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MARINE CORPS SCHOOLS
M. B., Quantico, Va.

March 20, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION

DATE: March 20, 1918.
LOCATION: Sectors Toulon, Rupt and Troyon occupied by French 10th Army Corps, with Division Headquarters at Sommedieue.
HEALTH: (DEATHS: None.
SICK IN HOSPITAL: 19 officers, 653 men.
AMMUNITION ON HAND: Cal. 30: 220 rounds per rifle with troops and an additional 544,800 rounds received per automatic supply.
Cal. 45: 42 rounds per pistol with troops and 164,000 rounds received per automatic supply.
Stokes Mortar: 70 rounds per gun
VB Grenades: 20,000.
CF Grenades: 50,000.
Fl Grenades: 38,400.
OF Grenades: 19,200.
Hotchkiss MG: Not known.
Chauchat Aut. Rifle: Not known.
37 m/m: Not known.
Artillery: None.
2 days' reserve, 1 days' field
RATIONS ON HAND:
FORAGE ON HAND: 2 days'
STRENGTH OF COMMAND IN FRONT LINE TRAINING AREA: (801 officers, 19506 enlisted men.
AVAILABLE FOR DUTY IN FRONT LINE TRAINING AREA: (801 officers, 19506 enlisted men.
WEATHER: Rain and cloudy.
ROADS: Good.
CAMP: Billets fair.
REMARKS: The 2d Field Artillery Brigade is arriving by battery every four hours, by rail.
DEPARTURE OF TROOPS: None.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell.
Major, Adjutant General
A D J U T A N T
(Sgd) G.A.H.
G3, 2nd Div. AEF

March 21, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., March 21, 1918.

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March 21, 1918.

Telephonic Report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., March 20th to 8:45 A.M., March 21st, 1918.

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- (a) Weather - rain, cloudy and foggy.
 - (b) No unusual activity, except a slight increase in enemy artillery fire against Riga sector, occupied by 1st Bn. of 23rd Inf.
 - (c) Casualties - None.
 - (d) Artillery activity on both sides, normal.
 - (e) Airplane activity, none. Visibility poor.
- Balloons - 2 German balloons sighted.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE DAY: Quiet and very normal.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst.
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Inf.
G. 3.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., March 21, 1918.

Special report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
correcting report of March 20, relative to attempted enemy
raid against 1st Bn., 23rd Inf. in the RIGA center of Resist-
ance.

On the evening of March 18, 1918, 2 Bn snipers of the
1st Bn, 23rd Inf. were out in front of line in an old abandoned
trench bldg, a sniping post. At 7:40 P.M. they observed 3
Germans working in the wire to their front and immediately
notified the sector Commander, who prepared to open fire with
an automatic rifle. Before he could bring it into action the
Germans who had increased to about 30 in number opened fire.
Both sides called for barrage. The German fire lasted from
about 7:45 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

The casualties were:

Co. "A"

1 Private killed. Decorated with the Croix de Guerre.
3 others slightly wounded.

Co. "B"

1 wounded.

Co. "C"

1 Private died of wounds on March 19th.
6 others wounded.

The enemy did not penetrate our lines. The conduct of
the troops was excellent. Their morale is high and has been
increased by this small action.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G. 3.

March 21, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION.

Date: March 21, 1918.
Location: Sectors TOULON, RUPT, and TROYON occupied by French 10th Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at Sommedieu.
Health: Deaths - None.
Sick in hospital - 24 officers, 720 men.
Ammunition on hand: No change since March 20th.
Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 1 days field with troops and 2 days reserve in Supply Tn.
Forage on hand: 2 days.
Strength of Command in present area: } 876 officers, 20,734 men.
Available for duty in present area: } 876 officers, 20,724 men.
Weather: Clear.
Roads: Good.
Camps: Billets fair.
Remarks: 17th and 15th Field Artillery have arrived; a battery is arriving every four hours.
Departure of troops: None.

Attested:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Beasell.
Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant.
(Sgd) G. A. H.
G 3, 2nd Div. A.E.F.
G. A. H.
Rec'd 3/23/18
O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

March 22, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., March 22, 1918.

Telephone report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lieut. Colonel W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 AM March 21, to 8:45 AM March 22, 1918.
(a) Weather - clear, misty during the early part of the day.
(b) No unusual activity.
(c) Casualties - none.
(d) Intermittent machine gun and artillery fire along various parts of the front. In the northern or TOULON sector the enemy artillery fire was greatly increased. About 25/77 gas shells were thrown on the area occupied by a battalion of the 6th Marines, but without any serious inconvenience to our troops.
(e) Airplane activity - none.
Balloon activity - none.
GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE DAY:
Quiet, except in TOULON sector where artillery activity was considerably increased.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry.
G 3.

March 23, 1918.
Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 23 March, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. March 22, to 8:45 A.M., March 23, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair.
 - (b) Activity: Normal. Enemy m. guns active against one of our battalions. Our patrols active but no enemy encountered.
 - (c) Casualties: None.
 - (d) Artillery activity slightly increased against Mont-sous-les-Cotes. Twenty gas shells received.
 - (e) Airplane activity normal. Visibility fair.
- General Information: Paper balloons with copies of German propaganda, The Zeitung Gazette, sent over MONT-sous-les-COTES.

General impression of the day: Quiet and normal.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G. 3.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: March 23, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON, RUPT and TROYON, occupied by the
Xth French Army Corps, with the 2nd Division at
SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths - None.

Absent sick from present area: 25 Officers, 696 men.

Sick in hospital in present area: 3 Officers, 37 men.

Ammunition on hand: No change since March 20th.

Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 1 day field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of Command present and absent: 1050 Officers, 22095 men.

Strength of Command in present area: 1025 Officers, 21399 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1022 Officers, 21,362 men.

Weather: Clear.

Roads: Good.

Camps: Billets Good.

Remarks: Arrival of 2nd Field Artillery Brigade completed.

Departure of Troops: None.

Attested:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell,

Major, Adjutant General

Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

G. 3. 2nd Div. A.E.F.

G. A. H.

March 24, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 24 March, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., March 23 to 8:45 A.M., March 24, 1918.

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March 24, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair.
 - (b) Enemy activity: Normal. Intermittent M. Gun fire on some points occupied by American Troops.
 - (c) Enemy artillery: Normal. Intermittent bursts of from 3 to 5 rounds of 77s and 105s throughout the day on positions held by American troops.
 - (d) Casualties: None.
 - (e) Enemy Aeroplane activity: Normal. 3 planes fired with M. Guns during night on some trenches held by American troops.
- Balloon activity: Normal.
Visibility: Good.

General Impression of the day: Normal activity.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst.
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry.
G. 3.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: March 24, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON, RUPT and TROYON, occupied by the Xth French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths-(Lt. Taylor, 9" Inf. killed on patrol duty)-1 Officer.
Absent sick from present area-----25 Officers, 696 men.
Sick in hospital in present area-- 3 " 39 "

Ammunition on hand: No change since March 20th.

Rations on hand: 3 days reserve with troops.

2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1289 Officers, 25421 men.

Strength of command in present area.....: 1045 " 22209 "

Available for duty in present area.....: 1042 " 22170 "

Weather: Clear and fine.

Roads: Good.

Camps: Billeets good.

Remarks: None..

(Sgd) G. A. H.

G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Major, Adjutant General, Adjutant.

G.3.

March 25, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,

France, 9:00 a.m., 25, March, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt-Col. W.S.

Grant, for period 8:45 a.m., March 24 to 8:45 a.m., March 25, 1918;

- (a) Weather: Fair.
(b) Enemy Activity: Normal.
(c) Enemy Artillery: Normal.
(d) Casualties: None.
(e) Enemy aeroplane Activity: Considerably increased, enemy planes almost constantly in sight during day. Enemy balloons in sight all day.

Visibility: Good.

General Impression of the Day: Increased aeronautical activity.

(Sgd) G.A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

MAJOR OF INFANTRY,

G.3.

WAR DIARY SECOND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: March 25, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON, RUPT and TROYON, occupied by Xth French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at Sommedieue.

Health: (Deaths) None.

(Absent sick from present area: 25 Officers, 696 men.
(Sick in hospital in present area: 3 Officers, 37 men

Ammunition on hand: (Received since March 20, 1918.

(Cal. 30 - - - - - 112,800 rounds.

(Cal.	45	- - - - -	164,000	"
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(Stokes 1,800 "

Grenades V.B.	1,100
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" F.I. 1,600

11 O.H. 800

(Detonators for)

{ F.I. & O.F. } - - - - 2,400

(56,800 were received about March 20th and not previously reported.)

Rations on hand: (3 days reserve with troops.

(2 days reserve with supply train.

Forage on hand: (2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1247 Officers,
24,477 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1054 Officers, 23,641 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1051 Officers, 23,604 men.

Weather: Clear and fair.

Roads: Good.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

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(Sgd) Madison Pearson

Captain, Infantry.

Asst. Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

G.3. 2nd Div., A.E.F.,

G. A. H.

March 26, 1918.
Headquarters, Second Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 a.m., 26 March, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt-Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 a.m., March 25 to 8:45 a.m., March 26, 1918.

(a) Weather: Fair.
(b) Enemy Activity: Normal. Intermittent sniping and machine gun fire along various parts of the front.
(c) Enemy Artillery: Normal. Decrease in the northern sector, increase in the center sector opposite sector held by our troops.
(d) Casualties: None.
(e) Enemy aeroplane activity increased. Enemy balloon service very active. Visibility: Fair.
General impression of the Day: Quiet.

(Sgd) G.A. Herbst
G.A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G.3.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: March 26, 1918.
Location: Sectors TOULON RUPT and TROYON, occupied by the Xth French Corps with 2nd Division. Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths-----No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area----23 Officers, 696 men.
Sick in hospital in present area-- 3 Officers, 39 men.

Ammunition on hand: No change since March 25, 1918.
Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present & absent: 1236 Officers, 24,412 men.
Strength of command in present area: 1061 Officers, 22,777 men.
Available for duty in present area: 1058 Officers, 22,738 men.

Weather: Fair; numerous clouds in afternoon.
Roads: Good.
Camps: Billets Good.
Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G.3. 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

G-3

March 27, 1918.
Headquarters Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 AM 27 March, '18.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lieut. Colonel W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 AM, March 26, to 8:45 AM March 27, 1918.

(a) Weather: fair, numerous clouds in afternoon.
(b) Enemy activity: normal. Intermittent sniping and machine gun fire.
(c) Enemy artillery: Normal.
(d) Casualties: none.
(e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: normal.
Visibility: fair.

GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE DAY:
Generally quiet. Increased traffic on railroads in plains of the WOEVRE. Possible relief of a German Division.

(Sgd) G.A. Herbst
G.A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry.
G-3.

March 27, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION
American Expeditionary Forces.

Received
O.S.G.S.

Date: March 27, 1918.

Location: Sectors, TOULON, RUPT, and TROYON, occupied by the
Xth French Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at
SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths - - - - - None.

Absent sick from present area - 23 Officers, 798 men.

Sick in hospital in present area - 3 Officers, 39 men.

Ammunition on hand: No change since March 25, 1918.

Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1201 officers,
24,410 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1026 officers, 22,561 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1023 officers, 22,522 men.

Weather: Fair, slight haze.

Roads: good. Attested:

Camps: billets good. (Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Remarks: none. Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G-3, 2nd Div. A.E.F.
G. A. H.

G-3

March 28, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 28 March, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt-Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., March 27 to 8:45 A.M., March 28, 1918.

(a) Weather: Fair with slight haze.

(b) Enemy Activity: Normal.

(c) Enemy Artillery Activity: Normal.

(d) Casualties: None.

(e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal.

Visibility: Fair.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G. 3.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION

Lt. Thornton. American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: March 28, 1918.

Location: Sectors, TOULON, RUPT and TROYON, occupied by the 10th
French Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths - - - - - None.

Absent sick from present area: 23 Officers, 798 men.

Sick in hospital in present area: 3 " 49 "

Ammunition on hand: 432,000 Cal. 30 rifle received since
March 25, 1918.

Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1238 Officers, 24891 men.

Strength of command in present area.....: 1022 " 22400 "

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March 28, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION
American Expeditionary Forces.

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Available for duty in present area: 1019 officers, 22,351 men.
Weather: fair.

Camps: billets good.

Remarks: Division headquarters shelled intermittently by long range gun fire from 1:00 P.M. to about 5:00 P.M.

Attested:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G-3, 2nd Div. A.E.F.
G. A. H.

Rec'd 4/2/18
O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

March 29, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., 29 March, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lieut. Col. W.S. Grant for period 8:45 A.M., March 28 to 8:45 A.M., March 29, 1918.

(a) Weather: fair, slightly overcast part of day.

(b) Enemy activity: Normal. Intermittent rifle and machine gun fire on various parts of the front.

(c) Enemy artillery activity: Normal. Intermittent fire including gas shells and minen throughout the day. Division Headquarters subjected to intermittent long range gun fire between 1:00 and 5:00 P.M.

(d) Casualties: 1 man overcome by gas.

(e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal. Visibility good.
General Impression of the Day: Calm and Normal.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G-3.

Lt. Thornton.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: March 29, 1918.

Location: Sectors, TOULON, RUPT and TROYON, occupied by the 10th French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths - - - - - None.

Absent sick from present area - - 23 officers, 799 men.

Sick in hospital in present area - 3 officers, 61 men.

Ammunition on hand: No change since March 28, 1918.

Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1270 officers.
25,383

Strength of command in present area: 1080 officers, 22,955

Available for duty in present area: 1077 officers, 22,894

Weather: Rain. Attested:

Camps: billets good.

Remarks: none.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant,

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G-3, 2nd Div. A.E.F.
G.A.H.

Rec'd 4/2/18.
O.S.G.S. 1st Corps

March 30, 1918.
Headquarters Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., 30 March, 1918.
Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lieut. Colonel W.S.
Grant for period 8:45 A.M. March 29 to 8:45 A.M. March 30, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Rain.
- (b) Enemy activity: Normal. Intermittent machine gun fire at a number of points.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
- (d) Casualties: None.
- (e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below normal.

Visibility: poor.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

Excessive railroad activity in the St. Michiel salient.
Probable movement of troops to the North.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G-3.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION
American Expeditionary Forces.

Received
O.S.G.S.

Date: March 30, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON, RUPT and TROYON, occupied by the 10th
French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at
SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths - - - - - None.

Absent sick from present area: - 23 officers, 798 men.

Sick in hospital in present area - 3 officers, 63 men.

Ammunition on hand: No change since March 28, 1918.

Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1271 officers,
25,423 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1040 officers, 22,935 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1037 " 22,872 "

Weather: Rain.

Camps: billets good.

Remarks: None.

Attested:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G-3. 2nd Div. A.E.F.
G. A. H.

March 31, 1918.
Headquarters Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., 31 March, 1918.
Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lieut. Colonel W.S.
Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. March 30 to 8:45 A.M., March 31, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Rain.
- (b) Enemy activity: Normal. Intermittent machine gun fire.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: Normal. Intermittent fire in different parts of sector and ranging and harassing fire in vicinity of our batteries.
- (d) Casualties: None.
- (e) Enemy aeroplane activity: None. Balloon activity below normal. Visibility poor.

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March 31, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lieut. Colonel W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. March 30 to 8:45 A.M. March 31, 1918: (Cont'd from last page)

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Unfavorable weather conditions prevented definite observation of enemy railroad activity.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G-3.

April 1, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 1 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. March 31, to 8:45 A.M., April 1, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Rain in forenoon; partly clear in afternoon.
- (b) Enemy activity: Normal. Intermittent machine gun and rifle fire. At midnight March 30-31 the Germans made a raid killing 3 and capturing 16 French.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: Normal. Incident to above German raid a sector held by an American battalion was heavily shelled.
- (d) Casualties: None.
- (e) Enemy aeroplane and Balloon activity: Below normal. Visibility poor throughout greater part of day.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

(Sgd) G.A. Herbst
G.A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G. 3.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2nd DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Thornton.

Date: April 1, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths -----No officers, 5 men.
Absent sick from present area---23 " 773 "
Sick in hospital in present area- 2 " 62 "

Ammunition on hand: 25,580 rounds artillery.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1249 Officers, 25,17-

Strength of command in present area.....: 1035 "

Available for duty in present area.....: 1033 "

Weather: Rain.

Camps: Billeets good.

Remarks: Deaths due to casualties in action.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G-3 2n-
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Major, Adjutant General, Adjutant.

(Editor's note: Part of the above report relating to strength of command was torn from the original; hence the report is incomplete in that respect.)

April 2, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., April 2, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lieut. Colonel
W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 1 to 8:45 A.M. April
2, 1918.

- (a) Weather: rain and cloudy.
- (b) Enemy activity: Normal.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: Excessive firing in southern
part of Sector. Division Headquarters shelled since 8:00
A.M. today. Otherwise normal.
- (d) Casualties: 1 man killed, 1 man died of wounds and 4
or 6 wounded by shell fire - all from 2nd Bn. 6th Marines on
afternoon of April 1st. 5 men of 23rd Infantry wounded by
premature explosion of rifle grenade.
- (e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal.
Visibility intermittently fair.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

Weather conditions made observation only intermittently
possible, but enemy railway movement to and from CON-FLANS
is believed to continue.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G-3.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: April 2, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th
French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters
at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths-----No officers, 2 men.

Absent sick from present area---23 " 799 "

Sick in hospital in present area- 2 " 84 "

Ammunition on hand: Artillery 30,964 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 Days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 Days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1260 Officers,
25,611 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1042 officers, 23,343 men.

Available for duty in present area : 1040 " 23,259 "

Weather: Intermittent showers.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

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ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G.3. 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

April 3, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
France, 9:00 A.M., 3rd April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S.
Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 2, to 8:45 A.M., April 3,
1918.

- (a) Weather: Intermittent showers during day. Clear during
night.
- (b) Enemy activity: Intermittent sniping, rifle and machine
gun fire.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: Increased artillery activity
(Cont'd on next page.)

April 3, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 2 to 8:45 A.M., April 3, 1918. (Cont'd from last page.)

probably in response to American Artillery Activity.

- (d) Casualties: On April 1st our 23rd Infantry had 2 men killed and 2 men wounded and the 5th Machine Gun Bn. 1 man killed and 1 wounded, all in action. These reports received late on April 2nd.

- (e) Enemy Aeroplane Activity: None.
Balloon activity: Normal.

General Impression of the day: Quiet. Enemy railroad activity seems to continue in the direction of Conflans. Movement beyond Conflans can only be conjectured.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry, G.3.

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Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 3:15 P.M., 3rd April, 1918.

Supplementary telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 2nd to 8:45 A.M., April 3, 1918.

Enemy Activity: Enemy conducted raid on a listening post of 23rd Infantry at 5:45 A.M. April 3rd, accompanied by heavy bombardment. Our barrage was put down but enemy succeeded in raid. Five (5) Americans killed, 2 wounded and 2 missing, probably captured. Enemy casualties not known.

Ancemont, where some of our troops are billeted was shelled from about 9 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. today.

Co. D, Div. Supply Train was shelled for a distance of nearly 5 K. this A.M.

No casualties in either case.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Major of Infantry,
G. 3.

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WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 3, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIEUE.

Health: Deaths - - - - - No officers, 5 men.
Absent sick from present area 19 " 711 "
Sick in hospital in present area 2 " 87 "

Ammunition on hand: Artillery 45015 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of Command, present and absent: 1261 officers,
25,606 men.

Strength of Command in present area: 1041 officers, 23,332 men.
Available for duty in present area : 1039 " 23,248 "

Weather: Intermittently fair during day. Rain towards close of day.

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April 3, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2nd DIVISION.

(Cont'd from last page.)

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: Deaths - killed by enemy artillery fire - belonged to 2nd Trench Mortar Battery.

ATTESTED.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Lieut. Colonel, Adjutant General,
A D - J U T A N T

G. A. H.

G-3. 2nd Div. A.E.F.

G. A. H.

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April 4, 1918.

Headquarters Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,

France, 9:00 A.M. 4th April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q.A.E.F., to Lieut. Colonel W.S. Grant, for period from 8:45 A.M. April 3 to 8:45 A.M., April 4, 1918.

- (a) Weather: fair during greater part of day. Rain towards evening.
- (b) Enemy activity: normal, machine gun and rifle fire.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: considerable intermittent shelling throughout our back area.
- (d) Casualties: 5 Killed, 6 wounded in 2nd Trench Mortar Battery. 3 wounded in 17th Field Artillery. Yesterday's report of casualties in 23rd Infantry to be corrected as follows: 3 killed, 2 wounded, 1 missing.
- (e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: greatly increased. Visibility good.

General Impression of the Day:

Enemy artillery and balloon activity considerably increased. Increased road traffic in St. Mihiel salient gives basis for belief that relief of a German division is taking place, the location of the towns pointing to the 82nd Reserve Division.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Colonel of Infantry,
G-3.

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War Diary of the 2nd Division.

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 4, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths - - - - - No officers, 4 men.
Absent sick from present area 20 " 708 "
Sick in hospital in present area 4 " 119 "

Ammunition on hand: Received

Cal. 30 rifle	541,200 rounds.
Cal. 45 pistol	162,000 "
Stokes	3,000 "
V.B. Grenades	1,150
F.I. "	1,500
O.F. "	750

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

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April 4, 1918.

War Diary of the 2nd Division.

(Cont'd from last page.)

Strength of Command, present and absent: 1,279 Officers,
25,661 men.

Strength of Command in present area: 1,061 Officers, 23,238 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1,057 " 23,119 "

Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

Attested:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Major, Adjutant General
Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G. 3. 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

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April 5, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,

France, 9:00 A.M., 5th April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 4th to 8:45 A.M., April 5, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers.
- (b) Enemy activity: Normal.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
- (d) Casualties: None. Of the 3 men of 17th F.A. reported
wounded yesterday, 1 man has since died.
- (e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal.

Visibility fair. GAH

General impression of the day: Quiet. Whenever visibility is
good the enemy is making every effort to observe
our movements and the extent of our lines from his
observation balloons.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst.
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
G. 3.

War Diary of the 2nd Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 5, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French
Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters temporarily
at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths None.

Absent sick from present area . . 23 Officers, 772 men.

Sick in hospital in present area . 4 " 129 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,308 officers,
25,714 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,062 officers, 23,358 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1,058 " 23,229 "

Weather: Fair.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: Headquarters, 2nd Division, at 2:00 was moved temporar-
ily from SOMMEDIÈUE to P.C. TOULON as a precaution
against expected artillery activity of the Germans.

Attested:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Lt. Col., Adjutant General,
Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G. 3. 2nd Division, A.E.F.
G. A. H.

