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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
Front Line HOLLEBEKE Sector.	1/2/18		Foggy, cold morning, did not clear up. Lecture at Brigade Headquarters (Lack 8) by Officer from Corps to Brigade Lewis Gunners on anti-aircraft sight for Lewis Guns. General BIRDWOOD and Divisional Commander visited the two Battalions in Front Line. Gas casualties still being evacuated from 14th and 13th Battalions. Two men reported missing from one of 14th Battalion Posts.	Intelligence Summary.	
	2/2/18		Foggy morning, cleared up at about 9.a.m., bright day. Artillery activity on both sides above normal. 14th Battalion bombarded with gas shells about 9.50.p.m. Our artillery retaliation silenced enemy.	Intelligence Summary.	
	3/2/18		Bright clear morning. Ground drying up well. Activity normal. Div. Order No. 98 for relief on 5th/6th and 6th/7th. Works going ahead well.	Intelligence Summary.	
	4/2/18		Bright clear day. Enemy artillery activity above normal. Casualties 3 killed. Brigade Officers School doing good work. New syllabus attached.	Intelligence Summary.	
	5/2/18		Bright clear day. Preparing for relief to-night - portion carried out in daylight. Working Parties suspended except 15th Battalion who are not moving. Relief complete without casualties at 9.30.p.m. and Brigade moved back to LA CLYTTE.	Bde. Order/25 Intelligence Summary. Disposition Report.	
	LA CLYTTE	6/2/18		Bright day. Units settling down, bathing, haircutting, etc. All Working Parties suspended. Report received that 45th Battalion had had a Post raided just after the relief and had lost 5 men. General BRAND spent day visiting Units, transport, &c.	Works Report
		7/2/18		Cold day with light showers. Roads very wet and muddy. Working Parties as per list. Orders received for the appointment of Brigade Gas Officer - Lieut. L.C.BARNES, 14th Battalion, appointed.	Working Party Table.
		8/2/18		Cold day but little rain. Working Parties supplied as per list. 14th Battalion still evacuating cases suffering from Gas.	
	9/2/18		Fine day but cold. Reinforcements arrived 23 for 13th Bn., 25 for 14th Bn., 1 for 15th Bn., 61 for 16th Bn. Divisional Commander (General GLASGOW) inspected 14th and 15th Battalions and Transport Lines with A/Brigadier. Working parties supplied as per list. General BRAND visited the Brigade.		

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LA CLYTTE	10/2/18		Fine day. Church parades at TOURNAI and MURRUMBIDGEE Camps, and LA CLYTTE Church. Working Parties as usual, except those at Artillery Horse Lines, which are suspended.	
	11/2/18		Fine day, cold. Court of Enquiry held at 12th Brigade Headquarters to enquire into circumstances surrounding recent losses from Gas - 13th and 14th Battalion Officers giving evidence. Commanding Officer and Adjutant, 14th Battalion, evacuated suffering from Gas. Working Parties as usual.	
	12/2/18		Dull day, light showers, cleared up in afternoon. Working Parties as usual. Pierrots opened in DE ZON Camp, full house, good performance. Four new artists from Training Battalion made their debuts. Conference of Commanding Officers at Brigade Headquarters 10.30.a.m. to discuss Defence Schememetc. Meeting of Boxing Representatives 2.30.p.m. to arrange re forthcoming Boxing Tournaments.	Agenda papers.
	13/2/18		Showery and dull. L.T.M. Battery move to DEVON CAMP. Major Johnston (Brigade-Major) returned from leave and took command of 14th Battalion, Lieut-Colonel SMITH having been evacuated. Working Parties as usual.	
	14/2/18		Dull day. Working Parties as usual. Some difficulty experienced in mustering full numbers asked for. Preliminary trials for Corps Boxing Contests. Some excellent bouts. Canteen Audit shows 85000 francs profit for month.	
	15/2/18		Dull and cold. Final eliminating trial for Welter Weights, RAMSAY (14th Battalion) beat WOOLFE (13th Battalion). Transport inspected by A/Brigadier. Not up to standard. Working Parties as usual.	
	16/2/18		Bright day following white frost. Working Parties all busy. Reinforcements received 8 Other Ranks 13th Bn., 1 Officer 7 Other Ranks 14th Bn., 1 Officer 8 Other Ranks 15th Bn., 12 Other Ranks 16th Bn., 1 Officer 15 Other Ranks 4th M.G. Company.	
	17/2/18		Bright day following white frost. Church Parades in Pierrot Hall, Y.M.C.A. Hut and LA CLYTTE Church (R.C.) Working Party of 250 salvaging suspended for 3 days from to-day to enable men to bathe etc. Lecture on Power Buzzer by Officer of Div. Signal Company in Pierrot Hall 3.p.m. for all Brigade Officers available. Div. Order No. 99 received. We are to relieve the 12th Brigade in the line on 20th and night 20th/21st.	P.M.

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LA CLYTTE	17/2/18		Lieut-Colonel E.A.DRAKE-BROCKMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O. returned and took Command of the Brigade. Party of 30 men from T.M.Battery employed to make up Working Party strength.	
	18/2/18		Bright day following heavy frost. Preliminary reconnaissance of the Line being made by all concerned. Working parties as usual except 250 on salvaging, which was suspended for three days from 17/2/18. Reconnaissance of forward area continued.	
	19/2/18		Bright fine day. Working Parties and reconnaissance continued. Conference of Commanding Officers held at Brigade Headquarters at 4.p.m. to discuss policy during forthcoming tour in the line.	Notes on Conference
(LA CLYTTE. FRONT LINE Divisional Right Sector.	20/2/18		Fine cold morning. Relieved 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade in the Front Line, Divisional Right Sector (HOLLEBEKE to J.32.c.O.7. Sheet 28). 13th Bn. on right, 15th Bn. on left, 16th Bn. in Support, 14th Bn. in Reserve (TOURNAI CAMP). Relief complete at 9.20.p.m. without incident. Light drizzle all afternoon and evening. NO MAN'S LAND in wet boggy state. 15th Battalion making preparations for a raid.	Bde.Order No. 126 Disposition Report.
(FRONT LINE Divisional Right Sector.	21/2/18		Bright clear morning. Visibility excellent. Units all comfortably settled. Working Parties supplied as per Table. 4th A.M.G.Company and 4th A.L.T.M.Battery relieved 12th A.M.G.Company and 12th A.L.T.M.Battery in Forward Line. Relief complete by 7.p.m. without incident. Divisional eliminating trials held to select representatives in Corps Boxing Tournament. 4th Brigade Group won in every class (list of successful competitors attached). <i>Appendix A 13</i>	Intelligence Summary. Working Party Table. <i>appendix 13</i>
	22/2/18		Dull morning with light drizzle. Battalions in Line visited by Divisional Commander. Warning notice of probable relief by 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade on night 1st/2nd march received. Works Policy being persuaded. Reinforcements received 13th Bn. 12, 14th Bn. 14, 15th Bn. 9, 16th Bn. 27.	Intelligence Summary. Working Party List.
	23/2/18		Bright clear day. Light enemy gas shelling did no damage. Enemy Artillery Activity above normal.	Intelligence Summary.
	24/2/18		Dull day but no rain. Divisional Order No. 100 for relief by 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade received. 15th Battalion report attempted raid on two of their posts (4 J.31. and 5 J.31). Raid repulsed no casualties to us nor so far as can be ascertained to enemy. Officers	Intelligence Summary.

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	25/2/18		Dull wet morning, cleared up at mid-day. Bright Sunny afternoon. Two prisoners of 466th R.I.R. captured by 15th Battalion. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reconnoitring sector. 15th Battalion making all preparations for raid. Some gas shells during day.	Intelligence Summary.																																																																							
	26/2/18		Fine day. Enemy activity above normal. Officers of 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade reconnoitring sector. Brigade Order No. 128 for move to NEUVE EGLISE Area issued. Also Brigade Order No. 128 for Raid.	Intelligence Summary. Works Report. Bde. Order 127																																																																							
	27/2/18		Bright sunny morning. Raid cancelled by Division. Divisional Commander visited Battalions in front line. Enemy registrations on Support and Reserve Lines, defensive positions, C.T's and Tracks suggest a probable attack. Conference of Commanding Officers at Brigade Headquarters at 6.30.p.m. All battle positions to be manned at 2.30.a.m. to-morrow by both Support and Reserve Battalions. A prisoner (deserter) captured on front of Division on right had stated that an attack on that front was to take place before dawn on 28th instant. Light rain at night.	" 128 Intelligence Summary.																																																																							
28/2/18		All Units standing to at 2.30.a.m. Brigade Headquarters moved forward to Battle Headquarters in SPOIL BANK. Light rain. Expected attack did not come off. Further enemy registration during day. 16th Battalion (Support) and 14th Battalion (Reserve) relieved by 9th and 10th Battalions respectively. 16th Battalion now at ALDERSHOT CAMP and 14th Battalion at NEUVE EGLISE. General BRAND, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. returned from leave and resumed command. Bright sunny day but cold. Two Junior Officers of American Army attached to Brigade for training, one sent to 13th Battalion and one to 15th Battalion. Enemy shelling in vicinity of Brigade Headquarters with H.V. gun during night. Casualties for month -	<i>Intelligence Summary</i>																																																																								
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WAR DIARY.
 OF
 FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
 FOR
 Month of February, 1918.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6.a.m. 31/1/18 to 6.a.m. 1/2/1818.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Activity below normal. Intermittent fire by 18-pounders throughout the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Light trench mortars fired a few rounds during the night against machine gun position in rear of Lock 6.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Below normal, a few of our planes were active between daylight and 10.a.m., from then on a thick fog obscured everything beyond 100 yards distance.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 3 C.Rks.	7.p.m. and throughout the night.	7.30.p.m.	From O.12.a.10.60. to O.11.b.95.40.	Liaison patrol, kept touch with left post of Division on right.
1 Off. 3 O.Rks.	9.p.m.	10.10.p.m.	From O.6.c.60.40. to O.6.c.70.20. to O.6.c.45.10.	No enemy movement observed. Ground becoming much drier.
1 N.C.O. 3 C.Rks.	7.p.m. and throughout the night.	7.25.p.m.	From O.6.c.70.65. to O.6.d.30.70.	Liaison patrol between Battalions, everything quiet.
1 N.C.O. 4 C.Rks.	6.p.m.	9.p.m.	From P.1.a.90.40. to P.1.b.45.60. to P.1.b.60.95. to J.31.d.35.15.	An enemy working party was heard at GAME COPSE. Patrol was fired on from direction of MAY (FARM. No enemy seen. Ground boggy.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	6.p.m. and throughout the night.	7.p.m.	From J.31.d.80.25. to J.32.c.10.75.	Liaison patrol, kept touch with Brigade on left. No sign of enemy.

In addition to the above patrols lateral patrols along Posts and Wire were out throughout the night.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.ENEMY'S ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITION. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Fusilier Dugouts were shelled between 8.a.m. and 8.40.a.m. with Gas and H.E. 4.2's. The vicinity of Railway trench in O.6.a. was shelled between 9 and 9.30.a.m. At 1.a.m. shelled CLUSTERS with Gas Shells. At 2.a.m. shelled BELGIAN WOOD GROUP. At 10.p.m. shelled CLUSTERS with H.E. At 6.10.p.m. shelled I.36.c. and O.6.a. with H.E. At 7.10.p.m. " " " " with Gas Shells. At 8.p.m. " " " " with 5.9's. and 4.2's.

MORTARS. Trench Mortar fired from GAME COPSE on to BELGIAN WOOD GROUP at 8.p.m.

ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet except for artillery activity.

ENEMY'S DEFENCES. Enemy working party heard at GAME COPSE.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd.)

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION. Six enemy were observed entering MAY FARM at 6.30.a.m. and 2 more at 4.p.m. At 2.a.m. voices and whistling heard at about CIRCUS POINT. At 4.a.m. movement of transport heard in direction of ZANVOORDE.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

GAS. A sample of tainted earth is forwarded for Divl Gas Officer.

MACHINE GUNS. Active throughout day and night against our approaches and front line posts, chiefly from direction of Lock 6 and approx. O. 6.4.5.5.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6 a.m. 1/2/18 to 6 a.m. 2/2/18.

