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WAR DIARY

OF

16th. BATTALION, A. I. F.

FOR

MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

W. Adams
Capt.
Adjutant 16th Batta. A. I. F.

Signature of Officer compiling

E. D. Nelson
Lieut.-Colonel,

Signature of Officer Commanding

Commanding 16th Batta. A. I. F.

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	Mon. 1.4.18.		<p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Good throughout 24 hours.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES.</u> - Four killed - five wounded.</p> <p><u>SICK EVACUATIONS.</u> - One Officer - two Other Ranks.</p>	
	Tues. 2.4.18.		<p>Enemy activity normal during day. Apparently there are few guns facing us, but these few are working hard. About noon orders were received from Brigade Headquarters to extend our line to the right taking over from the NEW ZEALANDERS to K.21. Central. This was done, and the move completed by 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>The Battalion dispositions now are as follows :-</p> <p>Front Line - Right to Left -</p> <p>"C" COMPANY,</p> <p>"D" do. 1 Platoon as garrison in QUARRY.</p> <p>"B" do.</p> <p>Supports :- "A" Company.</p> <p>Complete disposition report attached as an Appendix.</p> <p>Quiet night.</p> <p>Casualties. Nil. Killed. 4 wounded.</p> <p>Sick evacuations. Six other ranks.</p>	
	Wed. 3.4.18.		<p>With a view to improving the Battalion Front, and so to take full advantage of ground, at 10.30 a.m. "C" company in the right of the Battalion Sector sent a bombing party down the sap in K.21.b. which junctions with the front line at K.21.b.50.50. The party then worked along the trench parallel with the front line to where it junctions with the QUARRY. Snipers were encountered, and fled, but were shot down by a Lewis Gun ready for the purpose. The trench was found to be too shallow for daylight occupation, but a post was established in it, and at night it was widened and deepened, and a garrison put in it. At about the same time (10.30 a.m.) a fighting patrol of "D" company proceeded down sunken road running from left of the Battalion Sector at K.16.c.2.2. This party engaged the enemy at the junction of the two sunken roads and pursued him, causing him many casualties. We estimate the Killed at about 50. No prisoners were taken. Two machine guns were captured. Dead were identified as belonging to 49th Infantry Regiment.</p> <p>At 7.45 p.m. a patrol of "D" company left our line at the QUARRY and proceeded about 500 yards into "No Man's Land" and captured a Machine Gun. The party was repeatedly sniped at whilst out.</p> <p>Enemy activity about normal during 24 hours.</p>	

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	Wed. 3.4.18.		Weather: Rain commenced to fall about 4 p.m. and continued for several hours. Casualties - Nil.	
	(Contd).			
	Thur. 4.4.18.		Enemy activity normal throughout day. "C" Company on right of Battalion Sector improved its position during day. All trenches and approaches to same now in a very bad and muddy state owing to heavy rains. Fortunately a good supply of clean socks are available and the men are able to change every day. Night quiet until 4 a.m. Casualties:- 1 Officer - 2 other ranks wounded. 2 other ranks injured.	
	Fri. 5.4.18.		At 9.30 a.m. enemy attacked in force against Sector held by the Battalion (K.21 Centre to K.16. C.20.30) This attack was preceded by a violent artillery bombardment of ground between Front Line and Battalion Headquarters, and the back areas: commencing at 4 a.m. Large quantities of gas shells were thrown around the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. About 6 a.m. a destructive shoot was put down on the front line. Fortunately this shoot was not over accurate, or our casualties must have been very heavy; as the fire was very intense. At 9.30 a.m. the barrage was lifted from the front line, and enemy attacking waves were seen coming forward. These waves did not get far before they were broken up by our Lewis Gun and Rifle fire. But the attack was kept up, and a second one was launched at 10.30 a.m., which also was repelled. It is estimated that about 2,000 of the enemy were engaged in the attack against Battalion Front. Enemy casualties must have been very severe. A full report by the Commanding Officer is attached as an Appendix. Our casualties were light having regard to the fierceness of the attack. Activity assumed normal proportions about mid-day. Remainder of day, and the night, quiet. Weather:- Dull, and visibility poor. Trenches in very bad state and from 0" to 1' deep in mud. Casualties for 24 hours - 1 wounded.	
	Sat. 6.4.18.		Enemy activity on our immediate front normal. Between 6 and 6.30 p.m. four parties of men marching in file were noticed coming over the rise in K.18.c. and making for K.22.b. and 23a. This looked like a relief and the artillery people were communicated with. Fire was brought to bear, and the groups were scattered. Our guns continued to fire for some time, and later small parties were observed moving back; running here and there, trying to dodge the fire. From about 6 p.m. and until 8 p.m. an intense artillery duel was going on down South. This extended almost to our Right flank by 7 p.m. and we "stood to" expecting something in the way of an attack.	

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	Sat. 6.4.18. (Contd).		<p>Night: Activity on both sides about normal.</p> <p>Weather: Conditions now very bad owing to rain. Trenches in many parts almost impassable.</p> <p>Casualties:- 9 Killed. 28 wounded.</p> <p>Sick evacuations - Three.</p>	
	Sun. 7.4.18.		<p>Day quiet throughout in the front line. Battalion Headquarters and immediate vicinity heavily shelled at intervals throughout day with 5.9s. Several shells came very close, but no damage was done.</p> <p>Weather very bad. State of trenches is too bad for description, and to keep them clear is a hopeless task.</p> <p>Casualties:- Four other ranks wounded.</p>	
	Mon. 8.4.18.		<p>Very quiet morning. Between 4 and 7 p.m. the Battalion (A, C, and D Coys.) was relieved in the front line by the 14th AUSTRALIAN Infantry Battalion, and came back to the position vacated by above-named Battalion as Reserve.</p> <p>Battalion Headquarters - K.2.c.11.</p> <p>Companies in immediate vicinity in dug-outs and old gun pits.</p> <p>"B" Company remained on loan to 14th Battalion as support to Front Line, and will be relieved on Wednesday.</p> <p>Men very wet and muddy. Very tired too, after the long time in the Line.</p> <p>Weather worse than ever.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil. Sick evacuations - 1 other rank.</p>	
	Tues. 9.4.18.		<p>Battalion (A, C, and D Coys.) relieved as Reserve by 13th Royal Fusiliers. "D" company remaining under 14th Battalion as Reserve to Front Line. Started to move from Reserve Area at 1.30 p.m., and marched back to new location: ROSSIGNOL FARM, J.3.C and D (Ref: Map Sheet 57d. 1/40,000). All in by 5 p.m. Transport, Quartermaster's store and Cookers have all been at ROSSIGNOL FARM for the greater part of period Battalion has been in the Line.</p> <p>Accommodation: mostly tents. Not very good.</p> <p>Weather; still bad, and mud getting worse.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 Killed. 2 wounded. Sick evacuations - 1 other rank.</p> <p>During night wire received to be prepared to move at half hour's notice towards line.</p> <p>Evidently some word of a pending attack.</p>	

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	Wed.	10.4.18.	At ROSSIGNOL FARM. Men busy all day cleaning the mud from their clothing and equipment. "B" Company came back from support at 3 p.m. About 400 of the men were able to have a bath and a clean change of clothing during day.	
	Thur.	11.4.18.	Weather on the mend, and mud drying up. During morning Major-General McLAGAN, G.O.C., 4th AUSTRALIAN Division visited the Battalion in reserve, and went around amongst the men. He said he hoped soon to get the 4th Brigade back with him again. In the afternoon Major-General WILLIAMS, G.O.C., 37th Division (to which Division the 4th Brigade is for the time attached) was around.	
	Fri-	12.4.18.	Men training for a few hours during day; in Lewis gunnery. "B" Company bathed. Higher Authorities expect German offensive to be resumed tomorrow, so all troops are standing to at 4.30 a.m., ready to move off at a few moments notice. Weather during day, very fine and mud drying up.	
	Sat:	13.4.18.	Higher authorities being of opinion that German offensive would be resumed today: Battalion stood to at 4.30 a.m., and was ready to move at 5 a.m. No call was made, and stand down was given at 6 a.m. During afternoon Battalion took over Sector of front line from K.21.d.00 to K.16.c.23. (Reference Map Sheet 57.D.N.E. 1/20,000), relieving 14th Australian Infantry Battalion, and one Company of 2nd Auckland Battalion, New Zealand Division. Relief complete wired through to Brigade Headquarters at 8.15 p.m. Transport: together with 33% Details remaining at ROSSIGNOL FARM. Battalion Headquarters K.8.b.90.05. (same place as during last Tour in Line). Companies in Front Line, "A", "C", "D", right to left, with "B" company in Support. Units on flanks: Right: 2nd Auckland Battalion, New Zealand Division. Left: 13th Battalion Rifles, 11th Brigade. Enemy very quiet during night. Casualties to 6 a.m. 14.4.18 - Nil.	
	Sun.	14.4.18.	Noticeably quiet day and night. If indications on the spot count for anything, and enemy attack on this particular sector is rather remote. Night patrols penetrated at least 600 yards into "No Man" Land but could not establish contact with "Fritz". Casualties 6 a.m. 15.4.18. Wounded - Three. Weather: Wind blowing half a gale. Visibility poor. Very cold.	

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	Mon. 15.4.18.		<p>Enemy very quiet throughout whole of day. Battalion being ordered through Brigade by Division to secure enemy identification, all Companies were instructed to try to carry out this order either by making a silent raid, or by collecting a patrol or "Flare King". "A" Company, holding the right of the Battalion Sector, worked out a scheme and at 11 a.m. put it into execution, resulting in the capture of 5 prisoners and one machine gun. At hour stated three N.C.Os. left our front line and proceeded along Communication trench running from K.21.d.04. to K.22.c.4.3. When these N.C.Os. got to K.22.c.3.2. they found an enemy machine gun stood against the side of the trench. This they collected, but deciding that they were too small in numbers to deal with any resistance so far away from our Lines, they returned to the place from where they set out, to get more men. The second party consisting of 1 Officer and 6 other ranks then proceeded to the spot from where the gun was taken, and, continuing, got to within 10 yards of the enemy dug-outs before being observed. Shots were then exchanged and bombs thrown but "Fritz's" heart was not in the fight, and he put his hands up, after one of his party fell dead. Three wounded and two unwounded prisoners were brought in, also the papers taken off the dead man. Our casualties, Nil. Prisoners were got back to Brigade Headquarters at once where they were interrogated, and gave away much valuable information.</p> <p>Weather - Fine but cold. Casualties at 6 a.m. 16.4.18 - One wounded.</p>	
	Tues: 16.4.18.		<p>Enemy activity normal during day. Our Artillery very active, and, owing to our command of ground, and splendid observation possible, some very good shooting was done. 37th Division handed over to 42nd Division during day and night, 4th. Aust. Brigade now part of last-named. Left flanking Unit: 13th. Battalion Rifle Brigade, relieved by 1/7th. Manchesters.</p> <p>Weather: Foggy with slight rain during morning: dull, but fine afternoon. Casualties - One killed.</p>	
	Wed. 17.4.18.		<p>Very quiet day, and nothing to suggest a German attack which we are told to expect tomorrow morning. Our guns have fired persistently throughout the day, but they have been unable to provoke a reply.</p> <p>Weather: Fine morning, turning to rain at mid-day. Cleared later, and was very misty. Night quiet. Casualties to 6 a.m. 18.4.18. - Nil. Battalion on right 2nd Wellingtons' New Zealanders, relieved by a Battalion of the OTAGO Regiment New Zealanders.</p>	

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	Thur:		Day and Night normally quiet throughout, and nothing of importance to record. Weather: Foggy during early morning, rain later, and fine during afternoon. Casualties to 6 a.m. 19.4.18. - Four wounded.	
	Fri:		As uneventful a day as yesterday. Weather cold but fine. Mud drying up. Casualties to 6 a.m. 20.4.18. Four wounded.	
	Sat:		Enemy artillery activity very much above normal during whole of day. Commencing at 6.30 p.m. and finishing at 8.25 p.m. the 15th. Australian Battalion relieved us in the Front Line. On relief we moved back to ROSSIGNOL FARM (J.3.c.) as Divisional Reserve. Weather: Very fine. Aircraft on both sides active. Casualties 6 a.m. 21.4.18. - Two wounded.	
	Sun:		At ROSSIGNOL FARM. Three Companies bathed during day, and got clean changes of clothing. Church Parades: Church of England and Roman Catholic during forenoon. Weather: Fine and Bright.	
	Mon:		Men training, particular attention being paid to Lewis Gunnery. Parade hours 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Weather fine.	
	Tues:		Preparing for move to new Area; there to form up with 4th AUSTRALIAN Division tomorrow. Weather still very fine.	
	Wed:		Battalion moved by Bus from ROSSIGNOL FARM to RAINNEVILLE, (Ref: Map - Sheet 62d, 1/40,000), and from there marched to billets at CARDONETTE (G. 5). Now back to 4th AUSTRALIAN Division. Weather: Foggy and cold.	
	Thur:		Battalion in training: principally in Lewis Gunnery. Intelligence Section out reconnoitring the Australian Corps sector, paying particular attention to the centre - 3rd Divisional Sector, where, if everything proceeds normally we shall occupy the Line shortly.	