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April 6, 1918.

Headquarters Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M. 6 April, 1918.

Telephone report to G.H.Q. A.E.F., to Lt. Colonel W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 5 to 8:45 A.M. April 6, 1918.

- (a) Weather: fair and warm.
- (b) Enemy activity: Intermittent rifle and Machine Gun fire.
- (c) Enemy artillery activity: Considerable increase in enemy Artillery activity probably due to activity of our own artillery.

- (d) Casualties: Due to enemy shell fire:

6th Marines:

2 men killed)
3 men wounded) in afternoon

9th Infantry

3 officers)
2 men) wounded - in forenoon.

The body of man reported missing after raid
on 23d Inf. on April 3rd was found in No Man's
Land by one of our wiring parties.

- (e) Enemy aeroplane activity: Normal.

French Activity considerably increased.

Enemy balloon activity: Considerably increased.

Visibility good.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

The railroad activity in the enemy's rear area
seems to continue, the general trend being from
South to North. According to statement of prisoner
the 10th Landwehr Division relieved the 11th Bav.
Div. on March 23rd.

OPINION: Judging from the reports of the last ten days there
seems but little doubt that ETAIN is the center of
enemy activity on our immediate front, holding the
same position in the advanced zone that Metz holds
farther to the rear.

(sgd) G. A. Herbst
Lt. Col. of Inf.
G-3.

Headquarters, Second Division, A.E.F.,
France, 3:15 P.M., 6 April, 1918.

Supplementary telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F. to Lt. Col.
W.S. Grant:

Enemy attempted raid on Sector held by 23rd Infantry at
5:55 A.M. today. Attack progressed as far as our wire entangle-
ments when it broke under our fire. Enemy was pursued to his
fire trench and thrown further back towards his reserve trench-
es. Casualties - 1 man killed, 1 officer and 3 men wounded.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
G. 3.

5:55 P.M.

Copy by courier to G.H.Q. A.E.F. This was shown to Gen.
Pershing personally. Have not been able to raise A.P.O. 706 -
tel. #251 up to this hour.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

April 6, 1918.

War Diary of the 2nd Division.
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 6, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths : No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area: 22 " 761 men.
Sick in hospital in present area: 4 " 133 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand : 2 days.

Strength of command present and absent: 1,304 officers,
25,723 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,059 officers, 23,349 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1,055 " , 23,216 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

Attested:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bossell
Lieut.-Col., Adjutant General,
Adjutant.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
G. 3. 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H. G-3.

April 7, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 7 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 6 to 8:45 A.M. April 7, 1918.

(a) Weather: Cloudy until late in the afternoon.
(b) Enemy activity: Night of April 5 - 6 enemy raided our 9th Infantry front without result.
Same night another raid attempted against our 23rd Infantry front which reached the wire entanglements, but broke under our rifle fire. Our troops left their trenches and pursued enemy driving him from his first line trenches back as far as his support trenches.

(c) Enemy artillery activity: Considerably increased.
Our heavy artillery very active - 2 enemy batteries believed to have been destroyed. This is to be verified by aeroplane photographs.

(d) Casualties: In raid against 23rd Infantry.

1 man killed,
1 Officer } wounded.
3 men }

(e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below normal. Visibility poor.

General Impression of the day: Enemy activity above normal - apparently determined to obtain all possible information about American troops. Heavy railroad traffic in enemy rear area seems to continue.

Copy sent by courier
to G.H.Q., A.E.F.

(sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

April 7, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division.
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 7, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 3 men,
Absent sick from present area....22 " 819 "
Sick in hospital in present area. 5 " 134 "

Ammunition on hand: Received:
Cal. .30-----1,740,000 rounds,
8 M/M for Auto rifle
and Hv. M. Gun-----2,832,384 rounds,
Stokes-----300
F.I. Grenades-----300
O.F. Grenades-----700

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days reserve with troops
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of Command, present and absent: 1,304 Officers,
25,635 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,059 Officers, 23,259 men
Available for duty in present area: 1,054 " 23,125 "

Weather: Rain.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

G.3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Lieut. Col., Adjutant General
Adjutant

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April 8, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 a.m., 8 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S.

Grant for period 8:45 a.m. April 7 to 8:45 a.m. April 8, 1918.

(a) Weather: Rain and clouds.

(b) Enemy Activity: At 5 a.m., April 7th, enemy dropped a heavy barrage on front trenches of 23rd Inf. At 2:10 a.m., April 7th, a patrol from 6th Marines and some French soldiers encountered German patrol and compelled it to retire. German barrage was dropped and stopped pursuit. Four (4) Germans killed. One corporal 6th Marines missing. Search was made for his body but without result.

(c) Enemy artillery activity: Very active with harassing fire on our front line trenches, and ranging and demolition fire on our batteries. Made extensive use of gas shells. Registration and retaliation by American batteries.

(d) Casualties: 23rd Infantry - 3 men wounded.
6th Marines - 1 Corporal dead; body found in no man's land by patrol night April 7-8.

(e) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility poor.

General impression of the day:-

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April 8, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 7 to 8:45 A.M. April 8, 1918.
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Enemy artillery very active.
Extensive use of gas shells against American
troops. Railway movements in enemy's rear
area continues.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S. G 3.

Copy sent by courier, as telephonic connection had not been
made by noon.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

War Diary of the 2nd Division.
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 8, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French
Army Corps, with 2nd Division Headquarters at
P.O. TOULON.

Health: Deaths No officers, 4 men.
Absent sick from present area . . 24 " 868 "
Sick in hospital in present area 4 " 154 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,289 Officers,
25,845 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,051 Officers, 23,494 men.
Available for duty in present area: 1,047 " 23,340 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None

ATTESTED:

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.
G-3.

April 9, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 9 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 9:00 A.M. April 8 to 9:00 A.M. April 9, 1918.

(a) Weather: Rain and clouds.

(b) Enemy activity: Intermittent sniping and machine gun fire.
Two enemy patrols driven back. Enemy casual-
ties unknown.

(c) Enemy artillery activity: Increased enemy artillery activity
against our troops in south sector. Consider-
able harassing and demolition fire against
our batteries, including gas shells.

(d) Retaliation and demolition fire by American artillery, also
several box barrages.

(e) Casualties: 1 Officer } killed.
2 men }
10 men wounded.

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April 9, 1918.
Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 9:00 A.M. April 8 to 9:00 A.M. April 9, 1918. (Cont'd from last page.)

(f) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None.
Visibility poor.

General Impression of the Day:

Increased enemy artillery activity in southern sector.
Continuation of the railway movement in enemy's rear area.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

12:25 P.M.

Copy by courier as telephone connection has been almost impossible the last few days.

G.A.H.

War Diary of the 2nd Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 9, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths----- 1 Officer, 4 men.
Absent sick from present area---22 Officers, 840 "
Sick in hospital in present area- 5 " 159 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,327 Officers
25,831 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,052 Officers, 23,468 men.
Available for duty in present area: 1,047 " 23,309 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

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ATTESTED

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

A.C. of S., G-3., 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

April 10, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France 9:00 A.M., 10 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 9, to 8:45 A.M. April 10, 1918.

(a) Weather: Cloudy.

(b) Enemy Activity: Usual sniping and machine gun fire. Enemy patrol was driven back by our machine gun fire.

(c) Our troops active with patrol work, but without incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity: Especially active against the southern sector held by our troops. Normal in other sectors. Uses mixed H.E. and gas shells.

(e) Casualties: 5 men wounded by artillery fire.

(f) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below normal.
Visibility poor.

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April 10, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 9, to 8:45 A.M. April 10, 1918.
(Cont'd from last page.)

General impression of the Day: Very heavy artillery activity in
South sector. Poor visibility made observation of
road and railway activity in enemy's back area im-
possible.

(sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S. G. 3.

War Diary of the 2nd Division,
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 10, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French
Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C.
TOULON.

Deaths No Officers, 3 men.
Health: Absent sick from present area 23 " 843 "
Sick in hospital in present area 5 " 161 "
Ammunition on hand: No change.
Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.
Forage on hand: 2 days.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1,309 Officers,
25,857 men.
Strength of command in present area: 1,052 Officers, 23,671 men.
Available for duty in present area: 1,054 " 23,510 "
Weather: Cloudy.
Camps: Billets good.
Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

A.C. of S., G. 3, 2nd Div., A.E.F. Adjutant General, Adjutant.
G. A. H.

G-3.

April 11, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 11 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 10 to 8:45 A.M., April 11, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy with rain in afternoon.
(b) Enemy activity: Intermittent sniping, rifle and machine gun
fire.
(c) Our troops active in patrolling. One enemy patrol encounter-
ed which retreated under our rifle fire.
(d) Enemy artillery activity: Very heavy artillery fire against
south sector held by our troops with shrap-
nel and gas shells. Normal in other
sectors.
(e) Our batteries replied with neutralization and harassing fire.
(f) Casualties: 1 man killed.
1 Officer } wounded.
1 man }
(g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below normal.
Visibility poor.

MISCELLANEOUS: A deserter from the 56th Reserve Regt. of 121st
Div. states that relief of this division
commenced on night of April 8-9. After a week's
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April 11, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 10 to 8:45 A.M., April 11, 1918. (Cont'd from last page.)

rest it is to be sent to northern battle field. The 325th Div. is making a temporary extension to the north taking over the 121st Div. sector, until the arrival of the 45th Reserve Division. This movement tends to explain the German railroad activity in his rear area.

General Impression of the Day: Particularly heavy artillery against Southern Sector held by our troops. Otherwise normal.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G.3.

Copy by courier.

War Diary of the 2nd Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 11, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths No officers, No men.
Absent sick from present area 21 " 882 "
Sick in hospital in present area 4 " 154 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,269 Officers,
25,911 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,037 Officers, 23,561 men.
Available for duty in present area: 1,033 " 23,407 "

Weather: Clear.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
A.C. of S., G.3, 2nd Div., A.E.F. Adjutant General, Adjutant.
G. A. H. G-3.

April 12, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 12 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 11 to 8:45 A.M., April 12, 1918.

(a) Weather: Clear with fleecy clouds.

(b) Enemy activity: Enemy active with machine gun fire, both direct and indirect bursts. Also threw a few rifle grenades. Wiring parties reported engaged in wire entanglement work.

(c) Our troops active in reconnaissance and ambush work but without incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity: Heavy artillery fire against south sector continues with H.E. and gas shells including Yperite gas. Normal fire in other sectors.

(e) Casualties: 9 men wounded by artillery fire.

(f) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Considerably increased.
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April 12, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 11 to 8:45 A.M., April 12, 1918.
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ed activity by both aeroplanes and balloons.
Numerous balloons in sight throughout the
day. Visibility excellent.

General Impression of the Day: Continuation of heavy artillery
fire against south sector held by our troops.
Considerable movement of railway trains ob-
served in German rear area.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,

A.C. of S., G. 3.

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Col. Grant

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War Diary of the 2nd Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 12, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French
Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C.
TOULON.

Health: Deaths No Officers, 3 men.
Absent sick from present area....23 " 909 "
Sick in hospital in present area. 4 " 167 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,277 Officers,
25,955 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,020 Officers, 23,453 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1,016 " 23,286 "

Weather: Clear.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

G-3.

A.C. of S., G. 3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

April 13, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 13 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 12 to 8:45 A.M., April 13, 1918.

(a) Weather: Fair.

(b) Enemy activity: Intermittent sniping and machine gun fire.

(c) Our troops active with reconnaissance, ambush and wire
patrols and wiring parties but without
incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity: The heavy shelling of the south-
ern sector continues. Heavy shelling of
vicinity of division headquarters in-
cluding many mustard gas shells, probably
searching for some of our batteries.

(e) Casualties: 8 men wounded by shell fire.

(f) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Considerably increas-
ed activity by both aeroplanes and balloons.
Visibility good.

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April 13, 1918.
Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 12 to 8:45 A.M., April 13, 1918.
(Cont'd from last page.)

(g) Miscellaneous: The 117th Division which has been in reserve in Army Det. "C" has been withdrawn. Unusual movement of small groups of men opposite our southern sector in direction of rear zone. Considerable railroad activity was observed.

General Impression of the Day: Continuation of heavy artillery activity against our southern sector. Unusual movement of troops towards enemy's rear area.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G.3.

By courier.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 4:00 P.M., 13th April, 1918.

Supplementary telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lieut.-Col. W.S. Grant.

A late report from the 6th Marines develops the fact that the bombardment between 4 and 8 A.M., April 13th, was more severe than at first reported. About 3600 shells of various calibers fell in the immediate vicinity of C.R. MONT-sous-les-COTE held by the 1st Bn., 6th Marines. It is estimated that half of the shells were H.E. and the other half gas shells, greater part being yellow cross with a mixture of blue cross. It is reported that at the first salvo a 105 caliber gas shell, yellow cross, struck a platoon shack in which sixty (60) men were sleeping. Fragments of this shell damaged four rifles and one automatic pistol and some blankets and articles of clothing. Nine other buildings were struck to a slighter extent. No men injured by shell fragments. Casualties 2 officers, 108 men, due to gas poisoning, seriousness undetermined. The camp will be evacuated tonight for another billet. Chlorinate of lime has been used in the affected area.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A. C. of S. G-3.

Copy by M.D.S. 9:00 A.M., April 13, 1918. Above casualty list has been increased to 190 men, most of them only slightly gassed.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
Lt. Col. of Infantry.

April 13, 1918.

Report from the 2d Division telephoned by Capt. Orton, A.D.C. to Lt. Col. Grant at 2:43 P.M.
Weather fair. Enemy activity intermittent sniping and machine gun fire. Our troops active with reconnaissance, ambush, wire patrols and wiring parties but without incident. Enemy artillery activity,--heavy shelling of southern sector continued. Heavy shelling in vicinity of Division Hdqrs., (at P.O. TOULON), including many mustard gas shells, probably searching for some of our batteries. Casualties - 8 men wounded by shell fire. Enemy aerial and balloon activity: Considerable enemy activity by both avion and balloon.

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April 13, 1918.

Report from the 2d Division telephoned by Capt. Orton, A.D.C.
to Lt. Col. Grant at 2:43 P.M.
(Cont'd from last page.)

Visibility good.

Miscellaneous: 117th Division which has been in reserve in
Army Detachment has been withdrawn. Unusual movement of small
groups of men opposite our southern sector in direction of
rear zone. Considerable railroad activity was observed.
General Impression of the day: Continuation of heavy artillery
activity against our southern sector; unusual movement of
troops towards the enemy rear area.

Note: While this message was being received a report from the
6th Marines came in stating that there were very few casualties
from the gas shelling of last night, 1 man being wounded by a
shell fragment and five cases of gas intoxication, apparently
slight.

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War Diary of the 2nd Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 13, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French
Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C.
TOULON.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 3 soldiers
Absent sick from present area....21 " 920 "
Sick in hospital in present area. 6 " 174 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,276 Officers,
26,392 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,014 Officers, 23,823 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1,008 " 23,649 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.
G-3.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

April 14, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 14th April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 13 to 8:45 A.M., April 14, 1918.

(a) Cloudy with occasional light showers.

(b) Enemy activity: German raid on 9th Infantry at 4:00 A.M.
netted them:

15 prisoners,

2 machine guns.- Not determined whether
M.guns or auto-rifles.

Other casualties not yet reported.

Counter attack followed at 5:00 A.M. and
brought:

5 German prisoners of whom 2 were
wounded.

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April 14, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 13, to 8:45 A.M., April 14, 1918. (Cont'd from last page.)

(c) Enemy artillery activity: Considerably decreased. Intermittent shelling in vicinity of Division Hdqrs. during night with H.E. and gas shells.

(d) Our artillery active with masking, adjustment and demolition fire of enemy front line trenches.

(e) Casualties: 1 man killed)
1 man wounded) by artillery fire.

(f) Enemy aeroplane } Aeroplane activity below normal.
and balloon activity } Numerous balloons up.
Visibility poor.

Miscellaneous: Unusual movements of small groups of men and wagons observed opposite northern sector. Considerable railroad activity noted.

General Impression of the Day: Enemy troop movements believed to be an internal relief.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,

A.C. of S., G-3.

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April 14th, 1918.

MESSAGE TELEPHONE received at 12:20 P.M.

From P.O. BOUGIVAL to FRENCH MISSION

A German attack carried out by 4 Companies on C.R.

MARIE-LOUISE started about Midnight and ended at about 5 A.M. About 60 German corpses are in our hands. One or two Machine-guns have been taken, probably two. The attack was carried out in depth up to the MAIZEY - St-MIHIEL road. We have 10 prisoners in our hands. American losses are not yet known. First approximation reported about casualties: 60 wounded, some killed and a few missing, probably 10 of the latter, amongst which is the surgeon. It has been an extremely severe hand to hand fighting.

All Americans behaved splendidly.

It is a fine feat of arms.

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April 14, 1918.

Telephone Report received from Col. Craig re 2d Division, received at 6:35 P.M. by J.A. Sheehan.

Col. Craig stated that a report had just been received from Col. Brown, Chief of Staff, 2d Division, as follows:

"A strong German raid was made on the sector Marie Louise. Prisoners report the attack was made by two companies of Sturmtruppen and three companies of the 271st Regiment. The infantry was made up of selected men. The attack lasted until 5 A.M. April 14, following a most violent bombardment on the whole Rouvois sector. The bombardment began about 5:30 P.M. April 13. At first barrage our men took to shelters and when barrage lifted they came out of the shelters and found a line of men in front line trenches, some of whom were talking French, and some in French uniforms, who endeavored to convince our men that they were French soldiers sent out to reinforce the sector. One of them cried "Gas". Deceived for a moment our men started to put on their masks. The ruse was discovered and the fight started. Apparently the Sturmtruppen penetrated the subsector and moved in the sector and then toward the front trenches, capturing one medical officer and four hospital corps men on (Cont'd on next page.)

April 14, 1918.

Telephone report received from Col. Craig re 2d Division, received at 6:35 P.M. by J.A. Sheshan.

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their way. In hand to hand fighting the men were driven off.

"Our casualties at present:

Company I, 9th Infantry, 2 killed, 9 wounded, 4 missing.

Company L, 9th Infantry, 4 killed, 18 wounded, exact number of missing not known, probably

8 or 10. 1 officer killed, probably from Co. L.

Medical Corps, 1 officer and 4 men missing, 1 man wounded.

"At ten o'clock this morning the German casualties inside of our lines were 35 killed and 10 prisoners. Casualties in front of our trenches not yet counted but known to be a large number of dead, and it is also known that a large number of wounded were carried back. At one time the Germans had 25 or more prisoners but the men broke loose and over 50% escaped. One man taken prisoner knocked his captor down with his fists took his gun away, killed him and returned to our lines with his rifle. Further details as soon as they can be obtained.

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Col. Conger G.2.

Capt. Watson G.2.

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Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 P.M., April 14, 1918.

Supplementary report on German raid against C.R. MARIE LOUISE on night of April 13-14, 1918:-

About 11:45 P.M., April 13th, the Germans made a strong raid on the 9th Infantry in C.R. MARIE LOUISE. Prisoners report attack made by 1 company of Pioneers, 1 company of Sturmtruppen and 3 companies of selected men of 272nd Reserve Regt., about 400 men. This has not yet been verified. The attack followed a most violent bombardment of 6 hours on the whole of ROUVROIS (9th Infantry) sector and lasted until 5:00 A.M., April 14th. The Germans penetrated our lines for over 700 meters. Due to its extent our line is thinly held, and the Germans apparently found their way through a gap on one or both flanks of the south part of the sector, then moved eastward toward the front line trenches. They captured 1 Medical officer and 6 hospital corps men in a dressing station in a quarry about 700 meters from front line trenches, but overlooked 1 Officer and 8 men of a Machine Gun Co. in another dug-out close by. Some of the Germans talked French and attempted to pass themselves off as French Soldiers. Several raised the cry of "Gas". Deceived for a moment our men started to put on their gas masks. Fortunately the ruse was almost immediately discovered and the fight started.

It was dark and foggy and difficult to tell friend from foe. The fighting lasted until nearly 5:00 A.M., sometimes hand to hand, but the Germans finally retired.

So far 40 German dead have been counted. Other German dead and wounded are in No Man's Land. We took 11 German prisoners including 7 wounded.

Our casualties, including the entire 9th Infantry sector, are:

1 Officer, killed, by shell fire.

13 Men killed.

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April 14, 1918.

Supplementary report on German raid against C.R. MARIE LOUISE
on night of April 13-14, 1918:-
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3 Officers	} Wounded.
47 Men	
2 Officers	} Gassed.
50 Men	
1 Medical Officer	} Missing.
27 Men	

It is possible that some of the missing may turn up in the
course of the next few hours.

One Machine Gun captured by Germans.

We captured a number of parts of German machine guns.

The battalion report, as soon as received, will be forwarded.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Inftry.

A.C. of S., G-3.

9:00 A.M. April 15.

No changes in above.

War Diary of the 2nd Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date! April 14, 1918.

Location! Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th
French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at
P.O. TOULON.

Health! Deaths.....1 Officer, 1 Man.
Absent sick from present area....22 Officers, 905 Men.
Sick in hospital in present area.12 " 437 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days,

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,227 Officers,
25,857 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,013 Officers, 23,884 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1,001 " 23,447 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Camps: Billets good,

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F., Adjutant General, Adjutant.
G. A. H.

G-3.

April 15, 1918.

April 15, 1918.

Report from 2d Division, telephoned by Lt. Parsons to Lt.
Col. Hitt at 9:30 A.M.

Weather cloudy, strong wind. Enemy activity: intermittent ma-
chine gun fire and sniping. A patrol was driven off by our fire.
Our troops active with reconnaissance and wire patrols but
without incident. Enemy's artillery activity considerably de-
creased.

Casualties: None reported.

Enemy avion and balloon activity: None.

Poor visibility and strong wind. General impression of the day.
Quiet.

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Capt. Watson G.2., Journal of Operations, G-3.

April 15, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE 2ND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: April 15, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths.....1 Officer, 9 men.
Absent sick from present area.....14 " 453 "
Sick in hospital in present area..28 " 1009 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
3 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1259 Officers,
26,703 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1013 Officers, 24,215 men.

Available for duty in present area: 985 " 23,206 "

Weather: Rain.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F. Adjutant General, Adjutant.
G. A. H.

April 16, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
France, 16th April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 15 to 8:45 A.M., April 16, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers.
- (b) Enemy activity: Intermittent machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active with reconnaissance and wire patrols.
One patrol exchanged shots with a German patrol which retired.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity: Slightly increased in the two center sectors held by our troops.
- (e) Our artillery active with barrage, neutralization and counter-battery fire.
- (f) Casualties: 3 men wounded by artillery fire.
4 men dead from gas poisoning incurred some days ago.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility poor.

