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Title: 13th Infantry Battalion

June 1917



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/6/17	VAUXHALL CAMP 9.30am	Training continued - Officers and N.C.O's made personal reconnaissance of support trenches to be occupied	
2/6/17	do do	Training - Parade hours 9.30 am to 12 noon 1.30 pm to 4 pm	
3/6/17	do do	do do	
4/6/17	do do	do do	
5/6/17	do do	do do	
6/6/17	do do	do do	
7/6/17	do do	do do	
do	do 6.25pm	Party of 1 officer and 50 men left for fatigue duty for 12th Bde. - carry-	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		ing party from GOOSEBERRY FME. to front line.	
7/6/17	VAUXHALL 10.40pm	Orders for Pns. to move to	See APPENDIX 36.
do	CAMP	MIDLAND SUPPORT TRENCH SOUTH via	
		Y" Route.	
do	do 11.30pm	Battalion moved out.	
8/6/17	MIDLAND		
	SUPPORT TRENCH 3pm	Battalion established in new	
		position U 13 a 4.7.	
do	do 1.30pm	Carrying party of 1 officer + 50 OR's	
		returned.	
do	do 6.10pm	Orders that Bde. (less 13th + 14th Pns.)	
		were to move back to VAUXHALL CAMP.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9/6/17	- 7.30 pm	Orders received that 13th Pm. would relieve 1st New Zealand Brigade on BLACK LINE from U3 d 59 to O 33 a 7.6	See APPENDIX 57.
do	- 9 pm	Battalions commenced to move from MIDLAND SUPPORT FRENCH SOUTH. - Brigade H'qrs, location T5 d 9.4. Battalion H'qrs - do. U3 c 8.8.	
10/6/17	U3 c 8.8 2.33 am	Relief complete.	
do	2 pm	Visit of Divl. Commander and Brigadier-General Broad to line held.	
11/6/17	do 4 am	Orders received to take over portion of GREEN LINE - HUNS WALK (U4 a 9.5 to U4 c 87 and BLACK DOTTED LINE U3 d 68	See APPENDIX 58

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12/6/17	- 2am	to V3 & 6.9. Relief complete - Posts established at	See APPENDIX 58 (a)
do	V3c 8.8 8.50pm	Orders for relief of Pns. by 75th Inf. Bde - 8th South Lancashire Regt.	See APPENDIX 59
do	do 11.25pm	Relief complete - Pns. moved back to MIDLAND SUPPORT TRENCH.	
13/6/17	V14a	to T12d. Battalion resting - In support	
14/6/17	do	do do	
15/6/17	do	do do	
16/6/17	do	Army Commander (Gen. Plumer) visited	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16/6/17	-	Brigade Headquarters. Battalion took over fatigues from 14th Battalion for one day - 8 Officers 400 men employed.	
17/6/17	MIDLAND SUPPORT TRENCH 100m	Battalion moved back to (Sheet 28 SW.) T10.C. 70.05'. 4 Officers 200 men on fatigues T5C4.5'.	
18/6/17	T10070.05'	Fatigues - 8 officers + 300 men - road construction work Remainder of Pms. - specialists training.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19/6/17	-	-	
		Fatigues - 4 offs. & 200 men - Road construction work T 504.5 Specialist training	
20/6/17	-	-	
		Fatigues - 4 offs & 200 men - Remainder of Pms and Specialists training.	
21/6/17	T10070.05'	-	
		Training - Parade hours 9.30 am to 11.45 am 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm.	
22/6/17	do.	-	
do.	11 am	Major Gen. W. Holmes 4th Div Commander visited the Pms. at Training	
23/6/17	do	8 am	
		Fatigue of 9 officers and 400 men - Burying cable.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23/6/17	T29 d.	-	Battalion moved to REGINA CAMP - T29 & Central
do	do	-	Fatigue 9 officers + 400 men.
24/6/17	do	-	do. do.
25/6/17	do	-	do. do.
26/6/17	do.	-	Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to 2nd Inyas Corps - BAILLEUL.
			See APPENDIX 60
			The undermentioned officers, N.C.O's and men were on parade.
			Lieut-Col. J. M. A. Durrant, D.S.O.
			Capt. H.W. Murray, V.C. D.S.O.
			Lieut. G. S. McDowell, M.C.
			933 C.S.M. Oswald, A
			20 Cpl. Casey, P.C.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26/6/17	-	7067 Pto. Ross, P. 1421 " Brenton, A.	
27/6/17	T29d do	- Baths at Stenwerck 10.30pm Fatigue of Officers + 400 men burying cable.	
28/6/17	do	- Battalion resting Officers + N.C.O.'s reconnoitering positions to be taken over in SUPPORT LINE	
29/6/17	-	8am Relief of 2nd and 4th Battalions N.Z. Rifles commenced. 11.30am Relief complete.	See APPENDIX 61.
30/6/17	LAWRENCE FARM. 9pm	Improving existing dug-outs + trenches Working Parties on SUPPORT LINE	See APPENDIX 62