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	Fri. 26.4.18.		New orders received to the effect that 4th Division may expect - within the course of a day or two - to relieve 8th British Division in the line, whose sector is immediately south of the AUSTRALIAN CORPS Sector. Weather: Dull and foggy.																																					
	Sat: 27.4.18.		Orders now definite, that the 4th AUSTRALIAN Division takes over the Front Line Sector from U.5.b.30 to P.19.b.50 (approx.) Reference Map Sheet 62D. 1/40,000. 4th AUSTRALIAN Infantry Brigade will take over the left sub-sector on the 28th and night of 28/29th instant; with 13th and 14th Battalions in the front line and the 16th and 15th Battalions in support. Busy reconnoitring routes, support systems, etc., during day. At 2 p.m. the Battalion moved from CARDONNETE to QUERRIEU. Ref: Map Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.																																					
	Sun: 28.4.18.		Battalion moved from QUERRIEU forward as support to right sub-sector of 4th. AUSTRALIAN Infantry Brigade Sector. Four Battalions of Brigade disposed as follows :- <table border="0"> <tr><td>Right sub-sector</td><td>..</td><td>13th Battalion.</td></tr> <tr><td>Left do.</td><td>..</td><td>14th Battalion.</td></tr> <tr><td>Right support</td><td>..</td><td>16th Battalion.</td></tr> <tr><td>Left support</td><td>..</td><td>15th Battalion.</td></tr> </table> Our dispositions as follows :- <table border="0"> <tr><td>Battalion Headquarters</td><td>..</td><td>0.28.a.05.85</td><td>)</td></tr> <tr><td>R. A. POST</td><td>..</td><td>0.27.d.79</td><td>)</td></tr> <tr><td>"A" Company</td><td>..</td><td>0.28.b.53</td><td>)</td></tr> <tr><td>"B" Company</td><td>..</td><td>0.28.b.88</td><td>)</td></tr> <tr><td>"C" Company</td><td>..</td><td>0.27.d.89</td><td>)</td></tr> <tr><td>"D" Company</td><td>..</td><td>0.28.a.88</td><td>)</td></tr> </table> Battalion in and settled down by 6.30 p.m. Enemy artillery activity fairly heavy. Weather. Slight rain during early evening; clearing off, fine later. Casualties to 6 a.m. 29th April 1918 - Nil.	Right sub-sector	..	13th Battalion.	Left do.	..	14th Battalion.	Right support	..	16th Battalion.	Left support	..	15th Battalion.	Battalion Headquarters	..	0.28.a.05.85)	R. A. POST	..	0.27.d.79)	"A" Company	..	0.28.b.53)	"B" Company	..	0.28.b.88)	"C" Company	..	0.27.d.89)	"D" Company	..	0.28.a.88)	
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	Mon:		Quiet day. Men engaged in improving their shelters and dug-outs.	
	29:4:	18;	Weather fine. Casualties - 1 Officer two other ranks wounded.	
	Tues:		Battalion engaged digging a switch line running from approximately O.28 Central, through O.29.a.5.8 to O.30.b.28 as a defensive line in case of an attack by the Germans from the South of VILLIERS-BRETONNEUX.	
	30.4.	18.	Enemy activity normal. Weather dull and cold. Visibility poor. Casualties - 1 Killed, 1 wounded.	
			<i>E. Drake</i> Lieut-Colonel. Commanding 16th Battalion, A. I. F.	
			<i>Headly</i> Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A. I. F.	

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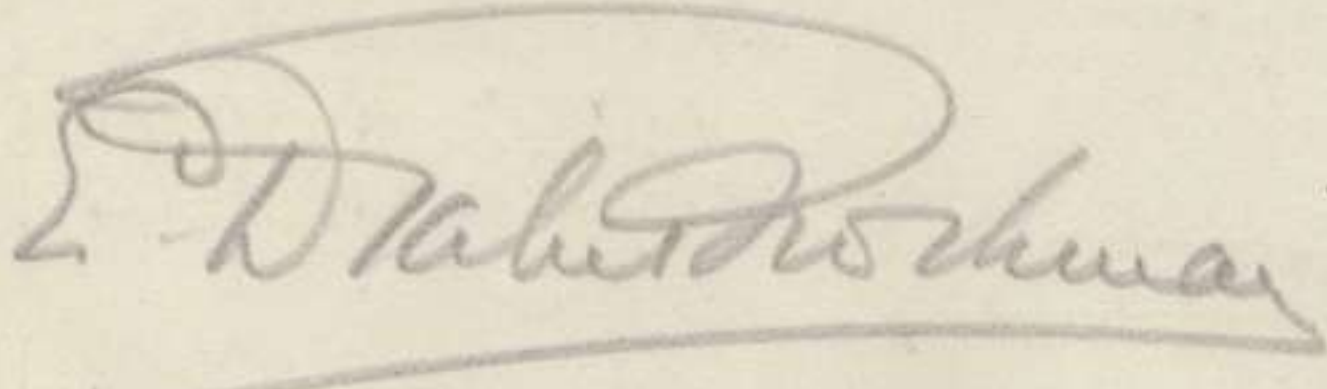
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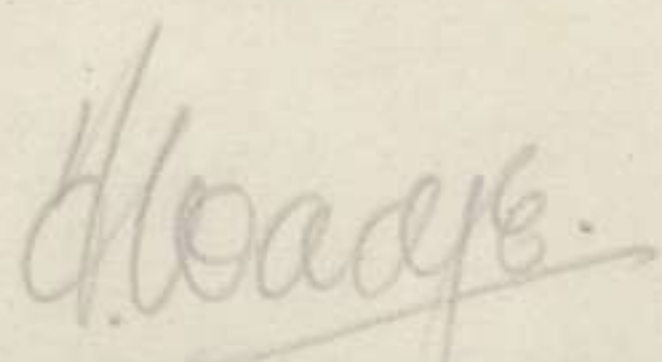
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Lieut-Colonel.

Commanding 16th Battalion. A. I. F.



Captain.

Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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Reports & Messages in
connection with

OPERATION carried out
by BTD boys 16th Bde
at 4.30 PM 1st April 1918.
resulting in the capture
of 73 Prisoners & 4 Machine
Guns. Enemy casualties
very heavy

Head Capt.

Adjutant 16th Bde. A.I.F.

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 This message is on a/c of:
 Recd. at m.
 Sent
 At m. Service Date
 To From
 By
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: 62nd Div repeat to 3rd NZ Bde

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

At 11:30 PM 16th Bde
 H. Hill Brigade advanced from
 Hill bottom QUARRY
 CEMETERY to point S.W. of
 HEBUTERNE about 200 yards
 capturing 173 prisoners
 HQ Regt
 Machine guns
 lost 2 m
 H. counter attack
 at 3 PM was repulsed
 by 7 Rifle Bns
 Area improving their position
 to this success

From H. Hill Bde
 Place
 Time 3/45 PM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
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TO: All Units

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

As a result of the afternoon minor
 operation, our line runs from
 K 27 6 75 to the direction of K 16c 25
 A block has been established at
 K 16c 20 25
 The operation consisted in 71 prisoners
 being taken and two machine guns
 captured. The 1st Bn and the 1st
 Lt Col. and also captured
 A supply of water construction from
 K 16c 25 32 to K 16c 60 50. The 1st Bn and
 the 1st Lt Col. will work towards each
 other when constructing this cap
 The 1st Lt Col. will also endeavour to
 establish themselves at the 1st Lt Col.
 K 16 central.

From H. Hill Bde
 Place
 Time 7:20 PM

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 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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APPENDIX

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 From PB Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 At 2/11/48
 Charges to Collect By L.M.
 Service Instructions

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TO NFD

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
PB2 1 AAA

Everything OK AHH
 Enemy casualties between 40
 and 50 AHH 600
 casualties killed

Recs 2 Pa
 Wood's Capt

FROM O.C.P.W.
 TIME & PLACE

*This line should be crossed if not required.

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 From PB Sent, or sent out Office Stamp
 At 2/11/48
 Charges to Collect By L.M.
 Service Instructions YFBA Priority

Handed in at Office m Received m

TO All BNS

*Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA
1644 1 AAA

Prisoners captured and
 4 m. guns by 16th Bn A.I.F. in
 sunken road running South
 of Cemetery K16 C. Confirm
 relief during fight 3/11/48
 casualties were suffered from
 our artillery fire during
 relief aaaa Order Battle of
 North to South 49th I.R.
 4 Div 126th I.R. 30th Div aaaa
 intentions to hold present
 line not offensive aaaa
 4th Div received draft of 50
 men 28th March aaaa Some
 field guns were being
 withdrawn night 3/11/48 aaaa
 Men are tired but

FROM
 TIME & PLACE

*This line should be crossed if not required.

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 Service Instructions _____ By _____

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 TO _____

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65-70	62 nd	aaa	Know unit strength
merale	good	fresh	
nothing	of	company	
in rear			

FROM _____
 TIME & PLACE _____
 62nd Div. Advanced

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 Charges to Collect _____ By _____ To _____
 Service Instructions _____ By _____

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 TO _____

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA

FROM _____
 TIME & PLACE _____

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Service Instructions By..... To.....

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TO

*Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

FROM TIME & PLACE

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1
After careful reconnaissance of the enemy trench in front of our position from the quarries at T6 21 to G. 8 to M16 c 20 25 I decided to attack on the 1st April with the object of improving my field of fire and establish command of position generally.

After consultation with O.C. Coy's right and left at which time I explained my intentions and how they would affect them.

I then called my Platoon Commanders together and explained what I wanted them to do, making sure they were fully acquainted with the whole scheme and that they were absolutely certain as to how and where their Platoon were to act.

In turn Platoon Commanders explained in details to their Platoon what we were about to undertake.

2
My Coy were to occupy the new position if attack was successful, as I decided to use two (2) Platoons in attacking force. The Platoons were organized into proper Bayonet and Bombing sections. The Lewis Gun section following in rear of two leading sections ready for immediate action in case of surprise or opportunity. My remaining two Platoons were to follow in rear in sections and consolidate position as leading Platoon advanced.

"D" Coy occupied a position at M16 c 1. 7 with three sections and at 10 minutes after zero, which was fixed at 1. 30 PM were to open up Barrage on Enemy Strong Point at M16 c 20 25 with Lewis Gun and R.F. section.

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Meanwhile B. Coy moving from the quarry bombed their way down the trench towards Enemy Strong point and at pre arranged signal D. Coy ceased fire to allow B. Coy to make the final assault. D. Coy's third section crept forward and on seeing us enter the Sunken Road rushed forward to our assistance followed by their Lewis Gun section.

Immediately after capturing the position my first L.S. section crossed the road and took up a position on the left so as to enfilade sunken road and C.T. to right. My HQ and D. Coy's L.S. sections took up a position on right of road enfilading C.T. and sunken road on left.

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The whole giving protection to my bombing party who had orders to make a block at H16 C. 25 10. In the meantime a party bombed their way down C.T. at K 21 to 8.8. and established a block about 100 yds down.

The bombing party moving down C.T. from H16 C. 20 35 dislodged a large number of the enemy from dug-outs on both sides of Sunken Road, who on retiring made excellent target for Lewis and Riflemen.

During the first phase of operation we captured 3 machine guns, Lewis Gun and 41 Prisoners.

Estimate of Killed 100
Our Casualties 1 Wounded

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On moving my ⁵ company forward
D. Coy immediately occupied position
vacated by us as close support.

As before stated Zero Hour was
1.30 P.M. and before 2 weeks
the whole of the objectives were
own, organised and consolidating
Prisoners on way to Batt. H. P.
to which plea record of Incident
operation had previously been
sent

During the whole operation great
assistance was given by Capt Aaron,
M^r Senior and No 13 Platoon D. by
to Ahern Capt
O.B. 13 company
16 Battalion



02

Sheet 57^d NE France

On April 1st 1918 an attack was made on section of enemy trenches:-

- a. K27b.75.80 to K16c15.25 and Comm: trench
- b. K16c.10.60 to K16c15.25 with block at approx. K16c10.20. to be established &

Troops employed were 2 Platoons from B Coy & 3 sections from D Compy. The former were to bomb up trench 'A' and later to clear up 4T & establish a block at the fork K16c10.20. &

Zero hour 1.30 pm. B Compy commenced their way up their trench and 1 section D Coy with a Lewis gun crawled out on left bank of trench (dug in a sunken road) to a point about K16c15.40. At zero plus 10' D Coy opened a miniature barrage on point K16c15.20 and K16c10.25 with No 36 rifle grenades, & the Lewis gun, at the same time the section on top left bank, under an officer leaped into the trench and cleared a dug out immediately below them & began slowly bombing their way along, meeting opposition. Almost simultaneously with B Coy meeting the end of their objective



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the bombers reached the same point, (the rifle grenade fire meantime having lifted to a point further down the C.T.) B Company plus D Coy's Lewis gun which had pushed forward opened fire on ~~the~~ trenches further ahead, & the other 2 sections of D Coy came up, 1 section establishing themselves on left bank of bunker road, ^{K16C.30-18} as riflemen & the 3rd section together with the original bombing section, plus a few men & an officer of B Coy continued bombing up the C.T., rooting out hiding huns to the number of 80. & capturing 2 machine guns, killing the gunners. The block was then established at the intended spot. subsequently 4 more machine guns and a Lewis gun were captured in the trenches.

The machine gun & rifle fire directed on to trenches in K 22 a. 0.8 to quad and 0.6 to 22 b 0.6 forced the huns along to his C.T. or overland to the rear and as he showed up, so he was literally mown down, so deadly was the fire.

A subsequent patrol examination of trenches fired on disclosed approximately 200 dead german (& 2 machine guns) were collected



(3)

Our casualties during the whole operation were 2 killed (one accidentally) & 2 wounded whilst the German losses including prisoners could be estimated at 400, allowing for say 150 (approx) wounded.

As stated zero was at 1.30 and by 1.55 (i.e. 25 minutes) the whole of the objectives had been gained, organised, consolidated & prisoners cleared.

Simultaneously with zero hour, the balance of B Coy left their previous position & occupied new position & balance of D Coy moved up from their position and occupied that vacated by B Company.



MINOR OPERATION to collect enemy MGs 3/4/18

14th Aust Inf Bde - ABBETTIA 2

With a view to improving my position front at about 10.30 am today C Coy pushed out a working party down the slope in 21 B. which punched with my front line at 21 B.00.50. This party then worked its way along the trench parallel to my front line to 21 B. I punched with the Quarry. A few Germans were encountered. These fled at our approach but were shot down by a Lewis Gun placed in position near for this purpose. The front portion of the trench appeared to be too shallow for daylight occupation. A post has been established in the slope at N. 21 B 2.5-4.5. The front portion of this trench will be improved & permanently occupied tonight. This will advance our front line in this sector by about 200 yards & will greatly improve the field of view there.