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OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normal. Field Guns livened up towards night, CIRCUS POINT and DAMP COPSE receiving special attention.

TRENCH MORTARS. A few rounds were fired by Stokes on M.G. North of Lock 5.

MACHINE GUNS. During the night fired on enemy tracks and centres of movements.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. No activity owing to heavy fog.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Officer. 3 O.Rks.	12.15 a.m.	1 a.m.	From O. 6. d. 60.45. to O. 6. d. 7.1. to O. 6. d. 4.1.	Nothing was heard or seen of the enemy.
1 N.C.O. 1 O.R.	3 p.m. and every 4 hours.	8.30 p.m.	From O. 12. a. 1. 6. to O. 11. b. 9. 4.	Liaison with left post of Division on right.
1 Officer. 4 O.Rks.	12.45 a.m.	2.45 a.m.	From J. 31. d. 8. 2. to J. 32. c. 2. 2. along Belgian Wood to P. 1. b. 5. 6. back to South edge of FISH POND to J. 31. d. 5. 1.	Special patrol to search for body of supposed dead Australian. Unable to locate same. Enemy wire in front of road from MOAT FM. to WET POND Machine Gun in rear of MOAT FM. fired on patrol. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	3 p.m. and every 4 hours.	8.50 p.m.	From O. 6. d. 3. 8. to O. 6. c. 7. 7.	Patrolled ground between Bns. NO sign of enemy.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	6 p.m. and throughout night.	7 p.m.	From J. 31. d. 8. 2. to J. 32. c. 1. 7.	Liaison and protection, kept touch with Bde. on left.

In addition to these patrols, liaison was kept throughout all the posts, and lateral patrols were sent along the wire.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Very quiet throughout the day. At 10 p.m. a few gas and H.E. 77 shells fell in the vicinity of Belgian Wood Group.

TRENCH MORTARS. Mortar at DAMP COPSE was again active but bombs were falling in the Left Brigade's Area.

MACHINE GUNS. Very quiet, guns were firing from Lock 5, MAY FARM, CIRCUS POINT and FUNNY FARM.

ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Extremely quiet throughout the 24 hours.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

MOVEMENT. At 4 p.m. 5 Huns were seen to enter MAY FARM, at 1 a.m. Wiring Party heard in direction of GAME COPSE. Voices were heard in direction of DAMP COPSE at 9.50 a.m. A Hun was observed to climb down from a tree opposite Post at O. 6. d. 7. 3., it was too late to shoot, but a watch will be kept on the tree.

MISCELLANEOUS. Owing to heavy mist good observation was impossible.

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From 5.a.m. 2/2/18 to 5.a.m. 3/2/1918.

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1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was fairly active during the day, during a bombardment of dugouts in the vicinity of Lock 4 several direct hits on concrete dugouts were seen. Five German stretcher bearers with red cross flag were seen going in that direction during the bombardment.

TRENCH MORTARS. A few rounds were fired by our Stokes into near edge of GAME COPSE.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Activity normal throughout the day. At 2.15.a.m. a number of our planes crossed the enemy's lines and between 2.30.a.m. and 3.30.a.m. twelve bombs were heard to drop in enemy's rear areas.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 1 O.R.	7.30.p.m. and throughout night.	8.p.m.	From O.12.a.1.6. to O.11.b.9.4.	Liaison, kept touch with Division on right.
1 Officer. 3 O.Rks.	12.15.a.m.	1.30.a.m.	From O.6.c.6.4. to O.6.c.7.2. to O.6.c.4.1.	Everything quiet. No sign of enemy.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	3.15.a.m.	4.a.m.	From O.6.c.7.4. to O.6.c.8.2. to O.6.c.4.1.	Sounds of working parties, working on Railway embankment S.E. of Lock 6, heard. Otherwise quiet.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	10.p.m. and throughout night.	11.p.m.	From O.6.d.3.7. to O.6.c.8.6.	Liaison, kept touch between Battalions.
1 Officer. 4 O.Rks.	12.45.a.m.	2.45.a.m.	From J.31.d.7.7. to J.31.d.9.1. to P.1.b.5.7. to P.1.b.9.5.	Patrolled NO MAN'S LAND in front of left posts. No sign of enemy. Ground wet.

In addition to these patrols, lateral patrols along Posts and Wire were out through the night.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Activity normal. At 12 Noon and again at 5.p.m. the vicinity of I.27.a. and c. was heavily shelled by 5.9's. At 9.50. and 10.5.p.m. the vicinity of FUSILIER WALK was shelled with gas shells.

4. MACHINE GUNS. Activity normal, two guns were firing from GAME COPSE. Our T.M. fire apparently silenced one. Flashes of guns observed at CIRCUS POINT, DAMP COPSE and FUNNY FM.

5. MOVEMENT. An enemy wiring party was heard in vicinity of GAME COPSE. Men could be heard calling out, whistling and dumping material on the ground.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. Flares were fired occasionally during the night from GAME COPSE.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6.a.m. 3/2/18 to 6.a.m. 4/2/1918.

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OPERATIONS.

1. ARTILLERY. Activity normal, during day our heavies shelled the vicinity of KORTEWILDE. Field guns during the night shelled FUNNY FARM and PIE FARM. At 10.p.m. two salvos were fired at CIRCUS POINT.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 2.a.m. fired a few shots into GAME COPSE.

MACHINE GUNS. Active throughout the night firing on enemy's tracks and centres of movement.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Our planes were very active all day crossing and re-crossing enemy's lines. At 5.15.a.m. one of our planes flew over enemy lines in direction of ZANVOORDE, some minutes later several loud explosions were heard.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 1 O.Rk.	7.30.p.m. and throughout night.	8.p.m.	From O.12.a.1.6. to O.11.b.9.4.	Liaison maintained with Division on right. All quiet.
1 N.C.O.	5.p.m.	5.45.p.m.	From O.6.c.7.4. to O.6.c.7.1. to O.6.c.4.1.	Patrolled through NO MAN'S LAND, no sign of enemy.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	8.p.m. and throughout night.	8.47.p.m.	From O.6.d.3.7. to O.6.c.8.6.	Liaison between Battalions. No sign of enemy.
1 Officer. 3 O.Rks.	6.p.m.	8.p.m.	From J.31.d.4.2. to J.31.d.9.5. to J.31.d.9.2. to J.31.d.7.0. to P.1.b.0.7.	Patrolled NO MAN'S LAND in front of Posts. No sign of enemy. Ground everywhere still very boggy.
2 N.C.O's.	6.p.m. and every two hours.	7.p.m.	From P.1.b.0.7. to J.31.d.6.1.	Lateral patrol. Working parties were heard at MAY FM. and CIRCUS POINT.
1 N.C.O. 1 O.Rk.	6.30.p.m. and every two hours.	8.p.m.	From J.31.d.4.2. to J.32.c.1.7.	Liaison. Kept touch with Bde. on left.

In addition to these, lateral patrols were out between Posts and along wire.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Active, about 20 shells fell near our posts at P.1.a.3.0. and P.1.a.3.2. these were mostly 77's. About 10 4.2's. fell a short distance from Posts at O.6.d.7.8. Belgian Group was subjected to some shrapnel during afternoon. At 10.a.m. and 11.a.m. POTSDAM GROUP was shelled at intervals with 5.9's.

MACHINE GUNS. Gun firing from GAME COPSE. One from CIRCUS POINT swept POTSDAM GROUP throughout the night. Gun at Lock 6 also active.

8. MOVEMENT. At 5.a.m. 7 of the enemy were observed moving at approx. P.18.a.9.9. At 4.30.p.m. 6 Huns were seen to leave a trench and enter PIE FARM.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Two green flares were observed to go up at 4.55.a.m. from about Lock 6, no apparent result.

J. H. W.
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
4th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 125

Reference Sheet 28 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
3rd Feby., 1918.

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- 1. (a) The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade (less Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery) will be relieved in the Front Line by the 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade (less Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery) on the 5th and night 5th/6th February.
- (b) The relief of the 4th A.M.G. Company and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery by the 12th A.M.G. Company and 12th A.L.T.M. Battery will be carried out on the 6th and night 6th/7th February.
- 2. On relief 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will return to Reserve Brigade Area.

3. Moves will take place as under :-

Date.	Unit.	Present location.	Relieved by.	On relief to.	By Light Detrain- will move Rly. from Spoil Bank at
5/2/18	4th Bde. H.Q.	Lock 8	13th Bde. H.Q.	LA CLYTTE	-
5/2/18	13th Bn.	CANAL DUGOUTS) GASPARS CLIFFS)	48th Bn.	CURRAGH CAMP	2.p.m. KILMARNOCK
"	14th Bn.	Front Line - Left Sector.	45th Bn.	MURRUMBID- GEE CAMP.	10.30.p.m. "
"	15th Bn.	TOURNAI CAMP	46th Bn.	Will not move.	"
"	13th Bn.	Front Line- Right Sector.	47th Bn.	DE ZON CAMP.	9.30.p.m. "
5/2/18	M.G. Coy.	Front Line	12th M.G. Co	BAROSSA CAMP.	8.30.p.m. "
"	T.M. Bty.	Front Line	12th T.M. Bty.	RIDGE WOOD CAMP.	8.30.p.m. "

- 4. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
- 5. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by Code Word BED.
- 6. Brigade Headquarters Office will close at Lock 8 at 4.p.m. on 5th inst. and open at LA CLYTTE at the same hour.
- 7. A return showing Area and Trench Stores handed over and for which a receipt is held will be forwarded to Bde. Headquarters by Noon 6th inst. This will be a consolidated return for the whole of the Unit concerned.
- 8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2.p.m. 3/2/1918 through Signals.

M. J. Lovell
Major.
A/Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade

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- 22 Right Group Artillery.
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6.a.m. 4/2/18 to 6.a.m. 5/2/1918.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Active, enemy's posts and back areas both received considerable attention. The machine gun which fired from FUNNY FARM was silence early in the evening, and has not fired since. CIRCUS POINT, MAY FARM and PIE FARM were also subjected to fire throughout the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Activity normal. Stokes Mortars fired on Lock 6 and machine gun positions at O.12.a.9.8. and O.6.d.1.2. Three rounds were fired on a working party heard at approx. O.12.b.4.9

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Our planes were very active throughout the day. At about 7.p.m. several of our planes crossed enemy's lines, shortly afterwards loud explosions were heard, enemy searchlights endeavoured to locate planes.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 1 O.Rk.	7.40.p.m. and throughout night.	8.5.p.m.	From O.12.a.1.6. to O.11.b.9.4.	Liaison. Kept touch with Division on right.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	9.p.m. and throughout night.	9.30.p.m.	From O.6.c.8.6. to O.6.a.3.7.	Liaison. Touch was kept between Battns. A Hun working party (was heard in rear of Lock 6.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	6.p.m. and every two hours.	7.p.m.	From J.31.d.8.2. to J.32.c.1.7.	Liaison. Kept touch with Brigade on left.

In addition lateral patrols were out along our wire, and between posts. Ground very wet and boggy in front of left sector.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet, at 6.a.m. HESSIAN WOOD was shelled with 77 m.m. and 4.2's. for 5 minutes. At brief intervals during the afternoon H.E. shrapnel burst near posts at P.1.a.3.0. and P.1.a.3.2.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

8. MOVEMENT. Enemy patrol heard outside our wire opposite post 3.J.31. at 6.30.p.m. apparently on road leading to MOAT FM. A considerable amount of movement was observed in the vicinity of Lock 4 and on the outskirts of KORTEWILDE.

9. ARMS, Etc. During hours of darkness a few flares were sent up from DAMP COPSE, WIND COTIS and MOAT FARM.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy machine guns active from DAMP COPSE, CIRCUS POINT, MAY FARM and DAMP COPSE. Gun at DAMP COPSE located firing from a true bearing of 132 degrees from post 5.J.31.

J. H. Perry
 Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer,
 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
6/2/1918.