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Recd. 12.30 p.m.
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 80

Reference Map 1/10,000

In the Field
9/5/1917.

1. The 2nd Anzac Corps is subdivided into Right Centre and Left Sectors. The 4th Australian Division holding the centre Sector connecting with the Right Sector (3rd Australian Division) at U.4.b.0.7. and with the Left Sector (25th Division) at O.34.b.3.3.
2. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade is holding the GREEN LINE i.e. QWL SUPPORT TRENCH from U.4.b.0.7. to O.34.b.3.6.
3. The 13th and 14th Battalions will relieve the 1st New Zealand Brigade on the BLACK LINE from U.3.d.5.9. to O.33.d.7.6. the dividing line being a line from O.33.d.1.2. through MESSINES to the GOOSEBERRY FARM road. Battalions will be distributed in depth with strong points on the DOTTED Line in advance of the BLACK LINE. Headquarters 13th Battalion will be at U.3.c.9.9. and 14th Battalion at O.32.d.1.5.
4. The 16th and 15th Battalions on relieving the 2nd New Zealand Brigade will become the Right and Left Support Battalions respectively, the GOOSEBERRY FARM - MESSINES Road being the dividing line. The Headquarters of both Battalions will be at U.1.d.5.6.
5. The 4th Aust. Machine Gun Company less 2 Sections and 4th Aust. L.T.K. Battery will relieve the corresponding units of 1st New Zealand Brigade.
6. Details of relief which is to be completed by midnight 9th/10th June will be mutually arranged with O.C. New Zealand units concerned.
7. Units will notify 4th Aust. Brigade Headquarters situated at T.6.c.1.4. on completion of relief when G.O.C. 4th Brigade will take over the command of the BLACK LINE and defence of MESSINES.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.H. Johnston.
Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 4.p.m.

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| Copy No. 1 | War Diary. | |
| 2 | 4th Aust. Division. | |
| 3 | 1st N.Z. Brigade. | 15. 4th Div. Artillery. |
| 4 | 2nd N.Z. Brigade. | 16. 4th Field Coy. |
| 5 | 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. | 17. 7th A.A.S.C. |
| 6 | 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. | 18. 4th Field Ambulance |
| 7 | 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. | 19. Staff Captain. |
| 8 | 74th Inf. Bde. (25th Division. | 20. File. |
| 9 | 13th Battalion. | |
| 10 | 14th Battalion | |
| 11 | 15th Battalion | |
| 12 | 16th Battalion. | |
| 13 | 4th A.M.G. Company. | |
| 14 | 4th A.L.T.K. Battery. | |

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 81

Reference Map 1/10,000

In the Field,
11/6/1917.

1. On the night 11th/12th June the Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade will take over -
 - (a) The whole of the 4th Divisional GREEN LINE (i.e. the whole frontage of Centre Sector) from O.34.b.3.6. to the RIVER DOUVE.
 - (b) The BLACK Dotted Line from DESPAGNE FARM (exclusive) to U.3.d.6.9.
 - (c) The BLACK LINE from ZAREEBA to RIVER DOUVE.
2. Units distributed in depth are allotted the following frontages
 - (a) 14th Battalion GREEN LINE O.34.b.3.6. to O.34.d.5.8. BLACK Dotted Line DESPAGNE FARM (exclusive) to O.33.d.8.8
 - (b) 15th Battalion GREEN LINE O.34.d.5.8. to HUNS WALK (U.4.a.9.5.) BLACK Dotted Line O.33.d.8.8. to U.3.b.6.8.
 - (c) 13th Battalion GREEN LINE HUNS WALK (U.4.a.9.5.) to U.4.c.8.7. BLACK Dotted Line U.3.b.6.8. to U.3.d.6.9.
 - (d) 16th Battalion GREEN LINE U.4.c.8.7. to RIVER DOUVE. BLACK LINE U.3.d.6.9. to RIVER DOUVE.
3. O.C. Units will mutually arrange all details of relief with the Units of 11th, 12th and 13th Brigades concerned.
4. The 4th Aust. Machine Gun Company and 4th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the corresponding Units of the 12th Brigade.
5. 1 Section (4 guns) of 207th Machine Gun Company are attached to the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade for the defence of the BLACK LINE from U.3.d.6.9. to RIVER DOUVE.
6. The Headquarters of Units will be as follows :-