Miscellaneous: 1 machine gun previously reported as lost in German raid of April 13-14 has been recovered.
No loss of machine guns in said raid.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst,

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C.of S., G-3.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
April 16, 1918.

Date: April 16, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

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April 16, 1918.

War Diary of the 2nd Division.

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Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area....32 " 995 men.
Sick in hospital in present area!14 " 476 "
Ammunition on hand: No change.
Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.
Forage on hand: 2 days.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1,257 Officers,
26752 men.
Strength of command in present area: 1,007 Officers, 24233 men.
Available for duty in present area: 993 " 23757 "
Weather: Rain.
Camps: Billets good.
Remarks: None.

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War Diary

ATTESTED:

Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.
G-3.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

April 17, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 17 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 16 to 8:45 A.M., April 17, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers.
 - (b) Enemy activity: Intermittent rifle and machine gun fire
and some activity with rifle and hand grenades.
 - (c) Our troops active with reconnaissance and outpost patrols,
but without incident.
 - (d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
 - (e) Our artillery active with ranging and counter battery fire.
 - (f) Casualties: 1 man killed, 3 men wounded, 2 men gassed.
 - (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility poor.
- General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Road and railroad activity
in enemy's rear area considerably above normal.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,

A.C. of S., G-3.

Copy sent by courier.

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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION. OSGS 1st Corps
Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 17, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French
Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C.
TOULON.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 8 men.
Absent sick from present area....33 " 1002 "
Sick in hospital in present area.14 " 479 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,256 Officers,
26,744 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1,008 Officers, 24,229 men.
Available for duty in present area: 994 " 23,750 "

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April 17, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION.

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Weather: Rain.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

G-3

April 18, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 18 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., April 17, to 8:45 A.M., April 18, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy.
 - (b) Activity of enemy: Intermittent rifle and machine gun fire.
 - (c) Our troops active in sniping and machine gun fire and in patrolling.
 - (d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
 - (e) Casualties: 5 men wounded by artillery fire.
 - (f) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility poor.
- General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Heavy broad gauge railway activity in enemy's rear area. Examination of area would indicate this to be a movement of supplies rather than of troops.

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G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. of Infantry.
A. C. of S., G - 3.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 18, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, No men.
Absent sick from present area: 137 " 1188 "
Sick in hospital in present area: 6 " 185 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,243 Officers,
26,488 men.

Strength of command, in present area: 990 Officers, 23,771 men.

Available for duty in present area: 984 " 23,586 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

G-3.

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O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

April 19, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 19th April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 18 to 8:45 A.M., April 19, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair in forenoon; cloudy in afternoon.

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April 19, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 18 to 8:45 A.M., April 19, 1918.

- (b) Enemy Activity: Enemy active with patrols and machine gun fire.
- (c) A raiding party of 30 Americans and 30 French made a raid at a point opposite extreme northern limit of sector held by our troops. Result: No prisoners, no casualties. Several dead Germans were seen evidently killed by our barrage.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity: Careful ranging and harassing fire against our trenches and batteries. Enemy barrage laid on C.R. Eix. A large number of shells fired against our batteries failed to explode.
- (e) Our artillery put down a number of barrages.
- (f) Casualties: None.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility poor.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Careful ranging by enemy on our entire front may indicate preparations for a series of minor operations against our troops. As far as can be determined the enemy hold the front opposite us with but four divisions. One-third of this line, from LES EPARGES to SEUZEY is believed to be held by one division - the 225th Division.

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,

A.C. of S., G-3.

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War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 19, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, No men.
Absent sick from present area....42 " 1184 "
Sick in hospital in present area. 5 " 161 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,245 Officers,
26,561 men.

Strength of command in present area: 991 Officers, 23,835 men.

Available for duty in present area: 986 " 23,674 "

Weather: Partly cloudy.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

G-3.

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April 20, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 9:00 A.M., April 20, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 19 to 8:45 A.M., April 20, 1918.

(a) Weather: Cloudy with occasional sunshine.

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April 20, 1918.
Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W. S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 19 to 8:45 A.M., April 20, 1918.
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- (b) Enemy activity: At 4:15 A.M. enemy made a raid accompanied by heavy barrage on Northernmost sector held by our troops but was driven off. One German Officer and two men found dead in our trenches, and one German wounded. captured. Our casualties - 2 men killed and 12 wounded. In another sector of same regiment one of our patrols encountered enemy patrol. Enemy casualties not known. Our casualties - 2 wounded, 2 missing.
- (c) Enemy artillery active in careful ranging on our trenches and batteries and in several barrages during the night.
- (d) Our artillery active in demolition fire on enemy trenches and batteries.
- (e) Casualties: 2 men killed, 1 officer and 14 men wounded, 2 men missing.
- (f) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal. Visibility fair.
- General Impression of the Day: While considerable railway activity was observed in enemy's rear area, it is not believed to have any special significance. The movements are all for short distances only. It is possible that the horse and motor transport has been largely withdrawn from the local front and sent to Northern battlefields; the transport of supplies being largely done by railway, causing unusual train movement.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

Sent:

TELEPHONE REPORT FROM SECOND DIVISION G.2
APRIL 20, 1918, 4:30 P. M.

The Germans made a raid after artillery preparations on extreme northern sector; as far as has been reported to date, our casualties are 3 men wounded and none missing; of the enemy, 2 men dead in our trenches and two wounded, both of whom have died. They belonged to the 378th Regiment of the 10th Landwehr Division, confirming order of battle. Also 1 German officer, a lieutenant, observed dead in wire.

War Diary of the Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 20, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P. C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths..... No Officers, 4 men.
Absent sick from present area.. 43 " 1164 "
Sick in hospital in present area. 5 " 158 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,248 Officers,
26,610 men.

Strength of command in present area: 989 Officers, 23,982 men.

Available for duty in present area: 984 " 23,822 "

Weather: Cloudy.

ATTESTED:

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

Rec'd: 4/25/18. A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F. G-3.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps. G. A. H.

April 21, 1918.
Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M. 21 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 20 to 8:45 A.M., April 21, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy with occasional sunshine.
- (b) Enemy Activity: Preceded by a preliminary bombardment of front line trenches and accompanied by heavy barrage the enemy made a raid with about 60 men on C.R. Mont-sous-les-COTES between 1 and 2 A.M., but our automatic rifle and rifle fire compelled him to retire on reaching our wire. At daylight about 16 Germans were seen making their way into their own trenches. Enemy casualties: 2 dead picked up in our wire. Our casualties: 1 man wounded.
- (c) Our troops, with a party of 9 Officers and 205 men raided the enemy's trenches opposite C.R. BIZERTE at 4:10 A.M. accompanied by barrage fire, but found the trenches empty. Our casualties 1 man killed, 2 officers, 7 men wounded, 1 man missing. One of our patrols, later brought in 1 dead and 1 wounded German.
- (d) Enemy artillery active during day in harassing fire on our back area, and during night in bombardment and barrages on two of the sectors held by American troops.
- (e) Our artillery active in reprisal fire and bombardment and barrage on enemy's lines.
- (f) Casualties: 2 men killed; 2 officers, 8 men wounded; 1 man missing.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal. Visibility fair. One balloon was seen to burst into flames and completely destroyed.

General Impression of the Day: Normal activity. Heavy railway movements for short distances in enemy's rear area continues. Considerable troop movement was observed and can be explained only by the arrival of new troops or an internal relief.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. Of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

War Diary of the Second Division.
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 21, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, No men.
Absent sick from present area....41 " 1,181
Sick in hospital in present area. 9 " 169

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,250 Officers,
26745 men.

Strength of command in present area: 993 Officers, 24055 men.
Available for duty in present area: 984 " 23886 "

Weather: Cloudy and rain.

ATTESTED:

Camps: Billets good.

(sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Remarks: None.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

April 21, 1918.

E.M. Dieu, April 21, 1918.

C. of S., 1st Corps,
Neufchateau.

Enemy raid on 6th Marines, 1:00 A.M., April 21.

Casualties A.M. 1 wounded German, 2 dead in our wire.
Raid repulsed. 23rd Inf. raided Germ. trenches. Found them empty. Casualties; 1 man killed; 2 officers, 7 men wounded; 1 missing.

Patrol brought in 1 dead, 1 wounded German.

Raid made at 4:10 A.M.

(Sgd) Richardson 6:26 P.M.

April 22, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

France, 9:00 A.M., 22 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W. S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 21 to 8:45 A.M., April 22, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy with occasional sunshine.
- (b) Enemy activity: Intermittent machine gun and rifle fire. A number of small patrols were heard and observed.
- (c) Our troops active with reconnaissance patrols.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
- (e) Casualties: None reported.
- (f) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below normal. Visibility poor.

General Impression of the Day! Quiet. Enemy's patrols seem very small in size as though he was collecting information as to our disposition and endeavoring to do so in a very inconspicuous manner.

Sent
o

G. A HERBST,
Lieut-Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G - 3.

2d Division, A.E.F.
Second Section, G.S.

REPORT OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS FROM SUB-SECTOR
ROUVROIS ON NIGHT OF 21-22 APRIL.

PATROLS:

Reconnaissance patrols entered MOULIN DE RELAINCOURT at a point on east side of river; found nothing to lead to information of the enemy. Patrol to SPADA left ANGLETEREN and proceeded to point 40.40 - 40.80, at the end of the stone wall running from SPADA to RELAINCOURT. Wall ended in a deep ditch filled with water and lined with bushes. Passed through hole in wall, crossed over canal lined with trees and shrubs, on a culvert and went to River CREUE, which is also lined with trees and shrubs. River was not fordable, so patrol followed down river on west bank. Double insulated wire found running from SPADA to river CREUE and probably from there to German lines. The wires were twisted around a branch of a tree. Bridge over river CREUE at 40.40 - 40.40 which is shown as standing in aeroplane photo of February 28, 1918, has been destroyed, and patrol could not cross river. Patrol turned up the road from this point, toward SPADA. Insulated wire, a single strand was found along the road. Very lights were sent up from a point in SPADA directly down the road, and were followed by bursts of machine gun fire from SPADA. Another Very light was sent up from point 40.17 - 40.26, which is probably the sole entrance to SPADA. The light was without doubt sent up by a sentry stationed at this entrance. Several other lights followed from the same point, and patrol returned.

April 22, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 22, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON now occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at P.C. TOULON.

Health: Deaths..... 1 Officer, no men.
Absent sick from present area... 39 " 1192 "
Sick in hospital in present area 8 " 185 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1250 Officers,
26920 men.

Strength of command in present area: 991 Officers, 24223 men.

Available for duty in present area: 983 " 24038 "

Weather: Cloudy and rain.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

ATTESTED:

(sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

G. A. H.

Rec'd 4/25/18.

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O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

April 23, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,

A.E.F., France, April 23, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. April 22 to 8:45 A.M., April 23, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy and misty.
- (b) Enemy active with machine gun fire at various points of the front.
- (c) Our troops active with reconnaissance, liaison and ambush patrols but without incident.
- (d) Enemy's artillery activity: Normal.
- (e) Our artillery active in harassing and counter battery fire.
- (f) Casualties: 3 men killed; 4 men wounded - by artillery fire.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility poor.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. The unusual road and railroad movement reported past few days is probably the extension of front of 8th Landwehr Division southward to meet northwest extension of the 225th Division.

G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 23, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by the 10th French Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIUE.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 4 men.
Absent sick from present area...30 " 1175 "
Sick in hospital in present area. 6 " 188 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

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April 23, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division.

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Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,234 Officers,
27,234 men.

Strength of command in present area: 986 Officers, 24,616 men.

Available for duty in present area: 980 " 24,428 "

Weather: Clear.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

Rec'd: 4/26/18.

Lt. T.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

G-3.

April 24, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,

A.E.F., France, April 24, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 23 to 8:45 A.M., April 24, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair in forenoon; clouds and rain in afternoon.
- (b) Enemy active in sniping and intermittent machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active with patrols but without incident.
- (d) Enemy artillery increased its activity against the northernmost sector held by our troops.
- (e) Our artillery active with adjustment and harassing and reprisal fire.
- (f) Casualties: 1 man wounded.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal in forenoon. None in afternoon.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Increased artillery fire against north sector of our troops.

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Infantry.

A.C. of S., G-3.

War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 24, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by 2d Colonial Army with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIUE.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....28 Officers, 1,085 men.

Sick in hospital in present area. 8 " 235 "

Ammunition on hand: No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1217 Officers, 27203 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 971 " 24638 "

Available for duty in present area..... 963 " 24403 "

Weather: Rain.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: Second Division Headquarters moved today from P.C. TOULON to SOMMEDIUE.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G.A.H.

Rec'd: 4/30/18.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

G-3.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., 25th April, 1918.

(a) Weather: Rain.

(c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.

{d} Enemy artillery activity! Normal.

(c) Our artillery active in ranging and counter battery work.

(f) Casualties: 3 men killed, 1 man wounded: - Shell fire.

(g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility-rain.

General Impression of the Day! Quiet.

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,

Year	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100
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American Expeditionary Forces.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by 2nd Colonial Army with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths..... No officers, 3 men

Absent sick from present area. 25 " 1149 "

Present sick from present area:	25	"	1149	"
Sick in hosp. in present area:	10	"	260	"

Ammunition on hand; No change.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days supply in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent..1237 Officers, 27,440men

Strength of command, present and absent.....	1237	Officers,	27,440	mer
Strength of command in present area.....	975	"	24,822	"
Available for duty.....				

Available for duty in present area.....	1965	"	24,822	"
Weather: Fair		"	24,562	"

Weather: Rain.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: The assembly of the regiments of the 3rd and 4th Brigades in brigade front line sectors was completed this date, and the Commanding Generals of the 3rd and 4th Brigades, 2nd Division, A.E.F., assumed active command of brigade sectors.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

ATTESTED

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G.A.H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant

Adjutant General, Adjutant

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,
 9:00 A.M., 26 April, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 25 to 8:45 A.M., April 26, 1918.
(a) Weather: Cloudy.

(a) Weather: Cloudy.

- (b) Enemy active with usual sniping, rifle and machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active with reconnaissance and ambush patrols, but without incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.

(e) Our artillery activity: Normal.

(f) Casualties: None reported.

(g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: None. Visibility poor.
General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Some thunder.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Some increase of enemy movement in his back area was observed; it may be an internal relief.

Sent. G.A.H./O

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,

A.C. of S., G -2

April 26, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

(GAH)

Date: April 26, 1918.

Location: SECTORS, TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area.....23 " 1116 men.
Sick in hosp. in present area..... 7 " 261 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 70,171 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1233 Officers, 27428 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 976 " 24927 "

Available for duty in present area..... 969 " 24666 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Camps: Billeets good.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

April 27, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.
France, April 27, 1918, 9:00 A.M.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 26 to 8:45 A.M., April 27, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy.
- (b) Enemy active with intermittent sniping and machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active with patrolling, but without incident.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity slightly increased against the northern sectors held by our troops.
- (e) Our artillery active with neutralization and adjustment fire and some barrage fire.
- (f) Casualties: 4 men wounded.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below normal.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Increase in artillery fire of heavy caliber along our front.

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,

A.C. of S., G-3.

GAH/o
Sent.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 27, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area.....23 " 1092 men.
Sick in hospital in present area. 7 " 253 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms; Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 68,954 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

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April 27, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division.

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Strength of command, present and absent. 1,237 Officers, 27421 men.
Strength of command in present area..... 962 " 24955 "
Available for duty in present area..... 955 " 24702 "

Weather: Fair.

Camps. Billets good.

Remarks. None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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April 28, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Div., A.E.F.,

France, 9:00 A.M., April 28, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 27 to 8:45 A.M., April 28, 1918.

(a) Weather: Fair.

(b) Enemy active with intermittent rifle and machine gun fire.

(c) Our troops active in patrol work but without incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity slightly increased. Division
Headquarters was shelled intermittently for two
hours during the night.

(e) Our artillery active with registration and retaliation fire.

(f) Casualties: One man wounded.

(g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal. Visibility
poor.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Increased enemy artillery
activity.

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,

A.C. of S., G-3.

G.A.H./o

Sent.

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War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 28, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd
Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters
at SOMMEDIÈVE.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.

Absent sick from present area. 20 " 1069 men.

Sick in hosp. in present area. 8 " 260 "

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Bolts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: 67,758 rounds.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.

2 days reserve in supply trains.

Strength of command, present and absent 1,233 Officers, 27437 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 979 " 25022 "

Available for duty in present area..... 971 " 24762 "

Weather: Fair in forenoon; cloudy in afternoon.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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April 29, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., April 29, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 28 to 8:45 A.M., April 29, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair in forenoon; cloudy in afternoon; rain during the night.
- (b) Enemy active with intermittent sniping, rifle and machine gun fire and patrols.
- (c) Our troops active in patrol work, encountered several enemy patrols, driving one off by fire with approximately 10 casualties. We captured one wounded prisoner.
- (d) Enemy artillery active against our batteries.
- (e) Our batteries replied with retaliation fire.
- (f) Casualties: None reported.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal. Visibility fair.

General Impression of the Day: Very quiet. Artillery fire against our front considerably increased. The capture of a German prisoner establishes the presence of the 20th Division recently in the SOMME battle opposite our southern sector. This may indicate the withdrawal of the 82nd Reserve Division.

G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

GAH/o

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: April 29, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....20 Officers, 1070 men.

Sick in hospital in present area. 8 " 261 "

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 66,344 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1239 Officers, 27488 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 998 " 25068 "

Available for duty in present area..... 990 " 24807 "

Weather: Fair with frequent clouds.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

April 30, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., April 30, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 29 to 8:45 A.M., April 30, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair with numerous clouds.
- (b) Enemy active with usual sniping, rifle and machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active in patrol work. One patrol gained contact with the enemy but was unable to take prisoners.
Enemy casualties not known.

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April 30, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 29 to 8:45 A.M., April 30, 1918.
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- (d) Enemy artillery fire: Normal.
 - (e) Our artillery active in reprisal and adjustment fire.
 - (f) Casualties: One man killed; one man wounded.
 - (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal. Visibility fair.
- Miscellaneous: The body of an American Corporal reported missing
in raid of April 21 was found by the French.
- General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Slight decrease in
artillery action.

Sent/
GAH/o

G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

Lt. Thornton

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Rec'd 5 May 1918.

Date: April 30, 1918.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

Location: SECTORS TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd
Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters
at SOMMEDIEUE.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area. 18 " 1066 men.
Sick in hosp. in present area. 8 " 211 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 64,769 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1264 Officers, 27466 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1040 " 25053 "

Available for duty in present area..... 1032 " 24842 "

Weather: Clouds and rain.

Camps: Billets good.

Remarks: None.

ATTESTED:

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div. A.E.F. (Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

C.F.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 1, 1918.

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Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., May 1, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. April 30 to 8:45 A.M., May 1, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair in forenoon; rain in afternoon and night.
- (b) Enemy active with intermittent rifle and machine gun fire
and some sniping.
- (c) Our troops active in patrol work. One enemy patrol en-
countered and forced to retire leaving two dead
Germans.

- (d) Enemy artillery fire: Normal.
- (e) Our artillery fire: Normal.
- (f) Following required. February Rice.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal.
Visibility: Fair in forenoon.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet with slight decrease in
artillery activity.

(Sgd) G. A. Herbst
G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A. C. of S., G - 3.

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Journal of Operations.

May 1, 1918.

The Division is located in the sectors TOULON and TROYON, occupied by the 2nd French Colonial Army Corps; Div. Hdqrs. at Sommedieue.

The 3rd Brigade is in the Troyon sector, in a brigade sector, its brigade comdr. exercising command of the brigade sector.

The 4th Brigade is in the Toulon sector, in a brigade sector, its comdr. exercising command of the brigade sector. Weather: fair in forenoon, rain in afternoon and night. General Impression of the Day:- Normal activity; No unusual incident.

May 1, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Rec'd 8/6/18.

Date: May 1, 1918.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

Location: SECTORS TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIUE.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area. 20 Officers, 1073 men.

Sick in Hosp. in present area. 8 " 272 "

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: 65,633 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops. 2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent 1265 Officers, 28186 men.

Strength of command in present area.... 1020 " 25055 "

Available for duty in present area..... 1012 " 24783 "

Weather: Fair, partially cloudy.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

C.F.

May 2, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,

May 2, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. May 1 to 8:45 A.M., May 2, 1918.

(a) Weather: Fair; partially cloudy.

(b) Enemy active with patrols and with intermittent rifle and machine gun fire and some sniping. One enemy patrol in our wire was driven off by our machine gun fire.

(c) Our troops active in patrol work but without incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.

(e) Our artillery active in adjustment and reprisal fire.

(f) Nothing required. Nothing estimated.

(g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Normal.

Visibility: Good.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

(Sgd)

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,

A. C. of S., G - 3.

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May 2, 1918.

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE 2nd DIVISION: (To G.H.Q.)
May 2, 1918, 9:00 P.M. Artillery activity slightly decreased. Machine gun activity increased.
Sub-sector LACROIX small enemy patrol succeeded in reaching our lines in rear of our front line positions early this morning. Our casualties, one man missing and one man wounded. Nothing further is known of the patrol or its movements. Unusual circulation and signalling opposite sub-sector ROUVROIS tends to confirm presence of new troops in the area. During the last three days they have registered their old barrago in front of their lines five times.

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May 2. Journal of Operations.
Weather: fair, partially cloudy.
Early this morning a German patrol penetrated our lines in C.R. SANGLIER, occupied by the 23rd Inf., at strong Point COLETTE, wounded 1 man and captured 1 Artillery Corporal, 15 F.A., who had a French secret code book on his person.
General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

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War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces. Rec'd 5/6/18.

Date: May 2, 1918. O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.
Location: SECTORS TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIUE.

Health: Deaths.....None.
 Absent sick from present area. 18 Officers, 1061 men.
 Sick in hosp. in present area. 8 " 266 "
Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
 Artillery: 67,926 rounds.
Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
 2 days reserve in supply trains.
Forage on hand: 2 days.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1252 Officers, 27648 men.
Strength of command in present area..... 1022 " 25021 "
Available for duty in present area..... 1014 " 24955 "
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: None.
 (Sgd) G. A. H. ATTESTED:
A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F. (Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
 G. A. H. Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 3, 1918.
Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
May 3, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. May 2 to 8:45 A.M., May 3, 1918.

