

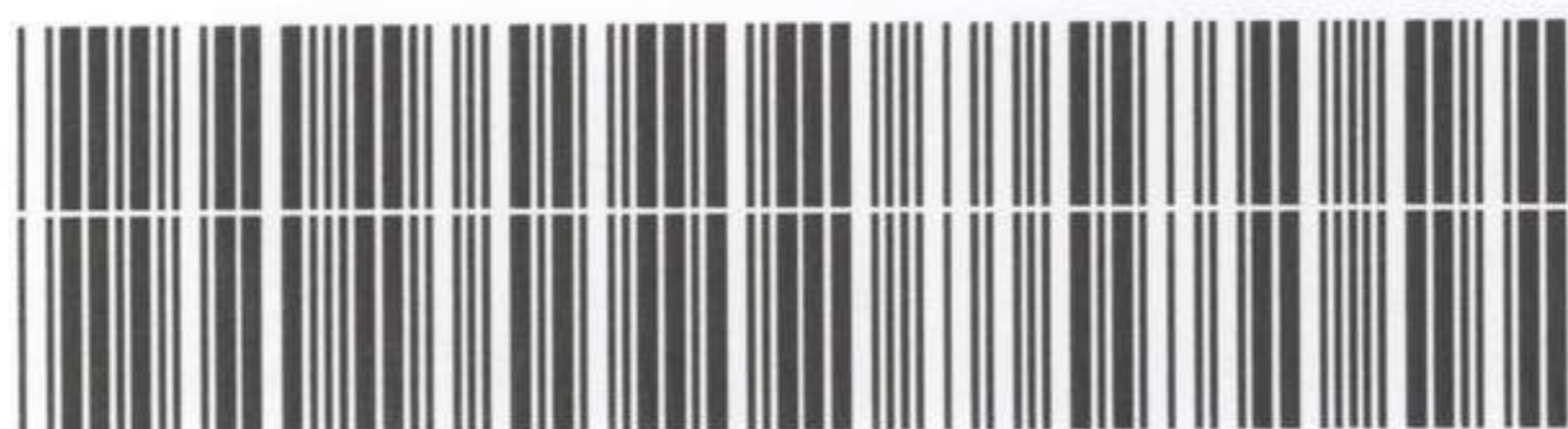
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for

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front Line Divisional Right Sector (HODLEBEKE)	1/3/18	9.40.p.m.	<p>Bright clear morning. All hands preparing for relief. 13th Bn. (right) being relieved by 10th Bn; 15th Bn. (left) by 9th Bn; 4th L.T.M. Battery by 3rd L.T.M. Battery. Last named complete at about 8.p.m.</p> <p>S.O.S. reported on front of Right Battalion. Artillery opened immediately. All communication forward severed as buried cable cut near NORFOLK BRIDGE. Enemy barrage round 13th Bn. H.Q. cut leads to power Buzzer and prevented use of lamp.</p> <p>10.p.m. 15th Bn. reported all quiet on their front but heavy rifle and M.G. fire on their right. Later lamp message from 13th Bn. H.Q. reported raid on front but that posts had been re-taken. Particulars gradually came through by Runner and Lamp. Subsequent reports disclosed that the enemy in three parties of approximately 30 strong each after short preliminary T.M. preparation on our wire rushed centre post on right front and penetrated as far as Front Line Coy. H.Q., simultaneously a barrage was put down on portion of Support Line and C.T's. Relief had been completed and 13th Bn. suffered casualties in C.T's. as they were going out (4 killed 5 wounded). Enemy were fired on by Lewis Guns and Rifle as they went back and suffered severely. 25 were found dead near our wire next morning and as they had to pass through our Field Artillery and M.G. barrage to regain their own lines far heavier casualties are suspected. Four prisoners remained in our hands including three wounded and one Officer. Strong Patrols had been out all evening, during and after relief and as a special warning of an anticipated raid had been received from Div. H.Q. a special fighting patrol of one Officer (Capt. WALLACK, 13th Bn.) and 20 men had also been sent out. It was this patrol who saw the enemy and gave the alarm. Whole front was then examined by Officers of 13th Battalion and relief reported complete about 2.15.a.m. 2/1/18. 15th Bn. now in Support in CANAL and GASPERS CLIFF Dugouts, and 13th Bn. in Reserve at TOURNAI CAMP. Aust. Corps Boxing Tournaments, first day. THERING (13th Bn. middle weight) won his heat.</p>	
	2/3/18		<p>Brigade Headquarters at WATERLOO CAMP (28/S.18.d.2.1.) Dull day with fall of snow in afternoon. Very cold. 13th and 15th Bn. moved to NEUVE EGLISE Area and all units settling down (see Disposition Report). Canteen and Pierrots opened at NEUVE EGLISE.</p>	Disposition Report.
NEUVE EGLISE Area.	3/3/18		<p>Cold damp day. Voluntary Church Parades all units. Working parties as per list. Units are all completely settled in new quarters.</p>	Working Party Table
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NEUVE EGLISE Area	4/3/18		Dull wet morning. Meeting of Football delegates at Pierrot Hall, details of continuance of competitions arranged. Conference of Commanding Officers at Brigade Headquarters at 3.p.m. Units have commenced training but all rifle ranges and bayonet courses require considerable work to put them in running order.	List of Fixtures. Agenda of Conference.
	5/3/18		Fine bright day. Units training hard. Rifle and Lewis Gun practices still limited but reconstruction of ranges well in hand. All Battalions now able to fire on a 30 yards range.	
	6/3/18		Fine bright day. Units all busy training. Football and recreational training now in full swing. Instructions received from Division (G.S.Circular) that KEMMEL Area is to be reconnoitred with a view to moving Brigade there at short notice in support of WYTSCHAETE Sector.	
	7/3/18		Bright warm day. Staff Captain, Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Officers reconnoitring KEMMEL Area in pursuance of Div. G.S. Circular No. 73. Training being pushed ahead. All ranges in use.	
	8/3/18		Glorious spring day. Units all training. Draft copy of Divisional Defence Scheme received. This provides for the Division's taking over portion of the front from the DOUVE to the WAMBEEK (Sheet 28) on a two Brigade front. One Brigade (right) on a 2 Battalion front and one Brigade (left) on a one Battalion front. This Brigade will probably be on right. 14th Battalion constructing new 200 yards rifle range.	
	9/3/18		Another fine day. Units training. Football commenced again - Australian Rules 14th Bn. beat 4th A.M.G. Company; 4th Field Ambce. had a walk-over from 15th Bn. who have dropped out of competition; 16th Bn. a Bye. Soccer 14th Bn. beat 4th Field Ambce. Rugby does not start till next Wednesday. Lecture to representatives of Brigade at Concert Hall LOCRE at 11.30.a.m. on "The Law, what it is and why we obey it" by Professor W.M.GELDART (English Law Oxford). Pierrots gave excellent show in evening.	
	10/3/18		Bright sunny morning. General BIRDWOOD attended Brigade Church Parade at NEUVE EGLISE and afterwards presented medals and ribbons as per list (Appendix ). March Past afterwards of all Units and transport. Excellent turn-out. Rents Officer visited	List of Medals and Ribbons presented.