14th Battalion	U.33.c.6.8.	U.33.c.6.8.
15th Battalion		U.3.b.1.8.
13th Battalion		U.3.c.9.9.
16th Battalion		U.9.a.2.8.
4th A.M.G. Company	}	U.3.a.1.0.
4th A.L.T.M. Battery		
7. At 7.p.m. on 11th June patrols will be pushed forward as follows -

15th Battalion to STEIGNAST FARM, LES. QUATRE ROIS
CABINET.

14th Battalion to GAPAARD FARM and BLAUWEPOORT BEEKE
at O.34.a.3.9.

In the event of posts being established at the above mentioned places and in front of 13th and 16th Battalions, they will be left out during the relief of the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade (probably night 12th/13th June) and will be subsequently replaced by posts furnished by the relieving troops.

UNDULATING TRENCH as far as RIVER DOUVE will be consolidated as soon as possible.
8. The 49th and 51st Battalions are under the orders of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Infantry Brigade for the defence of GREEN LINE (right flank), and will be located in the trenches vacated by the 15th and 16th Battalions respectively, with both Headquarters at U.1.d.5.6.

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- 9. Units will notify Advanced Brigade Headquarters ("G" Branch) U.3.a.1.O. as soon as relief is complete.
- 10. Brigade Headquarters, less "G" Branch will be at CALGARY AVENUE T.S.d.S.O.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. J. de Botton

Major.

A/ Brigade-Major.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 5.p.m.

- Copy No. 1 War Diary
- 2 4th Aust. Division.
- 3 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 4 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 5 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 6 75th Brigade.
- 7 13th Battalion.
- 8 14th Battalion.
- 9 15th Battalion.
- 10 16th Battalion.
- 11 4th A.M.G. Company.
- 12 4th A.L.T.M. Battery.
- 13 4th Div. Artillery.
- 14 4th Field Company.
- 15 7th A.A.S.C.
- 16 4th Field Ambulance.
- 17 49th Battalion.
- 18 51st Battalion.
- 19 207th Machine Gun Coy.
- 20 Staff Captain.
- 21 File.

The Headquarters of the 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be as follows:-

13th Battalion
14th Battalion
15th Battalion
16th Battalion
4th A.M.G. Company
4th A.L.T.M. Battery
4th Div. Artillery
4th Field Company
7th A.A.S.C.
4th Field Ambulance
49th Battalion
51st Battalion
207th Machine Gun Coy.
Staff Captain.

In the event of posts being established at the above mentioned places and in front of 13th and 14th Battalions, they will be left out during the relief of the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade (probably night 13/14th June) and will be subsequently re-placed by posts furnished by the relieving troops.

UNDESIGNED TROOPS as far as RIVER DOWN will be consolidated as soon as possible.

The 49th and 51st Battalions are under the orders of the C.O. 4th Australian Infantry Brigade for the balance of 13th June (right bank) and will be located in the trenches vacated by the 13th and 14th Battalions respectively, with both Headquarters at U.S.d.S.O.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
 HEADQUARTERS.
 10th June, 1917.

10.p.m.

C. O.,
FACT.

Cancel memo G.63 of even date. The following changes will take place on night 11th/12th June :-

- (a) The 4th Brigade will take over the GREEN LINE and Black dotted Line from O.34.b.3.6. the left boundary of Division to the River DOUVE the right boundary of the Division.
- (b) 12th Brigade will relieve the 14th and 15th Battalions in BLACK LINE and Supports.
- (c) 13th Brigade will relieve 13th and 16th Battalions in BLACK LINE and Supports.