(2)

Synchronous with the above a fighting patrol proceeded down the Sumbra road running out from the left of my Battalion sector at N. 1602/0-2.5. This party encountered & engaged the enemy at the junction of the two Sumbra roads & pursued him up road with inflicting many casualties & capturing two machine guns. The enemy in endeavouring to get away from our patrol exposed himself to the fire of our machine guns in the Quarry & to the left thereof. It is estimated that not less than 50 of the enemy were killed in this hill region. The prisoners were taken. The killed were identified as belonging to the 44th Regt. My patrol report that they counted more than 150 dead & killed Germans in front of my left sector. It will be

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 Since therefore that my
 estimate of casualties
 inflicted on my "B" Coy
 on the 1st. line - was well
 under the mark.

W. H. P. [Signature]

16th. Bn. A.I.F.

3/24/18.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES.
 REPORT by C.O.
 & FIELD MESSAGES
 IN & OUT

Reference

ENEMY ATTACK made
 in 16th Battⁿ Sector near
 HERBUTERNE
 morning of April 5th 1918

Steady's
 Capt

Adjutant 16th Battⁿ A. I. F.

Appendix 3 -



Diary

CONGRATULATORY

37th Division No. G. 6616.

5th April 1918.

- 6th Inf. Bde. (18)
- 17th Inf. Bde. (18)
- 18th Inf. Bde. (18)
- C.R.E. (4)
- C.A.A. (1)
- Stn K. Staffs. (5)
- A.L.S. (4)
- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. (18)
- A.P.S. (1)
- D.A.D.O.S. (1)
- D.A.D.V.S. (1)
- Div. Train (5)
- Div. M.G. Bn. (5)
- 37th Signal Coy. R.E.
- Camp Comdt.
- 101.

G.O.C. Second Army has wired many congratulations from who's of Second Army on today's operations.

The Divisional Commander hopes that as many all ranks as possible will be informed.

W. Bayly
 Lt. Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff, 37th Division.



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War Diary

CONGRATULATORY

37th Division No. G.3303

5th April 1918.

- 63 Inf Bde (18)
- III (14)
- IV (13)
- CR.E. (4)
- C.A.A. (1)
- 9th H. Staffs (5)
- A.B.S. (4)
- 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. (13)
- A.P.A.
- P.M.O.S.
- P.A.V.S.
- Div. Train (5)
- Div. H.Q. Bn (5)
- 37th Signal Co.
- Camp Comd
- 1st

G.O.C. XXII Corps has wired many congratulations from whole of XXII Corps on today's operations.

The Divisional Commander hopes that as many all ranks as possible will be safe mad.

Maxwell Hordyman
 Major
 Lieut-Colonel
 General Staff, 37th Division.

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				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

CONGRATULATOR

TO All Units

Sender's Number. * BM 525	Day of Month. 5	In reply to Number. -	AAA
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The Divisional Commander has just rung up to thank the S.O.C and officers and men of this Brigade for all their good work during today's run. He fully realizes that though the enemy has made very determined efforts to gain a footing in our lines he has failed to do so suffering severe casualties in the attempt.

From 4th Aust Inf Bde

Place

Time 10.30 PM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) Andrew Major

Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(1199.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17, H. W. & V., Ltd. 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.



5/4/18

4th Australian Infantry Brigade

At 9:30 am today the enemy delivered an attack in force against the sector held by our battalions (K21 central to K16 22-30). This was preceded by heavy gas shelling in the vicinity of Battalion HQs (K8 to 20-25) and on the area between these & the front line. This gas shelling started at about 4 am. At 4:20 am it continued until 6 am. The area behind my front line & back as far as the HQs was heavily shelled with 5.9" & 4.2" interspersed with gas shells. At 6 am a chlorine sheet was put down on the front line & on the wire in front of the Sector S.W. of the QUARRY. This sheet was very intense but fortunately not too accurate. This sheet

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continued until 9 am. At 9 am a sharpnel & H.E. barrage was put down on the front line. The heaviest fire was on the Sector N.E. of the QUARRY. At the same time the scattered firing which up to then had fallen on the back areas became two additional well defined barrages. One running through K14 central and Battalion HQs. The other running through about K5 central and parallel with the front line.

At 9:30 the barrage was lifted off the front line and the first attack was launched. This was beaten off with rifle & MG fire. The heaviest approach made by the enemy on this occasion was to within about 30 yds of my left flank. When this attack was beaten off a further barrage

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was put down on the front support line. This commenced at about 10 am.

At 10.30 am a second attack was launched. This also was beaten off.

It is estimated that about 2000 of the enemy was engaged in the attack against my Battalion front.

Very severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

Large numbers of stretchers, blankets and shell overalls carrying away enemy wounded.

The Lt Col T. Mc. did excellent killing amongst the enemy both before during & after the two attacks referred to above.

Our casualties were light. Exact numbers are not yet available; the number is approximately 50.

The enemy advanced in a succession of waves preceded by isolated groups.

My men are in good heart though a little weary

L. D. Taher-Rohman

5/4/18 16th Bn A.I.F.

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Office of Telegraph and Service Instructions

This message is on a/c of:

Read at m.

Date:

From:

By:

(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: [Handwritten] NDA

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.

*BARRABIE started - Gas tall up to 5.9 ⁵ AAA 4.30 AM		
Quar. Messengers "C" Coy Enemy Advancing		9.25A
"DANKER"		9.38A
Barrage batteries until (3 lines)		9.30A
All heavy sent		
Phone communication to FACE		10.10A
Review done "D" Coy (AARONS)		9.43A
"B" (AHEARN)		9.54A
"C" Coy (BADDIST) up in support		10.35A
"H" Coy reported in position		11.25A

From: _____

Place: _____

Time: _____

The above may be forwarded as non censored. (Z)

Censor: _____

Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

90 11 18 DG
5/4/18

Everything OK Maj R in my trenches - I had sent 1 platoon to BG. 1 extra to company 97 remains in old position.

Trig well & truly towelled up and up to company 20% SAC no particular hurry. in small batches if no other means available. just needed as a stand by.

My Casualties. I think 4 K & 4 paraps. 4 wounded. X

Aaron

Ahearns probably had some of lights.

(Yes 11/18/18 d/18/18 @)

cannot estimate number
but attacking considerable
forces though.

get artillery on our whole
front. men doing well

lead up 3 tanks pin teams
from back to quarry if they
can get through.

Baron

9-27

but things in front of
them same.

1000 9/43 AM/10.

To B.O. things are
very hot and postpone
relief until further

notice it is impossible
for them to come up

he is crossing in
front of quarry and

my right but we don't

want artillery support
up to date they are
about 150 yds in front
of me but we can

kill them as fast as
they come back

Been look out for
S.O.S. casualties up
to date one ~~man~~
light don't be
chained as we
can kill them as
fast as they come

rec'd 9/5/41
4/10
Hear

9/10
File

In close support to
D.B. & C. Coys. I have
no camp to get in
touch with you but can
communicate thro'
Aaron's when his
camp is mended

11/5
rec'd 11/5/41
4/10
Parks

Reminders

Prefix	Code	Words	Charge	This message is on cl. of:	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Service
Sent				Date	
At				From	
To				By	
By				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO: CO FILE

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

*
 Here on our front has been heavy to intense since 6.15 AM.
 Rear trench much damaged front except center fair condition
 enemy is trying to cut wire many of his rounds falling 200 yds in front.
 We are beginning to lose casualties about 10 until now
 (received 11.5 am draft)
 (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.
 * This line should be erased if not required.
 W 402/111647. 630,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V. Ltd. (E. 1187.)



Have ordered rear
Platoon to front line
as it is safe there
so far.
Please give runner
any spare S.O.S.
Runner will tell you
if rations have reached
our dump.
Will evacuate my wounded
later.

(Sgd) H.J.COOK.

9.30a.m.

Recd.11.5.a.m.

Prefix Code m. Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions

This message is on a/c of: Reod. atm.

Sent Date.....m.

At m. Service. Date.....m.

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { *File*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* *File* 5

*Message from over front
line by Lucas (camp
"R" Railway advancing on
air front)*

From *FILE*

Place *File*

Time *9/26/18*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Headquarters*

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Prefix Code m. Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions

This message is on a/c of: Reod. atm.

Sent Date.....m.

At m. Service. Date.....m.

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { *FILE*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

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From *FILE*

Place *File*

Time *9/26/18*

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Prefix..... Code..... m. Words. Charge.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions
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 Sent Date.....
 At.....m. Service. From.....
 To.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO: FADIST

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * FV140 5

will receive word by
 local lamp from front
 line. It would also be
 on over front.

From: 1614
 Place: 1614
 Time: 9.43A

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 (7981) Wt. W492/M1647 130,000 Pads 5/17 D. D. & L. E1187

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

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 Office of Origin and Service Instructions
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 Sent Date.....
 At.....m. Service. From.....
 To.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO: 1614

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * FV140 5

will receive word by
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 line. It would also be
 on over front.

From: 1614
 Place: 1614
 Time: 9.43A

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Prefix.....Code.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Words	Charge
Sent	
At.....m.	
To.....	
By.....	

This message is on a/c of:
 Recd. atm.
 Date.....
 From.....
 By.....
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: Major R. M. [unclear]

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* FILE
 down 3
 to report to Capt Jones
 on 2nd day of June
 you got up to
 about support of the enemy
 went up to
 setting through all
 losses. Has 3 Coy of 14th Bn
 available if required. Let
 me know ESTABLISH
 your letter communication
 from you to me

From FILE
 Place
 Time 9/15 AM
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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Prefix.....Code.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Words	Charge
Sent	
At.....m.	
To.....	
By.....	

This message is on a/c of:
 Recd. atm.
 Date.....
 From.....
 By.....
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: Capt [unclear]

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* FILE 5
 Park ordered you to
 Jones you were
 to close support area
 all costs

From FILE
 Place
 Time 9/15 AM
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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Prefix..... Code..... m. Words. Charge.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions

This message is on alt of:

Recd. at..... m.
Date.....
From.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

URGENT

TO: FACE

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* 1744 5

Following message received from
HARON "Cannon estimate
number 3715 attacking
considerable forces through
whole of front artillery on
aaa
aaa
Have ordered Park
up 4. too requested
13th to place a
at bay disposal
I have asked them to send
same to us here

From FILE
Place
Time 9/5 AM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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Prefix..... Code..... m. Words. Charge.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions

This message is on alt of:

Recd. at..... m.
Date.....
From.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: FACE

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* 1744 5

Following message received from
BHEARN "Things they not know
missing in front of QUARRY
I am right but we don't
want artillery support yet
They are about 150 yards in
front of me but we can
kill them as fast as they
come. Keep lookout for 200
characters so far light.
Don't be alarmed as we can
kill em as fast as they
come. ooc"

From FILE
Place
Time 9/5 AM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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	SentService.	Date.....
	At.....m.		From.....
	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....		

TO { *WPA* *WPA* *WPA*

Sender's Number.	Day of month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Message sent from [unclear] to [unclear] via [unclear] on [unclear] at [unclear] AM

Received by LUCAS LIGHT from [unclear] at 11 AM

From <i>WPA</i>			
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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	At.....m.		From.....
	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....		

TO { *WPA* *WPA* *WPA*

Sender's Number.	Day of month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Message sent from [unclear] to [unclear] via [unclear] on [unclear] at [unclear] AM

From <i>WPA</i>			
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

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Sent		At		m.	Service		Date		From		
By		By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By					

TO: Major Gank MC

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* <u>FW44</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>AAA</u>

When I was back to the support position from which I was relieved when relief was necessary you may retain element of "B" Coy with you well with the

From: FILE
 Place: FILE
 Time: 12:00 PM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor: _____
 Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name: _____

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TO: Major Gank MC

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When I was back to the support position from which I was relieved when relief was necessary you may retain element of "B" Coy with you well with the

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5 Coy FILE } 5.4.18
from of P.D. } 1.15pm.

Number of enemy attacking :-

Not possible to estimate as my field of view limited. Should say 500 were on hand but 200 to 250 seemed to be limit who actually formed up for the attack.

Formation

Waves but they got so knocked about that balance of attack seemed to be on the hands down, along sand & go as you please. Both of Anzac Rules.

Time 9.30 am.

Direction Red Cottage (K28a4-3) and on a line across to about Tourment Farm (K230 2-2) then attacked towards B Coy left flank a left of quarry. Their objective was to break decisively B Coys position. No attack seen any where else - As I said. B4 this is all my field of view permits me to report.

Method of repelling attack

Vickers Lewis guns & rifles Artillery also assisted but not before they actually started. We couldn't get word through when they were forming up.

Part each arm took

Every man worked his damndest & at actual targets. approaches to saps covered by Vickers & Lewis guns.

Our Casualties

D Coy 5 killed 4 wounded

Enemy Casualties

? Haven't any chance of estimating as they didn't get close enough. all I know is they were totally disorganised & all formations broken up. Perhaps 50 perhaps 100. Cannot say.

Enemy Damage

Opened 6 am
Closed 9.30 am

When Banag placed nature of shell fire
 take the Quarry as X (the unknown quantity)
 within a radius of 300 yds back from
 a rear 200 yds in front. Hellisley parted
 seemed to make a speciality here - ~~being~~
 our support line to bridge a ~~to~~ in a line
 back to 18th Hq.

4-2^o in a barance - 5-9^o also not
 less mainly used in rear of our line. 77^o
 on our front line in front of Quarry.

General

Dut's foremost men got up the
 sap where our B Coy bombing post is on the
 right (near Quarry) threw some stick
 bombs but our sticks put one amongst
 them & they made home

Report
 Cpt
 of B Coy



Our casualties C Coy

10 killed 9 wounded (approx)

Time of Barrage

6? AM to 9.20 AM exact.