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NEUVE EGLISE Area.	10/3/18		area and was conducted by A/Brigade Major to proposed site of new rifle range and gave permission to carry on with work, also visited all other training grounds and approved of their being used.	
	11/3/18		Bright sunny day. Demonstration in rapid wiring given by 4th Field Coy. at WESTHOEK FARM. Divisional Commander and Brigadier present. All Units training. Musketry in full swing. Meeting of Sports Committee held at Brigade Headquarters at 2.p.m. Prizes inspected and approved. Rules for Sports drawn up and Judges and Officials appointed (Copy of Rules and programme attached Appendix ). Meeting of Football Committee at Brigade H.Qrs. at 3.15.p.m. New fixtures drawn up. This rendered necessary by 15th Bn. withdrawing from competition. Letter of appreciation received from Divisional Commander re Sundays parade. (Copy attached Appendix ).	Copy of Rules & programme. New syllabus of football. Copy of letter from Div. Commander.
	12/3/18		Bright Sunny day. Units all training. Working Party of 100 from 15th Bn. off-loading ballast train near BAILLEUL. Work commenced on new Rifle Range behind ALDERSHOT CAMP T.13.c., d. and 19.a. (Sheet 28). Boxing in afternoon. Two matches arranged by 13th Bn. and 4th Field Ambce. ANDREWS (13th Bn.) V COPELAND (4th Field Ambce) 15 rounds - Won by ANDREWS. PERRY (4th Field Ambce.) V WOOLFE (13th Bn.) 12 rounds Won by PERRY - Held at Stadium erected in HILLSIDE CAMP.	
	13/3/18		Bright sunny day. Units all training. Lectures given to all Intelligence personnel by Major HUNN, Intelligence, Corps H.Q. on "General Intelligence" and "Organisation of Intelligence". Good lecture, much appreciated. Wiring parties from each Battalion inspected by Brigadier, circular memo concerning same attached. Afternoon of exciting Football Matches SOCCER - 13th Bn. beat 14th Bn. by 1 goal to Nil - scored within one minute of time - AUST. RULES 16th Bn. beat 4th Field Ambce by 48 points, very fast game. RUGBY 15th Bn. beat 13th Bn. by 1 goal scored in first 5 minutes, excellent match. 14th Bn. night operations exercise. A Battalion relief under gas bombardment. Heavy bombardments during the night.	Memo to C.O's re Wiring.
	14/3/18		Raining from early hour, ceased about 9.30.a.m. and cleaned up to bright afternoon. Battalions all training. Working Parties as per table. Major CROWTHER who is to command 14th Battalion reported.	

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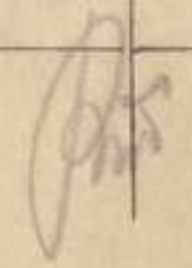
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NEUVE EGLISE Area.	15/3/18		Dull morning clearing as day proceeds. Strong Easterly wind. BAILLEUL shelled in morning about 9.0'clock with H.V. shells. Few civilian casualties. Major H.W.MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M., 13th Bn., appointed to command 4th Div. Machine Gun Battalion. Major CROWTHER took over command of 14th Bn. Lieut. GULLETT i/c. War Museums Records Branch visited Brigade and Battalion Headquarters. DEFENCE SCHEME for Support Division received with instructions to have draft orders and Maps prepared at once. Outline of Brigade (NEUVE EGLISE) defence scheme prepared and presented to Conference of C.O's. and Senior Majors held at Brigade Headquarters at 4.15.p.m. Scheme completed in evening. It embraces instructions for the action of Brigade Units in either of seven different contingencies - each being treated as an Appendix to the Draft Order.	
	16/3/18		A fine, mild day. Copies of Brigade Defence Scheme handed to C.O's. all Battalions. Afternoon devoted to Football Competitions. In SOCCER the 15th and 16th Battalions draw. In RUGBY 13th Bn. turn the tables on the 15th, beating them after an excellent match by 16 points to 3. In Australian Rules Competition 16th Bn. beat 4th M.G.Company and 14th Bn. beat 4th Field Ambce. - both easy wins.	
	17/3/18		A warm day with little wind. Morning devoted mainly to Unit Church Parades. Defence Scheme handed to O.C. 4th Aust. Machine Gun Company and O.C. 4th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery, and sent out to A.A.S.C., A.A.M.C., and Aust. Engineers. In afternoon a large proportion of Officers reconnoitre line to be held in case of attack on this sector. Decided to close down "Blue Dandies" for a week to enable them to prepare their programme better. Instructions received at night as to strengthening Corps line and also to prepare entrenchments to protect valley running just North of NEUVE EGLISE - WULVERGHEM Road.	
	18/3/18		Bright warm day. Units training in morning. Afternoon devoted to Sports SOCCER 15th Bn. defeated 16th Bn. 14th Bn. athletic sports held and proved a great success. Construction of new range well in hand - Engineers estimate it will be complete for firing on Wednesday next.	
	19/3/18		Wet morning- rain continued all day. Only indoor training possible. 15th Bn. were to hold their Sports but meeting postponed on account of wet. Brigader reconnoitred G.H.Q. line in vicinity of DOUVE River with Major TOLLEY 4th Field Coy. with a view to completing	

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NEUVE EGLISE Area.	19/3/18		construction and carrying out repairs. Meeting of Brigade Sports Committee at Pierrot Hall in afternoon. Work on new range held up.	
	20/3/18		Wet morning, cleared up about mid-day, to bright sunny afternoon. Meeting of Musketry Representatives of Battalions held on new range in morning to discuss forthcoming Platoon Competitions - Work on range well in hand and with an extra shift on to-night and early to-morrow will be complete by 10.a.m. to-morrow. Good lecture on "Organisation of German Army" given to intelligence Sections by Lieut. ADDISON Aust. Corps Headquarters. Units Training in all Branches. Football in afternoon. Final of SOCCER Championship 13th Bn. beat 15th Bn. by 3 to 1. Aust. Rules 4th A.M.G. Company beat 4th Field Ambce. 9 goals 4 behinds to 1 goal 2 behinds. Word received from Div. that we shall probably relieve 5th Division early next month. This Brigade goes in on the Right with 2 Battalions in line.	
	21/3/18		Bright warm day. New range completed by 10.a.m. and 16th Bn. commenced shooting. Preliminary reconnaissance of new front. 13th Bn. fired trials for Platoon Rifle Competitions in afternoon. Football, Aust. Rules 16th Bn. beat 14th Bn. by 6 goals 6 behinds to 2 goals 3 behinds. Heavy shelling (intermittently all day) by enemy H.V. gun in vicinity of NEUVE EGLISE. Late at night a shell fell in SHANKILL CAMP (15th Bn.) killing 1 man and wounding 2. Instructions received to construct about 2000 yards wire entanglements on Corps Line near Corps Southern Boundary. Work reconnoitred by all concerned. Intimation received from Division that we shall now take over the front line from 8th Brigade on a 4 Battalion front with 12th Brigade on right and 13th Brigade in Reserve.	
	22/3/18		Glorious day. 14th Bn. fired Platoon Competition in morning and 15th Bn. in afternoon. 500 men (parties 250 each from 14th and 15th Bns.) on the wiring work. Did very good work and almost completed, used up all available material by 3.p.m. NEUVE EGLISE shelled by H.V. gun inflicting severe casualties to 13th Battalion (6 killed including 1 officer, 9 wounded). Battalion was therefore moved to VAUXHALL CAMP (adjoining Brigade Headquarters). 16th Bn. Sports held and proved a great success. Officers reconnoitring forward area, Conference of Brigadiers at Div. Headquarters at 10.a.m. to discuss next tour in line. Conference of C.O's. at Brigade Headquarters at 4.30.p.m. for like purpose.	
	23/3/18		Glorious day. Wiring party completed task by 11.a.m. Orders received from Div. to be ready to embus at ½ hours notice. Football played off in afternoon Rugby final for Cup 13th Bn.	