(a) Weather: Clear.
(b) Enemy activity: Intermittent sniping - machine gun and rifle fire. Small enemy patrol entered our lines and reached a position in the rear of an advanced post.
(c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.
(d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
(e) Our artillery activity: Normal.

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May 3, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W. S. Grant, for period 8:45 A.M. May 2 to 8:45 A.M., May 3, 1918.
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- (f) Following estimated: December Rice; February Rice.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Considerably increased. Visibility good.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet. Decrease in artillery activity; Considerable increase in machine gun activity.

(Sgd)

G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G - 3.

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(G-3)

Report from 2nd Division telephoned by
G-3 to Col. Hitt at 9:35 A.M. May 3rd.

- (a) Weather: Fair.
- (b) Enemy activity: Intermittent sniping, machine gun and rifle fire. Small enemy patrol entered our lines and reached position in rear of an advance post.
- (c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
- (e) Our artillery activity: Normal.
- (f) Casualties: Soldier - 1 wounded, 1 missing.
- (g) Enemy airplane and balloon activity considerably increased. Visibility good.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet; decrease in enemy artillery activity; considerable increase in enemy machine gun activity.

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Weather: fair, visibility good.

German and French aeroplane and balloon activity considerably increased due to the good visibility.

No unusual incident in sectors held by our troops.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

Lt. Thornton.

War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces. Rec'd 5/8/18,

Date: May 3, 1918. O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

Location: SECTORS TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.

Absent sick from present area..19 " 1052 men.

Sick in Hosp. in present area..11 " 266 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 66,708 rounds.

Rations on hand: 2 days reserve and 1 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

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War Diary of the Second Division.

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Strength of command, present and absent: 1251 Officers, 27293 Men.
Strength of command in present area..... 1011 " 24916 "
Available for duty in present area..... 1000 " 24650 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: None.

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(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G.A.H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 4, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, May 4, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., May 3, to 8:45 A.M., May 4, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Fair.
- (b) Enemy active with intermittent machine gun fire and patrolling. Also threw some hand grenades.
- (c) Our troops active in patrolling; one of our patrols encountered superior enemy patrol and had to retire.
- (d) Enemy artillery active in harassing fire and ranging and put down a practice barrage on one of our sectors.
- (e) Our artillery active in harassing and demolition fire.
- (f) Following required: February Rice.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity considerably increased. Visibility - Very Good.

General impression of the day: Unusual machine gun activity. Increased aerial activity. An unusual amount of new construction work seems to be going on in the German lines.

G. A. HERBST,
Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A. C. of S., G-3.

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May 4. Journal of Operations.

Weather: fair, visibility good.

Unusual German and French aeroplane and balloon activity.

No unusual incident.

General impression of the day: Quiet.

War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces. Rec'd 5-11-18.

Date: May 4, 1918.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps

(a) Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

(b) Health: Deaths..... No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area 16 " 1064 men.
Sick in hosp. in present area 9 " 257 "

(c) Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 85,270 rounds.

(d) Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

(e) Forage on hand: 3 days.

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May 4, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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(f) Strength of command, present and absent: 1289 Officers, 27297 men.
Strength of command in present area..... 1048 " 24929 "
Available for duty in present area..... 1039 " 24672 "

(g) Weather: Fair.

(h) Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F:
G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 5, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, May 5, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M. May 4 to 8:45 A.M., May 5, 1918.

(a) Weather: Fair.

(b) Enemy active with intermittent rifle and machine gun fire.
One patrol was seen near our wire but was compelled
to fall back by our fire.

(c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity normal.

(e) Our artillery activity normal.

(f) Nothing required. Nothing estimated.

(g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity considerably above
normal. Visibility very good.

General Impression of the Day: QUIET. Increased activity of
enemy aircraft; increased activity in enemy working par-
ties.

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

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May 5. Journal of Operations

Weather: Intermittent rain and sunshine.

No unusual incident.

General impression of the day - Quiet.

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War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces. Rec'd 5-11-18.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps:

Date: May 5, 1918.

(a) Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd
Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters
at SOMMEDIÈUE.

(b) Health: Deaths.....No officers, 6 men.
Absent sick from present area.15 " 1031 "
Sick in hosp. in present area.11 " 261 "

(c) Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains
filled. Artillery: 40,060 rounds.

(d) Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

(e) Forage on hand: 3 days.

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War Diary of Second Division.

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(f) Strength of command, present and absent: 1280 Officers,
27277 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1034 Officers,
24905 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1023 Officers, 24644 men.

(g) Weather: Intermittent rain and sunshine.

(h) Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell.

G. A. H.

G-3. Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 6, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces.
France, May 6, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., May 5th, to 8:45 A.M., May 6th, 1918.

(a) Weather: Intermittent rain and sunshine.

(b) Enemy active with usual sniping, machine gun and rifle fire.

(c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.

(d) Enemy artillery activity normal.

(e) Our artillery activity normal.

(f) Nothing required. Nothing estimated.

(g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity below normal.

Visibility - poor.

General Impression of the Day: QUIET. Increased road traffic
and movement in enemy's rear area.

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of INFANTRY,

A. C. of S., G - 3.

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May 6. Journal of Operations.

Weather: Intermittent rain and sunshine.

No unusual incident.

General Impression of the day: Quiet.

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War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces. Rec'd 5-11-18.

Date: May 6, 1918.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

(a) Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd
Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters
at SOMMEDIUE.

(b) Health: Deaths..... None.

Absent sick from present area. 15 Officers, 1046 men.

Sick in hosp. in present area. 7 " 256 "

(c) Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains
filled. Artillery: 43,255 rounds.

(d) Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.

(e) Forage on hand: 3 days.

(f) Strength of command, present and absent: 1271 Officers,
27293 men.

Strength of command in present area: 1028 Officers, 24923 men.

Available for duty in present area: 1021 " 24667 "

(g) Weather: Intermittent rain and sunshine.

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May 6, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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(h) Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

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(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

Headquarters, Second Division, May 7, 1918.

American Expeditionary Forces, France, May 7, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. GRANT, for period 8:45 A.M. May 6th, to 8:45 A.M., May 7th, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Intermittent rain and sunshine.
- (b) Enemy active with usual rifle and machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity normal. A short, severe gas bombardment was put down on one of our sectors.
- (e) Our artillery fire normal.
- (f) Nothing required. Nothing estimated.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity. Below normal. Visibility poor.

Miscellaneous: Train movement in vicinity of CONFLANS still considered above normal in comparison with movement prior to present German offensive. Considerable movement of troops eastwards from ETAIN may indicate relief of 123rd Div. by the 24th Division.

General Impression of the Day. QUIET. Road traffic and rail movement in enemy rear area considerably above normal.

(Sgd) G. A. HERBST,

GAH-cf

Lieut-Colonel of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3.

May 7. Journal of Operations.

Weather: Intermittent rain and sunshine.

The Germans put down a short, severe gas shell bombardment on one battalion of the 23rd Inf. in front line trenches. There were no casualties.

General Impression of the day - quiet.

War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces. Rec'd 5-11-18.

Date: May 7, 1918.

O.S.G.S. 1st Corps.

- (a) Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.
- (b) Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area. 13 " 744 men.
Sick in hosp. in present area. 7 " 247 "
- (c) Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: 51,777 rounds.
- (d) Rations on hand: 3 days reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days reserve in supply trains.
- (e) Forage on hand: 3 days.
- (f) Strength of command, present and absent: 1222 Officers,
26685 men.
Strength of command in present area: 1021 Officers, 24814 men.
Available for duty in present area: 1014 " 24567 "
- (g) Weather: Intermittent clouds and sunshine with rain late in the afternoon.

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May 7, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division.

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(h) Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 8, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division,
American Expeditionary Forces.

France, May 8, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., May 7th to 8:45 A.M., May 8th, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Intermittent clouds and sunshine with rain in late afternoon.
- (b) Enemy active with usual rifle and machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity: Normal.
- (e) Our artillery activity: Normal.
- (f) Nothing required; Nothing estimated.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below normal.

Visibility poor.

Miscellaneous: Heavy road and railway movement in enemy's rear area continues.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

G. A. HERBST,

Lieut. Col. of Infantry,

A. C. of S., G - 3.

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May 8, 1918. Journal of Operations.

Weather: Cloudy.

No unusual incident.

General Impression of the Day: Very quiet.

War Diary of Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 8, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....4 Officers, 477 men

Sick in hospital in present area..6 " 139 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 57,858 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent.1210 Officers, 26555 men

Strength of command in present area.....1015 " 24798 "

Available for duty in present area.....1009 " 24759 "

Weather: Cloudy.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

G.A.H.

ATTESTED

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 9, 1918.

Headquarters, 2nd Division, A.E.F.,
France, 9:00 A.M., May 9, 1918.

Telephonic report to G.H.Q., A.E.F., to Lt. Col. W.S. Grant,
for period 8:45 A.M., May 8 to 8:45 A.M., May 9, 1918.

- (a) Weather: Cloudy.
- (b) Enemy active with intermittent machine gun fire.
- (c) Our troops active in patrolling but without incident.
- (d) Enemy artillery activity: Subnormal.
- (e) Our artillery activity: Subnormal.
- (f) Nothing required. Nothing estimated.
- (g) Enemy aeroplane and balloon activity: Below Normal.

Visibility: Poor.

General Impression of the Day: Quiet.

G. A. HERBST,
Lieut.-Col. of Infantry,
A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div.

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Advance Hdqrs. 2nd Div. opens 12 noon May 9th at ROBERT-ESPAGNE,
rear echelon remains until completion of movement. One Bn 9 Inf
and 1 Bn 23rd Inf move to new area in vicinity of Combles-
Robert-Espagne-Vanault-les Dames to-day.

G. A. HERBST.

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May 9, 1918.

Telephone report from 2d Division by Major Herbst to Lt. Col.
Grant, G.3, at 9:15 A.M.

Nothing special to report at all.

Note: Telephone communication bad.

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May 9". Journal of Operations.

Weather: Cloudy.

No unusual incident.

General impression of the day - quiet.

The movement of the division from the Toulon-Troyon Sector
areas, south of Verdun, to the Robert-Espagne, Combles area,
west of Bar-le-Duc, commenced to-day.

See annex of this date - March Table.

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War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 9, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd
Colonial Army Corps with 2nd Division Headquarters at
SOMMEDIÈUE.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....5 Officers, 473 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..6 " 142 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 50,866 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1213 Officers, 26561 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1015 " 24792 "

Available for duty in present area..... 1009 " 24650 "

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May 9, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division.

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Weather: Cloudy.

Remarks: Division Headquarters moved to ROBERT ESPAGNE and opened at 12:00 noon today, rear echelon remaining in SOMMEDIÈUE. The movement of the 2nd Division from the SOMMEDIÈUE area to the ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area commenced today, organizations moving by motor bus, by rail and by marching.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

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A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 10, 1918.

May 10". Journal of Operations

Weather: Cloudy up to late in afternoon. Clear in early evening.

No unusual incident.

Movement of organizations into new area continued.

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War Diary of 2nd Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 10, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with Headquarters of Rear Echelon 2nd Division at SOMMEDIÈUE; also ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area with Division Headquarters at ROBERT ESPAGNE. Movements of organizations from SOMMEDIÈUE to ROBERT ESPAGNE area are taking place daily.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....5 Officers, 462 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..5 " 133 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: 47,957 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1216 Officers, 26573 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1017 " 24795 "

Available for duty in present area..... 1012 " 24662 "

Weather: Cloudy up to late afternoon; clear in early evening.

Remarks: None.

(sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 11, 1918.

May 11. Journal of Operations.

Weather: Cloudy - some rain.

No unusual incident.

Movement of organizations into new area continued.

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May 11, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 11, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with Headquarters of Rear Echelon 2nd Division at SOMMEDIUE; also ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area with Division Headquarters at ROBERT ESPAGNE. Movements of organizations from SOMMEDIUE to ROBERT ESPAGNE area are taking place daily.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....5 Officers, 459 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.5 " 134 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 47,900 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1218 Officers, 26579 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1016 " 24793 "

Available for duty in present area..... 1011 " 24659 "

Weather: Cloudy - showers.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 12, 1918.

May 12. Journal of Operations.

Cloudy in forenoon. Fair in afternoon with fleecy clouds.

No unusual incident.

Movement of organizations into new area continued.

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War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 12, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with Headquarters Rear Echelon 2nd Division at SOMMEDIUE; also ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area with Division Headquarters at ROBERT ESPAGNE. Movements of organizations from the SOMMEDIUE area to ROBERT ESPAGNE area are taking place daily.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....5 Officers, 443 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..6 " 139 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 47,900 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1215 Officers, 26577 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1019 " 24794 "

Available for duty 1013 " 24655 "

Weather: Cloudy in forenoon; fair in afternoon.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 13. Journal of Operations.
Cloudy during day. Fair in late evening.
No unusual incident.
Movement of units into new area continued.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 13, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with Headquarters Rear Echelon 2nd Division at SOMMEDIUE; also ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area with Division Headquarters at ROBERT ESPAGNE. Movements of organizations from the SOMMEDIUE area to ROBERT ESPAGNE area are taking place daily.

Health: Deaths None.
Absent sick from present areas 5 Officers, 431 men.
Sick in hospital in present areas..6 " 143 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 49,000 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1212 Officers, 26524 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1024 " 24893 "

Available for duty..... 1018 " 24750 "

Weather: Cloudy during the day; fair in late evening.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 14, 1918.

May 14. Journal of Operations.
Cloudy in forenoon; showers about noon; fair in afternoon and evening.
No unusual incident.
Movement of units into new area continued.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 14, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd Colonial Army Corps with Headquarters Rear Echelon 2nd Division at SOMMEDIUE; also ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area with Division Headquarters at ROBERT ESPAGNE. Movements of organizations from the SOMMEDIUE area to ROBERT ESPAGNE area are taking place daily.

Health: Deaths.....None.
Absent sick from present areas....5 Officers, 411 men.
Sick in hospital in present areas.5 " 142 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 49,000 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

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May 14, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division.

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Strength of command, present and absent: 1214 Officers, 26498 men.
Strength of command in present areas.... 1029 " 24906 "
Available for duty..... 1024 " 24764 "
Weather: Cloudy in forenoon; showers at noon; fair in afternoon
and evening.

Remarks: None.

(sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 15, 1918.

May 15. Journal of Operations.

Weather: fair.

War Diary of Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 15, 1918.

Location: Sectors TOULON and TROYON occupied by French 2nd
Colonial Army Corps with Headquarters Rear Echelon 2nd
Division at SOMMEDIUE; also ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area
with Division Headquarters at ROBERT ESPAGNE. Movements
of organizations from the SOMMEDIUE area to the ROBERT
ESPAGNE area are taking place daily.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present areas....7 Officers, 392 men.

Sick in hospital in present areas.5 " 141 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: 45,800 rounds.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1214 Officers, 26493 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1037 " 25057 "

Available for duty..... 1032 " 24916 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The 12th Field Artillery, the last organization to
leave the SOMMEDIUE area, arrived today, marching
overland.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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March 16 to May 15, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division, Am.E.F.,
Office of Division Surgeon,
Germany, Feb. 22, 1919.

From: Division Surgeon.

To: Commanding General, (G-3)

Subject: Report of Operations, Med. Dept., 2nd Div., March 16
to May 15, 1918.

1. During this period the Division operated in the sector
South of Verdun under the orders of the French Army and Corps,
and the Medical Department functioned under and in conjunction
with that of the French.

2. The Regimental and Battalion Aid Stations were established
and operated in corresponding stations of the French, with which
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Report of Operations, Med. Dept., 2nd Div., March 16 to May 15, 1918.

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the troops of the Second Divisions were brigaded, first by companies, then battalions, regiments, etc., until all the French posts had been taken over. The sector being an old one, on a stable "trench front", our Medical Department Service found many well established 'Poste de Secours' fairly well stocked with French equipment consisting of drugs, splints, oxygen bags, dressings, etc., which were turned over for our use. Practically all were in dugouts and 'splinter proof', the majority also safe against direct hits of smaller shells. They were in most instances of sufficient size to accomodate from 4 to 12 patients in addition to the necessary sanitary personnel. Very few were securely equipped with gas curtains.

Many of the advanced stations were sufficiently forward to expose to direct view of the enemy the roads leading to them, and necessitated access in the daytime by means of tortuous trenches and evacuation along these trenches by litter. Over some roads where ambulances could not operate in the daytime, wheeled litters were used.

3. The Sanitary Train. No Headquarters of Sanitary Trains had at this time been organized, and the two animal drawn companies, (16th Field Hospital and 16th Ambulance Companies,) had not yet joined the Division. The Field Hospital Section consisted of the Headquarters and the 1st, 15th and 23rd Field Hospitals; the Ambulance Section of its Headquarters and the 1st, 15th and 23rd Ambulance Companies. These organizations arrived in this sector March 16th, 1918, and proceeded to the following stations:

Headquarters of the Sections to French Hospital (Ambulance 11/22,) RAVIGNY, Thence March 19th to French Hospital (Ambulance 9/10,) at PETIT MONTHAIRON, where they remained until the last of the Division left this sector on May 16th. Here they occupied one of the barrack buildings which had been erected as adjuncts to the French Surgical Hospital operating in the large chateau at this place.

1st Field Hospital to French Ambulance at FONTAINE BRILLANTE near SOMMEDIU, operated by the French as a Triage. This Company assisted in operating the French Dressing Station and Operating Room at this place, and was ultimately given definite barrack space for the sick and wounded of the Division, evacuating to the French Hospitals in the immediate rear until they left the area with the Division May 12th.

Americans treated:- Gassed: 332; Wounded: 88; Injured: 64; Sick: 554; Psychoneurosis: 3; Total: 1041.

15th Field Hospital to a French Ambulance at GENICOURT. This was operated by the French as a Triage and the Personnel of the Company were assigned duties with the French and under their supervision until they left April 2nd, and a detachment of 1 officer and 15 men from 1st Field Hospital replaced them to assist in care of the American soldiers who might be admitted thereafter. Records of the 15th Field Hosp. for this place were lost but it is estimated that about 200 Americans were treated by them at that place.

23rd Field Hospital to AMBLY, where after several days of inactivity it took over and operated a Triage Station left there by the French. This had a capacity of 100 beds, and was well equipped with convenient operating and sterilizing rooms, but as the town was frequently shelled, patients were not retained there longer than necessary. Up till time of leaving this Company treated:- Wounded: 8; Injured: 7; Sick: 141; Total: 156.

1st Ambulance Company to FONTAINE BRILLANTE, from which place
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it furnished Ambulance and Litter Bearer Service for left area of the sector. This served both Americans and French from the Battalion, Regimental and Ambulance Stations at the front to the Triage at this place and from this Sorting Station to rear hospitals. Ambulance Posts were maintained at BELLEVUE, MARDI GRAS, LUXEMBURG, HEDEVAUX, JOFFRE and MARQUENTERRE. March 31st the Company was moved to LA CHIFFEUR, but the same service was continued. Here it remained until it left with the Division May 16th.

15th Ambulance Company to GENICOURT, from which place Ambulance and Litter Bearer Service was furnished the front of this portion of sector. Ambulance Posts at VER LOGIS, LA CLOCHE, RUPT, MOUILLY and RANVIERES. Left the station with the Division on May 14th.

23rd Ambulance Company to TROYON for service of right wing of the sector with Ambulance Posts at LA CROIX, JEANETTE, WOMBLI, AMBLY and ROUVROIS. At the latter place an Ambulance Dressing Station was later established and operated for the purpose of instruction rather than real need. Left the sector May 12th.

4. March 18th, the two animal drawn Companies (16th Field Hospital and 16th Ambulance Co.,) joined the Division from BLOIS, but neither had transportation nor equipment.

16th Ambulance Company took station at French Hospital, (Ambulance 11/12), at RAVIGNY. March 24th the greater portion of the personnel of officers and men were distributed among the other three Ambulance Companies for training and instruction. Ten enlisted men were also attached to French Hospital, (Ambulance 4/12,) at DIEUE for ward duties and instruction and 12 men to French Hospital, (Ambulance 9/10,) at PETIT MONTHAIRON. One officer and twelve men in charge of animals, transportation and equipment, left the U.S. after the departure of the Company, and from a different Port of Embarkation. This personnel and transportation had not joined up to this time and in the latter part of April animals, harness and wagons were gradually received. Also 9 old animal drawn ambulances, which had been discarded by the 26th Division. All of these were incomplete, most of them practically unserviceable, and the parts necessary to complete them unobtainable. Complete dressing station equipment was secured from the Medical Department. Upon departure of the Division from this sector, 8 ambulances were distributed to the Artillery Regiments and Machine Gun Battalions to accompany them on the March. Company left this sector May 12th.

16th Field Hospital was sent to French Centre Hospitaliere de MAUJOUY for duty and training with and under French personnel of that hospital. April 12th one officer and twenty two men were detached for duty at French Hospital, (Ambulance 9/10,) at PETIT MONTHAIRON, where two hospital barracks had been assigned for the sick and wounded of our Division. Here were also treated the venereals of the Division, who required hospitalization. While at MAUJOUY the Company received their animals, harness wagons and medical equipment.

5. April 2nd, the 15th Field Hospital left GENICOURT and took station at H.O.E. 4B, (French Evacuation Hospital,) at SOUILLY. Here the men were assigned to duty in the wards for instruction and each officer assigned with a French Medical Officer. About April 20th, four large wards were assigned exclusively for American patients and cared for by the members of the Company except for one French non-commissioned officer

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as ward master. The officers were given opportunity to take part in the operations and valuable experience was had in modern war surgery.

6. April 10th, the 23rd Field Hospital moved to FONTAINE ROUNTON, a French Mobile Surgical Unit near LEMMES, and again on April 26th to MAUJOUY, relieving the 16th Field Hospital at the latter place. At these two places the officers and men worked with the French and received their first practical training in military surgical ward work.

7. On April 26th, the 16th Field Hospital turned over to the French at MAVLOUY, the 171 wounded Americans in their care and, leaving their animals and transportation, and personnel to care for them, moved to AMBLY, where they re-established the Sorting Station, (Triage,) which they operated until May 9th, when they rejoined their transportation at MAUJOUY preparatory to the departure of the Division.

At AMBLY the following cases were treated:- Gassed: 15; Wounded: 65; Injured: 20; Sick: 40; Total: 140.