With regard to (a)

- (i) Brigade Headquarters will be at U.3.c.1.9. (present Headquarters 47th Battalion) to which cable is now being buried.
- (ii) 16th Battalion will take over the GREEN LINE from DOUVE RIVER to U.4.c.4.6. and the BLACK LINE from the DOUVE RIVER to U.3.d.5.7.
- (iii) 13th Battalion GREEN LINE from U.4.c.4.6. to HUNS WALK (U.4.a.9.5.) and dotted line from ZARREBA to strong point now held by 13th Battalion in UNBEARABLE TRENCH.
- (iv) 15th Battalion the GREEN LINE FROM HUNS WALK (U.4.a.9.5.) to U.34.d.5.8. and Black Dotted Line from 13th Battalion Strong Point in UNBEARABLE TRENCH to U.33.d.7.8.
- (v) 14th Battalion the GREEN LINE from U.34.d.5.8. to the Left Boundary of 4th Division at U.34.b.3.8. and BLACK Dotted Line to but not including DESPAGNE FARM.

The BLACK Dotted Line is to be made as strong as possible and made one continuous trench.

The respective Battalion Headquarters to be as follows :-

4th Brigade H.Qrs.	that now occupied by	47th Battalion.
16th Battalion "	" " " "	44th Battalion.
13th Battalion "	" " " "	46th Battalion.
15th Battalion "	" " " "	45th Battalion.
14th Battalion "	" " " "	50th Battalion

A conference of Commanding Officers will be held at present Headquarters 16th Battalion U.4.d.5.6. at 9.30.a.m. on 11th instant.

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Ch. Johnston

Major.
 Brigade-Major.
 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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APPENDIX 59

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 82

Reference Map 1/20,000

In the Field,
12/6/1917.

1. 75th Infantry Brigade will relieve Fourth Australian Infantry on night 12th/13th June as follows :-

- 13th Battalion by 8th Sth. Lincs.
- 14th Battalion by Borderers.
- 15th Battalion by 11th Cheshires.
- 16th Battalion by 82nd Regiment.

The 4th Aust. Machine Gun Company and 4th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will be relieved on the 13th/14th by the Units of the 75th Brigade.

2. Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade will move to bivouac areas as follows where it will be in a position of readiness to support 25th Division :-

- 13th Battalion SUBSIDIARY LINE U.14.a. to T.12.d. (where they were before).
- 14th Battalion MIDLAND SUPPORT T.12.c. to T.11.c. approx. (where they were before).
- 15th Battalion U.13.c.3.2.
- 16th Battalion T.18.d.6.5.
- 4th A.M.G. Company } T.18.c.7.7.
- 4th A.L.T.M. Battery }
- Brigade Headquarters T.18.d.5.4.

3. An Officer from each Unit Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade will report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 10.a.m. 12th instant to be shown location of Unit.

4. Brigade Headquarters will be at T.18.d.5.4. on completion of relief.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9.a.m.

Edmund ...
Major.
A/Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 File.
- 2 War Diary.
- 3 War Diary.
- 4 4th Aust. Division.
- 5 13th Battalion.
- 6 14th Battalion.
- 7 15th Battalion.
- 8 16th Battalion.
- 9 4th A.M.G. Company.
- 10 4th A.L.T.M. Battery.
- 11 4th Field Ambulance.
- 12 7th A.A.S.C.
- 13 75th Brigade.
- 14 4th Div. Artillery.
- 15 4th Aust Inf Bde
- 16 Light Bde 112 Div
- 17 G.O.C.
- 18 Staff Captain.

*Recd 8.50 pm
12/6/17
Ack. (See A 82.)*

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SPECIAL ORDER

by Brigadier-General C.H.BRAND, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commanding.

24th June, 1917.

1. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will visit the 2nd Anzac Corps on Tuesday, 26th instant.
2. Troops will parade for his inspection on the Market Place, BAILLEUL, at 2.30.p.m.
3. The 4th Aust. Division will be represented by the following troops :-

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.....	3	9
4th Aust. Div. Engineers.....	1	3
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.....	1	2
4th Aust. Infantry Brigade.....	6	17
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade....	5	17
13th Aust. Infantry Brigade....	6	18
4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion:..	1	4
4th Aust. Divisional Train.....	1	2
A.A.M.C.....	1	3
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4. The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be represented by the following Officers and Men :-

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
13th Battalion	2	4
14th Battalion	2	4
15th Battalion	1	4
16th Battalion	1	4
4th A.M.G. Company	-	1

Commanding Officers of the rank of Lieut-Colonel and upwards should be present in addition as far as practicable.