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NEUVE EGLISE Area.	23/3/18		beat 15th Bn.. Aust. Rules 16th Bn. beat 4th A.M.G. Company, 4th Field Ambulance beat 14th Bn. Orders received from Division for Transport to proceed by road to-morrow to ESTAIRES AREA.	
	24/3/18	1.am.	Brigade Order No. 128 issued (See Appendix)	Brigade Order 128
		2.30.am.	Divisional Order No. 102 received. Glorious morning. Transport moved off in accordance with orders. 14th Bn. moved to BULFORD CAMP as enemy were shelling NEUVE EGLISE. Platoon Rifle Match to select Platoon to shoot off for Army Rifle Association Competition held - Won by 14th Bn. with 327 points, 13th Bn. second with 283 points.	
		2.30.pm.	Brigade Order No. 129 issued (See Appendix) for embussing to-morrow at noon for BUSNES.	Brigade Order 129
		4.30.pm.	Embussing Officers meet Brigade Major at embussing point. Time now altered to 6.a.m.	
		8.30.pm.	Wire received that destination is now HERMAVILLE. Machine Guns are being sent back by special lorries to Units from Transport. After midnight destination again changed to BAISSEUX.	
	25/3/18		Embussed on WATERLOO Road (near NEUVE EGLISE). Embussing hour had been 6.a.m. but busses were late in arriving and there was some delay. Finally pushed off at 7.45.a.m. Route - STEENWERCK - ESTAIRES - MERVILLE - ST. VENANT - LILLERS - ST. POL where an hour's halt was made for lunch from 12 noon till 1.p.m. Thence via ROELLECOURT - TERNAS - MAIZIERES - AVESNES - BARLEY - BAVINCOURT to SAULTY. Brigade billeted as follows :- Brigade H.Qrs. SAULTY - 13th Bn. LAHERLIERE - 14th and 15th Bns. BAVINCOURT - 16th Bn., 4th A.M.G.Coy. and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery SAULTY - Field Engrs. and Field Ambulance at LACAUCHIE - 12th Engrs. and 12th Field Ambce. who were attached to us for the move rejoined their Units. Orders to be ready to move at an hour's notice.	
SAULTY Area	26/3/18		Bright morning. 11.15.a.m. word was received that the enemy had had broken through with armoured cars at HEBUTERNE (this was subsequently proved to be a rumour possibly spread by enemy agents) and we were ordered to occupy the line from SOUASTRE to BIENVILLERS-AU-BOIS. Brigade Order No. 130 issued. Units moved out in good time, occupied fronts and commenced to dig in. Orders then received that this Brigade, assisted by 11th Brigade A.F.A., would occupy HEBUTERNE which is reported to be held by the enemy. Brigade recalled from SOUASTRE - BIENVILLERS line and concentrate at old mill on road BIENVILLERS - FONQUEVILLERS Road. Position regarding HEBUTERNE very obscure so personal reconnaissance made by Brigadier and town found to be unoccupied by either British or enemy troops. Battalions moved up after dark and took up positions in front of village, 16th Bn. on right,	

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SAULTY Area.	26/3/18		13th Bn. in centre, 15th Bn. on left with 14th Bn. in Reserve - Brigade H.Qrs. near Crucifix K.3.c. Brigade now attached to 62nd Division. 4th Aust. Division moved South to front in the vicinity of RIBEMONT (east of ALBERT). 19th Division is on right and 62nd Division on left. Positions occupied by midnight with no opposition but a few casualties from M.G. fire. Fairly quiet night.	
FONQUE-VILLERS Area	27/3/18		Colonel WARD R.F.A. visited Brigade and Artillery S.O.S. lines were arranged. About 11.30.a.m. word was received from the front line that the enemy was massing apparently for an attack about 1000 yards in front of our line. This was immediately dealt with by Artillery and M.G. fire and enemy dispersed. Good observation was obtained from several points on our front and it is believed that heavy casualties were inflicted. About 12.30.p.m. enemy about a Battalion strong attacked towards New Zealand front from direction of K.23. They advanced in 12 waves but were caught on the flank by heavy rifle, Lewis and Machine gun fire from 13th and 15th Battalions and were repulsed. They are believed to have suffered heavy casualties, subsequently they were reported to be massing in squares K.23. and K.24. apparently for an attack on our front, but this did not develop. The 14th Battalion were then ordered to move up to square 10.a. to support our left flank and 2 Companies of 16th Battalion were placed in reserve. During the night parties of the 14th Battalion engaged clearing the enemy from K.11.a. Several prisoners taken along the whole front during the day. 13th Battalion advanced their line to include the cemetery South of HEBUTERNE. Much enemy movement on whole front all day.	
	28/3/18		About 10.a.m. under cover of heavy artillery and T.M. bombardment enemy attacked one of our posts (15th Battalion) in K.16.b. Strength of enemy about 50. Our casualties 7 killed 9 wounded mostly from shell fire. Enemy driven off and his casualties believed heavy. 16th Battalion in conjunction with the New Zealanders advanced their line to a more commanding position. Twenty enemy killed and 49th I.R., 157th I.R. and 179th I.R. Regiments identified. The 46th I.R., 58th I.R., 119th Div. 126th I.R., 29th Div., 47th I.R. identified on our front.	
	29/3/18		14th Battalion assisted by 2 Companies of 16th Battalion with 15th Battalion on their right and K.O.Y.L.I. on left were given the task of rejecting enemy from Old Trench System in K.11.c. and d. into which they had got a firm footing by working up the labyrinth of old trenches which still remain in this district. Our attack anticipated by the enemy	

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FONQUE-VILLERS Area.	29/3/18		by a few minutes and some hard fighting followed, our troops gradually bombing the enemy back and establishing a line as follows :- Post 200 yards S.W. from Crucifix thence K.11.a.4.7. - K.11.d.1.8. - K.11.c.9.6. - K.11.c.6.8. - K.11.c.0.5. to K.16.b.8.8. Touch obtained with British troops on our left near Crucifix in K.11.d. Rain during night considerably hindering further operations.	
	30/3/18		Quiet morning. Much enemy activity on front. Visibility not good and few targets offered. Preparations being made for operation by 15th Battalion to secure high ground on their front. Operation timed for 9.p.m. but owing to heavy rain and intense darkness it was not carried out though enemy position was considerably harrassed by artillery and T.M. fire. During the day enemy made several attempts to work his way up old saps from front of 14th Battalion but was successfully dealt with with hand and rifle grenades.	
	31/3/18		Bright clear day. Enemy still very active on whole front, several good targets engaged by Field Guns and Heavy Artillery. Conference of Commanding Officers at 13th Battalion Headquarters 1.p.m. to discuss forthcoming operations in conjunction with New Zealanders. Brigadier-General, G.S., 4th Corps present, prior to this Brigadier had met the G.O.C. New Zealand Division to discuss same matter. Late in the afternoon 15th Battalion successfully bombed down old trenches on their front and established themselves in good commanding positions on the ridge. The 14th Battalion also advanced their line in conformity. About 8.p.m. 13th Battalion secured an enemy runner who was in possession of a valuable German Divisional Order. This he attempted to destroy but was prevented by prompt action on the part of our men. Upon translation Order was found to contain much useful information concerning reliefs on our front to be carried out to-night and locations of various Headquarters, M.G. positions, etc. all of which were heavily engaged by our Artillery of all calibres. Much harrassing fire was brought to bear on tracks to be used during relief. Order also contained dispositions of the enemy Corps in front of us. New Zealanders on right advanced line slightly in minor operation. up till midnight 230 prisoners and 98 Machine Guns captured besides many enemy killed.	

