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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

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**Item number:** 14/16/19

**Title:** 4th Australian Pioneer Battalion

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WAR DIARY

*4th Pioneer Bn*

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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|       | 1.9.1917  |      | Battalion moved from camp at T.15.d.6.8. to billets <del>at</del> near Hazebrouck.   |                                      |
|       | 2.9.1917  |      | Battalion resting.   |                                      |
|       | 3.9.1917  |      | Battalion moved to billets at Blaringhem.  |                                      |
|       | 4.9.1917  |      | Battalion moved to billets at Delette.   |                                      |
|       | 5.9.1917  |      | Battalion training.  |                                      |
|       | 8.9.1917  |      |  |                                      |
|       | 9.9.1917. |      | Church Parades.  |                                      |
|       | 10.9.1917 |      | "A" and "B" Company on Rifle Range, "C" and "D" Coy. Rifle Drill.  |                                      |
|       | 11.9.1917 |      | "C" and "D" Company on Rifle Range, "A" and "B" Coy Training.  |                                      |
|       | 12.9.1917 |      | Battalion Training.  |                                      |
|       | 15.9.1917 |      | Church Parades.  |                                      |
|       | 16.9.1917 |      | Companies on Rifle Range and preparing for move.   |                                      |
|       | 17.9.1917 |      |  |                                      |
|       | 18.9.1917 |      | Battalion moved by bus from Delette to outskirts of Terdeghem, Map location 27S.E. P3.c.7.3.   |                                      |
|       | 19.9.1917 |      | Battalion Training.  |                                      |
|       | 22.9.1917 |      |  |                                      |
|       | 23.9.1917 |      | Battalion moved by bus to forward area (Map Location Sheet 28 N.W. H.19.c.0.5) Proceeded to work at 6 .55 p.m. to Albert Redoubt to bury cables. |                                      |
|       | 24.9.1917 |      | Battalion burying cables.  |                                      |
|       | 25.9.1917 |      | Party of 50 men burying cables. Remainder of Battalion resting.  |                                      |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | Battalion H. Quarters moved to L.13.c.6.9. Battalion digging C.T's at night. "B" Company on road.  |                                      |
|       | 27.9.1917 |      | Battalion working on roads from Westhoek forward, working in 6 hours shifts by Companies.  |                                      |
|       | 28.9.1917 |      | ditto,   |                                      |
|       | to.       |      | ditto.   |                                      |
|       | 30.9.1917 |      |  |                                      |

*T. T. P.*  
 for Captain and Adjutant  
 for Commanding Officer.

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| <u>APPENDIX No. 1</u> |            |       | <u>CASUALTIES</u>                 |   |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 4218  | pte Stuart J.                     | Killed, premature burst shell.                            |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2339  | " Gunn V.T.                       | Wounded, premature burst shell.                           |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2493  | Sgt Thompson G.P.                 | Wounded, thigh, H.E. Shell.                               |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 1942  | T/Cpl Thomas W.K.                 | Wounded, foot, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2195  | L/Cpl Spiller J.G.                | Wounded, thigh and arm, H.E. Shell.                       |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 3854  | pte Tichbon R.T.                  | Wounded, head, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 3081  | " Costello T.                     | Wounded, arm, leg and back. H.E. Shell.                   |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2412  | " Marsh W.                        | Wounded, back, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 3939  | " Smith L.                        | Wounded, neck, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 3008a | " Bourke W.P.                     | Wounded, back and neck, H.E. Shell.                       |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917. | 2384  | " Kearney M.A.                    | Wounded, knee, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 4195  | " Waters V.C.                     | Wounded, ankle, H.E. Shell.                               |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 3996  | " Sloper W.                       | Wounded, leg, H.E. Shell.                                 |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 1712  | " Sloper J.                       | Wounded, back, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2215  | " Tracey T.                       | Wounded, neck, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 1679  | " Bateman T.                      | Wounded, arm, H.E. Shell (Remaining on duty).             |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 3083  | " Lindon G.F.                     | Wounded, arm, H.E. Shell.                                 |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2935  | T/CPL Tainsh F.J.                 | Wounded, arm and foot, H.E. Shell.                        |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 356   | pte Brain A. J.                   | Wounded, arm, H.E. Shell.                                 |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 1919  | " Preece D.                       | Wounded, knee, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 1896  | " Maher C.A.                      | Wounded, back and knee, H.E. Shell.                       |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 1730a | " Beanish H.                      | Wounded, back, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2811  | " Taylor A.                       | Wounded, head, right shoulder and right knee, H.E. Shell. |                                      |
|                       | 24.9.1917  | 2080  | L/Cpl Barry S.                    | Wounded, head, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 25.9.1917  | 3126  | pte Law G.                        | Wounded, head and right thigh broken, H.E. Shell.         |                                      |
|                       | 26.9.1917  | 2687  | " O'Brien J. M.                   | Killed, H.E. Shell.                                       |                                      |
|                       | 26.9.1917  | 2429  | " Muirhead A.                     | Killed, H.E. Shell.                                       |                                      |
|                       | 26.9.1917  | 1846  | " Choate G.                       | Wounded, chest and leg, H.E. Shell.                       |                                      |
|                       | 26.9.1917  | 667   | " Harlett J.                      | Wounded, hand, H.E. Shell.                                |                                      |
|                       | 26.9.1917  | 2410  | " Klauke F.R.                     | Wounded, arm, H.E. Shell.                                 |                                      |