8. The services of the Litter Bearer and Dressing Station Sections of the Ambulance Companies were not required with their organizations and were consequently detailed to Regimental and Battalion Aid Stations to assist the Medical Department personnel of these organizations and to acquire as much experience as possible in the Medical Department service of the trenches. Details were also maintained at Ambulance Posts and relay litter bearer stations. All were rotated in these various services to make the instruction as general as possible, and much valuable experience was gained by these men. Some were also detailed near the front to dig graves and construct coffins and grave markers. These are not properly the duties of U.S. Ambulance Company men, but were in accordance with the French regulations regarding the duties of nearly corresponding organizations, (Branchardier Divisionnaire,) of the French Army.

Ambulance drivers had much opportunity to acquire proficiency in night driving without lights over dark and muddy roads.

9. Medical Supplies: The Division Medical Supply Depot had not accompanied the Division into this area and no medical supplies were available in the vicinity. A carload of Medical Supplies had been unloaded at the railhead and was ordered shipped back to Div. Med. Supply Depot at BOURMONT. To save it to the Division which needed it badly, it was taken over by the Director of Ambulance Companies, hauled up to Ambulance Co. Headquarters and an improvised depot established. These supplies were apportioned to the various organizations of the Division and distributed by ambulances. This service was quite instructive to ambulance drivers and orderlies in system of distribution of Medical Supplies. Supplies were replenished by requisition on the Medical Supply Depot in the rear, and the Red Cross.

10. Evacuations was through the French Sorting Stations, (Triage,) near the front at GENICOURT on the right and FONTAINE BRILLANTE on the left, and from about April 1st through our own Sorting Stations at AMBLY and FONTAINE BRILLANTE. From these stations patients were evacuated to one of the following hospitals as their condition indicated:

Class of cases	:Hospital	:Location	:Av. distance fr.front.
Seriously wounded:			
and all officers :	Ambulance 9/10:	PETIT	: 10 kilometers.
:	:	MONTAIRON:	
Wounded	:Center Hospitaliere:	MOUJOUY:	:12 kilometers.
:	:	(ANCEMONT- :	
:	:	: Souilly rd:	

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Class of cases	Hospital	Location	Av. distance : fr. front.
Eye and Ear	: Ambulance 4/12	: Dieue	: 8 kilometers
Gassed	: Ambulance 10/18	: Near RAMBLUZIN	: 20 kilometers
Infectious	: Ambulance 11/6	: BENOITE VAUX	: 22 kilometers
Sick (slight)	: Div. Field Hosp's	: Various Stations	
Evacuation	: H.O.E.-4B	: SOUILLY	: 28 kilometers

(Sgd) E. W. Miller
E. W. MILLER,
Lieut.Col., Med. Corps, USA.
(for the Division Surgeon)

May 16, 1918.

May 16". Journal of Operations.

Weather: Fair.

War Diary of Second Division.
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 16, 1918.

Location: The ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area. Some of the organizations are still en route, marching overland, and will not reach the area until May 17th.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present areas... 7 " 383 men.
Sick in hospital in present areas: 5 " 145 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition Trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1216 Officers, 26482 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1044 " 25142 "

Available for duty..... 1039 " 24997 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Rear Echelon of 2nd Division left SOMMEDIUE at 11:00 A.M. and joined Division Headquarters at ROBERT ESPAGNE at 4:00 P.M.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 17, 1918.

May 17". Journal of Operations.

Weather: Fair.

Movement of Div. into Robert Espagne-Combles area completed.
List of stations of organizations - see annex.

May 17, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 17th, 1918.

Location: ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area. The last organization of the Division, 12th Field Artillery, arrived in area today.

Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area... 6 " 361 men.
Sick in hospital in present area 5 " 143 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1215 Officers, 26474 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1056 " 25320 "

Available for duty..... 1051 " 25177 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Three Staff Officers of Division Headquarters moved to EPLUCHES today to arrange for placing the Division in the new area of CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 18, 1918.

May 18. Journal of Operations.

Weather: Fair.

Movement of the Division from the Robert-Espagne-Combles area to the Chaumont en Vexin commenced to-day.

See F.O. #2, Hdqrs. 2" Div. May 15:18; Annex of this date.

See No. 660/3, 3e Bureau, Vth French Army Staff, dated Hdqrs. May 17, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 18, 1918.

Location: ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area.

Health: Deaths.....1 Officer, no men.
Absent sick from present area.....6 Officers, 344 "
Sick in hospital in present areas..4 " 139 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1211 Officers, 26477 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1066 " 25346 "

Available for duty..... 1062 " 25207 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The leading elements of the Division left by rail for the new area at 6:00 P.M.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 19, 1918.

May 19. Journal of Operations.

Weather - fair. Sunday.

First train arrived 9:25 A.M. and detrained at Epluches, which is the regulating station. Three detraining points: L'Isle Adam, Persan - Beaumont and Meru, the latter being French 5th Army Hdqrs.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 19, 1918.

Location: ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area.

Health: Deaths..... None.

Absent sick from present area.... 7 Officers, 327 men.

Sick in hospital in present areas 4 " 138 "

Ammunition on hand:

Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat Trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1211 Officers, 26401 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1067 " 25377 "

Available for duty..... 1063 " 25239 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The organizations of the Division continued the movement into the new area by rail, troop trains leaving, approximately, every two hours. Advance echelon of Division Headquarters opened at 12:00 noon at CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C.of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 20, 1918.

May 20. Journal of Operations.

Weather: Fair.

The troop movement, by R.R. train continued.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 20, 1918.

Location: En route from the ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area to the CHAUMONT -en- VEXIN area, troops moving by train, motor transportation overland.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....7 Officers, 307 men.

Sick in hospital in present areas.4 " 138 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1209 Officers, 26400 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1069 " 25389 "

Available for duty..... 1065 " 25251 "

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May 20, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division

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Weather: Fair.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

May 21, 1918.

May 21. Journal of Operations.

Weather: fair.

Div. Hdqrs. closed at Robert-Espagne and reopened at Chaumont-en-Vexin.

War Diary of Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 21, 1918.

Location: En route from the ROBERT ESPAGNE-COMBLES area to the CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area, troops moving by rail, motor transportation overland.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....7 Officers, 298 men.

Sick in hospital in present areas.4 " 136 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1208 Officers, 26385 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1071 " 25398 "

Available for duty..... 1067 " 25262 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Division Headquarters closed at 9:20 P.M. at ROBERT ESPAGNE. The last train for the division left the old area at 9:30 P.M.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 22, 1918.

May 22. Journal of Operations

Weather: fair.

The last troop train arrived about 2:30 P.M.

See Annex #1 - Map of area occupied by the Div.

Annex #2 - Stations of the organizations.

Annex #3 - Detraining table with routes etc., to stations.

War Diary of Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 22, 1918.

Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....7 Officers, 294 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.4 142 "

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May 22, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division.

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Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
2 days' reserve with supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days'.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1209 Officers, 26381 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1070 " 25397 "

Available for duty..... 1066 " 25255 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The last column of motor transportation left the
ROBERT ESPAGNE area at 6:00 A.M. Last train of the
Division arrived in the new area about 3:00 P.M.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 23, 1918.

May 23. Journal of Operations.

Weather: fair.

Organizations engaged in training and instruction.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 23, 1918.

Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.

Health: Deaths.....None

Absent sick from present area .8 Officers, 294 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..4 " 136 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition Trains filled.

Rations on hand: 1 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.

Forage on hand: one days'.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1209 Officers, 26372 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1072 " 25398 "

Available for duty..... 1068 " 25262 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The last organization of the division arrived in it's
final billet in the new area.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 24, 1918.

May 24. Journal of Operations.

Weather: fair.

Organizations busy in training and instruction.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 24, 1918.

Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.

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May 24, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division

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Health: Deaths.....No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area....8 " 294 men.
Sick in hospital in present area.4 " 137 "
Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition Trains filled.
Rations on hand: 1 days' reserve and 2 days field with troops.
Forage on hand: One days'.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1207 Officers, 26367 men.
Strength of command in present area - - 1071 " 25402 "
Available for duty - - - - - 1067 " 25265 "
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 25, 1918.

May 25. Journal of Operations.
Weather: fair.
Organizations busy in training and instruction.

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War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 25, 1918.
Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.
Health: Deaths.....:None
Absent sick from present area...; 8 Officers, 294 men.
Sick in hospital in present area: 4 " 131 "
Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
Forage on hand: 3 days'.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1207 Officers, 26354 men.
Strength of command in present area..... 1073 " 25415 "
Available for duty..... 1069 " 25284 "
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.
A.C. of S., G-3, 2nd Div., A.E.F.
G. A. H.

ATTESTED:
(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 26, 1918.

May 26. Journal of Operations.
Weather: fair. Sunday.

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War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 26, 1918.
Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.
Health: Deaths.....: No Officers, 1 man.
Absent sick from present area...: 7 " 293 men.
Sick in hospital in present area: 4 " 129 "
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May 26, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division

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Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.
Forage on hand: 3 days.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1207 Officers, 26704 men.
Strength of command in present areas.... 1074 " 25768 "
Available for duty..... 1070 " 25639 "
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: None.
(Sgd) G. A. H. ATTESTED:
G-3
G. A. H. Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 27, 1918.

May 27. Journal of Operations.
Weather: fair.
Div. Terrain Exercise held to-day.

War Diary of Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 27, 1918.
Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.
Health: Deaths..... None.
Absent sick from present area..... 6 Officers, 256 men.
Sick in hospital in present area...11 " 133 "
Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.
Forage on hand: 3 days.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1218 Officers, 26693 men.
Strength of command in present area..... 1079 " 25933 "
Available for duty..... 1068 " 25800 "
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: None.
(Sgd) G. A. H. ATTESTED:
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G. A. H. Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 28, 1918.

May 28. Journal of Operations.
Weather: fair.
Organizations busy with instruction and training.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 28, 1918.
Location: The CHAUMONT-enVEXIN area.
Health: Deaths..... None.
Absent sick from present area...21 Officers, 175 men.
Sick in hospital in present area 6 " 123 "
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May 28, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1212 Officers, 26523 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1066 " 25913 "

Available for duty..... 1060 " 25790 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 29, 1918.

May 29. Journal Of Operations.

Weather: fair.

3rd Brig. had terrain Ex. in forenoon.

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War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 29, 1918.

Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....4 Officers, 73 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..5 " 136 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1205 Officers, 26270 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1068 " 25738 "

Available for duty..... 1063 " 25602 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: None.

(sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 30, 1918.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS

May 30, 1918.

On May 30th the Second Division was stationed in the GISORS-CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area for a period of training. Several training exercises had been held and more were contemplated. On May 30th the Commanding General of the French Group Reserve Armies at NOAILLES requested that the Division be moved into the BEAUVAIS area with headquarters at AEUNIL. The movement was to be by marching commencing the morning of May 31st and terminating in two days, due to the fact that the Division was scattered in a northern and southern direction and the rearmost elements needed two days to make the march comfortably.

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May 30, 1918.

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The field order directing the movement had been issued and billeting parties sent ahead. At about 5:00 P.M. a French Staff Officer came with an order that the infantry of the division would embus at 5:00 A.M., May 31st for the area around MEAUX, the necessary camions to transport the troops being provided by the French. The necessary orders were given to embus the infantry. At midnight a French Staff Officer arrived with the information that the remainder of the division, field artillery and the animal transportation of the infantry would move by rail, the first train leaving at 5:30 A.M. The necessary orders were issued.

See Field Order No. 4, Headquarters, Second Division, (Regular) dated 30 May, 1918, 9:30 P.M.

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War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 30, 1918.

Location: The CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN area.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....4 Officers, 71 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.5 " 132 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1208 Officers, 26289 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1069 " 25746 "

Available for duty..... 1064 " 25614 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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May 31, 1918.

May 31, 1918. JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

After a night of intensive labor the necessary orders and schedules were made out and the troops embarked for MEAUX and the movement began. The necessary staff officers were sent ahead by automobile and the proper quota left behind.

At French Army Headquarters at TRILPORT verbal instructions were given that the division would occupy the area LIZY-sur-OURCQ - CROUY-sur-OURCQ - VENDREST with Division Headquarters at CROUY-sur-OURCQ. Late in the afternoon the leading elements of the infantry began to arrive. They were ordered to debus near the area MAY-en-MULTIEN northeast of MEAUX and there await concentration, as two days march from the detraining station was necessary for the artillery and the animal transportation of the infantry. The first railroad train passed through MITRY-MORY, the regulating station, at 2:30 P.M. The detraining points were DANMARTIN-en-GOELE, NANTEUIL-le-HAUDOUIN and ORMOY-VILLERS.

Hardly had the regiment debussed when the French Staff authorities urgently requested that the division take up the position between GANDELU and MONTIGNY-l'ALLIER, both northeast of MEAUX. Reports had it that the Germans were to attack that night. Strenuous efforts were made to gather up the remaining infantry elements, and the men with 100 rounds in their belts:

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May 31, 1918.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS

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started for the designated positions. At about 8:00 P.M. a French Staff Officer met Colonel Preston Brown, the Chief of Staff on the main highway about four kilometers north of MAY-en-MULTIEN and requested that the division take up a position instead, on the line NEUFCHELLES - ROUVROIS with Division Headquarters at MAY-en-MULTIEN. Officers in cars were immediately sent out to divert troops to the new line. At 11:00 P.M. the last remaining infantry elements arrived by camion save those delayed by broken machines.

At 2:00 P.M. a French Staff Officer advised Colonel C.H. Bridges, who remained behind at CHAUMONT-en-VEXIN in charge of the train movement that 32 trains were all that could be provided and that the remaining elements would have to march overland. The railroad trains provided were sufficient to move the artillery. The transportation of the infantry had to march overland and moved out in three columns.

Annex Map PARIS sheet 1/200,000 File #16.

Annex Map MEAUX sheet 1/80,000

Annex Orders and notes.

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War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: May 31, 1918.

Location: Enroute to area north of MEAUX.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....4 Officers, 71 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.5 " 132 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1208 Officers, 26289 men.

Strength of command in present areas.... 1069 " 25746 "

Available for duty..... 1064 " 25614 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The Division moves to the new area as follows: The Infantry by motor trucks furnished by the French, the animal transportation of the infantry and artillery by rail and the motor transportation overland.

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ATTESTED:

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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June 1, 1918.

June 1st.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

At midnight a French Staff Officer encountered Colonel Brown, the Chief of Staff, who was on the field directing the location of the troops, and delivered an army order requiring concentration of division as an emergency around the area MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS. The necessary orders were given and the troops made a forced march to MONTREUIL, arriving there a little after daybreak. The situation was very grave as the Germans were pushing along the CHATEAU THIERRY - PARIS road. The roads were blocked with troops and refugees streaming to the rear. The 9th Infantry in the lead was given verbal orders by a French Staff Officer

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June 1, 1918.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS

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to take up a position across the CHATEAU-THIERRY - PARIS road. The 23rd Infantry was to take up a position on the left of the 9th. Being at the rear of the column and the situation being somewhat tense, the 6th Marines instead took up the position near THIOLET north of the CHATEAU THIERRY - PARIS road, the 9th Infantry being south of the road. The 23rd Infantry and 5th Marines were held in reserve. Supply trucks were unloaded and extra ammunition was loaded up and pushed forward to the troops. Two days' rations were immediately placed behind the troops. A staff officer arrived with the information that 18 of the railroad trains had been cancelled and these elements were marching overland. Despatch riders were sent out directing these troops to proceed by forced marches, officers were stationed at various detraining points to accelerate the approach of the artillery, and ammunition dumps were established at LIZY-sur-OURCQ. Railhead was established at MEAUX and Division Headquarters at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS. By evening practically all of the infantry was up. Machine guns were much needed but as they were marching overland would not arrive for two days. Their route of march was ascertained, the supply train emptied and sent after them bringing up the personnel, guns and ammunition to the front. The artillery began to arrive. The Engineer Train was advanced and tools issued and entrenching begun. At midnight the Corps Commander called with the information that a gap of nearly four kilometers existed in the line near GANDELU and that a German attack might be expected at any moment. The 23rd Infantry reinforced by a battalion of 5th Marines and the 5th Machine Gun Battalion less 2 Cos. and a Company of Engineers were roused from their sleep and made a forced march to the designated spot. A wire was laid from the Headquarters of the 164th French Division following the 23rd Infantry. The detachment was in position by daylight June 2nd. It was temporarily detached from the Second Division and placed under the command of the 43rd French Division.

The Second Division, is occupying a support position in rear of the French troops that are in the front first lines. No sector or command has yet been given the Commanding General of the Second Division. It forms part of the 21st Army Corps, French, whose Headquarters are CHARMIGNY.

Annex Map showing route of march of 23rd Infantry.
Annex Notes and orders.

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War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 1, 1918.

Location: In position west of CHATEAU THIERRY holding a general line BONNEIL, Le THIOLET, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE, CHAMPILLON, BOIS de VEUILLY. Division Headquarters at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....3 Officers, 76 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.4 " 122 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve and 2 days' field with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

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June 1, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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Strength of command, present and absent: 1212 Officers, 26282 men.
Strength of command in present area..... 1064 " 25752 "
Available for duty..... 1060 " 25630 "
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 2, 1918.

June 2nd. JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

The 6th Marines had several casualties among officers and men - wounded only. The 6th Machine Gun Battalion stopped the German advance several times in the morning.

The 9th Infantry had 26 wounded casualties. No further incident occurred during the day. The organizations were all engaged in consolidating positions in line. In the afternoon the artillery began to run short of 155 ammunition. A motor truck ammunition train which had arrived from GHQ was commandeered and sent 45 miles to the rear to load with ammunition. It made the round trip in 13 hours, delivering 32 truck loads of 155 ammunition to the guns.

A battalion of 5th Marines was taken from Colonel Malone commanding the 23rd Infantry to a position to LES PYRAMIDES. Two companies of the 5th Machine Gun Battalion were also taken away from the 23rd Infantry and sent to VENTELET FERME. A prisoner reports that a German Division will make an attack down the CHATEAU-THIERRY - LIZY-sur-OURCQ road. The above organizations are held as reserve against the possibility of such an attack.

Annex Orders and notes.

War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 2, 1918.

Location: In position west of CHATEAU THIERRY holding a general line BONNEIL, Le THIOLET, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE, CHAMPILLON, BOIS de VEUILLY, Division Headquarters at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....4 Officers, 68 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..4 " 129 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition has been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 1 days' reserve with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1216 Officers, 26296 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1072 " 25749 "

Available for duty..... 1068 " 25620 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: None.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 3rd.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS

June 3, 1918.

The regiments were engaged in entrenching and consolidating their positions. A number of points occupied by our troops were under hostile shell fire, a good part of the day causing some casualties. The French troops in front of the division have fallen back to nearly our own line practically on our whole front. In one case a retreating French Officer gave a written order to an American officer to fall back. Naturally the order was not obeyed. No important German activity against our lines occurred during the day.

Annex orders and notes.

War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 3, 1918.

Location: In position west of CHATEAU THIERRY holding a general line BONNEIL, Le Thiolet, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE, CHAM-PILLON, BOIS de VEUILLY. Division Headquarters at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....6 Officers, 98 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..4 " 127 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition has been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 1 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 2 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1209 Officers, 26299 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1075 " 25763 "

Available for duty..... 1071 " 25636 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: 90 Casualties passed thru Div. Dressing Stations and have been evacuated thro MEAUX. Not included in the above health report.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 4, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,
FRANCE, 4 June, 1918.

Report of Operations for the Period
8:00 P.M. June 3 to 8:00 P.M. June 4, 1918.

1. General aspects of the Day: NORMAL.
2. Report of events: The forenoon passed without much event, but during afternoon considerable shelling by enemy on the north front from Y line 170 to Y line 175, with shrapnel, high explosive, and some gas. Complete details of this fire as to calibre of artillery used, and the location of particularly active groups, have been received. Several flights of enemy aviators were made this afternoon.

Miscellaneous: Concentrations of enemy troops were observed this morning in the woods south of BUSSIARES. Vehicles and some columns were observed entering COURCHAMPS this afternoon. Cattle, probably beef on hoof, was driven from COURCHAMPS toward LICY about 5:30 P.M., and about 6:00 P.M. columns of troops observed entering BUSSIARES. Both American and French Artillery fire was brought to bear upon these columns.

Losses: Some losses of both officers and men were sustained by hostile artillery fire. Complete details not yet received.

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G. A. HERBST,
Lt-Colonel, General Staff,
A.C. of S., G - 3.

June 4th. JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

The division continued to hold the line from LE NOUETTE inclusive on the east to the northeast and north edges of the BOIS de VEUILLY, inclusive on the west. During the night all French troops in front of the line held by the division retired through our lines. Exception: the dismounted cavalry holding the BOIS DE LA MARETTE continue to hold their position and are attached to the 3rd Brigade. The command passed to the Second Division at 8:00 A.M. The right battalion of the 9th Infantry was withdrawn during the night of June 3rd-4th and passed to division reserve. No important incidents occurred during the day. Our artillery in a number of cases brought its fire to bear on columns of vehicles, troops and stock observed entering COURCHAMPS and BUSSIARES. Some casualties were sustained by enemy artillery and machine gun fire and sniping.

Annex Orders and notes.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 4, 1918.

Location: In position west of CHATEAU THIERRY holding the general line BONNEIL, Le THIOLET, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE, CHAMPILLON, BOIS de VEUILLY. Division Headquarters at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area....4 Officers, 102 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.5 " 139 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition has been placed within easy reach.

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June 4, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1213 Officers, 26703 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1067 " 25758 "

Available for duty..... 1062 " 25619 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Under intermittent enemy artillery fire and engaged in skirmishing with enemy.

112 Casualties passed thro dressing stations and were evacuated thro MEAUX. Not included in above health report.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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See 1:80,000 Carte d'etat -Major.

2d Division,
4 June, 1918.

My dear Conner:

1. At 5. P.M. on June 3d the 2d Div. occupied a line running from south to northwest as follows:
BONNEIL (about 5½ kilometers southwest of CHATEAU THIERRY) Mt. de Bonneil-la Nouette Ferme-Western edge of Bois de la Marette-la Thiolet-Bois de Clerembauts-Triangle-Lucy le-Bocage-Hill 142-Eastern and northern edge of Bois de Veully-woods about 1500 km. southwest of Veully la Poterie-du Rhone Ferme-Bremoiselle. Length of this line is quite approximately 20 kilometers.

2. This line was held as follows:

Bonneil (incl)-le Thiolet (incl) 9th Inf.
Le Thiolet (excl)-Lucy le Bocage (excl) 2d Bn. 6th Marines.
Lucy le Bocage (incl)-Hill 142 (excl) 1st Bn. 6th Marines.
Hill 142 (incl)-Eastern edge Bois de Veully (incl) 2nd Bn. 5th Marines.
Eastern edge Bois de Veully (excl)-Bremoiselle (incl) 23d Infantry.