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Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

The following is the locations of Units of this
Brigade :-

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Qrs.	N.7.c.7.8.	LA CLYTTE.
13th Battalion.	M.17.c.2.9.	CURRAGH CAMP.
14th "	N.7.a.5.5.	MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP.
15th "	N.10.b.7.4.	TOURNAI CAMP.
16th "	M.12.d.2.4.	DE ZON CAMP.
4th M.G. Company.	I.33.d.40.50.)	} IN LINE.
4th A.L.T.M. Battery.	I.33.d.45.50.)	
Brigade Transport.	N.20.b.	

Andrew Meyer

Lieut-Colonel.
Commdg. 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Works Report for week ending 5th February, 1918.1. POSTS. (a) Right Battalion.

Wire. 400 yards of double apron has been erected from O. 6. c. 60.15. to O. 12. a. 20.50. This completed the front system; our wire now connects with that of the Battalions on both flanks.

Defensive work on Posts. Parapets improved and kept in repair and drains cleaned out; all fresh earth camouflaged.

(b) Left Battalion.

Wire. Along the whole Battalion front parties were nightly engaged thickening and strengthening existing wire. A belt of new wire, double apron, was erected from approximately O. 6. d. 30.80. - O. 6. d. 70.80.

Defensive work on Posts. Parapets maintained, improved and thickened, and drains cleaned out and revetted.

2. SUPPORT LINE.(a) Right Battalion (OAK SUPPORT).

Wire. 300 yards double apron erected from O. 5. c. 1.2. to Canal Bank in front of Battalion Headquarters. 50 yards double apron completed at O. 5. b. 6.4.

Drainage, revetting and duckboarding. 45 yards revetment frames put in and anchored back. 12 "A" frames and corrugated iron fixed. 40 yards new Fire Trench dug, bermed and revetted and floored with duckboards. 175 yards drains cleaned out and revetted.

(b) Left Battalion (IMPERIAL SUPPORT).

152 yards trench revetted. 180 yards trench cleaned out and revetment frames put in. 30 yards new trench dug, 20 "A" frames fixed, 50 yards duckboards laid. Two bays cleaned out, shell breaks repaired and new revetment put in.

3. RESERVE LINE.

Strong Points. Notice Boards fixed in all Strong Points. 78 "A"

O. 5. d. 8. 7. frames fixed with corrugated iron against walls of trench. 40 yards C.T. dug to rear and 30 yards revetted. 35 yards new drain dug and revetment hurdles fixed. 46 yards new fire trench dug, bermed and revetted. 800 sandbags filled and placed in building up parapet. 31 duckboards placed on floor.

O. 4. d. 3. 1.
(S.P. No. 2).

Two Bays and Traverses revetted, bermed and parapet completed. 42 yards drain dug and revetted. 30 Revetment frames put in position and anchored back with long anchor pickets. 150 yards camouflaged.

O. 4. d. 6. 3.
(S.P. No. 3).

One Bay and traverse completed. 20 yards new trench dug and revetted. 14 yards drainage repaired and revetted.

O. 4. d. 85. 50.
(S.P. No. 4).

Twenty yards new fire trench dug and 25 yards new drains put in. 180 yards double apron wire erected.

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- O.5.c.05.65. One bay and traverse revetted. One bay deepened and revetted.
- (S.P. No.5).
- O.5.c.38.35. 35 yards Trench dug to depth of "A" frames and 30 yards dug to a depth of 4 feet 6 inches.
- (S.P. No.6).
- O.5.a.7.7. Forty yards revetted on enemy side, 50 yards bermed.
- (S.P. No.7). Sixty duckboards laid and 22 revetment frames placed in position and securely anchored.
- O.5.b.2.9. 34 yards new fire trench dug and revetment hurdles fixed. 30 yards revetted, parapets formed and sand-bagged. 16 "A" frames and iron fixed. Double apron wire for 130 yards erected and Hedge wired between O.4.d.8.3. and O.4.d.85.50. Twenty yards drain dug and revetted. All work well camouflaged.
- (S.P. No.8)
- I.35.d.8.2. Thirty yards new trench dug and drained. Forty yards drains deepened and widened.
- (S.P. No.9).

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

OAK AVENUE and OAK WALK.

Duckboards repaired, 31 revetment hurdles fixed and earth banked up. Drains opened up and cleaned out. Maintenance work carried out by working party daily.

IMPERIAL AVENUE.

160 yards duckboards wired and twenty yards new drains dug and revetted. Existing drains cleaned out; duckboards taken out and floor of trench cleaned out and duckboards replaced. 85 new revetment hurdles fixed N. of the Gap in Railway Embankment, and camouflage screens erected.

OLAF AVENUE.

60 yards between Reserve Line and Chateau Dugouts, banked up, parapets strengthened and duckboards laid. 78 yards trench revetted and securely anchored back. Seven shell breaks repaired and new revetment frames and duckboards fixed.

NEW TRACK.

Duckboard and facine track completed from Right Battalion Headquarters along Canal Bank, across Canal to TRIANGLE Dugouts.

5. CAMOUFLAGE.

Good work has been done nightly by Brigade Camouflage Officer and 13th Field Company and all new digging carefully screened.

6. ACCOMMODATION.

Pill Boxes at O.4.central pumped out and cleaned, this Group are now all fit for occupation. At J.31.c.4.6. six shelters, roofed with elephant iron, are now in course of construction and nearly completed, they will each hold three men and will bring Supporting Platoon in closer touch with Left Group of Posts.

7. STRENGTH.

36 officers and 906 Other Ranks, exclusive of gar-

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risoners, have been daily employed on these works. In addition 2 Officers and 79 Other Ranks attached to the 2nd Canadian Tunnelling Company and 184th Tunnelling Company and 18 Other Ranks at Divisional Laundry and Baths.

8. GENERAL.

Good progress has been made during the past week with all work, the weather being favourable, and only on three occasions was it interfered with by enemy shelling. Brigade Ammunition Dump at I.33.d.4.2. is now completed.

J. Sampson

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

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Administrative Instructions issued in connection with Fourth
Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 126

Reference Sheet 28 1/40,000.

1. EMBUSSING AND DEBUSSING TABLE.

Date.	Time.	Unit.	No. of lorries.	Embussing Point.	Debussing Point.
Feb. 20th	11. a.m.	16th Bn.	24	DE ZON CAMP	{ VOORHEEZELE - ST. ELOI Road
Feb. 20th	2. p.m.	13th Bn.	24	CURRAGH CAMP	{ before reaching junction with
Feb. 21st	12 Noon	4th M.G. Coy.	5	BAROSSA CAMP	{ Military road
		4th T.M. Bty	3	DEVON CAMP	{ running towards (HOATED CRANGE) about 200 yds. N.W. of BUS HOOSE.

13th Battalion will detail embussing officer, and 16th Battalion debussing officer for 20th instant. 4th M.G. Company will detail Embussing and Debussing Officers for 21st instant. Names of Embussing and Debussing Officers to be notified to this Office by 6. p.m. on 19th instant.

Note. 14th and 15th Battalions will proceed to new localities by route march.

2. HOT DRINKS have been arranged by Y.M.C.A. at SPOIL BANK.

3. DUMPS - Are the same as on previous relief except -

- (a) HEDGEROW AMMUNITION DUMP is abolished.
- (b) A Right Brigade Dump is established at BELMONT DUMP at I.33.d.1.1. each

4. General purpose Reserve Ration points, each with 500 iron rations complete and 50 tins water, are established at -

O.5.d.25.25.
I.36.d.3.1.
I.36.d.98.40.
O.5.a.4.7.

Supporting Point Reserve rations, each with 400 P.M. and Biscuit Rations are established at -

I.35.d.18.20.
O.4.d.1.7.

General Purpose and Supporting Point Reserve Ration Dumps are to be specially taken over by units and guard established.

5. SALVAGE. - 13th, 15th and 16th Battalions will each supply Salvage Section of 10 to report to Brigade Salvage Officer on 20th instant under arrangements to be notified by him. These sections will live together in SPOIL BANK. 14th Battalion Salvage Section will work independently in RIDGE WOOD Area.

6. SOX - Exchange will be arranged direct with D.A.D.O.S. by Q.M's.

7. BOXERS. Boxing personnel for forthcoming Contest will live at 13th Battalion Transport Lines in charge of Lieut. MERIFIELD 13th Battalion.

8. RAIDING PARTIES - 13th and 15th Battalion Raiding Parties will live at TOURNAI CAMP and be attached to 14th Battalion for rations and discipline.

9. CANTEN. - Brigade Canteen will be established at SPOIL BANK on evening of 19th instant. TOURNAI CAMP Branch Canteen will continue under control of 14th Battalion. CURRAGH CAMP Branch Canteen will be withdrawn at 1. p.m. on 20th instant.

Dated 18/2/1918.

Issued at 2.30 p.m. 18/2/18 through Signals.

Distribution - See overleaf.

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

- (1) G.O.C.
- (2) Brigade Major.
- (3) Staff Captain.
- (4) A/Staff Captain.
- (5) 13th Battalion.
- (6) 14th Battalion.
- (7) 15th Battalion.
- (8) 16th Battalion.
- (9) 4th A.I.G. Company.
- (10) 4th A.L.T. Battery
- (11) Brigade Transport Officer.
- (12) Brigade Salvage Officer.
- (13) Brigade Gas Officer.
- (14) 7th A.A.S.C.
- (15) Spare.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 126

Reference Sheet. 28. 1/40,000.

Headquarters.
17/2/1918.

- (a). The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade (less 4th Machine Gun Company and 4th L.T. Battery) will relieve the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade (less Machine Gun Company and L.T. Battery) in the forward zone on 20th and night 20/21st February 1918.
(b). The 4th Machine Gun Company and 4th L.T. Battery will relieve the 12th Machine Gun Company and 12th L.T. Battery respectively in the forward zone on 21st and night 21/22nd February 1918.

2. Reliefs will take place as under :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Present location.</u>	<u>Relieving.</u>	<u>Location</u>
20/2/18.	Bde. H.Qrs.	12th Brigade H.Qrs.		
20/2/18.	Bde. H.Qrs.	LA CHITTE.	12th Bde. H.Q.	LOCK 3.
	13th Bn.	SUTRAGE CAMP.	43th Bn.	Front li. Right Sector.
	14th Bn.	MURRUMBIJEE CAMP.	45th Bn.	TOUREMI Camp.
	15th Bn.	TOUREMI CAMP.	46th Bn.	Front li. Left Sector.
	16th Bn.	DE ZOH CAMP.	47th Bn.	CANAL DU OUTS. GASPERS CLIFFS.
21/2/18.	4th M.G. Coy.	BAROSSA CAMP.	12th M.G. Coy.	Forward zone.
	4th T.M. Btty.	DEVON CAMP.	12th T.M. Btty.	Forward zone.

3. Transport arrangements will be notified later.
4. Details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned. Special care will be taken as regards Gas precaution, and the patrolling of the front before, during, and after the actual process of relief.
5. Units moving in the forward area will go on in parties not larger than a Section.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at LA CHITTE at 4 p.m., and open at LOCK 3 at the same hour.
7. A return showing Area and Trench Stores taken over and for which a receipt has been given will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on day following relief. This will be a consolidated return for the whole of the Unit concerned.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by the Code word BUN.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. J. Towell
Major.
A/Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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 - 5th Aust. Division.
 - 4th Aust. Div. Artv. Right Group.
 - 4th Aust. Div. Artv. Left Group.
 - Area Commandant SPOIL BANK.
 - 4th Aust. Div. M.G. Officer.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DISPOSITIONS - 21st February, 1918.