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
2nd March, 1916.

Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

The following are the locations of Units of this Brigade -

Brigade Headquarters	WATERLOO CAMP	S.18.d.2.1.
13th Battalion	NEUVE EGLISE	T.14.b.9.4.
14th "	" "	T.15.a.4.2.
15th " SHANKILL	<del>HIPPING</del> CAMP	T.15.b.4.5.
16th "	ALDERSHOT CAMP	T.20.a.1.1.
4th T.M.Battery	KENT CAMP	T.25.d.2.1.

4th M.G. Company BARROSSA CAMP move to KENT CAMP  
T.25.d.2.1. on 3rd instant.

Transport Lines.

Brigade Headquarters	WATERLOO CAMP	S.18.d.2.1.
Units	HILLSIDE SOUTH CAMP	T.14.d.3.8.

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Comdg. 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS.

FIXTURES.

SOCCKER.

Saturday  
9th March 1918. 4th Field Ambce. V 14th Bn. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - Supplied by 15th Battalion.

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SEMI-FINALS.  
Wednesday  
13th March 1918. 13th Bn. V 14th Bn. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - Supplied by 4th A.H.G. Company.

15th Bn. V 16th Bn. - commence play 3.30.p.m.  
Referee - Supplied by 4th Field Engrs.

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FINAL.  
Saturday  
16th March, 1918. Commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided upon.

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RUGBY.  
Wednesday  
13th March, 1918. 13th Bn. V 15th Bn. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - 4th Field Ambce. to supply.

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CHALLENGE MATCH.  
Saturday  
16th March, 1918. 13th Bn. V 15th Bn. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

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FINAL. If necessary on Saturday 23rd March, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN RULES.

SECOND ROUND.  
Saturday  
9th March, 1918. 14th Bn. V 4th M.G. Coy. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - Lieut. LARTER, 14th Battalion.

15th Bn. V 4th Field Ambce. - commence play 3.30.p.m.  
Referee - Cpl. CAREY, 16th Battalion.

16th Battalion - BYE.

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Wednesday  
13th March, 1918. 4th M.G. Company V 15th Bn. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

4th Field Ambce. V 16th Bn. - commence play 3.30.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

14th Battalion - BYE.

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Saturday  
16th March, 1918. 15th Bn. V 16th Bn. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

4th Field Ambce. V 14th Bn. - commence play 3.30.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

4th M.G. Company - BYE.

P.T.O.

APPENDIX. 2

Page 2.

FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS.

AUSTRALIAN RULES (Contd.)

Wednesday  
20th March, 1918.      4th M.G. Company V 4th Fld. Ambce. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

14th Bn.    V    16th Bn. - commence play 3.30.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

15th Battalion - BYE.  
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Saturday  
23rd March, 1918.      4th M.G. Company V 16th Bn. - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

14th Bn.    V    15th Bn. - commence play 3.30.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

4th Field Ambulance - BYE.  
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SEMI-FINALS.

Wednesday  
27th March 1918.      1st Team    V    3rd Team - commence play 2.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.

2nd Team    V    4th Team - commence play 3.30.p.m.  
Referee - To be decided later.  
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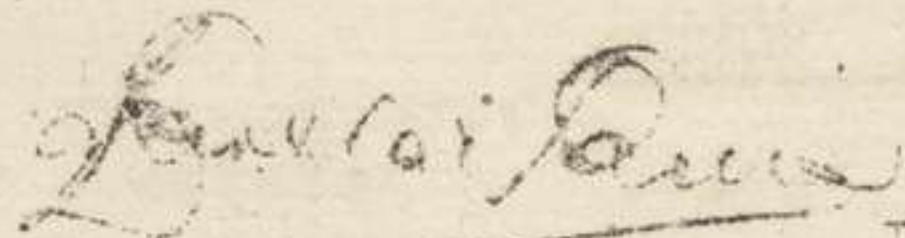
FINAL.

Saturday  
30th March 1918.      Commence play 2.p.m.  
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CHALLENGE MATCH.    (If necessary).

3rd April, 1918.

4/3/1918.



Lieut.  
Hon. Secretary.  
4th Bde. Sports Committee.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

9th March, 1918.

List of recipients of Medals and Medal Ribbons to be presented by General Sir W.R.BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. on Sunday March 10th, 1918.

RIBBONS.

Officers.

16th Bn. Lieut-Colonel E.A.Drake BROCKMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O.	D.S.O.
13th Bn. Capt. A.W.DAVIS, M.C. <i>15th Bn. Major J.J. Corrigan D.S.O</i>	M.C. <i>D.S.O.</i>
13th Bn. Capt. N.WALLACE, M.C.	M.C.
14th Bn. Lieut. J.H.JOHNSON, M.C.	M.C.
<del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXXX</del>
15th Bn. Sgt. (now 2/Lieut.) E.W.SIMON	Bar to M.M.

Other Ranks.

13th Bn. (1) Pte. HALEY.W.	D.C.M.
(2) Sgt. HALL.E.D.	M.M.
(3) Sgt. HARRADINE.E.	M.M.
(4) Cpl. WALKER.A.	M.M.
(5) L/Cpl. MASSEY.F.E.	M.M.
(6) L/Cpl. CAMERON.P.F.	M.M.
(7) Pte. HART.C.G.	M.M.
(8) Pte. WATSON.A.W.	M.M.
(9) Pte. MEADE.S.M.	M.M.
(10) Pte. BURKE.W.E.	M.M.
(11) Pte. CAMPBELL.J.H.	M.M.
(12) Pte. SIMPSON.F.	M.M.
(13) Pte. IBBETT.A.C.	Belgian Croix de Guerre.

14th Bn. (14) Sgt. McPHERSON.J.F.	D.C.M.
(15) C.S.M. COLEMAN.W.	M.M.
(16) Sgt. GOODE.F.A.	M.M.
(17) Sgt. FERGUS.W.H.	D.C.M.
(18) Sgt. DEACON.J.M.	M.M.
(19) Sgt. DRUMMOND.D.	M.M.
(20) Pte. RADNELL.G.D.	M.M.
(21) Pte. WILKINSON.E.	Bar to M.M.
(22) Pte. MILLS.R.	Royal Humane Society Silver Medal.

15th Bn. (23) Pte. BEADON.C.E.	D.C.M.
(24) Sgt. JACKSON.W.	M.M.
(25) Sgt. HOLLOWAY.H.B.	M.M.
(26) Sgt. BASEY.G.A.	M.M.
(27) Sgt. FRASER.J.	M.M.
(28) L/Cpl. DONALD.R.	M.M.

16th Bn. (29) Sgt. McGRATH.S.	M.M.
(30) Sgt. PITMAN.H.	M.M.
(31) Cpl. TILBROOK.W.W.	M.M.
(32) L/Cpl. OXENHALL.J.	M.M.

