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have occurred, had the observation for enemy artillery observers remained good.

The left flank meanwhile, being in the air, one platoon of the Reserve Company was sent to form a defensive flank as a temporary measure until the leading Companies were re-organized in depth.

The New Zealand Division right flank was near J.4. Central. They agreed to push forward and join up with our refused flank.

By about 20.00 hours the line was established Reserve Company Platoon withdrawn, left Company with flank thrown back to connect up with New Zealanders and all three leading Companies re-organized in depth. All Companies were ordered to send out strong patrols to reconnoitre and report on any available crossing over River SEILLE.

These patrols reported at about 22.00 hours that no crossings were available and that the River SEILLE was from 20 - 30 feet in width and that there were no trees which could be felled across the river.

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At about 03.00 hours it was arranged with 2/Lt. KEITH of 153 Coy R.E.'s that he would try and erect some sort of Bridge. "B" & "D" Coy Commanders and one Company 8th Lincoln's to hold 3 platoons in readiness to proceed across river if ordered to do so. 2/Lt. H.W. BROOKS commanding "A" Coy and one Platoon of "A" Coy pushed on to reconnoitre and if possible occupy BRIASTRE. Though some of the enemy were still in the Village and were taken prisoners on the following morning, they met with no opposition and fell in with the New Zealanders (1st Wellington Battalion) in the middle of BRIASTRE just about Divisional boundary and decided to push on across river by a bridge which was found had just been completed by 2/Lt. PALMER of 153 Field Coy R.E.'s.

2/Lt. BROOKS went back to fetch his Company down into BRIASTRE and to send word to C.O. "B" Coy and "D" Coy and 8th Lincoln's Company to send on their platoons down Sunken Road to Cross river, and took Platoon on across river with New Zealanders who took over two complete Companies, and worked north on our left. The Commanding Officer who had gone forward with