All troops will be drawn up in two ranks, Officers 3 paces in front of the other ranks.

50% of "Other Ranks" will be W.O's. or N.C.O's.

Preference is to be given to Officers, W.O's., N.C.O's. and Men who specially distinguished themselves in the Messines Battle, and whom it is desired that H.R.H. should meet.

Major J.M.EDGELEY, D.S.O., 46th Battalion, will command the 4th Australian Divisional Detachment.

Troops to be in position at 2.15.p.m. 4th Aust. Div. Detachment will assemble at the corner of the RUE DE LA GARE and RUE D'OCCIDENT at 1.45.p.m.

5. The following Commanders and Staffs will assemble at the Saluting Base :-

Brigade Commanders and 1 Staff Officer from each Brigade. Divisional Commanders only will accompany H.R.H. during his inspection.

6. DRESS. Drill Order (with arms and P.H. Helmets) Steel Helmets will not be worn.

Drill Order in the case of Infantry Officers will be for Field Officers - Sam Browne Belt, for other Officers - Web equipment. Officers of other arms not issued with Web equipment will wear Sam Browne Belts. Sticks will not be carried.

P.T.O.

HEADQUARTERS 4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
SPECIAL ORDER

W. B. Johnston, Major-General, C. M. Johnston, Major

6. Officers who are detailed in the Order to attend the parade will carry P.H. Helmets, but no sticks. Other Ranks will carry ammunition. All slouch hats will be worn with the brim down.
7. The Band of the 13th Battalion will attend the parade.
8. H.R.H. will be received with a Royal Salute. The Bands will be massed. (The parade will be called to attention and Arms sloped as H.R.H. enters the Market Place. The "present Arms" will be given when he reaches the Saluting Base.)
9. When H.R.H. has completed his inspection, he will return to the Saluting Base, and the Troops will march past in Column of Route, commencing with the N.Z. Rifle Brigade.
Officers will salute.
"Eyes left" will be given by the Officer in command of the Troops representing each Formation. These Officers will not fall out.
When the Troops have marched past, they will return direct to their lines, either by Rue de Ypres or the Rue de Lille.
10. Detachments will be conveyed to and from BAILLEUL by busses, arrangements to be notified later.
11. Any new clothes required can be obtained from D.A.D.O.S.

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1	1	100th Battalion

C. M. Johnston, Major.
Brigade-Major,
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

The following commanders and staffs will assemble at the Saluting Base:-

Brigade Commanders and 1 Staff Officer from each Brigade.

Divisional Commanders only will accompany H.R.H. during his inspection.

Will order (with arms and P.H. Helmets) to be worn will not be worn.

Will order in the case of Infantry Officers will be for Staff Officers - see above for other officers.

Officers of other arms not issued with Web equipment.

Web equipment will wear Web Brown Belts. Sticks will not be carried.

War Diary
Reference Sheet PLEOGSTEERT 1/10,000.

28-6-17

- (1). The 13th Battalion will relieve the 2nd and 4th Battalions N.Z. Rifles on 29th June, 1917, and will be in close support to the 16th Battalion who take over the front line system.
- (2) Distribution of Companies is as follows:-
- | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Battalion Headquarters - | Laurence Farm | U | 27.c.5.8. |
| "A" Company, | Fusilier Terraces | U | 27.a. 52. |
| "B" Company, | Maison 1875 | U | 26.c. 75. |
| "C" Company, | Bunhill Row | U | 20.c.5.7. |
| "D" Company, | Reading Trench
& Hunters Avenue | U | 27.b.05 and U 21.c.7.3. |
- (3) Companies and Headquarters Units will be ready to move off at 8 a.m. on 29-6-17 in following order:-
- "B" Company
 Signallers, Runners, Pioneers, S.Bs. & A.M.C.
 "A" Company
 "D" Company
 "C" Company.
- Five minutes interval between Platoons.
- (4) Transport Lines and Quartermaster's Store will be at T 27.a.7.7.
- (5) Guides from 4th Bn. N.Z. Rifles will meet Companies at ~~T 27.a.7.7~~ U 25 a.6.3 at 8.30 a.m.
- (6) Cookers of "B" & "C" Coys. will go forward with their Companies. Cooking utensils only of "A" & "D" Companies and H.Q. Units will be taken forward by limbers.
- (7) Each man will carry his blanket and waterproof sheet. Shaving gear to be carried in haversack.
 Packs will be dumped, hats and greatcoats to be put inside the pack.
 Surplus officers' gear, surplus mess gear and packs will be stacked outside Quartermaster's Store in company dumps by 7.30 a.m. on 29-6-17.
- (8) All Lewis Gun gear will be carried forward by gun crews.
- (9) Reveille - 5.30 a.m.
 Breakfast - 6. a.m.
 Sick Parade - 6.30 a.m.
- Unconsumed portion of day's ration will be carried forward on the man. Water bottles to be filled.
- (10) On completion of relief by companies, Battalion H'qrs. will be notified by Trench Code.
- (11) All trench stores will be taken over by Companies and a list in duplicate forwarded to Battalion H'qrs on completion of relief.
- (12) ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.W. DAVIS, Capt.
Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 11 a.m.