M.G.Coy. (33) Cpl. ROBERTS.W.H.	Belgian Croix de Guerre.
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4th Field (33b) L/Cpl. WORT.G. Ambce.	M.M.
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Officers.

13th Bn.	Sgt. (now Lieut.)	E. B. BROWN	D.C.M.
<del>15th Bn.</del>	<del>Sgt. (now 2/Lieut.)</del>	<del>F. J. MERRELL</del>	<del>M.M.</del>
15th Bn.	Sgt. (now 2/Lieut.)	F. J. MERRELL	M.M.
15th Bn.	Cpl. (now 2/Lieut.)	A. R. KUNKLER	M.M.

Other Ranks.

13th Bn.	(34)	R.S.M. (W.O. Class 1)	HARPER. W.	D.C.M.
	(35)	Sgt.	BAKTER. T.	D.C.M.
	(36)	Sgt.	CORACK. A.	Bar to M.M.
	(37)	Cpl.	BRANDT. F.	M.M.
	(38)	Cpl.	BENESS. A.	M.M.
	(39)	L/Cpl.	CUSH. S. K.	M.M.
	(40)	L/Cpl.	STUART. R. W.	M.M.
	(41)	Pte.	GIBSON. F. C.	M.M.
	(42)	Pte.	JONES. D. C.	M.M.
	(43)	Pte.	FOSTER. J.	M.M.
	(44)	Pte.	LEONARD. J.	M.M.
	(45)	Pte.	WHEELER. L. N.	M.M.
	(46)	Pte.	PEPPER. C. H.	M.M.
	(47)	Pte.	SWAINE. A. V.	M.M.
	(48)	Pte.	MCARTHUR. F.	M.M.
	(49)	Pte.	EASON. C. D.	M.M.
	(50)	Pte.	HOLLIES. J. J.	M.M.
	(51)	Pte.	BROWN. L.	M.M.
	(52)	Pte.	GOODWIN. C.	M.M.
	(53)	Pte.	BERTRAM. J.	M.M.
	(54)	Pte.	HALEY. W.	D.C.M.
X	(55)	Sgt.	HARRADINE. C. E.	M.M.
X	(56)	Cpl.	WALKER. A.	M.M.
X	(57)	Pte.	MEADE. S. M.	M.M.
X	(58)	Pte.	CAMPBELL. J. H.	M.M.

14th Bn.	(59)	C.S.M.	HORE. A. A.	M.M.
	(60)	Sgt.	HARRISON. E.	M.M.
	(61)	Sgt.	DALITZ. F. W.	M.M.
	(62)	Sgt.	ANDERSON. H. A.	M.M.
	(63)	Cpl.	FRENCH. T. H.	M.M.
	(64)	Cpl.	SPEARING. R.	M.M.
	(65)	Cpl.	LOWE. F. A. V.	M.M.
	(66)	Cpl.	HUGHES. T. V.	M.M.
	(67)	Cpl.	SPEED. S. J.	M.M.
	(68)	Pte.	MILNER. A.	M.M.
	(69)	Pte.	COOPER. J.	M.M.
	(70)	Pte.	SAUNDERS. E. C.	M.M.
	(71)	Pte.	GRAY. A.	M.M.
	(72)	Pte.	MILLS. R.	Royal Humane Society Silver Medal.
	(73)	Sgt.	DEACON. J. M.	M.M.
X	(74)	Sgt.	DRUMMOND. L.	M.M.
X	(75)	Pte.	WILKINSON. E.	M.M.
X	(76)	Pte.	RADNELL. G.	M.M.
X	(77)	Sgt.	FERGUS. W. H.	D.C.M.

15th Bn.	(78)	L/Cpl.	HANSEN. L.	Bar to M.M.
	(79)	Sgt.	GODDING. R. W.	M.M.
	(80)	Sgt.	MORGAN. J. H.	M.M.
	(81)	Cpl.	BLACKBURN. A. E.	M.M.
	(82)	Cpl.	WILLIAMS. J. A.	M.M.
	(83)	Cpl.	SIDDINS. C. H.	M.M.
	(84)	L/Cpl.	WRIGHT. B. T. W.	M.M.
X	(85)	Pte.	BEADON. C. E.	D.C.M.



MEDALS. XXXXXXXX

Other Ranks (Continued).

16th Bn.	(86)	Sgt.	ENGLAND.E.	Bar to M.M.
	(87)	Cpl.	ELLIOT.J.	Military Medal and Bar.
	(88)	Sgt.	MURRAY.W.	H.M.
	(89)	Sgt.	INGLIS.W.E.	M.M.
	(90)	Sgt.	WILSON.H.I.	M.M.
	(91)	Cpl.	McQUADE.C.	M.M.
	(92)	Cpl.	DINNIE.W.	M.M.
	(93)	Cpl.	ROBBINS.F.J.	H.M.
	(94)	Cpl.	GOONEY.J.	H.M.
	(95)	L/Cpl.	BOESTR.A.J.	M.M.
	(96)	L/Cpl.	SCOTT.T.W.R.	M.M.
	(97)	Pte.	DANCE.A.	H.M.
	(98)	Pte.	MULLEN.E.	M.M.
	(99)	Pte.	LEE.A.	H.M.
	(100)	Pte.	LOFFMAN.P.	H.M.
	(101)	Dvr.	COWLING.A.E.	H.M.
	(102)	Pte.	McQUINNESS.W.	H.M.
	(103)	Pte.	O'SULLIVAN.W.	M.M.
	(104)	Pte.	STARROW.V.C.	M.M.
	(105)	Pte.	OCHILTREE.A.	M.M.Z
x	(106)	Cpl.	TILLBROOK.W.W.	H.M.

M.G. Coy.	(107)	Sgt.	BEDLINGTON.W.C.	Bar to M.M.
	(108)	L/Cpl.	JAMIESON.B.J.	M.M.
	(109)	L/Cpl.	NORMAND.R.C.	M.M.
	(110)	L/Cpl.	RODAKIS.N.	H.M.
	(111)	Pte.	BELLINGER.H.	M.M.
	(112)	Pte.	TYLER.G.D.	M.M.

Artillery.

		<u>Officers.</u>	
		Lieut. B.W. MATYNER	D.C.M. and M.M.
		Lieut. A.T. PAUL	D.C.M.

		<u>Other Ranks.</u>		
	(113)	Sgt.	SHEPHERD.E.J.	M.M.
	(114)	Sgt.	COCKER.M.A.	H.M.
	(115)	Sgt.	FULLGRAVE.C.	M.M.
	(116)	Sgt.	MURRAY.J.K.	M.M. and Bar.
	(117)	Sgt.	McSWEENEY.J.	M.M.
	(118)	Sgt.	NAUGHTON.W.J.	H.M.
	(119)	Cpl.	MARCHANT.R.F.	H.M.
	(120)	Dvr.	McLAGAN.T.R.	H.M.
	(121)	Gnr.	GAYLARD.J.W.	H.M.
	(122)	Gnr.	HARDEN.C.H.	H.M.
	(123)	Gnr.	LYNCH.D.T.E.	H.M.
	(124)	Gnr.	MAGGS.W.S.	M.M.
	(125)	Gnr.	GURD.E.J.	M.M.
	(126)	Spr.	HICKS.G.A.P.	M.M.
	(127)	Bdr.	HINDES.R.	M.M.
	(128)	Bdr.	SAGE.W.J.F.	H.M.
	(129)	Bdr.	RITTON.P.G.	M.M.

