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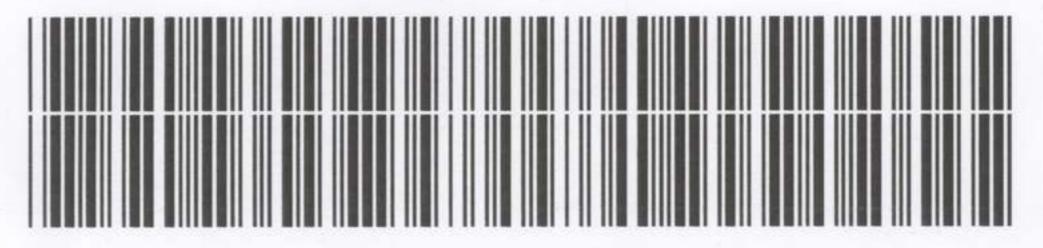
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lst J	1916.	General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.
	To.	Action taken.
		Forwarding map showing proposed new area for one French Division, N. of ABBEVILLE.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
		Additional allotment of 4.5" howitzer ammunition approved.
		Additional allotment of 60 pounder, 6" howitzer, 8" howitzer, and 9.2" howitzer, ammunition approved.
	Third Army.  Fourth Army.  Branches con-  corned.  (0.A.945).	Two French 220 m.m. mortar batteries will be transferred from Third to Fourth Army. French Authorities have arranged that these two batteries shall be placed under the orders of XIII Corps, instead of, as previously arranged, under the orders of the French.
	First Army. Fourth Army. Branches con- cerned. (0:A:944).	Orders issued for the transfer of 8th and 29th Siege Batteries, and two 15" howitzers from First to Fourth Army.
	Third Army. Fourth Army. Branches con- cerned. (0.4.947).	S5th Siege Battery to be transferred from Third to Fourth Army.
11-5 0.5.	Second Army. (0.A. 954).	Artillery of 3rd Division placed at the disposal of Army at once. Remaining troops of 3rd Division should not be called upon until all reserves of Canadian A.C. have been employed.

3rd Ju	ine, 1916.		Coneral Staff (Operation	ons), G.H.Q.
Time.	To.		Action taken.	
0-30 a.m.	Second & Fourth Armies, Branches . concerned. (0.A.956)	Three Batteries 6" Howitzers from Fourth to Second Army.	, 26 cwt., tractor drawn, to be transferred	
	First & Second Armies, Branches concerned. (0.A.957)	One Battery 12" Howitzers at transferred at once from First	to Second Army.	to be
-55 p.m.	First, Second, Third & Fourth Armies, Q., A.A. (O.A.N.4/13)	Pending receipt of further governed by the scale issued of	instructions, expenditure of gun ammunition the 6th May.	should be
-15 p.m.	Secretary, War Office, (0.A.961)	Reports on trials of airshive will now be sent out.	being favourable it is hoped that ship and	personne
-45 p.m.	First, Second Third & Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Troops, I.G.C. Branches concerned. (0.B.927)	Revised list of centres at to assisting in the protection (with map).	which infantry detachments will be stationed of important bridges against hostile attack	with a vis.

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	Second and Fourth Armies, Brenches concerned. (0.A. 962).	

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No. 5 Battalion, Special Brigade, R.E., less No. 2 Company, will move by rail on the 7th June, to join Fourth Army. No. 2 Company will join Third Army.

(0.A.979) 4-30 p.m. First & Third HESDIN will be transferred from Armies. Change of personnel of Anti-aircra concerned. (0.A.972) 5-15 p.m. Second & Fourth The Pioneer Battalien and Divis Armies., Q. on the 8th June to join Fourth Arm (0.A.980)	Action taken.  DACURS on 16th June, approved.  First to Third Army zone for the purpose of inter- it artillery.  Longl Engineers of the 17th Division will move by re-
(C.A.979) 4-30 p.m. First & Third HESDIN will be transferred from Armies. Change of personnel of Anti-aircra concerned. (C.A.972) 5-15 p.m. Second & Fourth The Pioneer Battalian and Divise Armies., C. on the 8th June to join Fourth Arm (C.A.980)	
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Second, Fourth The Pioneer Battelion, 9th Divi & First Armies, from Second to Fourth Army, XIII C Q. (0.A.981)	
	situation by the Inspector of Mines forwarded. attacks over-ground in localities in which the
Armies, Branches concerned. (0.A.975)  Artillery of the 17th Division by rail.	vill move from Second to Fourth Army by road and no