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|       |           |      | <u>CASUALTIES (Continued).</u>    |                |   |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 4254 T/CPL                        | Radford A.S.   | Wounded, arm, H.E. Shell.                               |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 1880a L/Cpl                       | Jardine J.     | Wounded, arm and leg, H.E. Shell.                       |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 1658 L/Cpl                        | Burren M.C.    | Wounded, leg, H.E. Shell.                               |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 1852b pte                         | Mitchell T.H.  | Wounded, hip, H.E. Shell.                               |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 3294 "                            | Dowdell L.     | Wounded, face, H.E. Shell.                              |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 3603 "                            | Nugent A.F.    | Wounded, neck, H.E. Shell. (Remaining on duty).         |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 3106 "                            | Halliday F.    | Wounded, abdomen, H.E. Shell.                           |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 2157 "                            | Lane J.N.      | Wounded, left shoulder, H.E. Shell.                     |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 1902 "                            | McKee M.       | Wounded, left arm, H.E. Shell.                          |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 2692 "                            | Preddy H.W.    | Wounded (severely) neck, H.E. Shell.                    |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 2145 "                            | Kewley W.A.    | Wounded, leg, H.E. Shell.                               |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 2704a "                           | Richards J.N.  | Wounded, right thigh, H.E. Shell.                       |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 2824 "                            | Dignan A.      | Wounded, previously reported as missing.                |  |
|       | 26.9.1917 |      | 2334 "                            | Burrell J.     | Wounded, previously reported missing.                   |  |
|       | 28.9.1917 |      | 3402 "                            | Leng E.        | Wounded, arm and hand, H.E. Shell.                      |  |
|       | 28.9.1917 |      | 1863 "                            | Gardner F.     | Wounded, head, arm and leg. (Died of wounds 28.9.1917). |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 3245 "                            | Bickford J.    | Killed, H.E. Shell.                                     |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 5088 "                            | Flynn C.       | Wounded, head, H.E. Shell.                              |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 1562 L/Cpl                        | Higgerson C.   | Wounded, leg and hand, H.E. Shell.                      |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 2479 pte                          | Wyatt J.       | Wounded, chest H.E. Shell.                              |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 1756 Sgt.                         | Hayes H.H.     | Killed, H.E. Shell.                                     |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 6663 pte.                         | Sheehan J.H.   | Killed, H.E. Shell.                                     |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 3323 "                            | Bradley A.     | Killed, H.E. Shell.                                     |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 2208 "                            | Smith C.S.     | Killed, H.E. Shell.                                     |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 4244 "                            | Byrne M.       | Wounded, leg, H.E. Shell.                               |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 2597 "                            | Crickmore E.J. | Wounded, left leg, H.E. Shell.                          |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 2326 "                            | Whalley G.     | Wounded, face, H.E. Shell.                              |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 3306 "                            | Amon A.        | Wounded, face, left arm, H.E. Shell.                    |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 2424 L/Cpl                        | Martin G.      | Wounded, Face, H.E. Shell.                              |  |
|       | 29.9.1917 |      | 2163a pte                         | Cushing E.W.   | Wounded, right knee, H.E. Shell.                        |  |
|       | 30.9.1917 |      | 3862 Cpl                          | Pope A.        | Wounded, back, H.E. Shell.                              |  |