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Reference Map 28 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters	I.32.a.80.55.	Lock 8
<u>Right Battalion.</u>		
<u>13th Battalion</u>		
Battalion Headquarters	0.5.a.15.05.	
R.A.P.	0.4.b.20.35.	
O.P.	0.5.c.80.20.	
<u>Front Line Company.</u>		
Coy. H.Q.	0.12.a.25.95.	
Post 1	0.12.a.05.65.	Platoon H.Q. 1 Lewis Gun.
2	0.12.a.15.75.	
3	0.12.a.25.75.	1 Lewis Gun.
4	0.12.a.40.90.	
1	0.6.c.45.05.	1 Lewis Gun.
2	0.6.c.30.20.	Platoon H.Q.
3	0.6.c.45.30.	
4	0.6.c.55.35.	
5	0.6.c.65.35.	1 Lewis Gun.
6	0.6.c.75.45.	1 Lewis Gun.
7	0.6.c.70.55.	
8	0.6.c.65.65.	Platoon H.Q.
<u>Support Company.</u>		
Coy. H.Q.	0.5.d.35.50.	
Company from	0.11.b.25.90.	
to	0.5.d.35.35.	In support line.
Lewis Gun Posts (1)	0.11.b.30.90.	
(2)	0.5.d.65.10.	
(3)	0.5.d.70.40.	
(4)	0.5.d.65.30.	
<u>Reserve Companies.</u>		
Two Companies at	0.4.d.10.70.	White Chateau.
<u>Left Battalion.</u>		
<u>15th Battalion.</u>		
Battalion Headquarters	I.36.c.95.50.	FUSILIER DUGOUTS.
R.A.P.	0.36.c.35.75.	IMPERIAL DUGOUTS.
<u>Front Line Company.</u>		
Coy. H.Q.	0.6.b.80.50.	
Post 1	P.1.a.10.05.	1 Lewis Gun.
2	P.1.a.25.10.	Platoon H.Q.
3	P.1.a.30.20.	1 Lewis Gun.
4	P.1.a.80.45.	1 Lewis Gun.
5	P.1.a.85.50.	
6	P.1.a.95.55.	
7	P.1.b.05.35.	Platoon H.Q.
8	P.1.b.10.70.	1 Lewis Gun.
1	J.31.d.30.15.	1 Lewis Gun.
2	J.31.d.45.25.	Platoon H.Q.
3	J.31.d.55.15.	
4	J.31.d.80.30.	1 Lewis Gun.
5	J.31.d.90.50.	
<u>Attached Platoon from 16th Battalion.</u>		
	0.6.d.75.05.	Platoon H.Q.
Post 10	0.6.d.30.80.	
11	0.6.d.70.80.	1 Lewis Gun.
12	0.6.d.85.90.	

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Support Company.

Coy. H.Q.	J.31.c.1.5.	
1 Platoon	J.31.c.6.7. to O.6.b.8.4.	2 Lewis Guns.
2 Platoons	Chateau Dugouts.	
1 Platoon	Clusters J.31.c.	

Reserve Companies.

"A" Coy. H.Q.	I.36.c.95.50.	
Company	I.36.c.90.45.	FUSILIER WALK and Reserve Line
"C" Coy. H.Q.	I.36.c.25.20.	RAILWAY TRENCH.
Company from	I.36.c.30.00.	
to	O.6.a.40.50.	RAILWAY TRENCH.

Support Battalion.

16th Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters	I.34.c.10.10.	CRATER DUGOUTS.
R.A.P.	I.34.c.10.10.	CRATER DUGOUTS.
"A" Company (less one platoon)	I.34.c.10.10.	CRATER DUGOUTS.
"B" Company	O.4.b.50.50.	GASPERS DUGOUTS.
"C" Company	O.5.b.40.50.	CANAL DUGOUTS.
"D" Company	I.34.c.10.10.	CRATER DUGOUTS.

Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns and Crews.

Post 1	I.34.c.10.25.
2	O.4.b.60.40.
3	I.34.c.30.50.
4	I.33.c.70.40.
5	O.2.d.50.70.
6	O.3.c.20.30.
7	O.3.b.80.90.
8	O.3.b.90.99.

Reserve Battalion.

14th Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters	N.10.b.7.4.	TOURNAI CAMP.
Battalion	N.10.b.7.4.	TOURNAI CAMP.

Brigade Transport. N.20.b.

Major.
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4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 5.a.m. 20/2/18 to 5.a.m. 21/2/18.

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THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) ARTILLERY. Activity below normal, occasional bursts on to enemy strong points.
- (b) TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.
- (c) AERIAL ACTIVITY. No activity noticed owing to bad visibility.
- (d) PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Officer. 10 O.Rks.	10.30.p.m.	12.30.a.m.	From Post 1.0.12 along road to enemy's wire at 0.12.a.5.6. Returned to Post 4.0.12. along old trench.	Condition of NO MAN'S LAND very bad. Enemy's wire is loosely scattered across road. Two enemy M.G.'s. were firing from about Lock 6. Flares were also put up from Lock 6.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	12.30.a.m.	2.30.a.m.	From 4.0.6. Post to hedge to 0.6. c.7.1. Acted as listening patrol till 1.30.a.m. then moved S.W. across old trench to HOLLEBEKE Rd., along it to Post I.0.12.	Enemy M.G. firing from near Lock 6, otherwise all quiet.
1 Officer. 4 O.Rks.	12.30.a.m.	2.45.a.m.	From Post 6.0.6. along railway line to 0.6.c.95.15, then across to Post 11.0.6.	NO MAN'S LAND in bad condition. Three Huns ran out of positions between Lock 6 and Railway Line. No wire seen.
1 Officer. 6 O.Rks.	6.15.p.m.	12 midnight	From post 7.P.1. to P.1.b.5.4. to J.31.d.8.0. to post 1.J.31. returned along same route.	No enemy seen, numerous flares were put up from MAY FM. and DAMP COPSE. Ground very wet.
1 Officer. 8 O.Rks.	2 .a.m.	5.30.a.m.	From Post 11.0.6. to P.1.c.2.6. to P.1.c.4.6. to Post 3.P.1.	Laughing and talking was heard when near P.1.c.3.6. No enemy movement seen.
1 Officer. 7 O.Rks.	6.15.p.m.	10.p.m.	From Post 11.0.6. to P.1.c.2.6. to P.1.c.5.7. to P.1.c.5.9. to Post 3.P.1.	Patrol got within 100 yards of Game Copse. Numerous flares were sent up from Copse. Machine Guns fired on patrol from Copse and CHALK FM.

In addition to the above patrols, liaison was kept with flanks and between posts. Protective patrols were out along wire.

MACHINE GUNS. Active during the night, harrassing fire on enemy's tracks and centres of movement.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet throughout the period.

HOSTILE TRENCH MORTARS. A mortar firing from canal bank between Locks 6 and 5 fired 5 shells which fell between our front line, and support.

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5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet, but alert.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Weather very misty with drizzling rain. Visibility bad.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKING PARTY TABLE - LIST NO. 13 Commencing 22/2/1918. *app. 12.*

No.	Strength.	Unit.	When, where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.	Remarks.
1.	1 Offer. 80 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	1.a.m. RAILWAY DUMP Officer 13th Fld. Coy.	Carrying wire etc. to Support Line.	Daily.
2.	2 Offers 50 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	1.a.m. OLAF AVENUE (O.S.B.9.5.) Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Constructing shelters in Support Line.	Daily.
3.	12 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	9.a.m. Bn. H.Q. FUS- ILIER WALK to 13th Fld. Coy.	Maintenance	Daily. Shovels & Gum Boots
4.	2 Offers. 100 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	1.a.m. Off OLAF AVENUE (I.36.c.9.2.) Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Left Support Line	Daily. Shovels and Gum Boots.
5.	1 Offer. 50 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	4.p.m. RODNEY DUMP Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Pushing stores to Railway Dump.	Daily.
6.	1 Offer. 40 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	1.a.m. at RAILWAY DUMP Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Wiring Left Support Line	Daily.
7.	2 Offers 30 O.Rks.	16th Bn.	1.a.m. Railway Dump Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Carrying for Wiring Party	Daily.
8.	1 Offer. 50 O.Rks.	16th Bn.	1.a.m. OAK DUMP 13th Field Coy.	Carrying stores to Support Line	Daily.
9.	1 Offer. 40 O.Rks.	16th Bn.	9.a.m. at RODNEY DUMP Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Pushing stores to LONE TREE Dump.	Daily.
10.	2 Offers 50 O.Rks.	13th Bn.	1.a.m. OAK SUPPORT Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Digging S.P.'s. in Support Line.	Daily.
11.	1 Offer. 30 O.Rks.	13th Bn.	1.a.m. OAK SUPPORT Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Wiring Support Line.	Daily.
12.	1 Offer. 40 O.Rks.	13th Bn.	1.a.m. OAK SUPPORT Offer. 13th Fld. Coy.	Work on support Line.	Daily. Shovels & Gum Boots.
13.	10 O.Rks.	13th Bn.	9.a.m. LONE TREE DUMP 13th Fld. Coy.	Laying duck-board track.	Daily.
14.	10 O.Rks.	13th Bn.	9.a.m. SANDBAG BRIDGE O.4.b.8.1. Offer. 13th A.T. Coy. R.E.	Constructing Signal Dugout.	Daily.
15.	2 Offers 100 O.Rks.	14th Bn.	7.30.a.m. SPOIL BANK Offer. 13th Fld. Coy. Train BARDENBURG 6.55.a.m. Return 2.15.p.m. from SPOIL BANK.	Right Section Reserve Line.	Daily. Gum Boots.
16.	5 Offers. 100 O.Rks.	14th Bn.	Billeted ST. ELOI. Time as arranged by C.O. 13th Fld. Coy.	Reserve Line Digging and wiring.	Daily. Gum Boots.

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*app.13**Appendix XIII**app.13*LIST OF SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS OF 4th AUST. INF. BRIGADE
IN DIVISIONAL BOXING CONTESTS.

HEAVYWEIGHT Driver P.KENNY, 4th Field Coy. A.E.

LIGHTWEIGHT. Pte. C.L.COPELAND, 4th Field Ambulance.

WELTERWEIGHT. Pte. P.RAMSAY, 14th Battalion.

MIDDLEWEIGHT. Pte. F.THIRING, 13th Battalion.

FEATHERWEIGHT. Pte. G.W.EVANS, 13th Battalion.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT. Cpl. C.GODFREY, 15th Battalion.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our heavies were very active throughout the day. Dugouts at P.9.a.9.C., P.8.c.5.5., P.13.b.3.7. and O.12.b. were shelled. Field Guns shelled MAY FARM, GAME COPSE and CIRCUS POINT during the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS. Very active throughout the night. Harassing fire on enemy tracks and centres of movements.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Very active throughout the day, patrolling our lines and also the enemy's. From 6 p.m. to midnight our bombing machines were very active.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of Departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	6.30.p.m.	8.30.p.m.	See sketch (Route 1)	Enemy M.G. active from O.12.a.6.7.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	8.30.p.m.	10.30.p.m.	See sketch (Route 2)	Reports everything quiet.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	10.30.p.m.	12.30.a.m.	See sketch (Route 3)	Enemy M.G. very active from position near Lock 6 and O.12.a.6.7.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	12.30.a.m.	2.30.a.m.	See sketch (Route 4)	M.G. from S.E. end of Lock 6 active.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	2.30.a.m.	4.30.a.m.	See sketch (Route 5)	Everything quiet.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	4.30.a.m.	5.45.a.m.	See sketch (Route 6)	Everything quiet.
1 Offer. 10 O.Rks.	2.a.m.	4.a.m.	See sketch (Route 7)	A party of the enemy was encountered about 100 yards from Post 5 O.6. (Fire was opened on them, and they immediately hurried back to Lock 6. No result of fire could be found.)
1 Offer. 4 O.Rks.	2.a.m.	4.a.m.	See sketch (Route 8)	Moved along Railway for a distance of 150 yards, observed enemy retiring (after being fired on by patrol on right bank of canal. Fired rifle grenade into working party along railway line in rear of Lock 6. Did not observe result.)
1 Offer. 6 O.Rks.	6.30.p.m.	10.30.p.m.	See sketch (Route 9)	Nothing unusual to report, ground still boggy.
1 Offer. 6 O.Rks.	6.30.p.m.	11.p.m.	See sketch (Route 10)	Patrol observed party of Huns moving from a small pond approx. P.1.b.2.1. (in the direction of CIRCUS POINT. Enemy sentries were seen standing near Pill Box at MAY FARM. Patrol was fired on by a M.G. which appeared to be firing from a shell hole approx. P.1.b.5.3.)

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PATROLS. (Contd.)

