 0.35.c and d., 0.27.a., (50 rds. 15 cm) U.2.d., U.3.c., 0.16.a., 0.34. and 0.10.c. Fire, however, was light and scattered mainly from 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns. During the day BOIS L'ABBE was lightly shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. while CACHY received customary attention from 77 mm guns. At 9.45 a.m. 20 rds. 10.5 cm fell in 0.20.a. and b. and a few rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm and 77 mm were scattered over area 0.9. a. and b., 0.10.d., 0.20.b. and c., 0.11.b. and 0.15.a. The bulk of the enemy's fire appears to have come from BERTHE and HANGARD WOODS and WARFUSEE ABANCOURT.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

With the exception of a slight decrease in the enemy's artillery activity particularly during the afternoon and early part of the evening, no change in the attitude of the enemy is apparent.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 7.10 p.m. an A.A. battery was observed in action on a bearing 141 deg true from 0.29.d.9.2.. At .8 p.m. a flash from a H.V. gun was observed 105 deg T.B. from 0.29.d.85.10. Time from flash to report of gun 16 seconds. C.B.S.O. was informed immediately. At 5.30 p.m. flashes of hostile guns were observed 84 deg Grid Bearing from 0.24.b.8.3. - area shelled 0.27. - no. of rds. 30 - calibre 15 cm.

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GENERAL.
AIRCRAFT.

Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. enemy aircraft were more active than usual. At 7.30 p.m. 2 E.A. crossed our lines at a high altitude. These were driven off by A.A. fire. At 8.30 p.m. an enemy plane flew low over our lines in the vicinity of VILLIERS BRETONNEUX but was driven off by two of our machines. Hostile bombing planes were active about 11 p.m. and 3 bombs were dropped about O.25.a. Central. At 9.30 .m. two enemy planes patrolled out trenches at a low altitude.

BALLOONS.

Enemy observation balloons were up at 125 and 134 deg. Grid bearing from O.24.b.8.3.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Individual movement was observed during the afternoon in V.14.a. At 4.45 p.m. a train was observed in W.8.a., and when fired on by our Heavy Artillery moved off behind LA MOTTE. At 4.15 p.m. a wagon was observed in P.27.d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 4.15 p.m. a large fire was started by our heavy artillery at V.10.c.10.75. and in buildings in this vicinity.

visibility good.

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Headquarters, 7.6.1918. Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

At the expiration of a slight decrease in the enemy's activity particularly during the afternoon and early part of the evening, no change in the attitude of the enemy is apparent.

ENEMY BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 7.10 p.m. an A.A. battery was observed in action on a bearing of 141 deg true from O.25.b.9.2. At 8 p.m. a flash from a R.V. gun was observed 100 deg 100 deg from O.25.b.9.2. The flash was observed 10 seconds. At 8.30 p.m. flashes of hostile guns were observed 84 deg Grid bearing from O.24.b.8.3. - was shelled O.25. - no. of the 30 calibre 18 cm.

RIGHT ARTILLERY SUB-GROUP

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INSTRUCTION No.2.

Issued by Lieut.Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O. Commanding.

7th. June, 1918.

Reference 4th. Aust. D.A. DEFENCE SCHEME, Page 9, Sec. 6.

2. The RIGHT GROUP ZONE for the above purpose is bounded as follows:

On the South by an E. and W. Line through V.I.Cort.
On the North by an E. and W. Line through P.25.d.O.O.

3. This Zone is divided equally into three Lanes from SOUTH to NORTH and numbered 1, 2, and 3.

4. 7th. Aust. F.A. Brigade has been allotted Lane 1 and Southern half of Lane 2, and 8th. Aust. F.A. Brigade the Northern half of Lane 2 and Lane 3.

Batteries of 8th. F.A. Brigade are allotted Lanes as follows:-

- 29th. Bty. - E. & W Lines thro' P.31.c.O.5. and P.31.a.O.O.
- 30th. " - do. P.31.a.O.O. " P.31.a.O.5.
- 31st. " - do. P.31.a.O.5. " P.25.c.O.O.
- 108th. " - Two (2) Hows. on each 18-Pdr. Battery Line

These lanes are for C.P. only and will not affect Battery Sectors for S.O.S. and Harrassing Fire.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Griffith

LIEUTENANT.,
ADJUTANT, Right Artillery Sub-Group.

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INSTRUCTION No.4.

Issued by Lieut. Col. W. G. Allsop, D.S.O., Cmdg.

10th. June, 1918.

1. Previous instructions and targets for harassing are cancelled and the following instruction and sketch substituted.

2. Batteries are allotted areas as per attached sketch, and as follows:-

31st. Battery - 1, 2, 3, 4.
30th. do. - 5, 6, 7, 8.
29 ~~31st.~~ do. - 9, 10, 11, 12.
108th. do. - 1 to 12.

3. No fire to be placed closer than 100 yds. East of S.O.S. line. Time table and tasks will be sent out nightly and batteries will search and sweep the areas allotted to them, dividing the allotment of ammunition equally amongst the targets, paying particular attention to known spots.

4. The allotment for harassing is 300 rounds, 2/3rds. of which must be fired at night, and remaining 1/3rd. thro' the day. This ammunition must be fired.

Acknowledge by wire.

L. Griffith

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Right Arty. Sub-Group.

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Reference RIGHT ARTILLERY SUB-GROUP INSTRUCTION No.4,
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Para 2, for " 31st. Battery - 9, 10, 11, 12."

read " 29th. Battery - 9, 10, 11, 12."

L. Griffith

LIEUTENANT..

Adjutant., Right Artillery Sub-Group.

10-6-1918.