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|  | 30.9.1917  |      | 2189 Pte parkin H.                | Wounded, leg, H.E. Shell.                |                                      |
|  | 30.9.1917. |      | 1951a " Whitlaw T.G.              | Wounded, back and right leg, H.E. Shell. |                                      |
|  | 30.9.1917  |      | 3460 " Wise E.E.                  | Wounded, back and right leg, H.E. Shell. |                                      |
| <p><i>T.C. Primer</i><br/>for CAPT. and ADJUTANT <i>Lieut.</i></p> |            |      |                                   |  |                                      |

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APPENDIX 11

DAILY STRENGTHS

| Date        | Effect. Str.  |                | On Roll       |                | Date        | Effect. Str. |       | On roll |       | Date        | Effect. Str. |       | On roll |       |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|-------------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|
|             | Off.          | O/Rs.          | Off.          | O/Rs.          |             | Off.         | O/Rs. | Off.    | O/Rs. |             | Off.         | O/Rs. | Off.    | O/Rs. |
| 1. 9. 1917  | 28            | 795            | 37            | 929            | 11. 9. 1917 | 30           | 800   | 33      | 927   | 21. 9. 1917 | 29           | 813   | 32      | 925   |
| 2. 9. 1917  | <del>37</del> | <del>795</del> | <del>37</del> | <del>929</del> | 12. 9. 1917 | 30           | 801   | 32      | 927   | 22. 9. 1917 | 28           | 795   | 32      | 925   |
| 3. 9. 1917  | 28            | 797            | 36            | 931            | 13. 9. 1917 | 30           | 799   | 32      | 927   | 23. 9. 1917 | 28           | 795   | 32      | 925   |
| 4. 9. 1917  | 28            | 797            | 36            | 931            | 14. 9. 1917 | 30           | 801   | 32      | 924   | 24. 9. 1917 | 28           | 838   | 32      | 968   |
| 5. 9. 1917  | 28            | 797            | 36            | 931            | 15. 9. 1917 | 30           | 806   | 32      | 918   | 25. 9. 1917 | 29           | 786   | 33      | 968   |
| 6. 9. 1917  | 28            | 798            | 36            | 932            | 16. 9. 1917 | 30           | 813   | 32      | 918   | 26. 9. 1917 | 29           | 745   | 33      | 938   |
| 7. 9. 1917  | 28            | 794            | 33            | 919            | 17. 9. 1917 | 30           | 812   | 32      | 927   | 27. 9. 1917 | 29           | 730   | 33      | 936   |
| 8. 9. 1917  | 29            | 799            | 33            | 924            | 18. 9. 1917 | 30           | 812   | 32      | 927   | 28. 9. 1917 | 29           | 723   | 33      | 919   |
| 9. 9. 1917  | 29            | 816            | 33            | 921            | 19. 9. 1917 | 28           | 820   | 32      | 924   | 29. 9. 1917 | 28           | 725   | 33      | 916   |
| 10. 9. 1917 | 29            | 810            | 33            | 921            | 20. 9. 1917 | 28           | 806   | 32      | 924   | 30. 9. 1917 | 28           | 710   | 33      | 908   |



*T. C. Peimer* Lieut.  
for CAPTAIN and ADJUTANT

Appendix No. II



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CAPTAIN SIR ADRIAN WELLS  
*L. G. James*

| Date        | O/Ts    |      | Date        | O/Ts    |      | Date        | O/Ts    |      |
|-------------|---------|------|-------------|---------|------|-------------|---------|------|
|             | On Roll | O/Ts |             | On Roll | O/Ts |             | On Roll | O/Ts |
| 10. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 20. 3. 1917 | 58      | 800  | 30. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  |
| 11. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 21. 3. 1917 | 58      | 820  | 31. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  |
| 12. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 22. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 1. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 13. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 23. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 2. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 14. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 24. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 3. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 15. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 25. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 4. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 16. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 26. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 5. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 17. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 27. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 6. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 18. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 28. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 7. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 19. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 29. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 8. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |
| 20. 3. 1917 | 58      | 810  | 30. 3. 1917 | 58      | 815  | 9. 4. 1917  | 58      | 810  |

APPENDIX II

DAILY STATEMENTS

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