Copy No.1	4th A.I. Bde.	Copy No.7	Sig. Off. & I.O.
2	C.O. & War Diary	8	Q.M. & Transport
3	"A" Company	9	R.S.M. & H.Q. Details
4	"B" "	10	R.M.O.
5	"C" "	11	File.
6	"D" "		

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 83

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1. The 4th Australian Division will relieve the New Zealand Division in the front line between the WARNAVE and the DOUVE. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will take over the whole Divisional Front and will complete the relief of the 1st and 3rd New Zealand Infantry Brigades by midnight 29th/30th June.
2. (a) The 16th and 13th Battalions will relieve the 3rd New Zealand Infantry Brigade, the 16th Battalion being in front line system and 13th Battalion in close support.
(b) The 15th and 14th Battalions will relieve the 1st New Zealand Infantry Brigade, the 15th Battalion being in front line system and 14th Battalion in close support.
(c) The boundary between Battalions is a line running from U.19.d.40.95. - along tramway to U.21.a.05.65. - thence a straight line to U.16.d.10.20. - to LA TRUIE FME (U.17.c.50.99) - thence a straight line to U.17.d.70.60.
3. The 4th Aust. Machine Gun Company and 4th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the corresponding units of both the 1st and 3rd New Zealand Infantry Brigades.
4. Twenty four hours before the relief is completed a proportion of 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade Specialists will relieve a corresponding proportion of 1st and 3rd New Zealand Infantry Brigades specialists.
5. All details of relief will be mutually arranged between Commanders of Units concerned.
6. Brigade Headquarters will be at U.20.a.90.90. less Administrative portion which will be at T.21.b.4.0.
7. When units have completed relief Brigade Headquarters will be notified by Trench Code. G.O.C. 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will assume command of Sector on completion of relief.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 5.p.m.

C. M. Johnston Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

- Copy No.
- 1 War Diary.
 - 2 4th Aust. Division.
 - 3 4th Aust. Div. Artillery.
 - 4 13th Battalion.
 - 5 14th Battalion.
 - 6 15th Battalion.
 - 7 16th Battalion.
 - 8 4th A.M.G. Company.
 - 9 4th A.L.T.M. Battery.
 - 10 4th Field Ambulance.
 - 11 4th Field Coy. Engrs.
 - 12 7th A.A.S.C.
 - 13 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 - 14 4th New Zealand Brigade.
 - 15 G.O.C.
 - 16 Staff Captain.
 - 17 File.

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13BN. See APPENDIX 62
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APPENDIX N° 62
 LIST No. 1. 1917

WORKING PARTIES TO BE FURNISHED DAILY COMMENCING 30th JUNE 1917.