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Offcr. 6 O.Rks.	2.a.m.	5.30.p.m.	See Sketch (Route 11)	Patrol proceeded as per route, when at P.l.c.l.4. two enemy patrols of two were seen to meet about 25 yards in front. One of the enemy sighted patrol and disappeared into a post which is established there. The patrols then made off one going towards GAME COPSE and the other to CHATEAU ROAD. Flares were fired from the post for about half an hour and much coughing was heard from Post.
1 N.C.O. 6 O.Rks.	10.30-p.m.	5.30.a.m.	See sketch (Route 12)	Patrol fired on from GAME COPSE. Ground very boggy.
1 N.C.O. 6 O.Rks.	11.p.m.	5.30.a.m.	See sketch (Route 13)	No sign of enemy. Ground still boggy.

In addition to the above patrols, liaison and protective patrols were in touch with units on both flanks. Everything quiet.

PRISONERS. Nil.

4.HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery opened fire on our Front and Support lines at 7.15.a.m. and continued with light shelling until 9.30.a.m.. Shelled vicinity of I.36.c. at 9.p.m. and again at 11.p.m., at 3.30.a.m. BELGIAN WOOD Group of Posts with 5.9's.

5.ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet but alert.

6.ENEMY DEFENCES. A working party was seen working on railway in rear of Lock 5.

TRENCH MORTARS. Three T.M's. fired from wood at O.6.d.25.10. at our low flying planes, a few bombs fired from that vicinity fell around O.12.a.2.9.

7.HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Active, one plane flew over our lines at a low altitude in the early morning. At 2.p.m. three planes crossed our lines, and were heavily engaged by A.A. and A.A.M.G. fire. At 5.p.m. two planes flew over at a high altitude.

8.MOVEMENT. At 3.a.m. a small party was observed to leave Pill Box at O.5.d.20., they proceeded along railway line and disappeared near Lock 5. At 3.p.m. a party of enemy were seen carrying material near COMINES to position at approx. P.13.b.3.7. Artillery opened on target and dump was blown up at 4.p.m. Party of 7 observed to leave Pill Box at (P.2.d.3.4.), this party moved about and appeared to take bearings from various points.

10.MISCELLANEOUS. At 7.a.m. lamp signals were observed from Pill Box near PULP FM. about O.12.b.4.0. Hostile artillery fire opened from direction of ZANVOORDE and was apparently directed by these lamp signals.

Trains were observed passing through WERVICQ. Trains were observed to stop at P.11.c.7.6. at 10.50.a.m. and 12 Noon.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6.a.m. 22/2/18 to 5.a.m. 23/2/18.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normal activity. Heavies shelled a position at P.13.b.O.7 with shrapnel and incendiary shells, during the morning causing a fire. This position was again shelled at 1.30.p.m. and 2.p.m.

Field Guns shelled CIRCUS POINT, MAY FARM and LOCK 4 during the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire during the night, enemy's tracks and centres of movement were fired on.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Prevented by thick mist and drizzling rain.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
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1 Officer. 10 O.Rks.	2.a.m.	4.a.m.	From Post 5 O.S. to O.S.c.85.15. to O.S.c.75.15. to O.S.c.55.05. to Company H.Qrs. (See trace).	At 3.30.a.m. an enemy party of 6 was observed approaching from Lock 5, the party halted, and the patrol lay in wait thinking they were coming out.
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(Shortly afterwards our patrol on the other side of the CANAL opened fire and the enemy hurriedly returned. The flash of a T.M. firing from Lock 5 was seen. Three machine guns were firing, one from Lock 6 and the other two from between Locks 5 and 6.

1 Officer. 4 O.Rks.	2.a.m.	4.45.a.m.	From post 7 O.S. to O.S.c.95.15. to O.S.c.95.55. (See trace).	Moved along railway line to position approximately O.S.c.95.20. and acted as listening patrol. At 3.30.a.m.
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(an enemy party of about 30 strong came out of Pill Box at O.S.d.2.1. and moved over to Lock 5. They then took up a position about 20 yards in front of Lock 5 and appeared to be wiring across the canal and over the southern bank. A covering party of 6 was posted about 50 yards in advance of working party on S. bank of CANAL. Our patrol on the S. side appeared to be waiting for the covering party to advance. The working party appeared to be about to return to Pill Box so fire was opened on them. They immediately scattered & hurried back to O.S.d.2.1. It is believed that casualties were inflicted as calls were heard coming from the spot as though from wounded men.

1 M.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	5.30.p.m. 10.30.p.m.	8.30.p.m. 12.30.am.	From Post 4 O.S. to O.S.c.75.10. to O.12.a.50.80. to O.12.a.05.35. to O.12.a.50.30. to O.12.a.25.95. (See trace).	Machine Gun from E. end of Lock 5. very active also one from O.12.a.5.7. Ground still wet but drying.
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PATROLS (Contd.)

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	8.30.p.m.	10.30.p.m.	From Post 5 O. S. to O. S. c. 80.15. to O. S. c. 75.20. to O. S. c. 55.00. to O. 12. a. 25.95. (See trace).	Enemy patrol of 8 observed moving south along enemy wire. Enemy M.G. active from about 50 yards S. of Lock 5. T.M. fired from behind Lock 5 & also from Lock 5.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	12.30.a.m. 2.30.a.m. 4.30.a.m.	2.30.a.m. 4.30.a.m. 5.45.a.m.	From Post 3 O. S. to O. 12. a. 45.90. to O. 12. a. 45.30. to O. 12. a. 10.50. to O. 12. a. 50.90. to Post 2 O. S.	No signs of enemy.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	6.30.p.m.	11.30.p.m.	From P. 1. a. 2. 1. to P. 1. c. 5. 8. to P. 1. b. 10. to P. 2. a. 0. 5. to P. 2. a. 2. 8. to J. 32. c. 0. 2. to J. 31. d. 5. 2. (See trace).	When patrol reached cross roads at P. 1. c. 9. 9. the enemy sent up several flares, and M.G.'s. opened on NO MAN'S LAND from MAY FM. and GAME COPSE. MOAT FM. was unoccupied. Belt of wire at P. 1. c. 75. 80. was broken by shell fire (and easily passable. Ground good.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	11.p.m.	2.30.a.m.	From P. 1. a. 2. 1. to P. 1. c. 4. 5. to P. 1. b. 1. 3. to P. 1. b. 1. 5. (See trace).	When patrol neared Pill Box at P. 1. c. 5. 5. a flare was fired from a point 40 yards left of Pill Box. A belt of wire which runs across here is very thin (and cut by shell fire. Wire in front of GAME COPSE is also cut by shell fire.
2 Officers. 8 O.Rks.	2.30.a.m.	5.a.m.	From P. 1. a. 1. 1. to P. 1. c. 1. 5. to P. 1. c. 4. 5. to P. 1. a. 2. 1. (See trace).	No enemy seen, working party heard in direction of HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU, apparently wiring as the rattling of pickets could be heard. Ground drying.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	2.30.a.m.	4.30.a.m.	From J. 31. d. 5. 2. to P. 1. b. 9. 9. to P. 1. b. 6. 4. to P. 1. c. 0. 5. to O. S. d. 4. 5. to O. S. d. 7. 7. (See trace).	No enemy seen, machine gun firing from GAME COPSE. Ground in vicinity of WET POND very boggy.

In addition to these patrols, liaison was maintained between posts and units on either flank.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Activity below normal. O. 5. a. 9. 2. was shelled between 11.20.a.m. and 11.40.a.m. At 8.15.p.m. fire was opened on positions around O. 6. b. 9. 0., while this shelling was going on, double red flares were sent up along the enemy's line, shelling then ceased.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet but alert.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 7.30.a.m. one enemy plane flew over our outposts, but when fired on by Lewis Guns returned to own lines.

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3. MOVEMENT. At 9.30.a.m. six Huns were noticed moving from P.7.a.00.35. in an easterly direction. At 10.a.m. three Huns were seen at O.12.b.6.5. At 6.30.a.m. small parties were seen in the vicinity of WIND COTTS. At 12 Noon seven Huns left a position at O.12.b.5.5 carrying full packs. At 12.30.p.m. two more left same position. At 12.45.p.m. one Hun left position at O.6.c.9.4. and crossed to BASSEVILLE FARM P.7.3., he was walking along what appeared to be newly laid duck boards. Between 3.p.m. and 4.p.m. several Huns were observed between Lock 6 and 8 with full packs but no rifles.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 23/2/18 to 6 a.m. 24/2/1918.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Active during the day, shelled Locks 4 and 5, GAME COPSE and MAY FM.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 4 p.m. Medium Trench Mortars carried out a shoot on enemy T.M. positions near Lock 6. At 4.30 p.m. Stokes Mortars carried out a shoot against T.M. position at O.5.d.2.1. Results satisfactory.

MACHINE GUNS. Normal activity.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
2 Officers. 3 O.Rks.	5 p.m.	5.45 p.m.	From post 7 O.5. to O.5.c.8.2. back to Post 7 O.5.	Moved along N. side of Canal to position where good observation of enemy wire was obtained. Wire of new pattern and very strong, runs on both sides of Canal. Movement along Canal Bank did not draw fire, and it is thought that a forward position at Lock 6 is only occupied at night. M.G. on left of Lock 6 is dug low down into railway embankment. T.M. was seen to fire from position between Railway Embankment and Canal approx. O.12.b.20.85.
1 Officer. 6 O.Rks.	10.45 p.m.	1.30 a.m.	From Post 7 O.6. to O.6.d.05.15. to Post 8 O.6.	Moved along Railway Embankment to within 10 yards of enemy wire. Could see light in Lock 6 and heard enemy talking there. Several Huns were observed working on their wire on the inside.
1 Officer. 10 O.Rks.	10.30 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	From post 5 O.5. to O.5.c.9.1. to O.5.c.75.10. to O.5.c.7.0. to Coy. H.Q.	Old enemy positions were examined and patrol was held up by M.G. fire when about 50 yards from Lock 6. One Hun was seen to leave a post on S. side of Lock and to return shortly afterwards. M.G. and Rifle fire was directed against the patrol immediately afterwards. A party of 4 or 5 was seen walking to Post at O.12.a.5.7.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	6.30 p.m. 4.30 a.m.	8.30 p.m. 5.30 a.m.	From Coy. H.Q. to O.12.a.5.8. to O.12.c.5.6. to O.12.a.1.5. to O.12.a.40.75. to O.5.c.55.10. to Post 2 O.6.	No sign of enemy. Ground still wet.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	8.30 p.m. 12.30 a.m. 2.30 a.m.	10.30 p.m. 2.30 a.m. 4.30 a.m.	From Post 4 O.6. to O.5.c.8.2. to O.5.c.7.3. to O.5.c.7.1. to O.12.a.1.7. to O.12.a.4.5. to Post 1 O.5.	Sniper active from N. bank of Canal. Enemy working party heard in vicinity of Lock 6. Otherwise all quiet.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd.)PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	2.30.a.m.	4.30.a.m.	From Post 4 O.S. to O.S.d.75.10. to Coy. H.Q.	Usual M.G. fire. Sniper active from near Lock 6.
1 Officer. 6 O.Rks.	6.30.p.m.	10.30.p.m.	From Post 2 P.1. to P.1.c.7.9. to P.1.c.5.6. to P.1.c.0.5. to O.S.d.6.5. to O.S.d.2.7. to Post 11 O.S.	Patrol got to within 50 yards of GAME COPSE. Enemy M.G. firing from Copse was very active, when patrol was approaching Pill Box at P.1.c.6.5. Patrol got to within 50 yards of this position when enemy opened on them with rifle fire, apparently about 7 rifles. He also threw 4 stick grenades. Ground drying.
1 Officer. 6 O.Rks.	10.p.m.	2.a.m.	From Post 2 J.31 to J.32.c.0.3. to J.32.c.2.0. to P.1.b.9.7. to P.1.b.3.1. to P.1.c.8.9. to Post 1 P.1.	Patrol skirted Belgian Wood and visited MOAT FM. which was unoccupied. When near MAY FI. an enemy M.G. opened on patrol and prevented them from examining the wire. M.G. at GAME COPSE was (very active. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.Rks.	10.30.p.m.	12.30.p.m.	From Post 12 O.6 to O.S.d.7.7. to P.1.c.7.9. to P.1.b.8.8. to Post 2 J.31.	No enemy movement seen. Gun active from GAME COPSE. Ground improving.
1 Officer. 4 O.Rks.	12 midnight	3.a.m.	From Post 1 P.1. to P.1.c.1.8. to P.1.b.20.05. to P.1.b.8.5. to Post 1 J.31.	When near road at P.1.b.3.1. two Huns were noticed moving from Pill Box at P.1.d.3.6. in direction of CIRCUS POINT. No other movement seen.