3. It developed yesterday afternoon that a gap existed at Hill 142, between the 5th and 6th Marines. Accordingly 2 companies of the 3rd Bn. 6th Marines which was held as regimental reserve were sent up to fill this gap.

The 2d Bn. 5th Marines, also, was not in touch with the 23d Infantry on its left. It developed that French units occupied the line from the Eastern edge of Bois de Veully (excl) to the road Marigny-Veully la Poterie, where they connected up with the 2d Bn. 5th Marines on one side and the 23d Infantry on the other.

4. All 3 battalions of the 9th Infantry were in line; 2 battalions and 2 cos. of the 6th Marines were in the line, while the 3d Bn. (less 2 cos) was held as regimental reserve at CHAMPILLON; 1 Bn. 5th Marines was in the line, 1 Bn. was at Pyramide as Brigade Reserve, 1 Bn. was in woods 500 meters northwest of la Langue Ferme (2½ km. east of Montreuil) as Corps Reserve; 3 bns. less 1½ cos. of 23d Inf. were in the line, with 1½ cos. at Coulombs as regimental reserve.

5. American artillery was entering sector on afternoon of June 3d, and taking up positions to relieve French batteries of corresponding caliber; while other French artillery was coming into sector as well.

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June 4, 1918.

Report from Lt. Col. W.D. Grant to General Conner.
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6. On the evening of June 3d an official report came in that the Germans had captured Hill 123 (1 kilometer southwest of Veully la Poterie) north of Malones right. Later Captain Claude (French officer on duty with 23d Inf) reported that prisoners captured had stated the Germans had been ordered to take Hill 123 and Marigny at all costs within 24 hours. (Hour when this order was given them not known).

7. During the night our artillery, as well as the French did considerable firing. A report from Malone dated 2:55 A.M. June 4, stated that in view of any enemy movement from Hautvesnes our artillery concentrated its fire upon the area over which the attack was to be made. German artillery replied at 2:25 A.M. and put down a heavy barrage for a few minutes at approximately the junction of the Marines and 23d Inf. (These two regiments had evidently extended their front to get in touch with each other, as had been contemplated when it was discovered that French units were between them). Malone also states; "If any attack was launched by hostile infantry, it did not reach our lines. The French line and our front remain intact."

8. At 12:15 P.M. as I write this, no further information of any attacks have been received, except that Lt. Hunt, Liaison Officer at Hq. 21st Corps, states that French have retaken Hill 123 and hold it.

9. Today Gen. Bundy takes command of a sector bounded as shown on map by blue arrows. Tonight the 23d Inf. is to be relieved by a French Division and will withdraw to take position as Division Reserve; and on the night of June 5-6th the 2d Bn. 5th Marines will be withdrawn and the limits of Gen. Bundy's sector on the left will be as shown by red arrow. This will give the 2d Division an opportunity to distribute in depth.

10. Copy of order for occupation of sector between blue arrows is attached.

11. It should be understood that in front of our line as indicated in part 1, herewith there has been until today a French line engaged with the enemy from which advanced line small groups of French have been gradually filtering back. Upon adjustment of Gen. Bundy's sector today, this French line is to be wholly withdrawn and its elements regrouped in rear. This operation is in progress.

11½. Our troops have already suffered between 200 and 300 casualties.

12. At this hour, 4:10 P.M. there is no indication of any unusual activity on the front of 2d Division.

(signed) W. D. Grant
Lt. Colonel, G.S.

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June 5, 1918.

C of S HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 5 June '18.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M. June 4th - to 8:00 P.M. June 5th, 1918.

1. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

QUIET, except for increased artillery activity and abnormal enemy aviation.

11. REPORT OF EVENTS:

At 8:20 P.M., small enemy attack against HILL 142, held by our troops, broke down under artillery fire. One company of 6th Marines, considerably annoyed by a German machine gun, sent out a patrol of 12 men about 1:00 P.M., killed all the Germans and brought back the machine gun. ✓

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June 5, 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS - June 4th - June 5th, 1918. (8:00 P.M.)
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A patrol of one officer and two men of the 6th Marines, sent from LUCY-le-BOCAGE at 9:00 P.M., found the BOIS-de-BELLEAU and the high ground south of TORCY occupied by Germans. Strength unknown. Heavy wagon heard moving through the northern part of BOIS-de-BELLEAU.

III (a) Between 5:00 & 6:00 P.M., intermittent fire with 150's on the woods west of LA LANGUE FERME. During the day, intermittent fire against LUCY with 105's and 150's. Location of hostile batteries not definitely determined. Between 9:00 and 11:30 P.M. about 500 - 150's were dropped on BOIS-de-VEUILLY. Between 6:15 and 7:00 P.M., 200 - 105's were dropped on HILL 142. Location of hostile batteries not definitely fixed.

(b) 89 flights of enemy aeroplanes made over our lines during the day. Two enemy planes brought down by anti-aircraft fire. 10 hostile balloons were in observation at different points.

(c) Considerable circulation throughout the day from BORNE BOIS and BOURESCHES. Between 12:00 noon and 5:00 P.M., continuous movement of enemy troops from COURCHAMPS towards LUCY-CLIGNON and BUSSIARES. A number of wagon trains passed through BUSSIARES through the day moving in both directions.

One officer and 19 men gassed as result of gas bombardment, at LUCY.

PRESTON BROWN,
Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

June 5th.

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The line occupied and held by the division was modified. It now extends from the southeast corner of the BOIS DE LA MARETTE through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS, Triangle, LUCY LE BOCAGE, wood northwest of LUCY LE BOCAGE - Hill 142 a point on CHAMPILLON - BUSSIARES road 800 metres north of CHAMPILLON, all inclusive. During the night of the 4th-5th the 23rd Infantry and two companies of the 5th Machine Gun Battalion, and Company "C" of the 2nd Engineers were relieved and returned by marching to join the division, going into reserve. The entire division is now concentrated, every element accounted for. The artillery is in position to fire upon the enemy and support the infantry. A number of local attacks were repulsed by the 4th Brigade during the day. Our losses were slight, accurate data not yet received.

Annex Sketch showing locations of units.

Annex Orders and notes.

War Diary of the Second Division American Expeditionary Forces.

June 5, 1918.

Location: In position west of CHATEAU THIERRY holding the general line BONNEIL, Le THIOLET, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE, CHAMPILLON, BOIS de VEUILLY. Division Headquarters at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None.

Absent sick from present area.....5 Officers, 111 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..9 " 127 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition has been placed within easy reach.

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June 5, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1211 Officers, 26689 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1064 " 25762 "

Available for duty..... 1055 " 25635 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Under intermittent enemy artillery fire and engaged in skirmishes with enemy.

145 casualties passed thro dressing stations and were evacuated thro MEAUX. Not included in above Health Report.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

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ATTESTED:

Adjutant General, Adjutan5

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June 6, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 7th June '18.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M., June 5, to 8:00 P.M., June 6, 1918.

I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Very active on the part of the 2nd Division, U.S.

II. REPORT OF EVENTS:

The 4th Brigade, 2nd Division, in conjunction with the 167th D.I. (French) attacked the heights immediately south of BUSSIARES at 5:00 A.M. The attack was successful and by 7:00 A.M. the position was being consolidated.

Twenty-two (22) prisoners passed through Division Headquarters. A number of wounded prisoners were evacuated. Our casualties light.

At 5:00 P.M., the 4th Brigade attacked on the line BOURESCHES-TORCY. Up to 8:00 P.M., the fight was still in progress. Considerable opposition was met with in the BOIS-de-BELLEAU. Twenty-four (24) German prisoners were sent to the rear. Our casualties not yet known.

III.a. The villages of LUCY-le-BOCAGE, CHAMPILLON and MONTGIV-RAULT were under heavy bombardment in the forenoon. The BOIS-de-la-MARETTE was heavily bombarded during the night of June 5-6 with high explosive shells and some Yperite gas. Intermittent bombardment of roads throughout the day in the forward zone. Calibre of shells recognized 77's, 150's and 210's.

b. ACTIVITY OF ENEMY AVIATION:

Enemy aeroplanes while fairly active, were considerably less active than the preceding day.

c. MISCELLANEOUS:

A number of machine guns were taken from the enemy. Exact number not known.

A considerable number of motor drawn vehicles was seen on the road from NEUILLY to LATILLY at 4:00 P.M.

The casualties in the two actions were quite heavy. No reports as to the number have been received.

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PRESTON BROWN,
Colonel, General Staff.
Chief of Staff.

June 6th, 1918.

June 6th.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

At 5:00 A.M. the 4th Brigade in conjunction with the 167th D.I. French attacked the heights from the south of BUSSIARES. The attack was successful and by 7:00 A.M. the position was being consolidated. 22 prisoners passed through Division Headquarters. A number of wounded prisoners were evacuated. Our casualties light. Exact accounts not yet received.

Villages of LUCY LE BOCAGE, CHAMPILLON and MONTGIVRAULT were under heavy bombardment in the forenoon. Intermittent bombardment of points throughout the day in the forward zone.

At 5:00 P.M. the 4th Brigade attacked on the line BOURESCHES - TORCY. BOURESCHES was captured. Considerable opposition was met with in the BOIS DE BELLEAU and the attack stopped after advancing several hundred yards. The wood has a very heavy undergrowth. There are many rock formations with large boulders offering good cover and retreats for machine guns. Numerous machine gun nests were encountered which stopped the advance. 24 prisoners were taken and a number of machine guns. Our casualties not yet known. The fighting continued throughout the night. The combat extended towards our right in front of the 3rd Brigade. The 23rd Infantry and 9th Infantry were both involved. Their casualties are reported as approximately 21 officers, 364 men, including gassed and slightly wounded. During the night of the 5th and 6th a battalion of the 5th Marines on the extreme left of the division was withdrawn thereby shortening the front of the division. It was replaced by a regiment from the 164th French Division.

Annex Orders, notes and sketches.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

June 6, 1918.

Location: The Division now holds the line from the southeast corner of the BOIS DE LA MARETTE through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE wood northwest of LUCY-le-BOCAGE, HILL 142, and point on CHAMPILLON - BUSSIARES road, 800 metres north of CHAMPILLON, all inclusive. Division Headquarters at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None reported.

Absent sick from present area....4 Officers, 112 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.9 " 122 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition has been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1209 Officers, 26693 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1069 " 25761 "

Available for duty..... 1060 " 25639 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: At 5:00 A.M. the 4th Brigade in conjunction with 167th D.I. French, attacked the heights south of BUSSIARES. The attack was successful and by 7:00 A.M. the position was being consolidated. 22 prisoners passed through Division Headquarters. A number of wounded prisoners were evacuated. Our Casualties light. Exact accounts not yet received. 76 Casualties passed thro dressing stations and were evacuated thro MEAUX. Not included in above health report.

(Sgd) G. A. H.

ATTESTED:

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o G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 7, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES..

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FRANCE, 8 June 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD
8:00 P.M. June 6 - to 8:00 P.M. June 7, 1918.

1. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Increased artillery and infantry activity of the enemy.

2. REPORT OF EVENTS:

The Germans attacked the 23rd Infantry at 10:00 P.M. but were driven back with losses. Our losses considerable.

Throughout the day the sector was comparatively calm except for intermittent artillery fire.

3. (a) Enemy artillery activity was considerably increased, particularly in the back area where roads and crossroads were intermittently heavily shelled. Calibres recognized-77's and 150's.

(b) Enemy aviation somewhat decreased.

- (c) In the activity of this division of June 6-7 our losses in killed and wounded are approximately -
30 officers killed and wounded,
900 men killed and wounded.

These figures are only approximate. Accurate data will be furnished as soon as available.

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Written report @ 4 P.M.
daily.

PRESTON BROWN,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

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June 7th. JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

The combat in the BOIS DE BELLEAU continued throughout the day. Rifle and machine gun fire and sniping. Hostile artillery bombarded villages and points held by our troops. Our artillery retaliated with a heavy fire on the north half of BOIS DE BELLEAU, on crossroads and on villages believed to be occupied by German troops. During the night a German counter attack on BOURESCHES was repulsed. The left of the 23rd Infantry was involved in the fight and two companies suffered heavy losses.

Annex orders, notes and situation map of June 7th.

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War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

June 7, 1918.

Location: The Division now holds the line from the southeast corner of the BOIS DE LA MARETTE through the BOIS DE CLERE-BAUTS, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE wood northwest of LUCY-le-BOCAGE, Hill 142, and point on CHAMPILLON - BUSSAIRES road, 800 metres north of CHAMPILLON, all inclusive. Division Headquarters at MONTHEUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None reported.

Absent sick from present area....6 Officers, 119 men.

Sick in hospital in present area.6 " 127 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

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June 7, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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Strength of command, present and absent: 1212 Officers, 26682 men.
Strength of command in present area..... 1066 " 25778 "
Available for duty..... 1060 " 25651 "

Weather: Fair:

Remarks: The combat in BOIS DE BELLEAU continued throughout the day. Hostile artillery bombarded villages and points held by our troops. During the night a German counter attack on BOURESCHES was repulsed. The left of the 23rd Infantry was involved in the fight and two companies suffered heavy losses. Reports of latter not yet received.
410 Casualties passed thro dressing stations and were evacuated thro MEAUX. Not included in above health report.

G.A.H. (Sgd)

ATTESTED:

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Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 8, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,

FRANCE, 9 June 18.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

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6:00 P.M. June 7 - to 8:00 P.M. June 8, 1918.

I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Very active over the entire divisional sector.

II. REPORT OF EVENTS:

At 12:15 A.M., following a heavy barrage, the enemy attacked the 23rd Infantry along its entire front. This attack was repulsed with serious losses to the enemy and very slight losses to our own troops. At 12-30, another attack was made against the 3rd Brigade, but this time it was landed against the 9th Infantry. This attack was repulsed by our machine guns and rifle fire, also with very heavy losses to the enemy. The losses are estimated at over 100 casualties to the enemy and only six to our own troops. It is believed that this attack was the tail end of the attack against the 23rd Infantry. At 1-25 A.M., an enemy attack, accompanied by machine gun and rifle fire, was launched against our troops in BOURESCHES. This town had been reinforced early in the evening with machine guns and the attack was repulsed with considerable losses to the enemy. Our losses are not known accurately as yet, but were not heavy.

III. a. BOIS-de-BELLEAU was shelled by our artillery intermittently during the entire night, increasing towards 4-00 A.M. Our troops advanced some distance into the southern edge of BOIS-de-BELLEAU but were again held up by machine gun fire from nests in the woods and rocks. Further artillery assistance requested and delivered. Heavy enemy shelling along the entire front of the 23rd Infantry at 5-25 P.M. with 75's, 105's, 150's and 210's. Battalion fire delivered by our artillery.

b. No enemy planes reported. Usual number of Drachens.

c. Enemy prisoner taken near BOURESCHES early this morning reports that the German troops had orders to hold the lines of railroad north of BOURESCHES at all cost. 925 replacements arrived in the Division today. Division Commander directed change of P.C. of 3rd Brigade from LA LANGUE FERME to DOMPTIN as soon as practicable. Authority requested and obtained for the Corps Commander to exchange the Corps Reserve (1 Battalion 6th Marines) with a battalion in the line.

Approximately 100 men and officers were killed and wounded during this period of time just closed.

PRESTON BROWN,

Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

June 8th. JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

June 8, 1918.

At 12:30 A.M. a German attack was made against the 23rd Infantry preceded by artillery fire. They employed automatic rifles or light machine guns with their infantry. The attack was completely checked about 400 yards from our trenches by our artillery and rifle fire. Enemy losses believed to be heavy. The 9th Infantry was also involved in an attack and caused a good many losses to the enemy. At 1:25 A.M. a German attack with machine guns and rifle fire and accompanied by artillery fire was made against the 4th Brigade holding BOURESCHES. It was repulsed with considerable losses. Intermittent artillery fire was placed by us on the BOIS DE BELLEAU throughout the night, increasing in intensity towards 4:00 A.M. At 4:30 A.M. the right of the 4th Brigade attacked the enemy in the southern part of the woods but made little progress. The fighting continued throughout the day with little advantage to either side. The losses of the division for the last two days were approximately close to 1,000 officers and men, killed wounded and missing, but no reports have yet been received.

Annex orders and notes.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 8, 1918.

Location: The Division now holds the line from the southeast corner of the BOIS DE LA MARETTE through the BOIS DE CLEREBAUTS, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE wood northwest of LUCY-le-BOCAGE, HILL 142, and point on CHAMPILLON - BUSSAIRES road, 800 metres north of CHAMPILLON, all inclusive. Division Headquarters at MONTHEUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths..... None reported.

Absent sick from present area... 3 Officers, 98 men.

Sick in hospital in present area 5 " 139 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1201 Officers, 25462 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1072 " 24582 "

Available for duty..... 1067 " 24443 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: At 12:30 A.M. a German attack preceded by artillery fire was made against the 23rd Infantry. The attack was completely checked by our artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. No report of the casualties yet received.

691 Casualties passed thro Dressing Stations and were evacuated thro MEAUX. Not included in above health report.

G.A.H. (Sgd)

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Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 9, 1918.

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OUR TROOPS IN BOURESCHES PERIOD THE TOWN AND THE ROADS LEAD-
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OUR ARTILLERY INTERMITTENTLY DURING THE NIGHT PERIOD OUR
TROOPS ADVANCED SOME DISTANCE INTO THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE
BOIS DE BELLEAU BUT WE WERE AGAIN HELD UP BY MACHINE GUN
FIRE FROM NESTS IN THE WOODS AND ROCKS PERIOD HEAVY SHELLING
ALONG THE FRONT OF THE RIGHT OF OUR LINE WITH SEVENTY FIVES
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TWO HUNDRED AND TENS PERIOD RETALIATION FIRE DELIVERED BY OUR
ARTILLERY PERIOD ENEMY AEROPLANE AND BALLOON ACTIVITY BELOW
NORMAL PERIOD OUR ACTIVITY NORMAL PERIOD VISIBILITY GOOD PERIOD
GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE DAY VERY ACTIVE OVER THE ENTIRE
DIVISIONAL SECTOR PERIOD NO CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OF OUR LINES
PERIOD CASUALTIES NOT YET REPORTED PERIOD

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Headquarters, Second Division, (Regular)
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 10 June, 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 8:00 P.M., June 8 to
8:00 P.M., June 9, 1918.

1. General aspects of the day: Very active on the entire
divisional sector.

2. Report of events: Between 11:30 P.M. and midnight at-
tack on BOURESCHES repulsed with loss. Intermittent shelling
of LES MARES FERME throughout the day and night. Between 3:00
and 4:00 A.M. heavy artillery barrage was laid on the eastern
edge of BOIS DE LA MARETTE and our lines on the extreme right
of our sector. Considerable intermittent shelling of a number
of parts in the sector of the 2nd Division, U.S.

3. (a) Calibre of shells ranged from 77's to 210's.

(b) Enemy air activity somewhat decreased; twenty-one (21)
reconnaissance planes observed over our lines during the day.
Several balloons were also observed a large part of the day.

(c) Appreciable movement of men in northern part of VAUX.
Continuous movement of large and small groups in and around
COURCHAMPS. A company of infantry was observed coming out of
the woods east of LA REMISE at 2:10 P.M. Between 8:00 and 9:00
A.M. movement of small groups between HILL 201 and BOIS DES
ROCHETS was noted. Steady movement of vehicles and automo-
biles on all roads between MONTHIERS, COURCHAMPS, LICY-CLIGNON
and BONNES throughout the day.

(d) Casualties: 9 killed; 268 men wounded (all grades).

PRESTON BROWN
Colonel, General Staff
Chief of Staff.

June 9, 1918.

June 9th

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The enemy was active throughout the night and a good part of the day with rifle, machine gun fire and sniping and intermittent shelling of various parts of our line. The BOIS DE BELLEAU was intermittently shelled by our artillery during the night. Our troops advanced some distance into the southern end of the woods but were again held up by machine gun fire from nests and rocks. No change in the position of our lines.

Annex Orders, notes and sketches.

War Diary of the Second Division American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 9, 1918.

Location: The Division now holds the line from the southeast corner of the BOIS DE LA MARETTE through the BOIS DE CLEREBAUTS, TRIANGLE, LUCY-le-BOCAGE wood northwest of LUCY-le-BOCAGE, HILL 142, and point on CHAMPILLON - BUSSAIRES road, 800 metres north of CHAMPILLON, all inclusive. Division Headquarters at MONTHEUIL-AUX-LIONS.

Health: Deaths.....None reported.

Absent sick from present area.....3 Officers, 101 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..5 " 145 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1196 Officers, 25451 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1061 " 24573 "

Available for duty..... 1055 " 24428 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The enemy was active throughout the night and a good part of the day with rifle, machine gun fire and sniping and artillery fire. Our troops advanced some distance in the southern end of the BOIS DE BELLEAU, but were again held up by machine gun fire from nests and rocks. No change in the position of our line.

228 Casualties passed thro dressing stations and were evacuated thro MEAUX. Not included in above health report.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

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G.A.H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 10, 1918.

Headquarters, Second Division (Regular)
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 11 June 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 8:00 P.M., June 9
to 8:00 P.M., June 10, 1918.

1. General aspects of the day: Normal activity under existing conditions.

2. Report of events: At 4:30 A.M. after a thorough artillery preparation the 4th Brigade attacked the enemy in the BOIS DE BELLEAU. It's objective, approximately an east and west line through HILL 169 was reached by 5:10 A.M. and since that hour is being consolidated. So far as known no prisoners were taken, but two large Minenwerfers were captured and a number of light machine guns. Our losses were light.

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June 10, 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M., June 9 to 8:00 P.M., June 10, 1918.

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A patrol of the 23rd Infantry captured a German machine gun in front of its position.

3. (a) Increase in enemy artillery harassing fire. About 3800 shells of various calibres were placed on right half of our sector during the night. About 3000 shells were fired against the left half of our sector.

(b) Enemy air activity below normal due to poor visibility.

(c) Two large Minenwerfers and a number of machine guns were captured by our troops.

Five companies of infantry were observed moving south into the town of COURCHAMPS from the north at about 4:00 P.M. Considerable concentration of troops were noted in the towns of LICY-CLIGNON - TORCY - BELLEAU and BUSSIARES. It is not determined whether they are for relief or for attack.

(d) Casualties for the division: About 90 of all grades. No definite reports have been received.