No.	Strength.	Unit to Supply.	When, where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.	Remarks.
1.	4 Officers. 200 Men.	14th Bn.	Junction of ULTIMO Avenue and Support Line. Report 10.15.p.m. Lt. LEWIS. 4th Fld. Coy.	Widening Support trench	Work from 10.30.p.m. till 3.30 a.m. 2 shovels to 1 pick.
2.	1 Officer. 50 Men.	15th Bn.	Junction of ULTIMO Avenue & Support Line report 10.15.p.m. Lt. LEWIS 4th Fld Coy.	Widening Support trench.	Work from 10.30 p.m. till 3.30 a.m. 2 shovels to 1 pick.
3.	4 Officers. 200 Men.	14th Bn.	Junction POTTERIE Avenue & Support Line (U.10.d.8.5.) at 10.15.p.m Report Lt. McLEAN. 4th Fld Coy.	Widening Support trench.	Work from 10.30.p.m. till 3.30 a.m. 2 shovels to 1 pick.
4.	1 Officer. 50 Men.	15th Bn.	Junction POTTERIE Avenue & Support Line. (U.10.d.8.5.) at 10.15.p.m Report Lt. McLEAN 4th Fld Coy.	Widening Support trench.	Work from 10.30.p.m. to 3.30 a.m. 2 shovels to 1 pick.
5.	1 Officer. 50 Men.	14th Bn.	Junction POTTERIE Avenue & old German Rway. Line U.10.c.4.7. at 10.15.p.m. Report Lt. LAWRENCE 4th Fld Coy.	Improving AVENUE.	Work from 10.30.p.m. till 3.30 a.m. 2 shovels to 1 pick.
6.	1 Officer. 50 Men.	13th Bn.	Tren terminus PORT BOYD at 9.p.m. Sgt. WILKINSON 12th Fld Coy.	Carrying material to Support Line.	When finished.
7.	1 Officer. 50 Men.	13th Bn.	Engineer Dump MAISON 1875 at 9.p.m. Report Lt. LITTLE. 12th Fld Coy.	Carrying material to Support Line.	When finished.
8.	3 Officers. 100 Men.	13th Bn.	LOOWIDES Avenue (ESSEX FARM) at 10.p.m. Report to Lt. FRASER 12th Fld. Coy.	Preparing Support Line for defence.	Work from 10.30.p.m till 3.30 a.m. Shovel each man.
9.	1 Officer. 50 Men.	13th Bn.	PORT BOYD at 10.p.m. Report Cpl. FRY, 12th Fld. Coy.	Improving communication to Support Line.	Work from 10.30.p.m till 3.30 a.m. Shovel each man.
10.	1 Officer. 50 Men.	13th Bn.	LOOWIDES Avenue (ESSEX FARM) 9.30.p.m. Report Sgt. WAKEHAM, 12th Fld. Coy.	Improving communication to Support Line.	Work from 10.30.p.m till 3.30 p.m. Shovel each man.

The 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. is with the assistance of 4th and 12th Fld Coy's responsible for making the FIRING LINE and the SUPPORT LINE defensible, also the construction of Vickers M.G. positions and maintenance of communication trenches between Support & Firing lines.

The C.O.'s of two Bns. (15th & 16th) holding the firing line & advanced posts are responsible for the improvement & wiring of that line and posts and will detail parties regimentally.

30/3/1917.

E. H. Underwood
 Major,
 4th Aust. Inf. Bde

Appendix 63 to War Diary month of June, 1917.

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Strength as at 1st June, 1917
Attached
Ration Strength

Off.	O.Rs.	Total
30	810	840
2	5	7
23	654	677

	Rej.	Joined Rej from Prison	Rej. On transfer	Reinf.	Hos.	Wnd.	K.i.A.	Gone To O.T.C.	4th T.B.	Trans.
2					2					
3					2					
6	2. 3				4					
9	Lt. S. Owen " N. Wallach				1	3				
10						1				
11	19				1	1. 6	3			
12	1	1			2	2. 3				
13	2				5	6				
14										
15					1. 22	10				
16					Lt. A.D. Turnbull					
17	1				4					
18					1					
19				8	1			1		1 Lt. G. Marper
20					1	5	2			
21					2					
22	1. Capt. R.H. Browning 1. 7 Lt. J.P. Trim				1					
23	1				1					
24	1. Off. Lt. R.J. Henderson				1	3				

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June	Hos.	Rej.	Joined Rej. from Prison	On Transfer	Reinf.	Hos.	Wnd.	K.i.A.	Gone O.T.C.	4th T.B.	Trans.	To Prison
25	1	2					2					
26					13 (attached from 4th Pioneers)	1					2	
27	1	5								1 Off Capt. J.D. Henry		
28						1. 1 2/Lt. Macnaghten.	1					2
29		4					1					



~~xxxx~~
2/Lt. Macnaghten

Strength as at 30th June, 1917
Attached
Ration Strength

Off.	O. Rs.	Total
28	776	804
2	19	21
25	706	731

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