Place of Barrage

Quarry. In front of mine 300 yds right of quarry back to sunk road K 21 b 28

b K 25 d 20 → K 15 d 27

Position 4.2 + 7.7 in front

5.9 in rear INTENSE

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It is impossible to state number of enemy engaged as the attack did not reach the assault stage.

There was forward movement of enemy from 28 central to 29 b+d central

All cover was made use of. East of sunk road in 22 central I estimate at least two battalions.

Formation In rear in waves

Forward isolated groups.

Shells with by LC but mainly with rifle.

Enemy Casualties There are about

20 bodies to be seen

APPENDIX

10/44

THIS ORDER CANCELS BRIGADE ORDER NO. 2. of 7/4/1918.

S E C R E T.

Copy No. 11.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.3.

Reference Sheet 57.D. N.E. 1/20,000.

In the Field.
8/4/1918.

1. Reliefs will be carried out as under:-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Relieved by.</u>	<u>Frontage.</u>	<u>On relief move to -</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
8/9th April.	16th Bn.	14th Bn.	K.16.c.8.3. to K.21. Central.	K.8. Camp vacated by 14th Bn.	Complete relief by 8 p.m.
9th April.	16th Bn. (Support Bn.)	13th Royal Fusiliers.	K.8. and K.14.	J.3.a. Shelters and Tents.	18th Bn. vacated camp by 8 p.m.
9/10th April.	"A" Coy.) 14th Bn.) 15th Bn.	10th Royal Fusiliers.	K.11.c.6.5. to K.16.b. 5.4.	"A" Coy. 14th Bn. into Sup- port 14th Bn. 15th Bn. to J.3.d. Shelters and tents.	Complete relief by 10 pm.
10th April.	1st Essex (Reserve Bn.)		Occupy line SAILLY-AU- BOIS - CHATEAU DE LA GATE.		

2. Stokes Mortars attached to 13th Battalion and 14th Battalion will remain with these Battalions. Remaining Guns will be relieved on night 9/10th April 1918.
3. Those Guns of 4th Machine Gun Coy. in position N. of a line drawn N.W. and S.E. through HEBUTERNE will be relieved under arrangements to be made with O.C. 37th Division Machine Gun Battalion. On relief these Guns and Crews will be located in K.13 and 14.
4. All details of relief to be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned. G.O.C., 11th Brigade has been asked to ensure that advance parties of relieving Units come into forward posts 24 hours prior to the hour of relief.
5. On completion of reliefs on night 9/10th Units will send "IMSHEE"
6. 4th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters will remain at present location.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 4.p.m. on 8/4/1918.

(Sgd.) R. W. TOVELL. Major.
Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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17 11th Brigade.
18 3rd N.Z. Brigade.
19 Senior Liaison Officer.
20 Spare.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 8.

Reference Sheet 57.D. H.E. 1/20,000.

In the Field.
7/4/1918.

1. Reliefs will be carried out as under :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Relieved by.</u>	<u>Frontage.</u>	<u>On relief move to -</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
8/9th April.	15th Bn.	14th Bn.	K.16.c.2.3. to K.21.Cent- ral.	K.8. Camp vacated by 14th Bn.	Complete relief by 8.p.m.
9th April.	10th Bn.	-		J.5.c. Shelters and tents.	Vacate camp by 8.p.m.
9/10th April.	"A" Coy.) 14th Bn.) 15th Bn.	10th Royal Fusiliers.	K.11.c.8.5. to K.16.b.7.0.	"A" Coy. 14th Bn. into Sup- port 14th Bn. 15th Bn. to J.5.d. Shelters and Tents.	Complete relief by 10.p.m.
10/11th April.	13th Bn.	13th K.R.R.	K.16.b.7.0. to K.16.c.2.3.	GOIGNEUX Huts and Shelters in J.5.c.	Complete relief by 10p.m.

2. With the exception of 2 Stokes Guns with Crews the Trench Mortar Battery will be relieved with the Battalion to which they are now attached.
3. These Guns of 4th Machine Gun Coy. in position N. of a line drawn N.W. and S.E. through HEBUTERNE will be relieved under arrangements to be made with G.O.C., 57th Division Machine Gun Battalion. On relief these Guns and Crews will be located in K.13. and 14.
4. All details of relief to be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned. G.O.C., 11th Brigade has been asked to ensure that advance parties of relieving Units come into forward posts 24 hours prior to the hour of relief.
5. On completion of reliefs on night 9/10th and 10/11th April Units will send "IMSHIEB".
6. The Commande of the HEBUTERNE Sector will at midnight on night 10/11th April pass from G.O.C., 4th Australian Infantry Brigade to G.O.C., 11th Infantry Brigade to which the 14th Battalion will be temporarily attached.
7. 4th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters will close at E.27.c.9.1. at midnight 10/11th April and open at ROSSIGNOL FARM at same hour.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8.p.m. on 7/4/1918.

P. Powell
Major.
Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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MURRAY

Relief. FADIST 75 D Coy 14000 FILE C

7 boys on relief will move back to

which Coy relieving them come from

Have 1 Officer + 3 NCOs per Coy back at

7 hold dug-outs, as artillery are trying

to take possession

Should be brought out

344 130 Round per man to be brought

6000. W Coy have the 8. Bie

When all these are brought out

From: 1 Lt
Place: 1/35/11
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1) 1st Coy pattern to be up at the

usual times, morning & evening

to the same place.

2) All other platoons to move morning

to be up at same place at Grid

3) Two Libbers will be required to

cut on feet. Time to report to

B: H.G. at 1130 PM.

4) H.G. 1/3 PM for CO Day Major

7 NMO

5) The morning ration ladders on

the morning will take back the

faces, jibs, stretchers, magazines

etc.

6) Evening meal at RESISTANCE FARM

HT 1000 will be back about 2/30 PM

D Coy will be later, but I cannot

say more

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TO:- All Coys & Details.

Sender's number:- F.W.73
Day of month:- 8th

(1) Breakfast will be at the new re-heating place at 9.a.m.

(2) All Lewis Guns, magazines, stretchers, & any other Coy gear must be at the re-heating place at 9.a.m. ready to send back by returning ration wagons
2 men per Coy to go back with these wagons to care for their own guns etc.

(3) SIGK PARADE - 10.a.m. Men in rest hut will move back to new area at 10.30.a.m. Lt. MOSS to take charge of these.

(4) Coys will move back to ROSIGNOLL FARM as follows:-
"A" Coy 1.30.p.m.
"C" Coy 1.45.p.m.
"D" Coy will not move until the incoming Batty take over
Details to move at 2.p.m.

(Sgd) F.WADGE Capt.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
10th April 1918.

C.O., 16th Bn.

The following changes will take place on dates specified.-

12th April - Advanced Brigade Headquarters open at SAILLY-AU-BOIS
(J.B.s. Central) at noon.

13th April - 16th Battalion move up as Support Battalion in K.S.
relieving 15th Royal Fusiliers.

14/15th April.- 16th Battalion relieve 13th Battalion in Left Sub-sector.
The 13th Battalion going into Reserve at ROSSIGNOL FARM.

14/15th April - 16th Battalion relieve 14th Battalion in Right Sub-sector.
The 14th Battalion going into Support in K.S.

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Dear Brockman 11/24/19

Reference is made to following changes in the plan for the 16th and 17th to be made in the plan sheet for the 16th and 17th for N. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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Dear Brockman

11/4/19
St

The side order No. 4. You notice I say in the column of remarks that you have will be at the old place. Tho' you will take over from brother there, don't build on being allowed to remain there for more than 24 hrs afterwards. The SW part has been reduced by one third + our side part by 1/2 so our back area is long + narrow. All sides have to swing round their forward back area a little. The attached sketch shows what leg room you will have. You I.O. will

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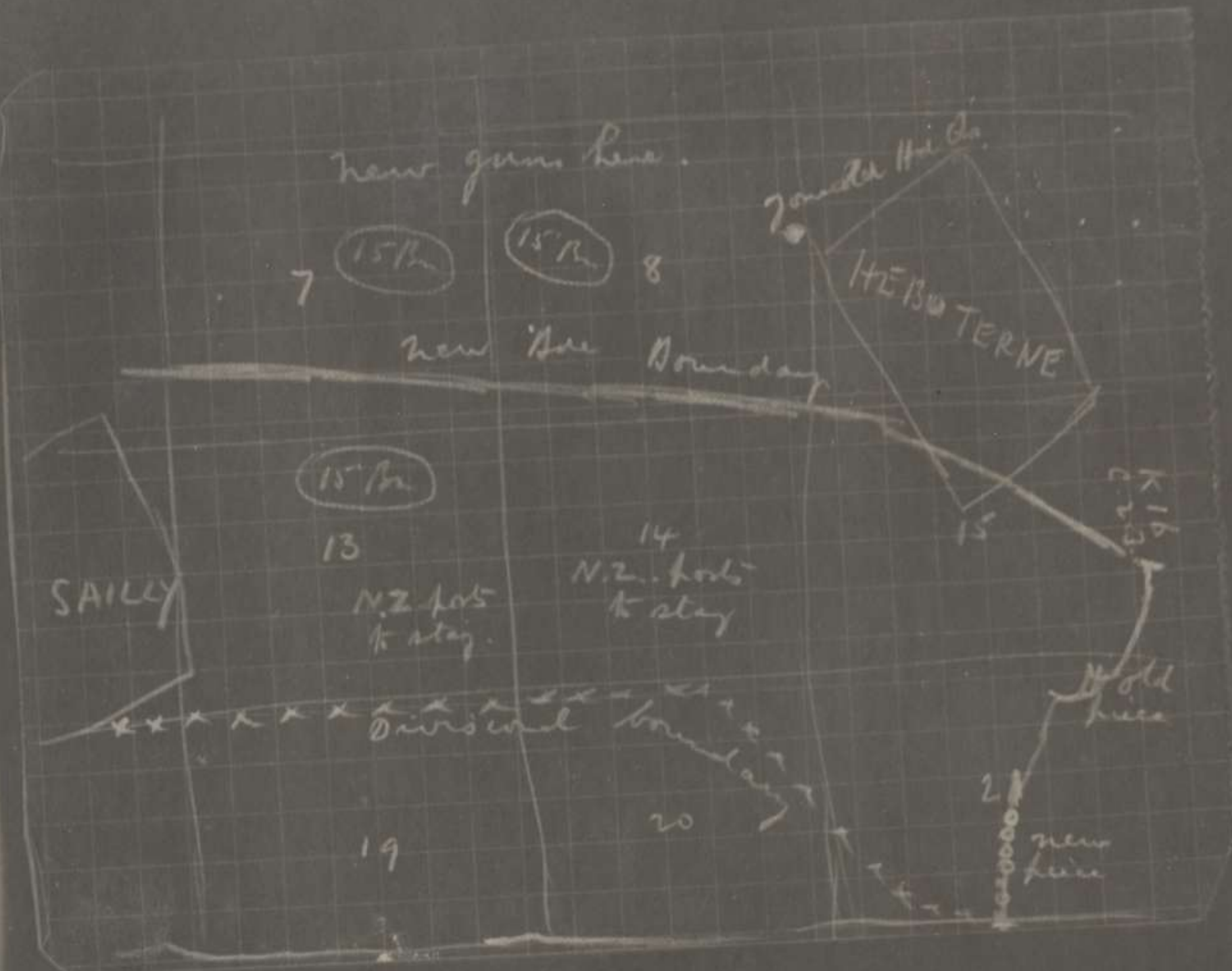
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McShing I.O. ought to get
 busy to-morrow 12th inst
 for it is no use Mr. J
 fellow can mark a place
 which obviously shall be
 the H.O. of the Fiat line
 to.

At noon to-morrow we
 will be settled in our
 new place at J 18 a. 6. 6.

Hope you had a good
 interview with General
 Williams this afternoon

Yours sincerely,
 C.H. Brand.



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(WARNING MEMO of 10/4/1918 is cancelled.)

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 4.

Reference Sheet 57.D. N.E.

In the Field,
11/4/1918.

1. On the night 13/14th April 1918 the 37th Division (plus 4th Australian Infantry Brigade) will extend its Right to K.21.d.0.0. The Southern boundary then being K.21.d.0.0. - K. 14.d.0.0. thence due West along the Grid line S. of SAILLY-AN-BOIS.
2. The frontage allotted to 4th Australian Infantry Brigade is from K.21.d.0.0. to K.18.c.2.3. which is now the boundary between 15th and 14th Battalions.
3. Units of New Zealand Brigade now located in PURPLE LINE in K.13. and K.14. will remain there for the present.
4. To comply with the above readjustment, the following reliefs will take place :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Relieved by.</u>	<u>Frontage.</u>	<u>On relief move to -</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
15th April.	15th Royal Fusiliers.	15th Bn.	K.8., K.7.d., and K.13.b.	-	Relief complete by 6.p.m. Support Bn. Work on PURPLE LINE.
13/14th April.	15th Bn.	1 Bn. of 111 4th Brigade. (probably 15th K.P.R.O).	K.18.c.2.3. to K.18.b.4.8.	Huts, smelters & tents near COIGNERIX	Complete relief by 11.p.m.
13/14th April.	14th Bn. & portion of New Zealand Brigade.	15th Bn.	K.21.d.00. to K.18.c.2.3.	BOSSIGNOL FARM vacated by 15th Bn.	Complete Area relief by 9.p.m. H.Grs. as before until a move to central place is obtained.

5. 15th and 14th Battalions become Reserve Battalions and will always be in readiness to move at half hours notice.
6. O.C., 4th A.L.F.M. Battery will arrange for 2 Guns to be attached to 15th Battalion, and 3 with 15th Battalion (Support). Remainder will go into Reserve at BOSSIGNOL FARM to rest and refit.
7. The relief of Vickers Machine Guns is being arranged between O.C., 37th Machine Gun Battalion and O.C., 4th Aust. Machine Gun Company.
8. All details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
9. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters at J.18.a.6.6. by code word "BULLEDCOURT".