12th Field Ambce.	(130)	L/Cpl.	SUTCLIFFE	M.M.
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## SPORTS.

## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

To be held at MEUVE EGLISE about 25th March, 1918.

PROGRAMME.

<u>Event.</u>	<u>1st Prize.</u>	<u>2nd Prize.</u>	<u>3rd Prize.</u>
100 yards Championship	Gold Medal	Watch	Safety Razor
Blindfold Squad (1 N.C.O. and 10 men)	Wallet & Note Books.	Holdalls	-----
Hurdle Race	Silver Watch	Writing case	Shaving outfit
Telephone Competition (3 men)	Fountain pens	Silver pencils	Razors.
Rapid Loading	Cigarette case	Wallet	Wallet.
Anzac Championship	Miniature Cup	Writing case	Safety Razor.
Wrestling on Mules (teams of 4)	Fountain pens	pocket knives	---
440 yards Championship	Silver watch	Cigarette case	Safety Razor
(a) Humourous Costume	Pair Brushes	Wallet	Razor.
Siamese Race (2 men)	Brushes	Wallets	Razors.
High Jump	Wristlet watch	Cigarette case	Wallet.
Flag Race (1 Officer and 5 Others)	Writing case & Wallets.	Safety Razor & Cigarette cases	---
1 mile Championship	Cigarette case	Cigarette case	Match Box.
Tug-of-war (3 men)	Razors in Case	Cigarette cases	---
Obstacles Race	Pair brushes	Safety Razor	Wallet.
1 mile Walking	Medal by Y.M.C.A.	Wallet	Cigarette case
(a) Incinerator Race (2 Officers)	Whisky flasks	Razors	---
Mule Race	Cigarette case	Wallet	Safety Razor.
Hack Race	Prismatic Compass	Whiskey flask	----

Entries close noon 24th March. (a) Post Entries.

*W. H. P. [Signature]*

Lieut.

Hon. Secretary.

4th Bde. Sports Committee.

11/3/1918.

4th Divisional Headquarters.  
10th March, 1918.

Dear Brand ,

I cannot put it in orders or write an official memo quite, because the parade was for G. O. C. Corps. But I shall be glad if you will convey to your C. O.'s my appreciation of the excellent turn-out of your Brigade Transport. All units of the Brigade turned out very well.

The few points which I noticed which might have improved things were :-

1. Saluting of drivers , which was incorrect in many cases.
2. Hogging of manes and forelocks.
3. Better fitting of breechings.
4. Tails a bit ragged in some cases.
5. Tendency not to keep correct distance, over-riding.

A great amount of care and work has been expended on the Transport, and I fully realise that and appreciate it most thoroughly.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN.

4th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
13th March, 1918.

C.O.,  
ALL UNITS.

RAPID WIRING .

This morning the Brigadier accompanied by an Officer of the 4th Field Company saw a demonstration of the system of rapid wiring in each Battalion. His observations are as follows :-

13th Battalion.

A compromise between the 4th Divisional and ~~45<sup>th</sup>~~ 4th Army sealed pattern. Not as good a demonstration as either of the other three Battalions.

14th Battalion.

A very good exhibition, and exactly in accordance with pattern laid down by 4th Army.

15th Battalion.

Except that ~~QW~~ 12 men were used instead of 9 and that both aprons were done simultaneously the task was really done as laid down by the 4th Army. Time slower than ~~8<sup>th</sup>~~ 14th Battalion.

16th Battalion.

The 4th Divisional pattern. Quick and simple. Arrangements will be made for a squad later from the 14th Battalion to demonstrate the 4th Army pattern simultaneously with 16th Battalion squad.

One Battalion has been wiring at night with gas masks and on broken ground with a party representing the enemy firing Verey Lights. This is excellent practice and the Brigadier desires such training to be included in next week's programme.

(Sgd.) R. W. Tovell. Major.  
A/Brigade - Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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APPENDIX. 7

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKING PARTY TABLE.

LIST NO. 16.

o. Strength.	Unit.	When, where, and to whom to report.	Nature of work.	Remarks.
3 OFFICERS. 100 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	As directed by D.A.D. Roads at DRANOUTRE, WULVERGHEM, or ROMARIN Stone Siding. (T.27.D. 8.9.)	Work on Roads.	To be held in Camp in readiness at 2 hours notice.
4 O.Rks.	16th Bn.	Corps Farm near NEUVE EGLISE.	With Cooker horses Ploughing.	Daily.
4 O. Rks.	14th Bn.	do.	do.	do.
1 N.C.O. 16 O. Rks.	13th Bn.	NEUVE EGLISE.	Horse Dipping	do.
14 O. Rks.	14th Bn.	9. a.m. at Church NEUVE EGLISE. Motor Lorry to pick up.	Loading duty for Corps Troops Supply Column.	do.
1 Officer. 60 O. Rks.	16th Bn.	8.40.a.m. ROMARIN Siding (T.27.D. 9.8.) for entrainment Hyde Park Corner.	Wood cutting STRAND to- PLOEGSTREERT.	Daily. Work under Lieut. APPLETON, 14th Bn. Entrain on return 4. 15. p.m. HYDE PARK CORNER. Mid-day meal to be carried.
1 N.C.O. 3 MEN.	16th Bn.	Immediately STRAND PLOEGSTREERT Lt. APPLETON, 14th Bn.	Guard for wood cut by Party No. 6.	

15/3/18.

(Sgd.)

H. THOMPSON.

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

SECRET.

Copy No.....

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.DEFENCE SCHEMEforNEUVE EGLISE BRIGADE AREA SUPPORT DIVISION.Reference Sheet 28.S.W. 1/20,000.

Contingencies. It is anticipated that the 4th Australian Division (Support Division) may be called up to carry out moves to meet the following contingencies -

1. Position of readiness to meet all contingencies.
2. Occupation of 3rd Zone South.
3. Occupation of 3rd Zone North.
4. Dispositions for action in support of "A" Division.
5. Dispositions for action in support of "B" Division.
6. Dispositions for action in support of "C" Division.
7. Occupation of front - A.I Supplementary Scheme.
8. Movement of a Brigade to support adjoining Corps on South.

Moves of NEUVE EGLISE Brigade are as set forth in Appendix "A".

Action in case of attack. All Units will be in their respective "Position of Readiness" half an hour after the receipt of the message -

"POSITION OF READINESS".

Units to inform Brigade Headquarters when move is completed.

As the situation demands, Units will, on receipt of the following message -

"APPENDIX B (C. D. E. F. or G.)" Zero Hour....." take action in accordance with the Brigade Orders contained in the Appendix quoted.

Administrative arrangements.

1. Units' dump will be made in present camps, but incoming Units are not to be inconvenienced.
2. Battalion Mobile Reserve Ammunition, Bombs, Tools, Flares etc. will be kept up to establishment and at all times kept ready to move at short notice.

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

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APPENDIX 198

Moves of 4th Australian Infantry Brigade under various contingencies.