		Action taken.
Time.	To.	
11-20 a.m.	Q.M.G. (O.A. 985).	17th Ammunition Sub Park placed at the disposal of Fourth Army and will move to area of that Army as soon as possible.
18:40 p.m.	Q.M.G. (O.A.N.4/17).	One thousand rounds 4.5" lachrymatory shell will be issued to Third Army on demand, any time after the 15th instant. The remainder and new income up to a total of 14,000 rounds should be made available for Fourth Army. Allotment of subsequent income will be made when received.
2-30 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth Armies. R.F.C. (0.A.982.)	Three Kite Balloon Sections will be held in readiness for employment on Fourth Army front. Selected personnel will begin at once to learn the country on the Fourth Army front, under arrangements made between Armies and Headquarters, R.F.C.
	G.H.Q.Troops. Second Army. Branches con- cerned. (0.A.986).	One battalion, less one company, Special Brigade, R.E., will move by road on the 9th June to HAZEBROUCK, where it will come under the orders of Second Army.
	G.H.Q.Troops. Fourth Army. Branches con- cerned. (0.A.987).	One battalion, and one battalion, less one company, Special Brigade, R.E., will move by rail, on the 8th/9th June, to Fourth Army area where they will come under the orders of Fourth Army.
7-45 p.m.	First, Third Armies. Branches con- cerned. (0.A.989).	38th Division will be transferred temporarily from First to Third Army on the 18th June. It will commence training at MONCHY and will be held in G.H.Q. Reserve from that date.
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8th Jun	10,	General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.
Time.	To.	Action taken.
11-0 a.m.		Issue of 300 Red Star cylinders to Second Army for use on Canadian Corps front approved.
1-30 p.m.		G.O.C., R.F.C., to attend Conference with representatives of Belgian Aviation Service and R.N.A.S. to settle details as regards:-  (1) Areas and limits in which each is to operate,  (2) Reconnaissance work,  (3) Bombing expeditions,  (3) will be subject to approval of the Cin-C.
		Forwarding copy of C.A.992 to R.F.C.
	French Mission. (0.A.333/F.65.)	Asking for plans on 1/2,500 scale for whole of CALAIS, BOULOGNE, MONTREUIL defences which have been erected or designed by the French.
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	June, 1916.	General Staff (Operations), G.H.
Time.	To.	Action taken.
	British Mission with Belgian Army. Copies all concerned. (0.A. 998).	Mission will carry out all liaison duties and will be the channel of communication between the Second Army and its formations and all French and Belgian Forces in the zone North of Second Army area. The British liaison officer with the XXXVI French Corps will be withdrawn on the 10th June.
-10 p.m.	First Army. Copies all concerned. (0.A. 3.).	Six 18-pdr and two 4.5" How. Batteries of 38th Div., on arrival in Third Army area will relieve similar units of the 25th Div. at present in action with XVII Corps. Remaining batteries of 38th Div. are left temporarily at the disposal of First Army but will move so as to reach MONCHY by the evening of 18th June.
	Third Army. Copies all concerned. (0.A. 4.).	25th Div. on completion of training at MONCHY on 15th June, will be held ready to march to ST. RIQUIER for further period of training.
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Time.	To.	Action taken.
		after June 15th preference in Maue of steal shelters will be made in favour of second Army, up to 90% of all income.
1-9 p.m.	G.A.Q.Troops. Third Army. Branches con- carned. (0.4:12).	
	First Army. Fourth Branches con- corned. (0.4.16).	One field company, 18th Divinion, will move by roll on the 18th lostant from First
	Fourth " Dranches con- cerned. (9.A.17).	One field company, 25th Division, will move by road on the 16th instant from Third Army to Fourth Army.
6-15 p.m.		oth Division will be transferred from Second Army, IT Corps, to Fourth Army, XIII Corps by rail, on the 18th June. The Divisional Artillery (less Divisional Ammunition Column will move by road.
	Third Army.	Arrangements to be made for the establishment of a meteorological observation states, or near, AVESNUS-le-COMTE.

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1916.	General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.
	Action taken.
	Reference O.A.16 of 10th June (move of one field company, 12th Division). For one field company substitute two field companies.
	Asking that an additional allotment of 800 rounds for 120 m.m. long and 120 m.m. court guns, now with First Army, may be provided.

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		General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.
Time.	To.	Action taken.
7-25 р.ш.		Reference C.A. 28 of 12th (move of 12th Division) 2 - inch Trench Werter Batteries should entrain first.
		Che twelve inch Hawitzer on reilway mounting and one 9.2 inch gun on railway mounting will be transferred from Second Army to This will be transferred from Second Army to This
	Second Army. Fourth Army. Branches con- corned. (0.A.35).	
	First Army. G.H.Q. Troops. Special Brigado. Q., D. of Rlys. (0.A. 56).	One battalion, Special Brigade, loss one company, will move by rail from G.H.C. Tro. to First Army on the 14th instant.
11-55 p.m.	zin-C. (O.A. 37).	To issue 257 of reserve of rails and joints to Fourth Army and 50% to Second Army, on demand.