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. M. Vowell
Major.
Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 2.p.m.

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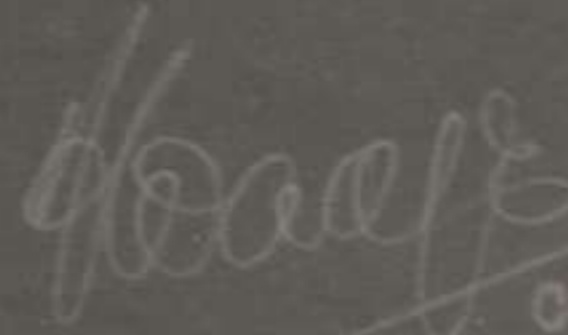
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16th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 63.

by

Lieut-Colonel R.A. DRAKE-BROCKMAN. C.M.G., D.S.O.HEADQUARTERS,
13th. APRIL 1918.Reference: Map Sheet 57d. N.E.

1. The 16th Australian Infantry Battalion will move and take over the Front Line now held by 14th. Australian Infantry Battalion, and portion of that held by New Zealand Brigade.
2. Frontage: K.21.d.00. to K.16.c.2.3.
3. Company Frontages:-
 - "A" Company - K.21.d.00 to K.21. Central. (Take over New Zealand Troops.
 - "C" Company - K.21. Central. to, but excluding QUARRY.
 - "B" Company - QUARRY inclusive to K.16.c.2.3.
 - "C" & "B" Companies take over from 14th A.I. Battalion.
 - "D" Company support in K.20.b.
4. Companies will move off from present area as below :-
 - "B" Company - 2 p.m.
 - "C" do. - 3.30 p.m.
 - "D" do. - 5 p.m.
 - "A" do. - 6 p.m.
 - Headquarters - 4 p.m.
5. DRESS.- Fighting Order; Overcoat and water-proof sheet.
6. AMMUNITION.-) S.A.A. to be made up to 200 rounds per man.
7. SHOVELS.-) Shovels and picks to be drawn during the morning
8. BOMB CUPS.-) (35 shovels and 5 picks per Company.)
9.) Bomb Cups for No; 36 Grenades to be drawn from
10.) Q.M. Store as follows :-
 - "A" Coy. - 3.
 - "B" " - 2.
 - "C" " - 2.
11. LEWIS GUNS.- A half Limber will go with each Company to take guns and magazines as far as possible.
12. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.- For the first night will be the same as during last tour in the Line. A move will probably be made later.
13. RATIONING.- For the first night, as during last tour, "D" Company will do all carrying.
14. D U M P.- Packs, with one blanket per man inside, to be dumped by Companies by 11 a.m. at Q. M. Store. Packs to be plainly marked with Owner's name.
15. RELIEF COMPLETE.- Completion of Relief will be notified by Companies to Battalion Headquarters in code.



Captain.

Adjutant, 16th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
19/4/1918.

C.O., *File*

About the 22nd instant the V Corps will extend Northwards, and take over some of the New Zealand Front - the latter Division will extend North and take over our present Sector.

We go out into IV Corps Reserve, which no doubt is only to be for a few days, a staging place back to the Australian Corps.

Please ensure that with this early notice, the various Battalion Areas are ready to be handed over to the New Zealand Division in the most satisfactory condition.

This of course will not effect the relief on 20th instant, as I want the 16th Battalion out to get a bath and change in case we are hurried South, and then have to go in again.

*Commander Sir-few
Comidy to Unit of Bde.*

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 5.

Reference Sheet 57.D. N.E.

In the Field.
18/4/1918.

1. The following reliefs will take place on 20th April. All reliefs to be complete by 3.p.m.

Date.	Unit.	Relieved by	Location.	On relief move to -	Remarks.
20th April.	16th Bn.	15th Bn.	Front Line.	Area previously occupied near ROSSIGNAL FARM (J.3.)	-
	15th Bn.	14th Bn.	Support in K.14.	Front Line.	-
	14th Bn.	13th Bn.	Close Reserve in J.12.	Support in K.14.	-
	13th Bn.	12th Bn.	Reserve near Glose FARM.	Reserve in J.12.	-

- All details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
- Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by Code message "B.M.20 noted".
- All Ammunition in respective Battalion Areas will be handed over to relieving Units and receipts obtained. Copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 12 hours of completion of relief.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade

Issued through Signals at 6.p.m.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
16/4/1918.

O.O., FILE

WARNING ORDER.

Unless unforeseen circumstances intervene the following reliefs will take place on 20th instant.-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>
16th Battalion.	Front Line.	Reserve at ROSSIGNOL FARM
15th "	From Support K.14.	Front Line.
14th "	From close Reserve J.12.	Support K.14.
13th "	From Reserve ROSSIGNOL FARM.	Close Reserve J.12.

Reliefs to be complete at 6 p.m. on 20th instant.

G.10 car

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS.
19/4/1918.

Dear *Prockman*

The Brigadier-General, General Staff, IV Corps called this afternoon and said that on relief by New Zealand Brigade probably on night 22/23rd April, the 4th Brigade will return to 4th Australian Division.

I have written both 42nd Division and 4th Australian Division to allow the Brigade to concentrate at ROSSIGNOL FARM, and its vicinity on 22/23rd April, stay there on 23rd and 24th April, and then make two marches each about 9 Miles to ALLOWVILLE arriving there on 26th April after staging the night 25/26th April half way. Of course Corps have to work out these details, but the above is what I've put up to higher authority.

I don't think we will get busses or lorries its a case of marching.

Packs will have to be carried, also one blanket. As regards the second blanket and the officers valises. I am aware the 2 Baggage Wagons will be insufficient. Captain THOMSON is seeing what 42nd Division or 4th Australian Division can do for us.

Lieut-Colonel MURRAY was here this afternoon, and said that the 4th Division was being concentrated as the Reserve Division to Australian Corps, so that looks as if we will not go into the line immediately.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Divisions are in the Line in that order from the North, with Headquarters at BEAUCOURT, ST GRATIEN and BUSSY respectively.

Although it is too much to expect the Vehicles to be absolutely clean, there is no reason why the harness and steel work should not be up to the knocker.

MURRAY thinks we will probably be billeted in our old places, RAINNEVILLE, COISY, and CARDONETTE but do not take this as final.

Go ahead with the preliminary elimination of surplus stuff such as souvenirs collected during our months stay here.

Yours Sincerely.

C. W. G. G. G.

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16th Aust. Inf. Bde Order

REFERENCE: SHEET 57^D N.E. In the Field

19-4-18

- ① The 15th Aust. Inf. Bde will take over front line sector tomorrow 20th inst: relief to be complete by 6 pm.
- ② An relief Battalion will move back to Reserve Area: ROSSIGNOL FARM.
- ③ Receipts for Ammunition etc: (in duplicate) to be obtained from relieving Battalion. Various kinds of Grenades to be specified. Receipts to be handed in to Bde Ordnance Room before 9 am. 21-4-18.
- ④ TRANSPORT. Two limbers will report in Sunkin Road in K.Y.C. at 3 pm. to bring out A+D. Coy: Guns and span gear. An M.C.O. per Company to be sent down ahead to get in touch with these limbers and then look out for their Companies.
Two limbers & mallee cart will report in low ground near re-heating place at 4 pm. to bring out B+C. Guns etc: & H.Q. gear. O's.C. Coy: packs will accompany wagons.
- ⑤ Relief complete to be wired to HQ. by BAB.

[Signature]
 Captain
 Adjutant 16th Bde

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16th Aust. Inf. Bde Order

REFERENCE: SHEET 57^D N.E. In the Field

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 Captain
 Adjutant 16th Bde

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HEADQUARTERS.
30/4/1918.

O.S. *File*

42nd Division "Forecast of Moves" dated 30/4/1918, anticipates that the New Zealand Division will take over the Sector at present held by this Brigade, on night 34/35th April 1918.

Mr. Vowles

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH
4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 6.

Reference Sheet 57.D.

22/4/1918.

1. EMBUSSING.

The Brigade will ombus at the following times and places :-

<u>Group "A".</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>No. of busses</u>	<u>Embussing point.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Date.</u>
13th Bn.	750	30	COUIN	2.p.m.	24th April.
16th Bn.	780	32	"	"	"
<u>Rear Details</u>					
-- 14th Bn.	170	7	"	"	"
-- 15th Bn.	250	10	"	"	"
-- Bde.H.Q.	60	3	"	"	"
A.S.C.Details.	50	2	"	"	"
A.A.M.C.Details.	130	5	"	"	"
<u>Group "B".</u>					
14th Bn.	605	25	COIGNEUX	Midnight.	24/25th April.
<u>Group "C".</u>					
15th Bn.	690	30	COIGNEUX	4.A.m.	25th April.
4th M.G.Coy.	150	6	"	"	"
Bde. H.Qrs.	70	3	"	"	"
4th L.T.M.Btty.	65	3	"	"	"

Busses of "A" Group to be formed up on the COIGNEUX - AUTHIE ROAD facing West - tail of Column clear of Cross Roads at J.7.b.5.6.
 Busses of "B" and "C" Groups will be formed up on the COIGNEUX - COUIN ROAD facing West - tail of the Column about J.9.a.7.5.
 Embussing parties will be formed up on respective bus routes 30 minutes before stated time of departure. Parties will be 25 strong - one party to 14 yards.

Major C.M. JOHNSTON, D.S.O., 14th Battalion is Embussing Officer, and will make necessary arrangements for making heads of Groups and Section

2. Cookers and Water Carts. Arrangements have been made to borrow 2 Cocks and 2 Water Carts on night 24th instant. These will report to Embussing Officer at 6.p.m. on 24th instant at ROSSIGNOL FARM. They will be at disposal of 24th Battalion until 11.p.m., and at disposal of 15th Battalion until latter ombusses, when they will return to their Unit.

3. Lorries for move. Lorries will report as follows :-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>No. of Lorries.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Date.</u>
13th Bn.	1	J.3.c.5.5. (Transport Lines).	10.a.m.	24th April.
16th Bn.	1	do.	"	"
Bde. H.Qrs.	1	do.	"	"
14th Bn.	1	do.	11.p.m.	24th April.
15th Bn.	1	do.	"	"
M.G.Coy.)	2	do.	"	"
T.M.Bty.)				

All Units will have Guides to meet lorries at time and place stated, and conduct to loading sites. No lorries are to be loaded East of grid running N. and S. through J.9.Central. Lorries are primarily to carry Lewis and Vickers Guns and Trench Mortars, and must accompany the Group of the Unit to which they are detailed.

4. Blankets. Second blankets are being dumped with R.O.O., WARLINCOURT on 23rd instant, under arrangements made by Rear Brigade Headquarters. Two Motor Lorries are reporting for this purpose at 9.a.m. at ROSSIGNOL FARM.

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A.P.M., is arranging for Traffic Control Posts and H.M.P. at Embussing Points.

Supply arrangements. Supply wagons will move full with rations for 25th instant. Rations for 26th instant will be sent by Motor Lobby to RAINNEVILLE on 24th instant.

Baggage Wagons. will report to Transport Lines at 6.p.m. on 23rd inst.

Consolidated copies of receipts for Trench and Area Stores, and Ammunition handed over on relief, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters in duplicate by 6.p.m. 25th instant.

Tents and Shelters. All Tents and Shelters will be struck and handed over to Lieut. L.C.BARNES (attached 4th Brigade Headquarters) at ROSSIGNOL FARM by 9.30.a.m. 24th instant.

A receipt for cleanliness will be obtained from Town Major, COIGNEUX for all billets and bivouacs vacated, and sent to Brigade Headquarters on 25th instant.

Issued through Signals at 7.a.m. 23/4/1918.

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Ru. Lovell Major
for Captain.
Staff Captain.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 6.

Reference Sheet 57.D. 1/20,000.
LENS 11. 1/100,000
ATTENS 17. 1/100,000.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved, and embus for the RAINNEVILLE - COISEY - GARDONNETTE - POULAINVILLE AREA, in accordance with move table below :-

Date.	Unit.	Location.	Relieved by.	On relief move to -	Remarks.
23rd April.	13th Bn.	J.13.	2/AUCKLAND Battalion.	Hutments in COIGNEUX.	To complete by 6 p.m.
24th April	13th Bn. 13th Bn. 15th Bn. Rear Details. 7th A.A.S.C. 4th Flt. Ambo. Details. Rear Bde. H.Qrs. Details.	COIGNEUX and ROSSIGNOL FARM.			Rendezvous at 7 p.m. on Western outskirts COUIN on COUIN - AUTHIE ROAD for embusment.
24th April.	14th Bn. 4th M.G. Coy. 4th L.T.M. Btty.	K.13. and K.14. Front	2/AUCKLAND Battalion. New Zealand M. Gun Bn. 1st New Zealand L.T.M. Btty.		Rendezvous on hillside South of ROSSIGNOL FARM to embus at mid-night on COIGNEUX - COUIN ROAD.
24th April.	15th Bn. Advanced Brigade H.Qrs.	Front Line. SAILLY-AU-BOIS.	2/BELLINGTON Battalion. 1st New Zealand Brigade.		Rendezvous on hillside South of ROSSIGNOL FARM to embus before daylight on 25th inst.

2. Major J.M. JOHNSTON, D.S.O. 14th Battalion will act as Embussing Officer for all embusments.

3. Transport Brigaded under Command of Major R.S. SAMPSON, will march to RAINNEVILLE via COIGNEUX - BUS-LES-ARTOIS - ACHIEUX - BEAUVILLERS - TOUTENCURT - HERRISART - RUBENPRE - RAINNEVILLE. Passing the Starting Point J.2.0.2.4. at 9 a.m. on 24th instant, in the following order :-

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters.
- 15th Battalion.
- 15th " "
- 14th " "
- 13th " "
- 4th M. Gun Company.
- 4th L.T.M. Battery.
- 4th Field Ambulance.