In addition to these patrols, liaison was maintained between posts and units on flanks.

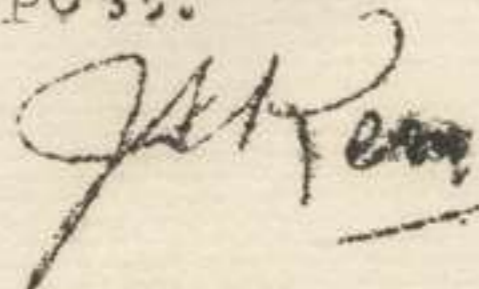
2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Active - shelled outpost positions of left Battalion at frequent intervals during the day. At 1.30.p.m. FUSILIER WALK and IMPERIAL DUGOUTS. From 1.45.p.m. to 2.30.p.m. a few gas shells fell in the vicinity of I.36.c.1.1.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Very alert, an attempt to raid our posts 4 J.31. and 5 J.31., with raiding parties of 9 and 12 men, was beaten off. A patrol sent out from post 5 J.31. failed to locate any wounded or dead Huns.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Active between 7.30.a.m. and 2.p.m. whenever they crossed our lines they were engaged by A.A., M.G.'s, and T.M.'s, and driven back.

8. MOVEMENT. At 10.30.a.m. three Huns were seen to leave Pill Box at P.7.a.80.05., they crossed CHATEAU FARM to BASSEVILLE FARM. At 11.30.a.m. 6 Huns left P.7.b.8.8. and walked towards COMINES. A party of enemy about 12 strong moved from vicinity of Lock 6 to O.S.d.35.00. where they appeared to enter a post.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 5 a.m. 24/2/18 to 5 a.m. 25/2/1918.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was generally active throughout the day, heavies were firing on COMINES during the afternoon and at 4 p.m. caused a fire which lasted to 4.45 p.m.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 4.30 p.m. Medium T.M.'s. carried out a successful shoot near Lock 5, at 5 p.m. Stokes Mortars registered on enemy positions along CANAL Bank with good results.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal activity throughout the day, at 7 p.m. a number of our bombing planes flew over the enemy's lines. Chain flares and searchlights were very active until 11 p.m.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Officer. 10 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m.	10 p.m.	From Post 5 O. 5. to O. 5. c. 9. 1. to O. 5. c. 8. 2. to O. 5. c. 7. 1. to O. 12. a. 4. 6. to O. 12. a. 1. 6. to O. 12. a. 5. 6. to Coy. H. Qrs.	Moved along the Canal Bank to within 70 yds. of Lock 5. Two Hunz were seen to go into Lock 5. Closer reconnaissance was impossible owing to the brightness of the night.
1 Officer. 14 O.Rks.	5 p.m.	10.15 p.m.	From O. 5. c. 70. 65. to O. 5. d. 00. 15. to O. 5. c. 70. 65. (bank of CANAL but retired without doing any work when fired upon.	Occasional movement behind enemy wire was observed. Small wiring party came out on S.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m. 10.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m. 12.30 p.m.	From Post 4 O. 5. to O. 5. c. 8. 2. to O. 5. c. 5. 0. to Post 2 O. 5.	Reports a light M.G. firing from near Lock 5. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	8.30 p.m. 4.30 a.m.	10.30 p.m. 5.45 a.m.	From Post 2 O. 5. to O. 5. c. 5. 0. to O. 12. a. 6. 8. to O. 12. a. 1. 6. to O. 12. a. 5. 6. to O. 12. a. 5. 8. to Coy. H. Qrs.	Very quiet night. Good visibility made close reconnaissance impossible.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	12.30 a.m.	2.30 a.m.	From Post 3 O. 5. to O. 5. c. 8. 1. to O. 12. a. 2. 9.	Night quiet, no enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m.	9.30 p.m.	From Post 5 J. 31, to J. 32. c. 2. 0. to P. 1. b. 6. 4. to P. 1. a. 9. 6. to P. 1. a. 4. 1. to Post 2 P. 1.	Patrol searched ground in vicinity of Post 5 J. 31. for signs of enemy's raiding party, none were found. A post at J. 32. c. 20. 05. was visited, this appeared to have been a M.G. position. Owing to visibility it was impossible to get near MAY FARM.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd.)PATROLS (Contd.)

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	2 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	From Post 2 P.1. to P.1.a.3.0. to P.1.b.0.2. to P.1.b.9.5. to P.1.b.9.9. to Post 2 J.31.	Owing to moonlight patrol could not get near MAY FARI. MOAT FARI unoccupied. No sign of enemy seen.
2 Officers. 4 O.Rks.	10.30 p.m.	2.30 a.m.	From Post 2 P.1. to P.1.c.5.8. to P.1.c.0.6. to Post 11 O.6.	When approaching GAME COPSE patrol was fired on by H.G. in front of GAME COPSE covering a working party which was working on wire.
1 Officer. 8 O.Rks.	3 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	From Post 1 P.1. to P.1.c.2.6. to O.S.d.9.5. to Post 11 O.6.	No enemy movement seen or heard.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	9.15 p.m.	11 p.m.	From Post 11 O.6. to O.S.d.0.5. to Post 8 O.6.	Everything quiet, ground still very wet.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rks.	9 p.m.	3 a.m.	From Post 4 J.31. to J.31.d.8.0. to P.1.b.0.4. to P.1.c.1.8. to Post 1 P.1.	Protective patrol along wire, this patrol withdrew to Post attacked when barrage opened. 3 Huns seen crossing from MAY FARI to DAMP COPSE at 11.30 p.m.

In addition to these patrols, liaison and protective patrols were out all night maintaining touch with units on flanks.

PRISONERS. Two prisoners, one slightly wounded, were captured in the vicinity of Post 3 P.1. (P.1.a.3.2.). Both belonged to the 466th I.R.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Two prisoners captured in P.1.a. belonged to the 466 O.R. Normal.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Active during the day, considerable attention was paid to our Support Line, mostly by 4.2 batteries. At 3 a.m. a barrage was put down on POTSDAM GROUP, lasting 15 minutes, a few shells dropped in Support Line while barrage was on.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Very alert, snipers being active along front. At 3.15 a.m. a party of 18 attempted to raid our Post 3 P.1. under cover of a barrage, they were repulsed by the garrison with Lewis Guns and rifle fire. Two prisoners, one wounded, were captured, and it is believed that three were killed, our casualties were two slightly wounded.

7. AERIAL ACTIVITY (HOSTILE). Three enemy planes which attempted to fly over our lines were driven back by H.G. fire.

8. MOVEMENT. A good deal of individual movement was noticed in the vicinity of ERVICQ. Two Huns were seen to enter a position at J.32.c.20.00. this was visited by a patrol but no enemy were seen.

MISCELLANEOUS. Just before the enemy barrage stopped a succession of flares, which burst into two reds, were sent up on enemy front.

J. R. R.
Lieut.
A/Intelligence Officer.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Active throughout the day. From 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon Lock 4 was shelled and direct hits obtained on dugouts and buildings. Enemy positions in vicinity of KORTWILDE were shelled at intervals throughout the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium T.M.'s at Buff Point fired 10 shots at Lock 5. Four direct hits on enemy posts were obtained.

MACHINE GUNS. Usual harassing fire throughout the night.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal, between 9 p.m. and 12 midnight a number of our bombing planes crossed enemy lines.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
2 Officers. 14 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m.	10 p.m.	From Post 7 O. 6. to O. 6. d. 0. 1. to O. 6. c. 8. 5.	Movement observed in Lock 6. T.M.'s. observed firing from CANAL BANK near Lock 5.
1 Officer. 10 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m.	From Post 6 O. 6. to O. 6. c. 9. 1. to O. 6. c. 6. 4.	Night exceptionally quiet. No sign of enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	From Post 5 O. 6. to O. 6. c. 75. 10. to O. 12. a. 2. 9.	Exceptionally quiet. No sign of enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m.	From Post 4 O. 12 to O. 12. a. 5. 6. to O. 12. a. 1. 6. to O. 12. a. 5. 9. to Post 1 O. 6.	Light and Heavy T.M. were active against our posts 3 O. 12. and 4 O. 12. apparently firing from CANAL BANK near Lock 5.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	10.30 p.m. 2.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m. 4.30 a.m.	From Post 3 O. 6. to O. 6. c. 4. 0. to O. 12. a. 3. 6. to O. 12. a. 1. 7. to O. 12. a. 5. 9. to Post 3 O. 6.	A working party was heard in vicinity of CANAL but could not be seen, visibility prevented closer reconnaissance.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	5.30 p.m. 2.30 a.m.	10.30 p.m. 5 a.m.	From Post 6 P. 1. to P. 1. b. 3. 1. to P. 2. a. 1. 7. to J. 32. c. 0. 1. to Post 1 J. 31.	MOAT FARM visited and found to be unoccupied. No enemy movement heard or seen. Ground muddy and wet after rain.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.Rks.	10.45 p.m.	2.30 a.m.	From Post 2 J. 31. to J. 32. c. 0. 2. to P. 1. b. 5. 2. to P. 1. a. 9. 2. to Post 5 P. 1.	Owing to visibility patrol could not get very close to enemy positions. No enemy seen.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	5.45 p.m.	11 p.m.	From Post 11 O. 6. to P. 1. c. 0. 7. to P. 1. c. 6. 9. to P. 1. a. 1. 5. (GAME COPSE. (muddy.	When patrol was near GAME COPSE two Huns were seen to leave Pillbox at P. 1. c. 60, 55. and moved to a large Pillbox in Ground is again very
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	11.15 p.m.	2.30 a.m.	From Post 1 P. 1. to P. 1. c. 7. 9. to P. 1. b. 1. 7.	Patrol took up a position about 150 yards in front of GAME COPSE. An enemy working party was (heard at CIRCUS POINT. No movement seen. M.G. at Copse quieter than usual.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd.)PATROLS (Contd.)

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rks.	7.p.m. 1.a.m.	11.45.p.m. 4.30.a.m.	From Post 8 O.6. to O.6.d.0.4. to O.6.d.8.5. to Post 12 O.3.	Patrolled in front of our wire. Working Party heard around Lock 6. No enemy seen.
2 Officers. 5 O.Rks.	2.30.a.m.	5.a.m.	From O.6.d.7.9. to P.1.c.0.7. to P.1.c.60.85. to P.1.a.3.2.	A standing patrol was established about 100 yards from COPEL. Wire in front of position is strong. No enemy seen.

In addition to these patrols, Liaison and Protective Patrols were out all night. No enemy seen.

4.HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Quiet during the day, from 8.p.m. to 8.30.p.m. enemy artillery fired on our front and support lines. OLAF AVENUE was intermittently shelled throughout the night.

TRENCH MORTARS. Intermittent activity throughout the night, at 7.p.m. five bombs fell near our Post 1 P.1. fired from about CHALK FARM.

At 9.15.p.m. a number of bombs fell around Post 8 O.6. Between 10 and 10.30.p.m. bombs fell around posts 3 O.12. and 4 O.12. fired from direction of Lock 5.

MACHINE GUNS. Quieter than usual.

5.ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Unusually quiet, but very alert.

7.HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. No activity seen.

8.MOVEMENT. Movement was observed between WERTWILDE and COMINES. At 11.45.a.m. a ration party left Lock 5 and moved towards COMINES. At 4.40.p.m. a dog crossed P.7.c. to Lock 6. At 4.45.p.m. four Huns moved across P.7.c. to pillbox at Lock 6. At 9.55.a.m. a train left COMINES and passed through WERVICQ, at 10.15.a.m. two trains were shunted into WERVICQ. A train was again seen to leave COMINES travelling east. At 11.10.a.m. a train was seen standing in COMINES Station. At 3.45.p.m. a train left COMINES, and when between COMINES and WERVICQ turned and travelled S.E.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 26/2/1918.