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13th J	June, 1916.	General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.
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11-20 a.m.	Second Army. Fourth Army. Branches con- cerned. (0.A. 39).	51st, 71st and 72nd Siege Balteries (8" Hows.) will move by rail from Second to Fourt Army on the 16th instant.
	Second Army. Fourth Army. Branches con- cerned. (0.A. 40).	47th Siege Battery (8" Hows.) will move by rail from Second to Fourth Army on the 15th instant.
	First, Third, Founth Armies. Q., A.A. (0.A. 44).	Three Batteries of 2" trench morters of 23rd and 38th Divisions will move by bus and lorry to Fourth Army by 15th instant.
7-10 p.m.	French Mission. Q. (0.A. 45).	Details of temporary transfer of field guns between British and French Armies (six batteries of 18-pdrs. and fifteen batteries of 75 m.m. guns).

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
		Move of 19th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, from Fourth to Second Army to be delayed four days.
		Forwarding copy of O.A. 45, dated 13th June, addressed to French Mission, regarding the temporary transfer of field guns between British and French Armies.
		Instructions regarding the move of 113th Brigade, R.F.A. (25th Division) on 15th J which will shortly be placed at the disposal of the French, and then temporarily taken the strength of the 25th Division.

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15th.	June, 1916.	General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.
Time.	To.	Action taken.
S p.m.	First, Second, Third & Fourth Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 56)	Forecasts issued by Metsorological Section to Armies will be repeated by Armies to Headquarters of Battalions of Special Brigade. The which are allotted to them.
		Asking that a special allotment of 12,000 m/m., long, and 4,000 rounds 220 m/m., may be made to the French guns now in a tion on Third Army front.
		23rd Division will be held in G.H.O. Reserve, at 24 hours notice, from midnight 16th/17th June.
9 n.m.	French Mission Belgian " EIn-C. (C.A.333/H.130)	Proposal for a Committee of three officers, one French, one Belgian, and one British, to examine question of inundation of area to the North of the British zone.
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Time.	To.	Action taken.
		Following French Field Artillery (75 m.m. guns) is being railed to Fourth Army area 1 group, 20th Regiment  1 " 57th " 1 " 9th " 1 " 37th " 1 " 13th " (a Tracteurs) to arrive at POIX on 17th June.
		Area south and west of the LA BRESLE River placed temporarily at disposal of Fourth Army for billeting of 2nd Indian Cavalry Division (Amendment to Billeting Area Wap issue with O.A. 991 dated 8th June).
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	STOCHD ADMY.	Pointing out that ammunition expenditure is still very considerably above normal.  It is hoped that rate of expenditure can now be reduced, and, in the case of 4.7"  admunition, to the minimum amount possible.

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		Instructions regarding the employment of the Char randisqued.

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24th June, 1916.		General Staff (Operations), G.H.	
	To.	Action taken.	

	1916.	General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.
Time.	To.	Action taken.
2-30 p.m.	Fourth Army. Reserve Army. Second Army. Q., Ein-C. (0.A.96).	One half 216th Army Troops Co., R.E., will move by rail from Fourth Army. Reserv Army to Second Army on the 27th instant.
-35 p.m.	Second, Third, Fourth Armies. II Army Corps. (0.A.99).	Commanders and Staffs of 3rd, 23rd and 38th Divisions will study the ground on Fou Army front as early as possible.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
9-50 p.m.	French Mission, Q. (0.A.105).	Asking for a supply of 2,000 rounds "single charges" of 220.2/m. mortar ammunition in exchange for 2,000 rounds "double charges".
11-10 p.m. 11-15 p.m.	Adv. First Army, Second, Third & Fourth Armies. II Corps (0.A.104). Adv. First Army, Third Army, Q.	regarding the use by the enemy of British words of command etc.
	(0.A.106).	

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	June, 1916.	General Staff (Operations), G.F.
Time.	To.	Action taken.
		French authorities have arranged to send 2,000 "single charge" rounds of 220 hm. no ammunition to SAVY - BERLETTE.

29th June, 1916.		General Staff (Operations), G.H.
Time.	To.	Action taken.
1-0 p.m.	Adv. First Army. Second Army. Third Army. Fourth Army. II Corps. (C.A.116).	Summary of raids carried out by us from night 24/25th June, for distribution to Corps and Divisions.
idnight.	Adv. First Army. Second Army. Third Army. Fourth Army. Reserve Army. II Corps. I., A. (0.A.115).	

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
10-30 a.m.	All concerned. (0.A.117/1).	Summary of operations night 29th/30th June for information.
3-30 p.m.	D.G.S. Special Brigade. Adv. Q. (O.A.119).	Policy as regards the use of White Star gas.
7-30 p.m.	Adv. First Army. Second Army. Third Army. Fourth Army. II Corps. (0.A.116/2).	Summary of raids carried out by us 20/80th June.
8-45 p.m.	Ein-C. (0.A.118).	Considerations in regard to future policy in connection with strengthening and maintenance of our defensive works during the coming Autumn and Winter.
10-0 p.m.	All concerned. (0.A.117/2).	Summary of operations 30th June for information.
11-0 p.m.	Second Army. Fourth Army. II Corps. Q.M.G.	3rd Division will concentrate in area south-west of DOULLENS. Movement will take place by rail, commencing at 10-0 a.m., 1st July.

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