7th A.A.S.C. will march independantly.

4. On arrival in new area Brigade Headquarters will be located at RAINNEVILLE.

5. Billating parties will meet Staff Captain at Church RAINNEVILLE at 10 a.m. on 24th instant.

6. Veterinary, Ammunition, and other units will accompany Units. There will be a company each unit for this purpose. The above units will be detailed to the various points.

Issued through Signals at 3.30 p.m. 22/4/1918.

Distribution.

- No. 1 - 3 War Diary.
- 4 - 6 Office.
- 7 15th Battalion.
- 8 14th " "
- 9 15th " "
- 10 16th " "
- 11 4th M.G. Company.
- 12 4th L.T.L. Battery.
- 13 4th Australian Division.
- 14 4th Division.
- 15 7th A.A. B.C.
- 16 4th Field Ambulance.
- 17 127th Brigade.
- 18 1st New Zealand Brigade.
- 19 2nd New Zealand Brigade.
- 20 Senior Liaison Officer.
- 21 Major C.M. JOHNSTON, 14th Bn.
- 22 Major B.S. SAMPSON.
- 23 Spare.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS
22/4/1918.

Dear *Frank*

We have just received orders from 42nd Division that we embus for RAINNEVILLE - COISY - CARDONETTE - POULAINVILLE AREA as follows :-

<u>Afternoon</u>	24th April.	13th Battalion.
		16th "
<u>Midnight</u>	24/25th April.	14th "
		4th M.G. Company.
		4th L.T.M. Battery.
<u>Forenoon</u>	25th April.	15th Battalion.
		Brigade Headquarters.

Place of embussing not settled yet.
Transport go by Road on 24th instant, under Major

B.S.SAMPSON.

Second Blanket to be sent to R.O.O., WARLINCOURT as soon as possible.

What I am most anxious about, is the cleanliness of the Areas we are in, especially the rear area.

See that there is no trouble about taking away shelters and tents issued by 37th and 42nd Divisions.

4th Australian Divisional Headquarters is at ALLONVILLE and Australian Corps at VILLERS BOCCAGE. Brigade Headquarters will be at RAINNEVILLE.

Full details by Brigade Order later.

Yours Sincerely.

C.W. Brown

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
22/4/1918.

C.O.,

The following points in connection with embussing, and debussing when the Brigade last moved are forwarded.

1. Loading Bus or Lorry to be marked with a board "Head of....." and each bus or lorry to have the Company chalked on it, instead of numbering consecutively.
2. Unit embussing officer to have a couple of Runners to guide Companies quickly to their busses.
3. The bus on which the Commanding officer is riding should be marked plainly "C.O."
4. An Officer or Senior N.C.O. to be on each bus. He should know the destination of the convoy, and the route to be taken. He should ride outside the vehicle and conform to the orders carried out by vehicles ahead of him.
5. Embussing and debussing should take place on the right of vehicles. Mens kits on debussing should not be placed to obstruct traffic.
6. Much better to put a few smart men into a vehicle first then others hand their kits to them instead of trying to scramble up with packs on.
7. Great responsibility rests on the officer in charge of the busses or lorries which extend over a mile, especially when night is drawing near. These officers are usually very obliging, and will always help to reduce the distance for Units to walk after debussing. Junior officers too often prevail upon drivers to take lorries or busses away from the column - confusion is the result. In future it will be a laid down policy that the lorries or busses will halt at the most central spot, and there all Units will debus and move to their billets. There should not be any the lorries or busses any stores and baggage which cannot be conveniently handled by a couple of men. The only exception to this rule will be when Vickers and Lewis Guns are conveyed by lorry, for which provision is being made.

R. W. Towell

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

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COPY No. 13

16th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NUMBER 64.

HEADQUARTERS,
23rd. APRIL 1918.

Reference: Map Sheets 57.d. 1/20,000.
LENS 11. 1/10,000.
AMIENS 17. 1/10,000.

1. The 16th. AUSTRALIAN Infantry Battalion will embuss for the RAINNEVILLE-COISY-CARDONETTE-POULAINVILLE Area as below :-

Group.	No. of Busses.	Embussing Point	Time.	Date.
A.	38	D.21.c. Central.	2 p.m.	24th April 1918.

Battalion Embussing Officer: Captain A.W.POTTS M.C.
2. Lorries for move. Lewis Guns and necessary Signalling gear will accompany the Battalion. Lorry will report at Transport lines J.3.c.5.5. at 10 a.m. Guide will meet it there and conduct to Loading Site.
3. Transport.- Brigaded under Major B.S.SAMPSON will march to RAINNEVILLE, passing starting point J.9.c.4.4. at 9 a.m.
4. Battalion will be formed up in Mass on spare ground behind the tents ready to move off by 12.30 p.m., in the following order :-
Right to Left - Details; ~~Contacts~~ (under Orderly Officer);
"A" Company; "B" Company; "C" Company;
"D" Company: *Details & Contacts under Capt WILKINSON, in*
Dress:- Marching Order with blanket; 200 rounds of S.A.A. 7022
5. An Officer or senior H.C.O. will be in charge of each Bus. He must know the destination of the Convoy and the route to be taken. He will ride outside and conform to orders carried out by vehicles ahead of him.
6. Dump:- Lewis Guns, Officers Kits, etc., to be dumped at Q.M. Store by 7.30 a.m.
7. Embussing States, (showing Details in isolation separately) to be in Battalion Orderly Room by 10.30 a.m.
8. All tents and shelters to be struck and handed in at Q.M. Store by 9 am. Orderly Officer to take particulars of numbers of each kind.
9. Camp site and all buildings occupied to be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.

Copies to :-

1. File.
2. Diary.
3. Brigade H.Q.
- 4-7. O/C. Coys.
8. O/C., Details.
9. Transport.
10. Quartermaster.
11. Capt. A.W.POTTS M.C.
12. Lieut. DOWLING (O.O).
13. Adjutant. ✓
- 14.

A. W. Potts
Captain.
Adjutant, 16th Battalion. A.I.F.

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AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN
CONNECTION WITH 4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 3.

Reference Sheet 57.D.

23/4/1918.

1. Delete para. 1 and substitute the following :-

EMBUSSING.

The Brigade will embus at the following times and places :-

<u>Group "A".</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>No. of Busses or Lorries.</u>	<u>Embussing point.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Date.</u>
13th Bn.	730	(23 Busses (8 Lorries.	COUIN	2 p.m.	24th April.
16th Bn. →	780	38 Lorries.	B	"	"
<u>Reab Details.</u>					
-- 14th Bn.	170	0 "	"	"	"
-- 15th Bn.	250	12 "	"	"	"
-- Bde.H.Q.	50	3 "	"	"	"
-- T.M.Btty.	20	1 "	"	"	"
A.S.C.Details.	50	2 "	"	"	"
A.A.M.C.Details.	130	6 "	"	"	"
<u>Group "B".</u>					
14th Bn.	605	55 Lorries.	COIGNEUX	Midnight	24/25th April.
<u>Group "C".</u>					
15th Bn.	700	(23 Busses (14 Lorries.	COIGNEUX	4 a.m.	25th April.
4th M.H.Coy.	130	7 Lorries.	"	"	"
Bde. H.Qrs.	110	3 "	"	"	"
4th T.M.Btty.	60	3 "	"	"	"

* Busses of "A" Group will be formed up on the COUIN - SOUASTRE Road head about D.21.c, Central. The Road from COUIN - SOUASTRE will be closed to all traffic proceeding along this road in a S. Westerly direction from 1.45 p.m. until 3 p.m. As far as possible no ammunition or R.E. material will be brought along this Road in either direction during this period.

Busses of "B" and "C" Groups will be formed up ^{on D.C.} COIGNEUX - COUIN Road facing "east" - head of column 700 yards W. of COIGNEUX.

Busses take 25, lorries 20. Parties should be formed up accordingly 50 minutes before times stated for departure.

Major G.M. JOHNSTON, D.S.O. is Embussing Officer, and will make necessary arrangements for marking heads of Groups and Sections.

Busses of "A" Group will proceed via RHEU and PAS.

Busses of "B" and "C" Groups will turn in the triangle at J.9.a.3.7. and proceed up the COUIN Road, and the Road running past the Baths.

Issued through Signals at 4 p.m. 23/4/1918.

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Quarrier
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Captain.
Staff Captain.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
24/4/1918.

O.O., *File*

Following arrangements for billeting received from Staff Captain. -

Brigade Headquarters	CARDONETTE.
13th Battalion)	Bivouac in Wood near
14th Battalion)	ALLOWVILLE.
15th Battalion.	<i>Barns</i> - Bivouac in ALLOWVILLE.
16th Battalion.	CARDONETTE
4th M.G. Company	ALLOWVILLE.
4th L.T.M. Battery	ALLOWVILLE.
7th A.A.S.C.	ALLOWVILLE.
4th Field Ambulance	ALLOWVILLE.

Bus route PIERRIGOT - MOULLIEN.

Debussing point just East of CARDONETTE on the CONTAY AMIENS Road.

Guides to be at Cross Roads just North of ST GRATTEN on CONTAY - AMIENS Road.

*1550
24/4/18*

[Signature]
Lieut.
Asst/Staff Captain.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.

26th April, 1918.

Dear *Brockman*

10-20-18

The 4th Aust. Division will relieve the 8th Division to-morrow 27th instant with its southern boundary through GENTELLES exclusive (approximately).

At present I think it is likely the 12th Brigade will go in before 4th Brigade.

Reconnoitre all routes towards that Sector.

Advanced Div. Headquarters will be at GLISY. At present the 13th Brigade Headquarters is at ^{*Clatish*} BLANGY-FRONVILLE with the 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Would like to see Commanding Officers at Brigade Headquarters at 4.30.p.m. to-day.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. ...

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
26th April, 1918.

C. O.

- 16 B
- (1) A Bomb Shell. The 13th Brigade rang up Division to say their men are done and must be relieved to-morrow night 27th/28th instant.
G.O.C. has therefore decided that as the 12th Brigade are closest they will relieve 13th Brigade to-morrow 27th/28th and the 4th Brigade relieve 15th Brigade the next night, i.e. 28th/29th instant.
 - (2) To-morrow night or before we get into the inter-brigade boundary which will be about O.36.b.2.8. I don't know which of the 12th Brigade Battalions will be on the left but its left should meet the 13th Battalion ^{right} somewhere about that point.
The left of the 14th Battalion will be in touch with the 14th Brigade right at about P.19.b.9.0. The boundary between the 13th and 14th Battalions will be about P.25.a.6.0.
13th and 14th Battalions will relieve whatever 15th Brigade Units are within these sectors.
 - (3) 15th and 16th Battalions will be located anywhere within the area enclosed by O.29.central, O.28.central, O.27.central, O.21.central, O.22.central and O.23.central.
 - (4) 4th M.G. Company will relieve 15th M.G. Company.
 - (5) Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be where the 15th Brigade Headquarters now are at Chateau near BLANCY.
 - (6) 33g will be brigaded and go into Camp in Wood where the 14th Battalion now are.
 - (7) Locality of Transport to be decided to-morrow.
 - (8) Advance Parties to go into the line to-morrow night 27th/28th instant.
 - (9) Brigadier will meet Commanding Officers at the Pond in centre of ALLOUVILLE at 10.a.m. to-morrow to go to 15th Brigade Headquarters and reconnoitre generally.
 - (10) An effort is being made to bus the Brigade up as far as Cross Roads H.28.d. during daylight on 28th instant, if this fails then we will have to march to GLISY, halt for a few hours, then move up into line, but if the weather is fine to-morrow the Brigadier will consider the question of bivouacking near GLISY to-morrow night 27th/28th instant.

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

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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { All boys Det. 6th TO. 1st
 Drawing

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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* 571 31
 Sabbath school 33% will
 move to QUERRIEN today the 27
 company will be ready
 to move at 1.50 pm
 Packing point the road
 Order of march CARLOTTETTE
 Behind H B
 C H transfer
 This is for marching order
 with blanket
 Billeting Officer L. H. B. Lewis
 Officers' vehicles will be
 bumped in front of church
 up hours
 Billeting Officer Lewis
 will be handed to BAR with

From
 Place
 Time

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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO {

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*
 marching order at
 11.30 am
 33% company will report
 to Capt. A. H. Lewis in the
 evening at 7 pm to march
 to All onville

From H. B. Lewis
 Place
 Time

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TO All Coy's Details. TO QHQ

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* C 76
Packs and surplus kit of those moving up will be dumped in front of church by ~~the~~ ~~co~~ ~~at~~ ~~11~~ ~~am~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~hangar~~ ~~at~~ ~~Allowville~~ ~~to~~ receive allocation of portion of hangar for dump.
B. Coy will detail 1 man as guard on pack and surplus gear dump. Transport will stay with unit tonight and lincs will be allocated N of 50 mts for tomorrow.
All new 33% reserve will camp in camp vacated by

From 1st Battalion today. Place. Time

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TO

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* C 76
Tents will be allocated by Lt Barnes. Lt Moss will meet him, and hand him stake showing number of Officers and other ranks for occupation.

From. Place. Time

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
27th April, 1918.

C. O. 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th Bns., 4th L. B. Coy.
4th T. Bty., 7th A.A.S. Co., (Copy to 4th
Field Bn., 4th Field Coy.)

Brigade Headquarters will be at Chateau QUEMURU to-night. Packs and surplus kit will be dumped in HANGAR at ALLONVILLE. Units will send representative to report to Lieut. BARNES there at 11 a.m. to be allotted portion of hangar for dump. Each unit will leave one man to form Brigade guard, 15th Battalion leaving an M.C.O. Transport will stay with units to-night and lines will be allotted N. of SOME for to-morrow. All rear details and 33% will be in camp vacated by 14th Battalion to-day. Tentage will be allotted by Lieut. BARNES to-day and representatives meeting him at Hangar will hand him state showing number of officers and men respectively, exclusive of Transport, being left behind by units. 13th Battalion will leave small guard on their tented camps to hand over to incoming unit.