PRESTON BROWN,

Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

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June 10th

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS

At 4:30 A.M. after a thorough artillery preparation the 4th Brigade attacked the enemy at BOIS DE BELLEAU. Its objective, approximately an east and west line through Hill 169 was reached by 5:10 A.M. and since that hour is being consolidated. No prisoners were taken but a number of large Minenwerfers and light machine guns were captured. Our losses were light. A patrol of the 23rd Infantry captured a machine gun in front of its position. An increase in artillery harassing fire was noted during the night. About 3800 shells of various calibres were placed on the right half of the division sector and about 3,000 shells on the left half. Casualties of the division during the twenty-four hours: About 90 killed and wounded.

Annex orders and notes.

Division Headquarters closed at 12:00 Noon at MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS and reopened at 12:00 Noon at GENEVROIS FERME.

June 10, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 10, 1918.

Location: The Division holds the line from a point 400 metres north of MONNEAUX west of the MONNEAUX-VAUX road, through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS - TRIANGLE - BOURESCHES, an east and west line through HILL 169, woods - 1600 meters north of LUCY-le-BOCAGE - to a point on stream 1800 meters northeast of CHAMPILLON.

Health: Deaths.....None reported.

Absent sick from present area.....4 Officers, 89 men.

Sick in hospital in present area..12 " 226 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1201 Officers, 26006 men.

Strength of command in present area..... 1072 " 25743 "

Available for duty..... 1060 " 25517 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: At 4:30 A.M. after a thorough artillery preparation the 4th Brigade attacked the southern half of the BOIS-de-BELLEU attaining its objective, approximately the east and west line through HILL 169. 90 Casualties passed through the dressing stations and were evacuated through MEAUX, not included in the above health report.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm.W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant

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Hq. 2nd Division, June 10, 1918.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, A.E.F., CHAUMONT.

THE SECOND DIVISION HAS BEEN MOVING COMMA MARCHING COMMA ENTRENCHING AND FIGHTING SINCE MAY THIRTIETH PERIOD DURING THAT TIME FEW MEN HAVE HAD A NIGHTS REST PERIOD THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION ON ITS ARRIVAL HERE DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE PLACING OF ALL REGIMENTS IN THE LINE PERIOD FOR THE PAST FIVE DAYS IT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CLOSE COMBAT OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE PERIOD THE DIVISION HOLDS A FRONT OF TEN KILOMETERS PERIOD THERE ARE NO TROOPS TO RELIEVE THEM PERIOD AS IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THE GROUND GAINED AND HELD BY AMERICAN TROOPS BE MAINTAINED BY AMERICAN TROOPS COMMA IT IS REQUESTED THAT A BRIGADE OF INFANTRY BE SENT HERE AT ONCE FOR TOUR RELIEF PURPOSES PERIOD IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT THIS BRIGADE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TRANSPORTATION OR BY ARTILLERY PERIOD ITS SUPPLY CAN WELL BE LOOKED AFTER BY THE MEANS AT THE PRESENT DISPOSAL OF THE DIVISION PERIOD IT IS OF COURSE DESIRABLE THAT A REGULAR BRIGADE BE SENT AS THE BRIGADE RELIEVED SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN WELL TO THE REAR FOR REPOSE PERIOD PLEASE ADVISE OF ACTION TAKEN.

Official Military Business:

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(Sgd) PB

Preston Brown,

Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

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Hdqrs. 2nd Division, June 11, 1918.

12:55 P.M.

Commander-in-chief, A.E.F., Chaumont.

Commanding General, 1st Army Corps, Neufchateau.

AFTER A HEAVY ARTILLERY PREPARATION IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF BOIS DE BELLEAU THIS MORNING ATTACK WAS DELIVERED PERIOD REPORTS INDICATE THAT ATTACK HAS REACHED THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN LIMITS OF THE WOODS AND THAT OUR TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED THE EASTERN EDGE PERIOD APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PRISONERS COMMA INCLUDING THREE OFFICERS COMMA HAVE BEEN TAKEN COMMA AND A NUMBER OF MACHINE GUNS AND TWO SEVEN INCH MINENWERFERS PERIOD ONE OR TWO MACHINE GUN NESTS REMAIN IN THE WOODS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE REDUCED PERIOD OUR CASUALTIES COMPARATIVELY LIGHT CONSIDERING THE NATURE OF THE OPERATION.

Official Military Business:

BUNDY.

(Sgd) PB

Preston Brown,

Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

June 11, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 11th June '18.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., --- June 11, 1918.

I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Very active on the entire Divisional Sector and especially so on the 4th Brigade Sector.

II. REPORT OF EVENTS:

The enemy, after a heavy artillery preparation, made an attack on BOURESCHES at 5:30 A.M., but was repulsed by our artillery barrage and did not reach our lines. Heavy losses inflicted upon the enemy by our artillery while he was massing for this attack. At 4:30 A.M. after artillery preparation, and preceded by a rolling barrage, our troops attacked the northern edge of BOIS-de-BELLEAU and captured the entire woods. The attack was a complete success in every respect. Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy in killed and wounded. We have captured more than 400 prisoners and much material including 35 machine guns, 4 trench mortars and trench mortar ammunition. Quantities of rifle ammunition and equipment were also captured. From the number of prisoners taken, the enemy was evidently making a relief of BOIS-de-BELLEAU when our artillery barrage caught his new relief in the act of relieving the old one.

III. (a) Heavy shelling on DOMPTIN and intermittent shelling along the line of 3rd Brigade during the night -- 77's, 105's, 150's and 210's. Some heavy shells on BEZU-le-GUERY. Shelling of 3rd Brigade front line with 150's at 1 P.M.

(b) Enemy air activity somewhat decreased. Usual observation balloons were up most of the day.

(c) Concentrations of troops, in the vicinity of TORCY, COURCHAMPS and BUSSIARES at 9:00 P.M. Artillery movements in vicinity of COURCHAMPS at 8:30 P.M. Steady movement of vehicles in this vicinity during the early portion of the night. The 2nd Division received twenty-two officers and 900 enlisted men replacements during the day and these were immediately sent to join the reserve of different units.

(d) Casualties:

200 wounded officers and men, all grades, have been evacuated up to 7:30 P.M. as a result of our attack this morning. No report as to number killed has been received up to the present time, but they are very light considering the operation carried out.

PRESTON BROWN,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

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June 11, 1918.

June 11th. JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

At 4:30 A.M. after a thorough artillery preparation, preceded by rolling barrage the 4th Brigade attacked the north half of the BOIS DE BELLEAU and captured the entire woods. The attack was a complete success in every respect. Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy, killed, wounded and captured. We have over 400 prisoners and large material including 35 machine guns, 4 trench mortars and some trench mortar ammunition. Large quantities of rifles with ammunition and equipment were also taken. At 5:30 A.M. the enemy after heavy artillery preparation made an attack on BOURESCHES, but was repulsed by our artillery barrage and did not reach our lines. Heavy losses were inflicted upon him by our artillery as he was massing for this attack. The wood is being consolidated and strengthened against counter attack. The entire woods is now in our possession excepting for a machine gun nest in the eastern edge of the southern part. This is entirely surrounded and should fall almost at any time. Our casualties for the day are comparatively light, being approximately 200.

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War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 11, 1918.

Location: The Division holds the line from a point 400 meters north of MONNEAUX west of the MONNEAUX-VAUX road - through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS - TRIANGLE - BOURESCHES - eastern and northern edge of the BOIS DE BELLEAU - wood 1600 meters north of LUCY-le-BOCAGE - to a point on stream 1800 meters north east of CHAMPILLON.

Health: Deaths..... None reported.
Absent sick from present area... 14 Officers, 35 men.
Sick in hospital in present area 0 0 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1139 Officers, 25903 men.

Strength of command in present area:.... 1033 " 25359 "

Available for duty:..... 1033 " 25359 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: At 4:30 A.M. the 4th Brigade attacked the north of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU and captured the entire works. 72 casualties passed through the dressing stations and were evacuated thru MEAUX. Not included in above health report.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

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G.A.H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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June 12, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 12th June '18.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M., June 11 - to - 8:00 P.M. June 12, 1918.

I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Considerable activity by our infantry particularly in the left or western half of the division sector.

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June 12, 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M., June 11 - to - 8:00 P.M. June 12, 1918.

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II. REPORT OF EVENTS:

In cleaning up the BOIS-de-BELLEAU in the attack of June 11, small enemy groups managed to conceal themselves in the thick woods and rocky formations. These small groups had, apparently, concentrated in the western edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU on the slopes of HILL 169. In fact, a prisoner stated, late in the afternoon of June 11, that a part of the woods was still held by some Germans with machine guns. In the afternoon of June 12, this part of the woods was attacked with complete success. A number of machine guns and minnenwerfers were taken. Many of the enemy were killed. 1 officer and 50 men were taken prisoners, some of whom surrendered under a flag of truce. It is now believed that the BOIS-de-BELLEAU has been completely cleaned out of enemy detachments. Our losses are approximately 50 wounded, generally slight wounds.

During the afternoon of June 12, a group of about 400 mounted Germans were observed near the woods south of ETREPILLY, by a battalion of the 15th F.A., U.S. Fire was immediately brought to bear upon this group with the result of breaking up and completely dispersing the detachment and causing many losses.

- III a. The region of LUCY-le-BOCAGE, the BOIS-de-BELLEAU, BOURESCHES and the PARIS road was heavily bombarded by German artillery. The shells ranged in calibres from 77's to 210's. The front of the 3rd Brigade was also intermittently shelled with shrapnel during the afternoon.

During the night our artillery heavily shelled the enemy's back areas in order to prevent and break up reported concentrations in the vicinity of TORCY, MONTHIERS, HILL 128 and LA GONETRIE FERME.

b. Considerable increase in the activity of enemy aviation was noted, many planes making reconnaissance flights. A number of balloons were also in observation.

c. A number of machine guns and minnenwerfers were captured, accurate accounts not yet received.

One battalion of infantry, in column of twos, was observed entering BELLEAU from the northeast at 11:30 A.M. Considerable movement of men was seen in the ravine northeast of BOURESCHES.

Our losses were approximately 60 killed and wounded.

PRESTON BROWN,

Colonel, General Staff,

Chief of Staff. (sgd)PB

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JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

June 12th.

During the night of June 11-12 our artillery heavily shelled the enemy's back areas in order to prevent and break up reported concentration of enemy troops in the vicinity of TORCY, MONTHIERS, HILL 128 and LA GONETRIE FERME. It was reported that a relief was to come off during the night.

In cleaning up the BOIS DE BELLEAU in the attack of June 11th small enemy groups managed to conceal themselves in the thick woods and rocky formations. These small groups had, apparently, concentrated in the western edge of BOIS DE BELLEAU on the slopes of HILL 169. In fact, a prisoner stated, late in the afternoon of June 11th, that a part of the woods was still held by some Germans with machine guns. It is also possible that some infiltration of the enemy into the BOIS DE BELLEAU

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June 12, 1918.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

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took place last night. This is only problematical. During the afternoon (June 12) that part of the woods where the Germans were known to be was attacked. The operation was successful. A number of machine guns and Minenwerfer were taken. Many of the enemy were killed. One officer and fifty men were taken prisoners, some of whom surrendered under a flag of truce. The region LUCY-le-BOCAGE, BOIS DE BELLEAU, BOURESCHES and the CHATEAU THIERRY, MONTREUIL-AUX-LIONS was heavily shelled by German artillery at odd times during the day and night. The front of the 3rd Brigade was also intermittently shelled with shrapnel during the afternoon.

The 9th Infantry made a redistribution of the two battalions in the front line. The second battalion now holds the extreme right of the division with the 1st battalion on its left.

Two companies of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Engineers are now acting as infantry and hold the position north of the western half of the BOIS DE BELLEAU.

The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery was regulating some of his batteries for interdiction fire in the afternoon when he observed a large group of mounted Germans approximately 400, come into view near the wood south of ETREPILLY. Fire was immediately directed on this group with the result of breaking up and completely disbursing it and apparently causing a good many casualties.

A German plane with French colors dropped a bomb between LUCY-le-BOCAGE and LA VOIE du CHATEL at about 6:00 P.M. This was observed by an Aide from 4th Brigade Headquarters.

Outside of the cleaning up operations in BOIS DE BELLEAU of the 4th Brigade the sector was comparatively quiet up to midnight. Intermittent shelling of the front line positions and a number of points in the back areas by enemy artillery with H.E. and some gas shells. Our casualties for the 24 hours are approximately 60 killed, wounded and missing. No definite reports yet received.

Annex: Orders, notes and sketches.

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War Diary of the Second Division

American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 12, 1918.

Location: The Division holds the line from a point 400 meters north of MONTEAUX west of the MONNEAUX-VAUX road, through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS - TRIANGLE - BOURESCHES, an east and west line through HILL 169, woods 1600 meters north of LUCY-le-BOCAGE - to a point on stream 1800 meters north-east of CHAMPILLON.

Health: Deaths.....None reported.

Absent sick from present area:....16 Officers, 48 men.

Sick in hospital in present area:..None.

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Bolts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1132 Officers, 25879 men.

Strength of command in present area:.... 1029 " 25372 "

Available for duty:..... 1029 " 25372 "

Weather: Fair.

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June 12, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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Remarks: A cleaning up of enemy patrols in the BOIS-de-BELLEAU was made netting one officer and 42 men prisoners, some of whom surrendered under a flag of truce. The BOIS-de-BELLEAU is now completely in our possession.

200 casualties passed through our dressing stations and were evacuated through MEAUX, not included in the above health report. Since the beginning of the operations on June 1st, 1918, a total of 2958 wounded, 159 sick were evacuated; deaths 321.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

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G.A.H.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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The percentage strength of the 2d Division C
on June 12th was as follows:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men</u>
Total	92	91
Headquarters	Complete	91
Infantry	83	90
Artillery	98	95
Machine Guns	Complete	97
Engineers	98	85
Signal Corps	Complete	97
Train Hq. & Military Police	Complete	96
Ammunition Train	Complete	86
Supply Train	Complete	Complete
Engineer Train	Complete	97
Sanitary Train	Complete	92
Medical Attached	Complete	Complete
Ordnance Attached	Complete	Complete
Veterinarians	Complete	Complete

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June 13, 1918.

Headquarters Second Division (Regular)
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, 1:00 P.M. June 13 '18.

T E L E G R A M

Commander in Chief, A.E.F.,
Chaumont.

June 13, 1918.

ATTENTION THIRD SECTION GENERAL STAFF.

Report of operations twelve noon June twelfth twelve noon
June thirteenth.

Weather fair period In cleaning up the BOIS-de-BELLEAU in the attack of June eleventh small groups of the enemy escaped and concealed themselves in the thick woods and among large boulders and had apparently concentrated in the western edge of the woods period In fact comma a prisoner stated that a part of the western edge of the woods was still held by some Germans with machine guns period During the afternoon this was attacked by our troops with complete success period A number of machine guns and Minenwerfer were taken period Many of the enemy were killed period One officer and forty-one men comma prisoners comma passed through Division Headquarters comma some whom had surrendered under a flag of truce period Enemy artillery was actively engaged in intermittent shelling of our front line and points in our back area during the day and night period The calibres ranged from seventy-seven to two hundred and ten period paragraph At two-thirty AM after an intense artillery barrage including irritating gas the

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June 13, 1918.

Report of Operations twelve noon June twelfth twelve noon
June thirteenth.

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enemy launched a heavy attack on the line BOURESCHES-BELLEAU aiming particularly at the village of BOURESCHES and the eastern edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU period Our artillery put down a heavy barrage in the enemy's rear period The struggle lasted until five thirty AM when the attack was thoroughly broken up with very severe losses to the attacking troops period The attack was not successful at any point and our lines remained intact period The village of BOURESCHES was repeatedly reported as being in German possession but a message at five forty-five A.M. from the Commanding Officer stated have not given up one inch of ground period No report of prisoners taken period paragraph Large bodies of German troops were observed moving from EPAUX to BELLEAU at ten-forty-five AM period A thin column of men passing by twos from COURCHAMPS to LICY-CLIGNON carrying boxes of what appeared to be ammunition reported at eleven AM period Numerous enemy aeroplanes made reconnaissance flights and a number of German balloons were in observation period Our air service less active period General Impression of the day colon Great activity of our infantry particularly in the left or western half of the division sector strongly supported by our artillery period end

To telegraph operator

BUNDY.

at 1:45 P.M.

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Hq. A.E.F.

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Headquarters, Second Division (Regular)
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, June 13, 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 8 P.M. June 12 to 8 P.M.
June 13 '18.

1. General Aspects of the Day: Great activity of our infantry particularly in the left or western half of the division sector, strongly supported by our artillery.
2. Report of events: At 1:30 A.M., June 13, an attack was made upon the northwestern edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU which was easily repulsed. At about 3:30 A.M. after an intense artillery barrage including irritating gas the enemy launched a heavy attack on the line BOURESCHES-BELLEAU aiming particularly at the village of BOURESCHES and the eastern edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU. Our artillery put down a heavy barrage in the enemy's rear. This struggle lasted until about 5:30 A.M. when the attack was thoroughly broken up with very severe losses to the attacking troops. At one time the enemy made an entrance into the town, but was thrown out with heavy losses. The attack was not successful at any point and our lines remained intact. The village of BOURESCHES was repeatedly reported as being in German possession, but a message at 5:45 A.M. from the Commanding Officer stated "Have not given up one inch of ground." 15 dead Germans in the town and 40 in the wheatfield just outside were counted.
3. (a) Enemy artillery was more active last night than on any previous occasion. The entire division front line and numerous points in the rear area were heavily shelled throughout the night and part of the day with calibres ranging from 77's to 210's.
(b) Increased activity of enemy aviation. At one time ten aeroplanes were in the air. A total of 37 aeroplanes were counted throughout the day. Seven balloons were up at various times.

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REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 8 P.M. June 12 to 8 P.M.
June 13 '18.

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(c) Large bodies of troops were observed marching from EPAUX to BELLEAU at 10:45 A.M. A thin column of men passing by twos from COURCHAMPS to LUCY-CLIGNON carrying boxes of what appeared to be ammunition were observed. Two companies of infantry on the road south of ETREPILLY moving toward the front. Numerous small groups passing frequently between ETREPILLY and PICARDIE FERME. Captures from the enemy last night: Prisoners: 1 Officer and 42 men. Several machine guns and Minenwerfers. Number of machine guns taken in BOIS-de-BELLEAU to date: 59, Minenwerfer 10. A number of these machine guns are being used against the enemy. 250 wounded passed through dressing stations due to last night's operations. Number of dead not yet reported.

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C.G. 1st A.C., U.S.

Commander in Chief, A.E.F.

C.G. 10th C.I.D. (French)

C.G. 176 D.I. (French)

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PRESTON BROWN,

Colonel, General Staff,

Chief of Staff.

SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY.
Telegram.

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Commander in Chief

Attention G 3 HAEF

Considerable activity by our infantry particularly in the left or western half of the Division sector including up the Bois-de-Belleau in the attack of June 11, small enemy groups managed to conceal themselves in the thick wood and rocky formations these small groups had apparently concealed in the western end of the Bois-de-Belleau on the step of hill 169 in fact a person stated late in the afternoon of June 11 that a part of the woods was still held by some Germans with machine guns in the afternoon of June 12 this part of wood was attacked with complete success. A number of machine guns and minenwerfers were taken many of the men killed one officer and 50 men were taken prisoners some whom surrendered under a flag of truce it is now believed that the Bois-de-Belleau has been completely cleaned out of enemy detachments our losses are apparently 50 wounded generally slight wounds 550 PM the afternoon of June 12 A group of about 400 machine guns were observed in near the wood south of Etrepilly by a battalion of the 10th F.A. US fire was immediately brought to bear upon this group with the result of breaking and completely dispersing the detachment losses 55 the region of Lucy-le-Bocage the Bois-de-Belleau Bouresches and the Paris road was heavily bombarded by Gorman Artillery the shots ranged in calibers from 77's to 210's the front of the third Brigade was also intermediately shelled with shrapnel during the afternoon during the night our artillery heavily shelled the enemy's back areas in order to prevent and break up reported concentrations in the vicinity of Torcy Monthiers Hill. 128 and La-Gonetrie-Ferme considerable increasing in the vicinity of enemy aviation was noted many planes making reconnaissance flights a number of balloons were also in observation a number of machine guns and minenwerfers were captured accurate accounts not yet reached one battalion of infantry in column of twos were observed entering Belleau from the northeast at 11:30 A.M. considerable movement of men was seen in the Ravine northeast of

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June 13, 1918.

SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY, Telegram. RECEIVED AT GHQAEF
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Bouresches our losses were approximately 600 killed and wounded.

Preston Brown,
751 A.M. Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

June 13, 1918.

JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

At 1:30 A.M. an enemy attack was made on the northwestern edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU, which was easily repulsed. At 3:30 A.M. after an intense artillery barrage including irritating gas the Germans launched a heavy attack on the line BOURESCHES-BELLEAU aiming particularly at the Village of BOURESCHES and the eastern edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU. Our artillery put down a heavy barrage in the enemy's rear. The fighting lasted until 5:30 A.M. when the attack was thoroughly broken up with severe losses to the attacking troops. At one time the Germans made entrance into the town, but were thrown out with considerable losses. The attack was not successful at any point and our lines remained intact. The Village of BOURESCHES was repeatedly reported as being in German possession, but a message at 5:45 A.M. from the Commanding Officer, Major Shearer, stated "Have not given up one inch of ground." 15 dead Germans in the town and 40 in a wheatfield just outside of the town have been counted. No further attempt by the Germans was made during the day.

1 Officer and 42 men were brought in as prisoners. Some of the latter having surrendered under a flag of truce. These were captured in the BOIS-de-BELLEAU.

No reports of casualties have yet been received from Regimental Commanders. The Division Surgeon reports that up to 7:30 A.M. about 250 wounded passed through our dressing stations due to last night's operations. No report of dead and missing for any of the fighting since June 1st has yet been received. The regiments, particularly those of the 4th Brigade, have been marching, fighting and digging without intermission since the night of May 31st - June 1st, and it can be readily seen that the opportunities and hours for rendering reports were few.

From 10:00 P.M. until after midnight German artillery subjected a number of points in our rear area to intermittent gas shelling. The artillery along our entire front was much below normal.

During the night June 13th-14th the front of the 4th Brigade sector was diminished and that of the 3rd Brigade correspondingly increased by the latter side-slipping its regiments towards the left or west.

Annex: Orders, notes and sketches.

June 13, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

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Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received:..... 0 Officers, 281 men.
Strength of command, present and absent: 1139 " 25900 "
Strength of command in present area..... 1033 " 25359 "
Available for duty..... 1033 " 25359 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: At 1:30 A.M. an attack on the northwestern edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU was repulsed. At 3:30 A.M. after an intense artillery barrage a strong German attack against the line BOURESCHES - BELLEAU VILLAGE was repulsed. Exact casualties not yet reported. 1 Officer and 42 men were brought in as prisoners.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

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G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bossell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

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June 14, 1918.