Contingencies.	i. Position of readiness to meet all contingencies.	ii. Occupation of 3rd Zone south.	iii. Occupation of 3rd Zone North.	iv. Supporting "A" Division	v. Supporting "B" Division	vi. Supporting "C" Division	vii. Occupying Front Line.
Div.H.Q.	WESTHOF FARM	WESTHOF FARM	DRANOUTRE	WESTHOF FARM	DRANOUTRE	SCHERPENBERG	WESTHOF FARM.
Bde.H.Q.	NEUVE EGLISE	T.20.c.3.3.	NEUVE EGLISE	T.20.c.3.3.		FAIRY HOUSE M.18.d.5.1.	MIDLAND FARM T.3.c.60.65.
13th Bn.	NEUVE EGLISE	Occupying sectors already allotted & reconnoitred i.e. 15th No.1 Sector 14th No.2 Sector 13th No.3 Sector	(a) Reserve to 14th Bn.	Square T.28.c		BUR BARRACKS (49th Bn.) M.29.a.	1/2 Bn. trenches N.W. MESSINES. 1/2 Bn. ST. QUENTIN FARM.
14th Bn.	NEUVE EGLISE		No. 8 Sector.	Square T.28.c	As for No. 1 contingency.	KEMMELL SHELTER (50th Bn) M.19.d.	Front Line from U.5.b.8.9. to BLAUWEPOORT-BEEK
15th Bn.	SHANKHILL CAMP		(a) Reserve to 15th Bn.	Square B.4.c		WAKEFIELD HUTS (51st Bn.) M.29.c.	BRISTOL CASTLE & BRISTOL TRENCH.
16th Bn.	BULFORD CAMP	Reserve Bn. in Sq. T.26. and B.2.	No. 7 Sector	Square B.4.c		DONCASTER HUTS (52nd Bn.) M.29.a.	Front Line from DOUVE to U.5.b. 8.9.
M.G.Coy.) T.M.Bty.)	EMU CAMP	Covering the Bn. in Nos. 1, 2 & 3 Sectors.	Covering Bn.	Square T.28. B4c		LOCRE (13th M.G.Coy.) LOCRE (13th T.M.Bty.)	To be disposed later.

(a) Distributed in depth.

15/3/1918.

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

APPENDIX 21

APPENDIX "B".

SECRET.

Copy No.....

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.....

Reference Sheet 28.S.W. 1/20,000.

- 1. The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade will occupy the 3rd Zone South.
- 2. Units will move as under and occupy their respective positions indicated in Appendix "A" -

15th Battalion	Zero	Via PETIT PONT - ROMARIN.
14th Battalion	Zero plus 10 mins.	Via LEINSTER ROAD - ROMARIN
13th Battalion	Zero plus 30 mins.	Via LEINSTER ROAD - ROMARIN
16th Battalion	Remain at "Position of Readiness".	

The sections of 4th A.M.G. Company and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery allotted to each Battalion will move with that Battalion. If these routes are shelled Units will move 200 yards off the road and parallel to it.

- 3. Units will move by Platoons at 50 yards interval.
- 4. First Line Transport, less Cookers, Water Carts, and Mobile Reserve, will remain in present locality.
- 5. 4th A.M.G. Company and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery will take up positions as already agreed upon in consultation with G.O.C. Brigade and Battalion Commanders to cover Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sectors.
- 6. Units will notify Brigade Headquarters at T.20.e.3.3. when in position.
- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at.....

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

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APPENDIX "C".

APPENDIX. 23

SECRET.

Copy No.....

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.....

Reference Sheet 28.S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will occupy 3rd Zone North in accordance with Appendix "A".
2. Units will move and occupy their respective positions indicated in Appendix "A" passing starting point Junction NEUVE EGLISE - LINDENHOEK ROAD as under :-

14th Battalion	Zero	} Via LINDENHOEK - KEMMEL Road.
16th Battalion	Zero plus 20 mins.	
13th Battalion	Zero plus 40 mins.	
15th Battalion	Zero plus 60 mins.	

The sections of 4th A.M.G. Company and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery allotted to Battalion will move with that Battalion.  
If this route is shelled Units will move 200 yards off the road and parallel to it.

3. Units will be moved by Platoons at 50 yards interval.
4. 4th A.M.G. Company and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery will take up positions as already agreed upon in consultation with G.O.C. Brigade and Battalion Commanders to cover No. 7 and 8 Sectors.
5. First Line Transport, less Cookers, Water Carts, and Mobile Reserve, will remain in present locality.
6. Units will notify Brigade Headquarters at NEUVE EGLISE when in position.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at.....

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

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APPENDIX "D".

SECRET.

Copy No.....

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.....

Reference Sheet 28.S.W. and Sheet 36 1/20,000.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will move into the Assembly Positions indicated in Appendix "A" ready to support "A" Division as under :-

1 6th Battalion	Zero	Via CONNAUGHT ROAD - ROHARIN
15th Battalion	Zero	Via PETIT PONT - LE DON.
4th M.G. Company	Zero plus 20 mins.	Via PETIT PONT.
4th T.M. Battery	Zero plus 30 mins.	Via PETIT PONT.
14th Battalion	Zero	Via LEINSTER ROAD.
13th Battalion	Zero plus 20 mins.	Via LEINSTER ROAD.

If these roads are shelled Units will move 200 yards off the road and parallel to it.

2. Units will move by platoons at 50 yards interval.
3. First Line Transport, less Cookers, Water Carts, and Mobile Reserve, will remain in present locality.
4. Units will notify Brigade Headquarters at T.20.c.3.3. when in position.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX "E".

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.....

Reference Sheet 28.S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will remain in "Position of Readiness" to Support "B" Division.

(Instructions in the event of such a contingency will be issued in the form of a Field Message).

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APPENDIX "F".

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Reference sheet 28.S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will move into camps indicated in Appendix "A" in readiness to support "B" Division.
2. Units will move via DRANOUTRE passing the Starting Point Road Junction Square T.14.b.9.8. as under :-

- 13th Battalion Zero
- 15th Battalion Zero plus 20 mins.
- 4th M.G.Coy. Zero plus 40 mins.
- 4th T.M.Btty. Zero plus 45 mins.
- 16th Battalion Zero plus 50 mins.

Brigade Headquarters at Zero will move via CLAPHAM Road DRANOUTRE.

The 14th Battalion at Zero will pass its Starting Point Junction NEUVE EGLISE - LINDENHOEK Road and march via LINDENHOEK and KEMMEL.

If these roads are shelled Units will move 200 yards off the road and parallel to it.

3. Units will move by platoons at 50 yards interval.
4. The whole of the First Line Transport will move <sup>with</sup> Units.
5. Units will notify Brigade Headquarters at FAIRY HOUSE M.18.d.5.1. when move is complete.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX "G".

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.....

Reference Sheet 28.S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 4th Australian Division will take over the Sector DOUVE to WAMBEEK, the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade being on the right on a 2 Battalion Front and 12th Australian Infantry Brigade on Left on 1 Battalion Front, the BLAUWEPOR-BEEK being the boundary between Brigades.

2. Units will relieve units occupying the frontage indicated in Appendix "A" and pass the starting point Junction NEUVE EGLISE - LINDENHOEK Roads as follows :-

14th Battalion	Zero
16th Battalion	Zero plus 20 minutes.
Bde. H.Qrs.	Zero plus 40 minutes.
4th T.M.Btty.	Zero plus 45 minutes.
4th M.G.Coy.	Zero plus 50 minutes.
13th Battalion	Zero plus 60 minutes.
15th Battalion	Zero plus 80 minutes.

If this road is being shelled Units will move off about 200 yards and march parallel to it.