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1. POSTS.

(a) Right Battalion.

Wire. 130 yards double apron interlaced with French wire erected from Post No. 1 O.12. to left of Post No. 3 O.12. (Map Reference O.12.a.2.6.) 50 yards of existing wire in front of Post No. 4 O.12. thickened with barbed wire. 40 yards double apron interlaced with French wire constructed in front of Post No. 5 O.6. (Map Reference O.6.e.75.30). 100 yards double apron thickened with French wire put up in front of Posts Nos. 6 O.6. and 7 O.6. (Map Reference O.6.d.85.40).

General. All Posts drained and all gaps caused by hostile shell fire repaired.

(b) Left Battalion.

Wire. 90 yards double apron completed at POTSDAM GROUP (Map Reference P.1.b.10.50). 40 yards existing wire thickened and strengthened at P.1.a.90.40. 140 yards double apron erected in front of HESSIAN GROUP (Map Reference P.1.c.20.85).

General. No. 4 Post WOOD FARM GROUP extended to the right, parapets raised and thickened. New work camouflaged. New Lewis Gun position constructed at HESSIAN GROUP.

2. SUPPORT LINE.

(a) Right Battalion (OAK SUPPORT).

Wire. 450 yards double apron from (Map Reference) O.11.a.90.55. to O.5.d.4.2. 150 yards double apron erected 10 yards in front of existing wire from O.5.b.8.2. to Canal. 120 yards double apron erected in front of Support Line at O.11.a.

Draining, Revetting, etc. 40 yards drain cleaned out, "A" frames with corrugated iron fixed. Two fire bays cleaned out, "A" and revetment frames fixed, anchored back and parapets completed. 16 yards cleaned out and 8 "A" frames put in. 52 yards parapet repaired and revetment wired back. 22 double revetment hurdles fixed and anchored back. Eight hundred sandbags filled and placed in position. One small Cupola Dug-out completed, 140 sandbags filled and laid on same. Two men employed daily on maintenance of duckboards and eight men on cleaning out and repairing existing drainage system.

(b) Left Battalion (IMPERIAL & OLAF SUPPORT).

Wire. 400 yards new double apron wire completed from J.31.c.70.00. to about J.31.c.80.80. Note. On morning of 25th inst. about 4.a.m. wiring parties had to be withdrawn owing to enemy shell fire during raid.

Draining, Revetting, etc. Revetted and bermed 66 yards fire trench. 48 Revetment Screens put in and anchored back. 110 yards trench cleaned out, revetted, walls built up, and parapets formed. Excavated for 8 CALAIS Shelters to hold 24 men and dug saps from trench paradocs to same. Twenty four duckboards laid. 1 N.C.O. and 12 Other Ranks employed daily on maintenance work, lifting up duckboards, cleaning out bottom of trench and drains and wiring back revetment frames. 40 yards cleared of heavy mud and revetted on R. of OLAF AVENUE, 10 yards drain cleaned and revetted. Two shell breaks repaired and new revetment put in.

S.P. O.5.d.8.7. Filled and laid 850 Sandbags. 35 yards parapet thickened and revetment wired back.

3. RESERVE LINE.

Wire. High double apron fence erected from I.36.c.30.00. to O.6.b.30.90.

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3. RESERVE LINE (Contd.)Strong Points.

- 0.4.d.3.1. C.T. excavated from Fire Trench to Pill Box on Right. 14 yards "A" framed. 130 yards drain dug from C.T. and Pill Box. Excavated for six shelters (each for 3 men). 2 shelters completed for occupation.
- 0.4.d.6.3. 30 yards C.T. dug and "A" framed. Two shelters completed (each to hold 3 men).
- 0.11.a.9.9. 42 yards fire trench revetted with "A" frames and corrugated iron. 15 yards old trench deepened and widened.
- 0.5.a.7.7. 55 yards trench deepened, widened and revetted with "A" frames and corrugated iron. Excavated five shelters and revetted same with Sandbags. Filled and laid 300 Sandbags.
- 0.5.e.3.8. 30 yards double revetment hurdles laid, anchored back and filled in. 20 yards low revetment completed. 40 yards cleaned out, "A" frames fixed and corrugated iron placed against walls. 40 yards revetment frames fixed. 16 yards new fire trench dug, "A" framed and revetment anchored back. 24 yards revetting screens placed in position.
- 0.5.b.2.9. Eleven revetment hurdles fixed and 22 wooden pickets driven in.
- I.35.d.8.2. Cutting 50 yards berm ready for revetting and laying 50 yards duckboards. 28 yards prepared for revetting, 12 yards revetment fixed and anchored back.
- I.36.c.5.4. 100 yards new trench dug to depth of 5'6", 24 yards revetted with "A" frames and iron, 15 yards drain dug. 30 yards ~~XXXXXXXX~~ deepening and widening drainage trench, revetted same with 24 short "A" frames and corrugated iron; all work camouflaged.
- 0.11.a.6.6. 14 yards trench dug and 12 revetting hurdles placed in position.
- Signal Dugout 0.4.b.1.6. Filled in top with brushwood hurdles, dugout covered with Railway Iron Girders. 40 square feet of Bursters laid.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

110 yards duckboard track laid at 0.5.a.1.4. Duckboard track from Bow Headquarters across Canal to OLAF AVENUE strengthened and duplicated where necessary; also hand rail guides erected.

5. ACCOMMODATION.

Two new bunks erected and 10 repaired at WHITE CHATEAU. Eight new bunks constructed at Right Battalion Headquarters Tunnels. Four small shelters each to hold 3 men completed at rear of Support Line about 0.6.a.8.5.

6. STRENGTH.

32 Officers and 870 Other Ranks have been employed daily on these works, exclusive of forward garrisons.

7. GENERAL.

Steady progress has been made during the period under review, the weather being favourable and only on one occasion was work interrupted by hostile shell fire. Carrying Parties from Forward Dumps and Pushing Parties from RODNEY DUMP have absorbed fully 50% of the working Party strengths. Large quantities of wiring pickets, "A" frames, etc. have been pushed forward during last two days and the incoming Division will find forward dumps well filled.

Rampson
Major.
for A/Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 127

COZY H.Q.

Reference map sheet 28 1/40,000.

Headquarters, *app. 20*
26th February, 1918

1. The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be relieved by 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade between 28th February and 2nd March in accordance with relief table herewith.
2. No garrison will evacuate any post or trench sector before the incoming garrison has formally taken over.
3. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned. Special care will be taken as regards gas precautions and the patrolling of the front before, during and after the actual process of relief.
4. Defence Schemes, Works policy, Maps and all information concerning Battalion sectors and areas, will be handed over on relief. Works in progress and in contemplation will be carefully examined on the ground and every endeavour made to ensure continuity of policy.
5. Units moving in the Forward Area will do so in parties not larger than a section.
6. Brigade Office will close at Lock 8 at 4.p.m. on 1/3/18 and open at WATERLOO CAMP at the same hour.
7. Instructions contained in 4th Army No. 100 (G) Standing Orders General Staff, regarding distances to be observed on the march &c., will be strictly adhered to.
8. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by Code Word DANCE.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. J. Towell

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

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- Div. Artillery Right Group.
- Div. Artillery Left Group.
- 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 1st Aust. Division.
- Area Commandant SPOIL BANK
- Area Commandant RAVELSBURG Area.
- 4th D.M.G.O.

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RELIEF TABLE

Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	Relieved by.	On relief will move to.	Transport.	Remarks.
28/2/1918.	1	14th Battalion.	TOURNAI CAMP	10th Battalion.	NEUVE EGLISE (billets)	March Route	Road VIER-STRAAT - KEMMEL.
"	2	16th Battalion	{ CRATER DUGOUTS CANAL " GASPERS CLIFF "	9th Battalion.	ALDERSHOT CAMP (T.20.a.1.1.)	March Route to	VOORMEZEELE thence by buses returning from VOORMEZEELE.
Night 1/2nd March.	3	13th Battalion	Front Line right.	10th Battalion	TOURNAI CAMP	Light Railway from	SPOIL BANK to BAR-DENBERG.
"	4	15th Battalion	Front Line left.	9th Battalion	{ CRATER DUGOUTS. CANAL DUGOUTS. GASPERS CLIFF DUGOUTS.		
1st and Night 1st/2nd.	5	4th T.M.Battery	Front Line Sector.	3rd T.M.Btty.	KENT CAMP.	To be notified	later.
Night 1st/2nd	6	4th Bde. H.Qrs.	Lock 8	3rd Bde.H.Qrs.	WATERLOO CAMP.	" " "	
2nd March.	7	15th Battalion	TOURNAI CAMP	11th Battalion	NEUVE EGLISE (billets)	March route.	Route VIER-STRAAT - KEMMEL - NEUVE EGLISE.
"	8	15th Battalion	{ CRATER DUGOUTS. CANAL DUGOUTS. GASPERS CLIFF DUGOUTS.	12th Battalion	Camp (T15.b.4.5)	March Route to	VOORMEZEELE, thence by buses returning from VOORMEZEELE.
2nd and Night 2nd/3rd	9	4th A.M.G.Coy.	Front Line Sector	3rd A.M.G.Coy.	BAROSSA CAMP	Light Railway to	KEMMEL KILMARNOCK Station. Transport will remain at ESSEX CAMP.
3rd March	10	4th A.M.G.Coy.	BAROSSA CAMP	---	KENT CAMP (T.25.d.2.1)	March route.	Route KEMMEL NEUVE EGLISE.

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Administrative Instructions issued in connection with
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 127.

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Reference Map Sheet 28 S.W.

Headquarters,
27/2/1918.

1. To be read in conjunction with 4th Aust. Division Administrative Instructions No. 73 copy of which is attached.

2. Billets and accommodation - The following will be the distribution in new area -

Brigade H.Qrs.	S.18.d.2.1.	WATERLOO CAMP.
13th Battalion	T.14.b.9.4.	Billets NEUVE EGLISE.
14th Battalion	T.15.a.4.2.	do. do.
15th Battalion	T.15.b.4.5.	HUTTING CAMP.
16th Battalion	T.20.a.1.1.	ALDERSHOT CAMP.
4th M.G. Company	T.25.d.2.0.	KENT CAMP.
4th T.M. Btty.	T.25.d.2.0.	KENT CAMP.

3. Embussing.

Unit.	Date.	Time.	Place.	Remarks.
16th Bn.	28th	3.p.m.	Junction St. ELOI, VOOR- MEZEELE and MILITARY Roads O.2.a.2.8.	Embussing Unit to have embussing Officer who will meet and detain busses at noon at Embussing Point.
@ 4th T.M. Btty.	1st	3.p.m.	do.	
15th Bn.	2nd	3.p.m.	do.	

@ Provisional only. Arrangements will also be made to move personnel with forward guns by a bus leaving Embussing Point at 9.30.p.m.

4. Entraining.

March 1st. 13th Bn. entrain at SPOIL BANK at 10.p.m. for BARDEMBERG.
March 2nd. 4th M.G. Coy. " " " 8.30.p.m. for KILMARNOCK.

5. Baggage Wagons will report to units as follows :-

Date.	Unit.	Place.	Time.
Feb. 28th	14th Bn.	TOURNAI CAMP	8.30.a.m.
do.	15th Bn.	BEDFORD CAMP	do.
March 1st	4th Bde.H.Q.	RUTLAND CAMP	do.
March 2nd	13th Bn.	TOURNAI CAMP	do.
do.	15th Bn.	CAMBRIDGE CAMP	do.

Additional Motor Transport is being arranged on a scale of 1 lorry per Battalion but times have not yet been settled by Corps.

6. Billeting. The Assistant Staff Captain will be at WATERLOO CAMP from 6.p.m. 27th instant onward. Billeting parties will report to him as follows :-

Date.	Unit.	Time.	Place.
Feb. 28th	14th Bn.	10.30.a.m.	Cross Roads NEUVE EGLISE
do.	15th Bn.	do.	do. (T.15.a.1.4)
March 1st	4th T.M. Btty.	11.a.m.	Waterloo Camp.
March 2nd	13th Bn.	10.30.a.m.	Cross Roads NEUVE EGLISE
do.	15th Bn.	do.	do. (T.15.a.1.4)
do.	4th M.G. Coy.	do.	do.