T E L E G R A M

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION, (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,
FRANCE, 1:00 P.M. June 14, 1918.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, A.E.F.
CHAUMONT.

ATTENTION THIRD SECTION GENERAL STAFF.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS TWELVE NOON JUNE THIRTEENTH TWELVE NOON
JUNE FOURTEENTH.

WEATHER FAIR PERIOD INFANTRY AND MACHINE GUN ACTIVITY OF BOTH OUR OWN AND ENEMY AWAY BELOW NORMAL ONLY INTERMITTENT FIRING AND SNIPING PERIOD HEAVY ACTIVITY OF ENEMY ARTILLERY WITH GAS SHELLS ON OUR FRONT LINES AND REAR AREA PERIOD EIGHTY FIVE HUNDRED SHELLS WERE DROPPED ON THE BOIS DE BELLEAU ALONE PERIOD OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVE WITH HARASSING FIRE PERIOD INCREASED ACTIVITY OF THE ENEMY AVIATION PERIOD AT ONE TIME TEN PLANES WERE IN THE AIR PERIOD A TOTAL OF THIRTY SEVEN PLANES WERE OBSERVED PERIOD SEVEN BALLOONS WERE IN OBSERVATION AT VARIOUS TIMES PERIOD OUR AIR SERVICE LESS ACTIVE PERIOD THE FRONT OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE WAS DECREASED AND THE FRONT OF THE THIRD BRIGADE CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASED BY SIDE-SLIPPING THE REGIMENTS TOWARDS THE LEFT OR WEST PERIOD THIS WAS EFFECTED WITHOUT INCIDENT PERIOD ENEMY INFANTRY ON THE ROAD SOUTH OF ETREPILLY MOVING TOWARD THE FRONT PERIOD NUMEROUS SMALL GROUPS PASSING FREQUENTLY BETWEEN ETREPILLY AND PICARDIE FERME PERIOD CONSIDERABLE TROOPS MOVEMENT WAS OBSERVED MOVING SOUTHWEST FROM COURCHAMPS PERIOD GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE DAY VERY QUIET PERIOD ABOUT THREE HUNDRED GAS CASUALTIES PASSED THROUGH DRESSING STATIONS MOST OF THEM BURNT ABOUT THE BODY PERIOD SOME CASUALTIES CAUSED BY ARTILLERY FIRE PERIOD EXACT RETURNS NOT YET RECEIVED PERIOD TWENTY THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE CASUALTIES PASSED THROUGH DRESSING STATIONS AND WERE EVACUATED FROM MEAUX FOR THE PERIOD JUNE SECOND TO SIX AM JUNE THIRTEENTH PERIOD PRISONERS NUMBERING FIVE OFFICERS AND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT MEN HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE JUNE SIXTH PERIOD FIFTY SIX OF THESE WERE CASUALTIES PASSING THROUGH FIELD HOSPITAL SECTION WITH TWO DEATHS PERIOD NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF OUR LINES PERIOD END

GAH/o

BUNDY

To telegraph operator at 1:16 P.M.

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June 14, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 14th June '18.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M. June 13 - to - 3:00 P.M. June 14, 1918.

- I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:
Quiet, except for heavy gas bombardment by enemy artillery.
- II. REPORT OF EVENTS:
Our infantry was active in patrolling but without incident.
- III a. Continuous harassing fire from enemy artillery on front lines and rear, including a great number of gas shells. Calibre of shells used ranged from 77's to 150's.
- b. Enemy air service very active, with over 30 reconnaissance planes and six balloons.
- c. Continuous movement of small enemy groups were observed around the BOIS-de-BOURESCHES - COURCHAMPS and LICY-CLIGNON. Numerous squads of men moving south along the unimproved road from ETREPILLY. Numerous small groups observed throughout the day on the COURCHAMPS-BONNES and MONTHIERS-BONNES-PRIEZ roads. Considerable movement of men late in the evening in the vicinity of GONETRIE FERME and the adjacent woods. During the afternoon troops were seen entering the towns of TORCY and BELLEAU in motor trucks.

Up to 12:00 Noon, 420 casualties were reported; some caused by artillery, but the greater number due to gas poisoning.

2,355 casualties passed through our dressing station and were evacuated from MEAUX for the period June 2 to 6:00 A.M. June 13. Prisoners numbering 5 officers and 508 men have been taken since June 6. 56 of these were casualties passing through our Field Hospital Section with 2 deaths.

No change in the position of our line.

PRESTON BROWN,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

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June 14, 1918. JOURNAL OF OPERATIONS.

During the night of June 13-14 and continuing throughout the day the entire front line and many points in the back area of the Division sector were intermittently shelled with gas, intermixed with some high-explosive shells. The contraction of the 4th Brigade sector, and extension of the 3rd Brigade taking over part of the 4th Brigade sector by side-slipping its regiments to the left or west, was accomplished during the night without incident.

The 3rd Brigade now holds line from a point 600 metres north of MONNEAUX west of the MONNEAUX-VAUX road, through the BOIS de CLEREMBAUTS, TRIANGLE and BOURESCHES, inclusive; eastern boundary the eastern boundary of the Division. Western boundary a line running southwest from BOURESCHES railroad station - brook just south of BOIS-de-BELLEAU to a point where this brook crosses the LUCY-le-BOCAGE - COUPRU road - thence south along the eastern end of the MON BLANCHE woods to point 208 on the PARIS-METZ road (to 3rd Brigade.)

The 4th Brigade holds from BOURESCHES exclusive - eastern and northern edges of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU - woods 1600 metres north of LUCY-le-BOCAGE - the ridge running north from HILL 142 - to the small woods 1800 metres northeast of CHAMPILLON and just west of the stream, inclusive.

The gas shelling was with YPERITE or mustard gas. Up to 11:00 P.M. reports received indicated the evacuation of 700 gas cases and the evacuation not completed; some of the cases very severe.

The gas bombardment along the entire front and the back area still continues.

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On account of the gas in the BOIS de BELLEAU the eastern edge of these woods was held by a thin line of machine guns, the remainder of the battalion being withdrawn to the vicinity of Hill 181 which was free of gas.

There was no infantry activity during the 24 hours by the Germans, and ours consisted only in patrol work. The activity of our artillery was confined to harassing fire on the enemy's artillery and infantry. Some gas shells were fired late in the evening.

Annex: Orders, notes and sketches.

War Diary of the Second Division
American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: June 14, 1918.

Location: The Division holds the line from a point 400 metres north of MONNEAUX west of the MONNEAUX-VAUX road, through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS - TRIANGLE - BOURESCHES, an east and west line through HILL 169, woods 1600 metres north of LUCY-le-BOCAGE - to a point on stream 1800 metres northeast of CHAMPILLON.

Health:

Deaths, including killed in action.. No Officers, 3 men.

Sick and wounded in hospital in

present area..... 2 " 250 "

Sick and wounded evacuated from

present area..... 5 " 478 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery amunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received.....0 Officers, 410 men.

Strength of command, present and absent.1116 " 25773 "

Strength of command in present area.....1018 " 25185 "

Available for duty.....1018 " 25185 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: During the night and continuing throughout the day the entire front line and many points in the back area of the division sector were intermittently shelled with gas intermixed with high explosive shells. The above report of killed and wounded is incomplete.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

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G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell

Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 15, 1918.

TELEGRAM.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, 1:00 P.M., June 15, 1918.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, A.E.F. THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1st A.C.
CHAUMONT. NEUFCHATEAU

ATTENTION THIRD SECTION GENERAL STAFF.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS TWELVE NOON JUNE FOURTEENTH to TWELVE NOON
JUNE FIFTEENTH

WEATHER FAIR AFTERNOON AND EVENING CLOUDY IN FORENOON PERIOD
INFANTRY AND MACHINE GUN ACTIVITY BOTH OUR OWN AND ENEMY BELOW
NORMAL PERIOD OUR INFANTRY ACTIVE IN PATROL WORK WITHOUT INCI-
DENT PERIOD ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY CONTINUES GASSING BOTH

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(TELEGRAM) REPORT OF OPERATIONS TWELVE NOON JUNE FOURTEENTH TO TWELVE NOON JUNE FIFTEENTH.

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OUR FRONT LINES AND REAR AREAS PERIOD OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN HARASSING FIRE INCLUDING SOME GAS PERIOD ENEMY AIR SERVICE VERY ACTIVE WITH OVER THIRTY RECONNAISSANCE PLANES AND NUMEROUS BALLOONS UP DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING PERIOD MUCH REDUCED DURING FORENOON PERIOD OUR AIR SERVICE LESS ACTIVE PERIOD VISIBILITY GOOD EXCEPT DURING FORENOON PERIOD NUMEROUS ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENTS IN SMALL GROUPS WERE OBSERVED HEADING TOWARDS THEIR FRONT LINES IN AFTERNOON PERIOD NONE REPORTED DURING FORENOON PERIOD PROBABLY DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY PERIOD NO MOVEMENT OF OUR OWN TROOPS PERIOD GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE DAY QUIET EXCEPT FOR HEAVY GAS BOMBARDMENT BY ENEMY ARTILLERY PERIOD FOLLOWING REQUIRED AND FOLLOWING ESTIMATED MAY LANTERN SOCKS SALT COMMA MAY AND OCTOBER BELTS HAM PERIOD NO CHANGE IN POSITION OF OUR LINES PERIOD END

GAH/hi To GHQ

BUNDY

To telegraph operator 1:25 P.M.

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, 15th June '18.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M. June 14 - to - 8:00 P.M. June 15, 1918.

I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Quiet, except for continued harassing fire of enemy artillery which included many gas shells.

II. REPORT OF EVENTS:

Our infantry active in patrol work. One of our patrols in front of the right of our sector killed enemy outpost of two men.

III.a. Enemy artillery continued its harassing fire on our front lines and numerous parts in our rear area, making much use of gas shells. This bombardment is apparently not a preparation for an attack but is made with the object of causing losses. The calibres used range from 77's to 150's.

b. Enemy aeroplanes continued their activity with numerous reconnaissance flights. Marked increase in balloon activity was noted, at one time eight balloons being in observation.

c. Continuous circulation of men on HILL 209 just north of ETREPILLY was observed during the day. On the unimproved road south of ETREPILLY leading to HILL 225 numerous squads were observed moving in both directions. On the improved road between the same points numerous caissons moved south. Continuous circulation throughout the day on the BELLEAU-EPAUX road and on the unimproved road north from MONTHIERES.

Casualties for the period: 793 of whom

745 were due to gas,
16 shell shock,
10 gassed and wounded, and
22 sick.

The 420 casualties reported on June 14th included in the 793 mentioned above.

During the night of June 14-15, on account of gas, the eastern edge of BOIS-de-BELLEAU was held by a thin line of infantry and machine guns, most of the infantry being withdrawn to the vicinity of HILL 181, which was clear of gas.

No change in the position of our line.

PRESTON BROWN,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

June 15, 1918.

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The shelling of our front line and numerous points of back area with gas and H.E. shells continued, but with decreased intensity. The casualties due to this shelling up to 6:00 A.M., June 15th, was 771.

The day passed without unusual incident. The 7th Infantry belonging to the 3rd Division was temporarily placed at the disposition of the Commanding General, 2nd Division, for a short period:

A half-hearted attack against the front BOURESCHES - BOIS-de-BELLEAU was easily broken up and repulsed at about 11:00 P.M.
Annex: Orders, notes and sketches.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: June 15, 1918.

Location: The Division holds the line from a point 400 metres north of MONNEAUX west of the MONNEAUX-VAUX road, through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS - TRIANGLE - BOURESCHES, an east and west line through HILL 169, woods 1600 metres north of LUCY-le-BOCAGE - to a point on stream 1800 metres northeast of CHAMPILLON.

Health: Deaths including killed in action. 3 Officers, 55 men.

Sick and wounded in hospital in
present area..... 1 " 259 "

Sick & Wounded evacuated from
present area..... 13 " 950 "

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

2 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received. No Officers, 218 Men.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1123 " 25632 "

Strength of command in present area 1022 " 25285 "

Available for duty 1022 " 25285 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: A half-hearted attack against the front BOURESCHES - BOIS-de-BELLEAU WAS EASILY BROKEN UP AND REPULSED AT 11:00 P.M. The shelling of our front line and numerous points in our back area with gas and H.E. shells continued, but with decreased intensity. The 7th Infantry belonging to the 3rd Division temporarily placed at the disposition of the Commanding General, 2nd Division.

(Sgd) G.A.H.

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G.A.H.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Wm. W. Bessell
Adjutant General, Adjutant.

June 16, 1918.

TELEGRAM
HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,
France,

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, A.E.F.
CHAUMONT.

1:00 P.M. June 16, 1918.

ATTENTION THIRD SECTION GENERAL STAFF.
REPORT OF OPERATIONS TWELVE NOON JUNE FIFTEENTH TO TWELVE NOON
JUNE SIXTEENTH.

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REPORT OF OPERATIONS TWELVE NOON JUNE FIFTEENTH TO TWELVE NOON
JUNE SIXTEENTH.

WEATHER FAIR WITH SHOWERS IN FORENOON PERIOD INFANTRY AND MACHINE GUN ACTIVITY BOTH OUR OWN AND ENEMY BELOW NORMAL PERIOD ONE OF OUR PATROLS IN FRONT OF RIGHT OF OUR SECTOR KILLED ENEMY OUTGUARD OF TWO MEN PERIOD A HALF-HEARTED ATTACK AGAINST FRONT BOURESCHES-BOIS-DE-BELLEAU WAS EASILY BROKEN UP AND REPULSED AT ELEVEN P.M. ALSO ANOTHER ONE AT FOUR FORTY-FIVE A.M. AGAINST THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE BOIS-DE-BELLEAU PERIOD ENEMY ARTILLERY CONTINUED ITS HARASSING FIRE ON OUR FRONT LINE AND BACK AREA USING MUCH GAS PERIOD OUR ARTILLERY REPLIED WITH HARASSING FIRE USING SOME GAS PERIOD ENEMY AEROPLANES CONTINUED THEIR ACTIVITY WITH NUMEROUS RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS COMMA AT ONE TIME TEN PLANES BEING IN THE AIR PERIOD MARKED INCREASE IN BALLOON ACTIVITY COMMA AT ONE TIME EIGHT BALLOONS BEING IN OBSERVATION PERIOD OUR AIR SERVICE LESS ACTIVE PERIOD VISIBILITY FAIR PERIOD NUMEROUS ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENTS MOVING BOTH TOWARDS THE FRONT AND TOWARDS THE REAR PERIOD TWO INTERNAL RELIEFS OF OUR TROOPS WITHOUT INCIDENT PERIOD GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE DAY NORMAL PERIOD NO CHANGE IN POSITION OF OUR LINES PERIOD

GAH/p

BUNDY

To telegraph operator at 1:58 P.M.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

FRANCE, June 16, 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

8:00 P.M. June 15 - to - 8:00 P.M. June 16, 1918.

I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Quiet, except for significant increase in enemy aerial activity.

II. REPORT OF EVENTS:

At 11:00 P.M. an attack on the line BOURESCHES - BOIS-DE-BELLEAU, preceded by a barrage placed between BOURESCHES and the BOIS-DE-BELLEAU, was easily repulsed by our infantry aided by our artillery. Another half-hearted attack against the north edge of the BOIS-DE-BELLEAU at 4:45 A.M. was driven back by our infantry fire. The enemy was otherwise active with scattered rifle fire and intermittent machine gun fire on various points of our front. Our troops were active with ambush and reconnaissance patrols, but without incident.

III a. In addition to the barrage put down at 11:00 P.M. enemy artillery continued its harassing fire on our front lines and back area using much gas. The calibres ranged from 77's to 210's. Our artillery replied with counter-battery and demolition fire.

b. Enemy aeroplanes maintained a continuous reconnaissance particularly over our forward zone. Several large patrols were noted. Enemy balloon service very active, nine balloons being in observation at one time during the morning.

c. Constant movement of small groups on the two roads south of ETREPILLY toward HILL 209 moving in both directions. Numerous small groups were observed on main road from GIVRY to EPAUX.

380 casualties were evacuated through our dressing station. No report of the dead received.

During the night the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines which occupied the nose running north of HILL 142 was relieved by a battalion of the 174th Regiment (French) without incident. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines were relieved by the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry, without incident.

The left or western boundary of the 2nd Division is now fixed by the line LICY-CLIGNON, HILL 126 (West of TORCY), stream north-south passing to the east of HILL 142, CHAMPILLON - all of these points belonging to the 167th Division - then the previous limits. This went into effect at 6:00 P.M. today. Otherwise there is no change in the position of our lines.

PRESTON BROWN,

GAH/o

COLONEL, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

June 16, 1918.

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During the night the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, which occupied the nose running north of HILL 142, was relieved by a battalion of the 174th Regiment (French) belonging to the 167th Division, without incident. The battalion took station in the woods about 1 kilometer west of PYRAMIDE.

The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, were relieved during the night by the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry, the relief taking place without incident.

The 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, took station in the BOIS GROS JEAN north of PARIS-METZ road. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, took station in the vicinity of MERY.

At 4:45 A.M. a half-hearted enemy attack against the north edge of the BOIS-de-BELLEAU was repulsed with infantry and machine gun fire. The enemy was otherwise active with scattered rifle fire and intermittent machine gun fire on numerous parts of our front. Our troops were active with ambush and with reconnaissance patrols, but without incident. In addition to a barrage put down during the night, the enemy artillery continued its harassing fire on our front lines and back area, using much gas. The calibres used ranged from 77's to 210's. Our artillery replied with counter-battery and demolition fire. Its activity is often limited by the number of shells supplied by the French, who frequently report that the expenditure of ammunition by the American artillery is excessive. In order to reduce the expenditure they fix a daily supply, which, in the opinion of our artillery officers, is often inadequate.

The activity of the enemy air service during the past few days has been very marked. It maintains practically a continuous reconnaissance over our lines, particularly over our forward zone. At times they come over in large patrols. 57 planes flew over during the day. Enemy balloon activity has also increased, 15 balloons were observed in the air at one time. Our air service, which is entirely French at present, is much less active.

No definite report has yet been received of the number of killed in action in the fighting of the last two weeks. The officer in charge of the Graves Registration Bureau reported that up to 6:00 P.M., June 13th, he had records of 440 burials, including those on the battlefield and those who died at hospitals and dressing stations since June 1st, 1918. This record is not complete as his men had not had time to visit the entire area; quite a number of burials were known and would be reported as soon as practical.

The Division Surgeon reports that 380 casualties passed through our dressing station for the 24 hours ending 6:00 A.M., June 16th.

Reports from some of the organizations indicate that the men are beginning to sicken at the French canned meat, and, in general, do not like the French ration. Some diarrhea is beginning to appear. Whether this is due to the French ration or not cannot be definitely stated. Request is made to supplement the ration by fresh meat or at least a portion of the American ration.

The left or western boundary of the Second Division is now limited by the line LUCY - CLIGNON, HILL 126 (West of TORCY), the north-south stream passing to the east of HILL 142, CHAMPILLON - all of these points belonging to the 167th Division, French - then the previous limits. This went into effect at 6:00 P.M. today. Otherwise there is no change in the position of our lines.

Annex: Notes, orders and sketches.

June 16, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: June 16, 1918.

Location: The Division holds the line from a point 400 metres north of MONNEAUX west of the MONNEAUX-VAUX road, through the BOIS DE CLEREMBAUTS - TRIANGLE - BOURESCHES, an east and west line through HILL 169, woods 1600 metres north of LUCY-le-BOCAGE to the stream line running north along the eastern base of HILL 142, and the stream junction 900 metres southwest of TORCY.

Health: Deaths including killed in action. 3 Officers, 25 men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in
present area.....3 " 703 "

Sick & Wounded evacuated from
present area.....4 " 362 "

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 9 Officers, 233 Men.

Strength of command, present and absent. 1126 " 25693 "

Strength of command in present area..... 1034 " 25287 "

Available for duty..... 1034 " 25287 "

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The front held by the division was diminished by about 600 metres by the 167th French Division taking over Hill 142 and the ridge running north from it. At 4:45 A.M. a half-hearted enemy attack against the north edge of the BOIS de BELLEAU was easily repulsed.

ATTESTED:

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G. A. H.

Adjutant General, Adjutant

T E L E G R A M June 17, 1918.
HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 1:00 P.M. June 17, 1918.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, A.E.F.

CHAUMONT.

ATTENTION THIRD SECTION GENERAL STAFF.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS TWELVE NOONE JUNE SIXTEENTH TO TWELVE NOON
JUNE SEVENTEENTH.

WEATHER FAIR WITH NUMEROUS CLOUDS PERIOD INFANTRY AND MACHINE GUN ACTIVITY BOTH OUR OWN AND ENEMY BELOW NORMAL PERIOD ENEMY ACTIVE WITH SCATTERED RIFLE FIRE AND INTERMITTENT MACHINE GUN FIRE PERIOD OUR TROOPS REPLIED IN KIND AND WERE ACTIVE IN AMBUSH AND RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS WITHOUT INCIDENT PERIOD ENEMY ARTILLERY CONTINUES INTERMITTENT BOMBARDMENT OF OUR FRONT LINES AND BACK AREA PERIOD OUR ARTILLERY REPLIED WITH COUNTER BATTERY AND DEMOLITION FIRE PERIOD OUR TROOPS ACCOMPLISHED AN INTERNAL RELIEF WITHOUT SERIOUS EVENT PERIOD CONSTANT MOVEMENT OF SMALL ENEMY GROUPS ON THE TWO ROADS SOUTH OF ETREPILLY TOWARD HILL TWO HUNDRED NINE MOVING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS PERIOD NUMEROUS SMALL GROUPS OBSERVED ON MAIN ROAD FROM GIVRY TO EPAUX PERIOD ACTIVITY OF ENEMY AIR SERVICE VERY MARKED MAINTAINING PRACTICALLY CONTINUOUS RECONNAISSANCE OVER OUR LINES PARTICULARLY OVER OUR FORWARD ZONE PERIOD A NUMBER OF LARGE PATROLS CAME OVER PERIOD ENEMY BALLOON ACTIVITY ALSO INCREASED FIFTEEN BALLOONS BEING IN OBSERVATION AT ONE TIME PERIOD GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE DAY NORMAL EXCEPT FOR MARKED INCREASE IN ENEMY

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