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H. Thomas

Captain.
Staff-Captain.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade,
HEADQUARTERS.

S.C. 195.

27th April, 1918.

C. O.,
13th, 14th, 15th Bns.
Copy to 4th M.G. Coy. and 4th T.M. Btty.

Corps Commander wishes to see 13th, 14th and 15th Bns. marching out to-day AAA He has been informed these Units will pass Cross Roads at G.12.c.3.2. at 1 p.m., 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively and he will be there AAA Take necessary action for good march past.

Timed 11 a.m.

(Sgd.) H. THOMSON. Capt.,
Staff-Captain,
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Copy to 16th Bn.

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TO: 15th, 14th 15th 16th Bns. 4th H.C. Coy.
 4th L.T.M. Bty., 7th A.A.S.C. (Copy to
 4th Field Amb. 4th Field Coy. A.A.A.)

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Units 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move to-day as follows see 15th Bn. 4th H.C. Coy. and 4th L.T.M. Bty. at 1 p.m. for DOURS, 14th Bn. at 1.30 p.m. into shelters at H.20.a.o.l., 15th Bn. at 2 p.m. to PONT NOYELLES, 16th Bn. 7th A.A.S.C. and Bde. H.Q. at 2.15 p.m. for CHARENTON see No restriction as to route see Billetting parties will meet Staff Captain or representative as follows, 15th Bn. 4th H.C. Coy. 4th L.T.M. Bty. at 10.30 a.m. March DOURS 14th Bn. at 11.30 a.m. H.20.a.o.l. 15th and 16th Bns. and 7th A.A.S.C. at Chateau CHARENTON at noon see 35 to be at ALLOVILLE see Location of transport later see Forward parties and routes to be reconnoitred at once see ADVISORY.

From: S.C. 191
 Place: 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 Time: *H. Thomas*
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Staff Captain.
 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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B	4	122
C	4	121
D	4	125
H.Q.	6	4
Detach		84
Isolation		93
Transport	1	50
G.M. Store	1	4
	24	429

Reserve

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H.Q.		
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 7

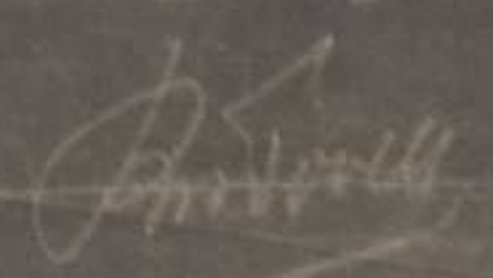
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Sheet 62.D. S.4. 1/20,000.

Headquarters,
27/4/1918.

1. The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade in the Front Line from the Main Road (inclusive) in O.30.d. to P.19.central (approximately) where it junctions with the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade, on the night 28th/29th April.
2. Relief will take place as follows :-
13th Battalion will relieve 5 9th Battalion on right from Main Road (inclusive) in O.30.d. to P.25.b.O.5. (approx.)
14th Battalion will relieve 58th Battalion on Left from P.25.b.O.5. (approx.) to junction with 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade at P.19.central (approximately).
15th Battalion will be in Support to 13th Battalion disposed in O.27. and O.28.
15th Battalion will be in Support to 14th Battalion disposed in O.21.c. and d. and O.22.c. and d.
3. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. G.C., 4th A.L.F.M. Battery will arrange for 2 mortars to be attached to each Battalion.
5. Relief of Vickers Machine Guns will be arranged by G.C., 4th Machine Gun Battalion but all guns in the Sector forward of the AUBIGNY defences will be under the command of G.C.C. 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
6. Brigade Headquarters will be at BLANCY - TRONVILLE. Advanced Brigade Report Centre will be established temporarily at Quarry O.17.c.3.7.
7. Battalions will forward to Brigade Headquarters by Noon on 29th April a Map showing their dispositions down to Platoon Areas.
8. All personnel of 8th Division remaining in area will be withdrawn on night 28th/29th April.
9. Commanding Officers concerned will arrange for a joint post to be established at Brigade boundaries.
10. Transport Lines will be located from M.13.b.2.O. to M.13.b.4.4.
11. Supplies will be delivered by Train wagons to Transport Lines.
12. Ammunition. Divisional Ammunition Dump is located at M.2.b.4.2. Until Brigade Dump is established ammunition will be delivered to Wagon Lines. Battalions in Line and M.G. Company will notify Staff Captain by Noon 28th instant the amount of ammunition they require taken forward on 28th instant and place to which they require ammunition carried on wheels. Guides will be sent to report to sergt. YOUNG Brigade Headquarters Transport Lines by 4.p.m. on 28th instant.
13. Prisoners of War Cage and Div. Stragglers Collecting Station are established at GLISY.
14. 33% nucleus and Battalion Details will be brigaded in Camp in wood near ALLONVILLE under command of Major C.M. JOHNSTON, D.S.O., 14th Battalion.
15. A.D.S. is situated at Cross Roads M.28.d. with a Motor Ambulance post at O.27.d.6.8. (under Railway Bridge).
16. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by Code Message "B.M.9 noted".

Issued at Midnight through Signale.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO Hill Coy to Ker Transport
TSM

Sender's Number.	Day or Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* CW	28		

- ① Move today as follows -
- "B" Coy 2/30 PM
- H " 2/50 PM
- D " 3/10 PM
- C " 3/30 PM

② Move as boys to a point approx in AUBIGNY, then by platoons at intervals or smaller formations at discretion of Commanders

③ J. Ker to arrange guides.

④ 7 Guns & trucking gear to follow boys, & go as far forward as possible. Trucks to go with guns

⑤ Coy boys to notify Hq when moving

⑥ Bibles to be left in a thoroughly clean & sanitary condition

From R. H. P. M.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) Hoare
Cpt

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INTERCOMBAT SUMMARY
- APPENDIX 10 -

Final from 6 am on 1st to 6 am on 2nd APRIL 3rd
Ref Sheet 57.

OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY - Much work was done in the morning to see what that was. The 100th B.T. was in the QUARRIES during the afternoon. One of our batteries fired from somewhere south west of FANOUYIERS. was putting shells between 400 and 500 yds from the line in the late afternoon.

MACHINE GUNS:-

Did some significant work while the "stent" was in progress. Working on the HONS.

T.M.S.

Staked fresh a few rounds during the night on its enemy positions with releasing. That's

PATROLS

Coming to the end of work in front, only one

PATROLS (Continued)

patrols were sent out, there happened everything quiet.

DEFINITION

The patrol was sent from the line to the front. It was a "dry" patrol from K21 to K25 to K26. The patrol was sent from K26 to K27.

The patrol was sent in the morning at the junction of road and trench at K26. It was sent from the front direction. The patrol was sent because of the enemy machine gun. The patrol was sent at 10.30 am. The patrol was sent on the road.

The patrol was sent to the 147th unit. The patrol was sent on the night of 3rd April. The patrol was sent by our harassing artillery.

on that night.

We have now consolidated, and hold trench running from K21508 to K15101 which commands an excellent field of view over the trenches held by the enemy.

A counter attack launched by the enemy at 6 pm was beaten back by our gas and being repulsed. Our loss consisted of two killed and three wounded.

ENEMY ACTIVITIES

ARTILLERY

Very quiet until about 6 pm when we heard a shell. Our position was not hit and our ammunition stores were not touched.

T.M.S.

None have been found against QUARRIES and in the area of K15015. It is to be noted that we have not been hit.

MACHINE GUNS

Very active during the

front.

MOVEMENTS - Trenches in square K21508 and 09 are strongly manned and contain many machine guns much movement is seen around CHAISEL. HEDGE in K21300.

AERIAL - Much activity during the early morning both by our planes and the enemy's.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

FILE 6 am on 2nd to 6 am on 3rd 3-11-18.

OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY:- Our artillery carried out a programme of harassing fire during the day and night, good shooting was observed on the vicinity of K23.C.

T.M.:- No activity on our sector.

MACHINE GUNS:- Fired on enemy working parties in saps in K22.A, stretcher bearers were seen to make several trips, proving the effectiveness of the fire.

AERIAL:- Nothing to report, our planes normally active.

PATROLS:- Were out at intervals throughout the night, but only report having seen the enemy in one position, K22.29 approx, where he has at least two machine guns.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:-

ARTILLERY:- Quarter than usual occasional salvos were fired into HEBUTERNE.

T.M's. Minnywipers are firing on to both our right and left flanks from approx K22 a central and K16 D.5.2.

MACHINE GUNS:- The enemy has numerous guns opposite our sector, mostly of the light type, therefore hard to locate. One gun was firing indirect fire on the road running from Row 11.4 to K9.C.6.H.

AERIAL:- Normal activity, several planes seen over our lines at a high altitude during the day.

MOVEMENT:- Much movement seen still be seen in K22.D.1. and in K23 a.s.c., but the enemy now sticks closely to the saps giving our snipers few opportunities to interfere.

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FILE NO. 3-1-19-11-18

OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - The enemy placed out as many guns as possible to see whether effect or not.
MACHINE GUNS -

Very active and effective causing many casualties to the enemy.

T.M.S. -

The enemy's actions led some very effective shooting during the day causing the enemy to abandon their positions, to do this he had to expose himself and put M.S. L.G. down, but did miss the opportunity.

AERIAL - Normal activity.

PATROLS -

STRENGTH	TIME	ROUTE	REMARKS
1 Coy 300	Dep. 11.30 p.m.	K21 B 6.5 to QUARRY	Reported three machine guns firing from trench opposite 21st but otherwise night quiet.
NCO 300	Dep. 11.30 p.m.	K21 B 5.8 Ret. 1.30 a.m. K21 B 6.4 to K21 C 9.8	Nothing seen of enemy, machine guns firing from night flank. Active.
1 Coy 300	Dep. 7.45 a.m.	K21 B 5.8 Ret. 8.30 a.m. K21 B 8.2 to K21 B 2.5	Went out to attempt to collect a light machine gun which had been observed in an exposed exposed position. The enemy whose morale appears to be becoming very low on our front, saw the gun and we collected, no casualties.

In addition to these patrols, some anti-provocation patrols were sent during the night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:-

ARTILLERY:- A few 50's fell in the vicinity of the QUARRY and around the new S.T. just completed in H15d. 482's fell in the vicinity of the CEMETERY we suffered no casualties.

MACHINE GUNS:- Very little direct fire during the night a good deal of indirect fire for our sector.

AERIAL:- No EA observed.

MOVEMENT:-

Not nearly as much as on previous days. Our snipers and machine guns have got in hand (well down) trenches which we previously held in strength. But while we were infiltrated slightly by our fire appears to have been unavailing.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

File 6 am 14/18 + 6 am 14/18

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Our artillery was very active during the period, especially during the hours 4 am to 7 am of 14/18. A large number of pieces appearing to be operating than usual. At 5 am started our artillery and also that on the night of 14/18 was notably successful.

MACHINE GUNS

Our guns were busy all day engaging various targets though there are showing considerably more disintegration than formerly.

AIRCRAFT

The usual activity was shown by our machines.



PATROL REPORT.

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<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
103 O.R.	9.15 p.m. 11.50 p.m.	From 21 central 21.b. area.	The object of the patrol was to investigate 21.b. area. There is a trench not marked on map running from about K.21.b.9.7. to K.21.b.7.2. Shows new work but is shallow & unoccupied by enemy.
1 Off. 12 O.R.	4 p.m. 4.25 p.m.	K.16.c.15.25. K.22.a.15.85.	This daylight patrol went out with the object of reconnoitring Sunken Road. The patrol proceeded along Road to a point about 50 yards beyond where Road branches to right. Here lively opposition was encountered and it was impossible to proceed further.



E N E M Y O P E R A T I O N S .

ARTILLERY.

Enemy activity below normal all day, but towards daylight (4.45 a.m. 5/4/18) he became markedly active on our reserve area with high explosive & gas. He seems to be engaging no definite targets but scattering his shells generally over the area.

AIRCRAFT.

No enemy activity observed.

MACHINE GUNS.

Shewed more activity throughout the day. He frequently swept parapet in QUARRY.

MOVEMENT.

Snipers & machine gunners getting less & less opportunity, but still a fair amount of movement observed.

(Sgd.) J. D. HOWELL. 2/Lt.

At I. O. FILE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

FILE: Food ending garments = 6-4-18.

OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY:- Throughout the afternoon our artillery was very active shelling the enemy's trenches in K16.c. & K22.c. Shrapnel & H.E. were used, and direct hits on saps and trenches were observed. In several instances the enemy were driven out of the trenches and became an excellent target for L.G. & rifle fire.

T.M's:- Our Stokes did some excellent shooting during the attacks in the morning, obtaining direct hits on saps which were crowded with the enemy.

MACHINE GUNS:- Did good work during the attack and must have accounted for many Germans.

PATROLS:- (See special sheet)

ENTRANCES

Strength	Time	Place	Objective	Remarks
107 300	4:30	New Quarry to K21295 to K21289	To obtain identification to lead killed during attacks.	Nothing was seen of any live enemy but identification secured from the dead proved them to belong to the 174. (R), there seems to be no doubt that these were only badly killed as one man's watch was still going.
1160 300	3:45	New Quarry to K21672 to K16012	Reconnaissance	Night very quiet, no sign of enemy or movement heard.
1410 200	7:45	New Quarry to K21267 to K21216 to K16011	Examined area distance of 150yds	Ops very muddy and damaged by T.M. fire, no sign of enemy.

PATROLS - Protective patrols were out along whole front until 4 am when they were withdrawn on account of instructions received last night.

AERIAL - One contact plane observed over our lines at about 2.30 pm otherwise no activity observed.