Billeting representatives will pay particular attention to obtaining information, including maps, of all training facilities in connection with camp into which they go.

7. Area stores and ammunition. A consolidated return of stores handed over and for which receipts are held will be sent to Brigade Office by 9.p.m. on 2nd March. Separate receipts (in duplicate) for general purpose and supporting point reserve rations will be forwarded to reach Brigade Office by noon 2nd March.

- 8. Pierrots. The "Blue Dandies" will open at Convent Hall T.14.b.9.3. NEUVE EGLISE at 6.p.m. on 28th instant.
- 9. Wagon Lines. Wagon Lines are brigaded (with the exception of Brigade Headquarters Transport) at HILLSIDE SOUTH Camp (T.14.d.3.8.) Units will take over Transport Lines of Units whose camps they take over. 4th T.M. Battery will share 4th M.G. Company Transport Lines. Brigade Headquarters Transport will be at WATERLOO CAMP.
- 10. Canteens. Canteen will be established at NEUVE EGLISE with Branch at ALDERSHOT Camp.
- 11. Hot drinks. Y.M.C.A. are arranging hot drinks at SPOIL BANK during relief.
- 12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Thomson

Captain.
Staff-Captain.

Issued at 10.a.m. 27/2/18 through Signais.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 128

Headquarters,
25th February, 1918.

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Reference Map HOLLERBEKE 1/10,000.

1. The 15th Battalion will carry out a raid against enemy positions at about P.l.d. 20.50. on night 27th/28th February with the object of securing identification.

2. Strength of party will be 2 Officers and 40 Other Ranks.

3. Zero Hour - 8.p.m.

4. Artillery support will be furnished as follows -

(a) 1 Battery 4 guns on P.l.d. 45.35. to P.l.d. 45.85.
2 guns on CHALK FARM.

1 Battery 4 guns on P.l.d. 15.85. to P.l.d. 45.85.
2 guns on MAY FARM.

1 Battery 4 guns on P.l.d. 00.35. to P.l.d. 45.35.
2 guns on PIN HOUSE.

1 Battery 4 Hows. on CIRCUS POINT.
2 Hows. on CHALK FARM.

(b) Rate of fire -

18-pdrs. Zero to Z plus 3 = 3 rounds per gun per minute.
Z plus 3 to Z plus 10 = 2 rounds per gun per minute.
Z plus 10 to cease fire = 3 rounds per gun per minute.

Hows. Zero to cease fire = 2 rounds per **Howz** per minute.

5. Commanding Officer, 15th Battalion, will arrange for the synchronisation of watches between the raiding party and Artillery.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 5 a.m. 26/2/18 to 5 a.m. 27/2/1918.

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THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES.

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our heavies kept up harrassing fire on the enemy's back areas during the day, COMINES and Pill Boxes in the vicinity of Lock 4 were shelled during the afternoon. Field guns were normally active during the day, firing on GAME COPSE and MAY FARM.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium Trench mortars fired 12 shots at Lock 6 with good results. Stokes mortars replied to enemy's light Trench Mortars at 9 p.m. and silenced them after a few rounds.

MACHINE GUNS. Carried out their usual programme of harrassing fire during the night.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normally active, crossing the enemy's lines many times during the day.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Offcr. 4 O.Rks.	12.15 a.m.	2.30 a.m.	From post 8 O. 6. to O. 6. c. 95.20. to post 7 O. 6.	Everything quiet. No sign of enemy.
1 Offcr. 10 O.Rks.	3 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	From post 1 O. 12. to O. 12. a. 5. 5. to O. 12. a. 5. 8. to Coy. H. Qrs.	Nothing to report. Ground improving.
1 Offcr. 10 O.Rks.	3.30 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	From post 4 O. 12. to O. 5. c. 9. 2. to post 5 O. 6.	Enemy wiring party heard in the vicinity of Lock 6. Night exceptionally quiet.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	6.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	From post 5 O. 6. to O. 6. c. 8. 2. to post 3 O. 12.	No sign of enemy.
N.C.O. O.Rks.	8.30 p.m. 10.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m. 12.30 a.m.	From post 4 O. 12. to O. 6. c. 7. 2. to O. 12. a. 4. 8. to post 1 O. 12. to O. 12. a. 4. 6. to post 1 O. 6.	Enemy working party seen about O. 12. a. 65. 50 T.M. firing from vicinity of Lock 5.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	12.30 a.m. 2.30 a.m.	2.30 a.m. 4.30 a.m.	From post 2 O. 6. to O. 6. c. 4. 0. to O. 12. a. 3. 5. to post 1 O. 12. to O. 6. c. 75. 10. to post 4 O. 6.	Nothing seen of enemy. Ground still very muddy.
1 Offcr. 5 O.Rks.	3.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m.	From post 2 J. 31. to J. 31. d. 9. 4. to J. 32. c. 2. 0. to P. 1. b. 9. 8. to P. 1. b. 9. 5. to P. 1. b. 2. 1. to post 4 P. 1.	MOAT FARM still unoccupied patrol took up position near P. 1. b. 3. 1. An enemy working party heard at MAY FARM. Ground drying.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	7 p.m. 11.40 p.m.	11.30 p.m. 3 a.m.	From post 8 O. 6. to O. 6. d. 2. 3. to O. 6. d. 7. 5. to post 12 O. 6.	Two Huns were seen to enter a Pill Box near Lock 6. No other movement seen or heard.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd.)

PATROLS. (Contd.)

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 5 ORks.	10.30.p.m. 2.a.m.	2.a.m. 5.30.a.m.	From post 11 O. 6. to P.l.c.5.5. to P.l.c.6.8. to post 3 P.l.	No movement seen. Pill Box at P.l.c.6.5. has a thin belt of wire around it. M.G. at GAME COPSE less active than usual.
1 Offer. 5 O.Rks.	10.30.p.m. 2.a.m.	2.a.m. 5.30.a.m.	From post 1 P.l. to P.l.c.4.8. to P.l.d.0.9. to P.l.b.35.00. to P.l.b.9.8. to post 2 J.31.	No enemy movement seen. Moonlight prevented closer reconnaissance of MAY FARM.
2 Officers. 6 O.Rks.	6.30.p.m.	10.30.p.m.	From post 12 O. 6. to P.l.c.1.7. to P.l.c.7.8. to P.l.a.9.4. to post 3 P.l.	This patrol went out to reconnoitre route and jumping off place in front of GAME COPSE. Wire around COPSE still in good condition. Ground still muddy.

In addition to these patrols, Liaison and Protective patrols were out throughout the night, and maintained touch with units on flanks, and between posts.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Less activity than usual, a few shells fell around IMPERIAL AVENUE and OLAF AVENUE during the day. From 8.p.m. to 10.30.p.m. he became more active, shelling our back areas.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 10.a.m. two planes flew over our lines at a high altitude, at 10.30.a.m. one plane flew over our lines at a low altitude.

8. MOVEMENT. At 9.10.p.m. a light was seen moving slowly along CANAL BANK in the vicinity of Lock 5. At 5.p.m. a dog was observed to leave P.7.a.6.4. and proceed to pill Box at O.6.d.4.3.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 5.25.p.m. a signal lamp was seen in WERVICQ Church Tower, it was active for 25 minutes, unable to pick up message. Many Lamp Signals were seen during the night behind the enemy's lines.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
From 6 a.m. 27/2/18 to 6 a.m. 28/2/1918.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT TRENCHES. *app. 23*

1. OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Activity normal. 18-pdrs. and 4.5's. shelled MAY BARR and GAME COPSE. From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. our heavies shelled Lock 4 and vicinity. From 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. heavies shelled areas between COMIKES and WERVICQ, several direct hits on buildings being obtained.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 2 p.m. medium T.M's. strafed enemy posts at O.12.a.6.7. several direct hits were observed. At 12.20 a.m. Stokes mortars fired with good results, on enemy wiring party near Lock 6.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Considerable activity throughout the day, our planes flew well over the enemy lines.

PATROLS.

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Officer. 4 O.Rks.	9.30 p.m.	12.30 a.m.	From post 7 O.6. to O.6.d.05.15. to post 7 O.6.	Enemy wiring party seen working on N. bank of CANAL about 10 yards in front of (Lock 6. Stokes Mortars fired on them and they immediately withdrew.
1 Officer. 10 O.Rks.	3 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	From post 5 O.6. to O.6.c.85.15. to post 4 O.12.	No signs of enemy seen or heard.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	6.30 p.m. 4.30 a.m.	8.30 p.m. 5.45 a.m.	From post 2 O.12. to O.12.a.42. to O.12.a.5.9. to post 2 O.6.	Everything quiet.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	8.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m.	From post 5 O.6. to O.6.c.7.2. to O.12.a.4.8. to post 1 O.12. to O.12.a.4.7. to post 4 O.12.	Patrol saw two Huns 50 yards in front of our wire. They managed to evade the patrol and returned to post at O.12.a.6.7.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	10.30 p.m. 2.30 a.m.	12.30 a.m. 4.30 a.m.	From post 4 O.6. to O.6.c.7.1. to O.12.a.4.8. to post 1 O.12. to O.12.a.5.5. to O.12.a.5.9. to post 2 O.6.	A party of the enemy was seen at hedge at O.12.a.6.6. Night very quiet.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	6.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m.	From post 2 P.1. to P.1.c.4.7. to P.1.d.00.95. to P.1.b.4.0. to P.1.b.9.8. to post 3 J.31.	No sign of enemy. Ground very wet and muddy.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.Rks.	10.30 p.m.	2 a.m.	From post 2 J.31. to J.31.d.8.0. to P.1.b.9.8. to P.1.b.4.1. to P.1.c.0.8. to post 11 O.6.	Owing to rain and bad state of ground patrolling was very difficult. No enemy movement. H.G's. ver quiet.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd.)PATROLS. (Contd.)

Strength.	Time of departure.	Time of Return.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	5.30.p.m.	10.30.p.m.	From post 5 P.1. to P.1.b.1.0. to P.1.c.8.9. to P.1.c.2.7. to post 11 O.6.	Patrol got within 50 yards of GAME COPSE. This position is well wired and is still a good obstacle although cut in places by our shell fire.
1 Officer. 5 O.Rks.	2.a.m.	5.30.a.m.	From post 2 P.1. to P.1.c.3.7. to P.1.b.0.0. to P.1.b.9.8. to post 3 G.31.	Front very quiet. Ground very muddy and wet after rain.
1 Officer. 6 O.Rks.	10.30.p.m.	2.a.m.	From post 8 P.1. to P.1.b.2.3. to P.1.a.7.1. to P.1.c.3.6. to post 10 O.6.	At 12.30.a.m. an enemy patrol of two was seen to leave GAME COPSE and move off in the direction of HAY FARM. Night quiet.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rks.	7.p.m. 11.15.p.m.	11.p.m. 3.a.m.	From post 8 O.6. to O.6.d.2.5. to O.6.d.8.6. to post 12 O.6.	Protective patrol in front of our wire. Ground very wet and muddy.

In addition to these patrols, Liaison and Protective Patrols were out throughout the night keeping touch with Units on flanks and watching our wire.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Active throughout the day. Appeared to be registering on Front and Support Lines, Strong Points and C.T's., also vicinity of I.33.d.

TRENCH MORTARS. A few bombs fell around posts of Right Battalion at 6.25.a.m. and again at 9.p.m.

MACHINE GUNS. Very quiet throughout the night.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet, but alert.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Two enemy planes which attempted to cross our lines at 9.15.a.m. were turned back by A.A. L.G. fire.

8. MOVEMENT. An enemy working party of about 30 men seen retiring at 7.a.m. under cover of smoke about BASSEVILLE FARM. During the shelling of Lock 4 and KORTWILDE many Huns were observed scattering from buildings. A despatch dog was again seen to enter dug-outs at O.6.d.1.9.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 5.45.a.m. during our bombardment enemy fired numerous red and green flares.

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