RELIEF - A Coy relieved B Coy during the afternoon of the 5/4/17 relief being completed at about 3 pm.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:-

ARTILLERY - Very active throughout period commencing at 4 am on the 5th a barrage was placed over our sector, the whole of K15, K19 etc. K's held & K14 held were pulled by 575 & 77 until 10.30 pm when the barrage lifted from front line, but remained until 11 am. At 5 pm a 77 battery firing from behind K16th central fired about 100 shells in quick succession these fell around Quapper but did no damage.

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MGS - Very active all day sweeping our parapets at intervals one was checked firing from approx. K22 at 3.50 pm, from midnight on there has been very little MG activity.

PATROLS - None seen.

AERIAL - Several of the enemy contact planes flew around in front of our lines during the afternoon.

MOVEMENT - There was quite a lot of movement during the afternoon and our troops and MGs had some fine shooting. Some stretcher bearers were very busy until darkness getting a body wounded.

GENERAL - Special reports upon the enemy attacks have been already forwarded so have not repeated.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Com 6/4/18 to Com 7/4/18.

FILE

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY

We showed considerable activity during the day increasing in intensity during afternoon.

At 6 pm to 6:30 pm 4 parties were noticed moving in Artillery formation coming over the ridge in P. 18 C and making for 22 B + 23 a at 7.15 pm we stood to in sympathy with our right who seemed to be withstanding an attack. The barrage on our front and right was good and well placed.

At 8.15 pm one of our 18 pm. firing from direction of COLINCHAMPTON fired 2 rounds of shrapnel into our position in QUARRY.

M. 2.

Our gun showed the usual activity.

AIRCRAFT

Nothing special to report.

Patrols

Strength	Time	Route	Remarks
1 INCO	9 pm	Down to P. 18 C	Proceeded
2 OR.	10.15 pm	Round P. 18 C	Distance of about 200 yds at 15.21 to 2.7. about 45 minutes. No movement observed. Exp falling in a good deal.
2 INCO	10 pm	From P. 18 C 12	Object to
1 OR.	10.45 pm	to P. 18 C 2-1	and other small objects occupied by enemy. The trench a small fort on rear.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Enemy T7 was seen to fire from approx P. 23 a. 25.25. Artillery was quiet until the late evening when he showed

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increased volume, assuming
great success, on account
of Brigade on Right. Very
heavy artillery fire was
heard on our Right some
considerable distance off.

AEROPLANES

At about 8.30 am & 9 am
many machines made a low
circumnavigation though the
weather was very hazy at
the time.

MOVEMENT

A. & B. Coy. considerable movement
was observed. 3 positions of 50
each were observed. No. 1
K. 21 & 22. Attacked by M.C.
for several smallish charges
considerable amount of
plac. 2000 yds. at all times
K 21 & 22

J. K. Howell
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Our Company trench
strength averages approx.
105 per Company.

INTELLIGENCE, COMBAT
THE 10th DIVISION

ONE OPERATIONS
ARTILLERY

One artillery battery was
sent to the front to counter
battery work and during
the night...

TRENCH FIGHTING

Machine gun position on
K22 to K24 was shelled
by Stokes. Several trench
hills were observed on position
and have been blown to pieces
and some men killed by our
artillery which is cutting away

MACHINE GUNS

Did fight with the machine
guns in the trench and killed
several of the party, located on
in K22 to...

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FRENCH TORTOISES

During the afternoon the enemy
 moved with their main force
 on our front. The position
 was located to the west of
 TORVENT FARM K300200
 and the enemy was
 informed.

MOVEMENT

Fans around the front the
 day. About 4000 troops
 were along Plesieux - Serpe
 Road at 1400 hrs in direction
 of SERPE and included
 machine gunners and
 a considerable amount of
 transport. It was estimated
 that about 4000 troops
 were moved. Troops moved
 at about 10 km per hour and
 from an open area here.

SUSPECTED DEVIANCE

During the afternoon
 a number of soldiers were
 heard to say that they
 had been told that the
 enemy was moving
 towards the front.
 This information was
 given to the front
 command.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

FILE: FRANCE ENDING 11 5 AM 15-4-18 APPENDIX (6)

OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: - Normal activity some good shooting being observed during the night intermittent fire of short sharp bursts.

T.M.S. - Nil

MACHINE GUNS

No enemy movement was seen or overheard which affected or produced movement on the left flank during the afternoon most fire on both sides.

PATROLS:

(Special patrols)

AERIAL:

No activity flying being impossible owing to fog which was observed throughout the day.

PATROLS

STRENGTH	DEP.	TIME	RETURN	ROUTE	REMARKS
10ff. 60rs	6pm	11:30pm		K21d27 to K21d98 to K21c18 to K22a26 to K21d51	<p>The patrol left our line at K21d98 in the dark and moved down the hill about 200 yds. to west dark was not clear and there were many movements of other patrols seen but no word or no immediate shot.</p> <p>The darkness the patrol moved on a circuit of about another 250 yds. reaching at K21d15. Patrol returned there until 10:45pm then moved north to approx K22a26 and returned to main line. No movement or sign of enemy seen along route, but numerous shot heard in S.T. at distance of about 300 yds. from our line.</p>

PATROL

STRENGTH	DEP.	TIME	RETURN	ROUTE	REMARKS
10ff. 30rs	7:30pm	12 mid.		K15d9.1 to K22a.2.8 to K22a.2.6 and back.	<p>Patrol worked their way to position road and K22a.2.7 which though unoccupied at the time showed signs of recent occupation.</p>
10ff. 20rs	4:00am	5am		K21.b.7.8 to K21.b.9.5.7.5	<p>Work along edge of saps north to muller state of saps. When at K21.b.9.5.7.5 a large enemy working party of 20 men appeared near our line about 100 yds. Patrol called forward and fired the working party and in return were fired on by enemy machine gun and mortar and forward to K21.b.9.5.7.5. Patrol then moved back to approx. K22a.2.6.</p>

TRENGTH	DEP.	RETURN	ROUTE	REMARKS
INCO 300	8/30	4.30am	K 21 6 7.7 K 22 a 1.6 and back	Working patrol which remained at K 22 a 1.6

Protective patrols were put along our front at a depth of about 100 yds. throughout the whole night. All reports night do exceptionally quiet.

ENEMY ACTIVITY -

ARTILLERY - Just during dawn
small edge of HESPERUS
by 5.45 and 7.15 between 4.15-5.30 pm
White smoke battery fire against
our positions in K22 during night

M.G.s - Exceptionally quiet, one
located, singly from K22 at 5.0

MOVEMENTS -

Isolated movement in
small groups in K23 seen at
intervals - 1 group of 4 movement
on our left in approach K22 at 5.0
during late afternoon several
parties of about ten men being
seen.

Major
10/16/42





INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

File

16.4.18

Period ending at 6.a.m.

OUR OPERATIONSARTILLERY

Our Artillery was very active throughout the period, on several occasions parties of the enemy were fired on with good results, good shoots upon trench systems were also observed.

T.M's

A few rounds were fired into suspected M.G. emplacement, results could not be observed although shooting appeared to be very accurate.

MACHINE GUNS

Normal activity.

PATROLS

Reports are attached.

AERIAL

No activity.

ENEMY ACTIVITYARTILLERY

Quiet during the day at about 7.p.m. the enemy dropped a few 77's and 4.2's into our wire in K.21.d.4.3. and also at K.21.d.35.50 also near K.21.c.5.4. This shoot was repeated at 12 midnight and at about 4.a.m. but little damage was done. HEBUTERNE was once more shelled at intervals throughout the day and night, rest of front quiet.

T.M's

At 12.30.a.m. the enemy sent over a short burst of pineapple minenwerfer these fell in the vicinity of K.21.b.5.7. no damage was done.

MACHINE GUNS

No activity during the day intermittent bursts throughout night no guns were located as they all appear to fire from well behind the enemies front line, one gun from vicinity of RED COTTAGE.

MOVEMENT: Much individual movement was observed in K29 and K33 throughout day.

From 8 pm until 7 pm much movement was observed in K28a and K22b, probably in relief. This was done by the unit artillery with good results.

At 7 pm a party was observed to move from the COFFICE down the OT to K22C 32. A party of 10 men for the post of had collected.

SEVENTH Report on capture of INIC - 5 prisoners at about 11 am on 11th morning. At 11 am three MGs proceeded along OT running from K21D 04 to K21D 213. When the patrol reached the main trench in K21E 32 a light MG was seen running up against the trench. The gun probably being in their hands. The gun was collected and the party took it back and returned to base. The second party consisting of 10 men with 100 yds returned to

the spot from where the gun was taken. They were not observed until within ten yards of success. A few shots were fired and bombs thrown but the enemy showed very little fight and after one man had been killed and three wounded, surrendered. The three wounded and two unscathed were brought in, also the papers of the first man. These were forwarded.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

FILE 17-4-15
Time ending at 6 am on 17th

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY: Our artillery was very active during the day and night, 18 pm steady rain and it bursts in K22.2 with good result, several light shells detonated. Our harassing fire of short sharp bursts during the night and the enemy were silent.

T.M. - No activity reported

MACHINE GUNS - During the night the front indirect line reported enemy activity of movement.

POSSIBLE - The usual patrol parties were out during the night along the front during the night they all report a quiet night although listening was held in the rear, report at K25, this is held in the front line and is done in

appear to work forward at this other with patrols or outposts.

AERIALS: - Very little activity, at about 3 pm two of our planes were flying around and they started to shoot up the enemy. At 6.30 pm they shot our planes but were like enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY -

ARTILLERY: - Normally active, shelled our front line during the day, moving in late afternoon 77 shells. The enemy were silent.

T.M. - Three enemy reports of snapper bombs all about 1000 yds from our line during the night. Station will not be located.

MACHINE GUNS - During the night our MGs were silent. The enemy were silent.

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AERIAL: - At 4 o'clock in the afternoon one E.A. made a low performance of our high notes.

MOVEMENT: - Some individual movement was observed in the districts at K22 a. b. This was held on by papers and notes are slanted. A good deal of movement was seen in K23 and K24 and was at times held on by artillery.

MISCELLANEOUS: - At 4.30 pm a large dump was exploded in the vicinity of the Lagan side in K32d, by enemy shell fire.

At 4.30 pm
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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18.4.18

For period ending 6.a.m. on 18.4.18

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY - Our artillery active mostly on back areas, so results could not be observed.

T.M.'s

No activity on our Sector.

MACHINE GUNS

Fired a good deal of indirect fire on to Enemy track and centres of movement.

PATROLS

Patrol sheets are forwarded in addition to these, protective Patrols were kept well in front of our wire throughout the night, all report a quiet night.

AERIAL

Our planes crossed over the enemys line several times during the day owing to the rain and earlier the low flying mist, their actions could not be observed.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

ARTILLERY - Normal activity, at 4.30.p.m. the vicinity of the QUARRY was shelled by 5.9's and 77's At 10.p.m. the QUARRY was once more shelled but no damage was done. HEBUTERNE was subjected to short sharp bursts during the day.

T.M.'s

No activity.

MACHINE GUNS

Much quieter than usual occasional burst around NO MAN'S LAND during the night.

AERIAL

Only one enemy plane observed, this made a low reconnaissance of our left Coys Sector, at 10.a.m. on the 17th.

MOVEMENT

Very little seen at 6.p.m. two men were seen in sap at K.22.c.3.9. and throughout the day occasional.

MOVEMENTS OF BALLS

Individual movement was
repeated in K2 by K3 etc. but
much less than usual.

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OUT OPERATIONS

Activity - Several attacks during the night. One of the most serious was a heavy mortar attack which could be seen from the front line. Several houses were hit during the night.

T.M.S.

Nil.

MACHINE GUNS - more than usual at two points of indirect fire during the night.

ARTILLERY

The usual pattern of activity was seen out throughout the night. Enemy working parties were heard in the vicinity of 22nd, otherwise all quiet.

AERIAL - Nothing seen during the night. Visibility was being bad during the night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

ARTILLERY - Slightly more activity at the front line being shelled by 75's and 5.9's mortar. One of the mortar hit. Three direct hits on beach by us at about 3pm.

T.M.S.

Nil.

MACHINE GUNS - particularly active during the night but against front line and indirect as to back tracks. One gun was being traced but its exact location could not be determined.

AERIAL - No hostile planes were seen but during the night bombs were heard exploding in our back area.

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MOVEMENT: Exceedingly little movement observed, evidently the enemy has been ordered to remain under cover during the day, and they do it well. The little individual movement in K27, 28C and K28 a & b was all that was seen.

John
10/10/43

Not period ending at 6am.

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY - Long activity started on targets which started during the day, and maintained harassing fire throughout night.

T.M.S. - No activity on our sector.

MACHINE GUNS - Harassing fire through the night firing on bunkers, tanks and approaching saps.

PATROLS

In addition to the report patrols reports on which are forwarded, protective patrols were out along our whole front at frequent intervals during the night.

AERIAL - No activity during the day, at night when the weather, which had

planes crossed the anti-air lines, bombs were dropped at considerable distance behind the enemy line judging by the observation

ENEMY ACTIVITIES

ARTILLERY - More active than usual during the day, but fairly quiet at night. Between 2.45pm - 3.45pm the shelling on our front line from the direction north. At 10pm the valley in rear of front line was lightly shelled with gas.

T.M.S. - No activity.

MACHINE GUNS - These were again very active during the night silencing our parapets.

AERIAL - No activity during the day, at night some of his planes crossed our lines and dropped bombs in the back areas. Two lights with balloon or parachute attached were dropped by

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several of his planes on our
front, these remained almost
stationary in the air for 10 min.
This happened at 10pm and 1am.

MOVEMENT: - Very little movement
was noticed, what was seen
was at a great distance in
isolated small parties. At about
noon yesterday what appeared
to be motor bikes were seen
on the FUISIEUX to SEPPE
road at approx E 9 D 79.
They disappeared too quickly
to allow artillery fire to be
brought on them.

J. H. R. W.
10.11.44