- 3. Units will march by Platoons at 50 yards ~~xxxxx~~ interval.
- 4. First Line Transport, less Cookers and Water Carts, will remain in present locality.
- 5. Receipts to be given for all Trench Stores, Maps, &c. handed over.
- 6. When in position Units will notify Brigade Headquarters at NORTH MIDLAND FARM T. 6.c. 60.85.
- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 129

Reference HAZEBROUCK 5.A. 1/100,000.  
Sheets 28 and 35 1/40,000.

24/3/1918.

1. The Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade Group will move by Bus to BUSNES AREA on 25th instant in accordance with table hereunder :-
2. Embussing will take place as follows :-
  - (a) Embussing Road - WATERLOO ROAD.
  - (b) Head of Column T.20.a.8.2. facing East.
  - (c) Times of embussing - 12 Noon.

Unit.	Strength. Off. O.R.	Approx. No. of Busses.	Remarks.
12th Field Coy.	7 180	8	
4th Div. Train HQ.	4 15	1	
7th A.A.S.C.	1 20	1	
4th M.G. Coy.	9 130	6	
4th T.M. Btty.	4 57	3	Parties of 25 to be told
16th Battalion	36 792	33	off, approximately 6 parties
4th Field Coy.	6 120	6	per 90 yards.
15th Battalion	40 722	31	Dress - Full marching order
14th Battalion	23 576	24	with blankets.
13th Battalion	31 695	29	One Officer or Senior N.C.O.
4th Bde. H.Q.	8 100	6	to be with each Bus.
4th Field Ambce	7 200	9	
12th Field Ambce.	7 200	9	

3. Each Unit will detail an Embussing Officer or Senior N.C.O. who will be responsible for Embussing and debussing Unit. He will report to Brigade Major at T.20.a.8.2. one hour before time of embussing.
4. Billeting parties will report to Staff Captain at 9.30.a.m. on the 25th instant at Town Major's Office BUSNES.
5. Units will arrange mutually between themselves and post necessary traffic control sentries to ensure that there is no clashing in marching to the various embussing points.
6. Embussing states will be handed to Brigade Major by Embussing Officers at rendezvous to-morrow.
7. All Area Stores will be handed over to Area Commandant or his representative and receipt obtained. Copies to be forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours from vacating Camp.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. J. Lovell*

Major.  
A/Brigade-Major.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 2.30.p.m.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 130

Reference Map LENS LL 1/100,000.

26/3/1918.

1. Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade will be prepared to move at an hour's notice and occupy the line SOUASTRE - BIENVILLERS both villages inclusive, as follows :-

16th Battalion - SOUASTRE (inclusive) to the "T" in SOUASTRE.

13th Battalion - From "T" in SOUASTRE to point on SOUASTRE - BIENVILLERS Road about 500 yards South of "B" in BOIS.

15th Battalion - From latter point to BIENVILLERS(inclusive).

14th Battalion - In Reserve where Road from HUMBERCAMP meets the ST. AMAND - POMMIER Road.

O.C., 4th AM.G. Company and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery will reconnoitre and select positions on front, a Section Commander keeping in close touch with Battalion Commanders concerned.

Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be at point near where road from HUMBER CAMP meets ST. AMAND - POMMIER ROAD. Administrative portion remaining at SAULTY.

2. Packs will be dumped under regimental arrangements.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Brigade-Major.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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UNIT DISPOSITION.

Reference Sheet 57.D.

13th Battalion H.Qrs.	K.9.d.3.8.
14th       "       "	K.10.a.5.0.
15th       "       "	K.9.d.90.10.
16th       "       "	K.8.b.90.05.
M.G.Company       "	K.3.c.75.50.
T.M.Battery       "	K.9.c.3.8.

4.p.m. 29/3/1918.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
From 10.a.m. 30th March 1918 to 10.a.m. 31st March 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our batteries were active throughout the day and night on located targets.

One 18 pounder battery firing from direction of GOMMECOURT was firing short in K.11.c.

TRENCH MORTARS. At 9.40.p.m our Stokes Mortars put a 6 minute barrage down in K.10.d. and at 12 midnight twenty shells were fired on enemy trenches in K.11.c.

MACHINE GUNS. Very few targets were obtained during the day. At night our Machine Guns continually swept the enemy trenches.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal.

PATROLS. At 8.30.p.m. a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 Men went out from K.16.c.10.68. with the object of locating enemy post in C.T. at K.16.c.70.30. The C.T. was followed for a distance of 150 to 200 yards and the patrol after locating M.G. about K.16.d.10.30. returned by C.T. and observed an enemy patrol about 50 yards from our wire, when fired upon the enemy patrol retired.

At 11.p.m. a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 5 Men went out from K.16.a.8.4. and made SOUTH for 300 yards. A considerable number of suitable positions for M.G's and snipers were located from K.16.a.8.4. and K.16.c.2.7., but these were unoccupied. Enemy flare post with probably a M.G. was located at road junction K.16.a.90.05.

1 N.C.O. and 3 Men went out at 9.30.p.m. from K.11.c.5.7. to K.11.c.6.5. and returned to K.11.c.4.9. and returned to K.11.c.4.9. Reported the enemy in strength with M.G's at K.11.c.8.5. and at K.11.c.9.5.

1 N.C.O. and 6 men went out hourly from K.11.c.9.2. to keep in touch with British troops on our left, and our own post at K.11.b.0.6. Report touch maintained with unit on left - no enemy seen.

1 Officer 6 O.Ranks from K.11.a.5.2. at 12 midnight to CRUCIFIX, and returned to K.11.a.5.2. at 2.a.m. Report enemy patrol encountered at K.11.b.8.2. Approximately 100 of the enemy were <sup>seen</sup> firing along trench running from K.12. central to K.11.d.8.4. Artillery, Stokes and Machine Guns were turned on to this trench.

In addition the patrols already mentioned, protective patrols were out all night and they report nothing of interest

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. K.9. was heavily shelled throughout the day and our forward defences were shelled at intervals during the day and night.

TRENCH MORTARS. Below normal.

MACHINE GUNS. Generally active throughout the day and night

Enemy Machine Gun located at approximately K.16.c.9.9. (movable) K.16.d.2.2. Confirmed by patrol K.16.c.15.15. approx.

AIRCRAFT. Normal activity.

MOVEMENT. Considerable movement was observed during the day at K.12.Central. These parties were dispersed by our Lewis Gunners.

Movement was observed in K.23.a. and c. Enemy trench mortars have been located at approx.

K.18.a.9.3. (Heavy).

K.18.c.5.9. (Light).

K.22.d.2.4. "

K.22.d.5.5. "

Enemy battery of 4.2's has been reported as firing from K.12.b.7.3. to K.12.b.4.6.

Enemy posts located at approx. 60 yards from fork in road at K.16.a.9.1. on WEST side of road.

Working parties were seen entranching approx. along a line from K.28.b.2.4. OBSERVATION WOOD to about 150 yards EASTWARDS.

A Hun carrying a Granatenwerfer was shot at K.16.c.9.9.

APPENDIX FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

MOVEMENT. (Contd). Enemy wire was reported to commence from K.16.a.7.2. and runs in a line through K.16.c.3.2. Enemy bombed one of our patrols from K.16.c.15.15. Enemy patrol seen to enter trench at K.16.c.5.6. Enemy working party observed picking road at K.22.a.30.85 to 850 apparently erecting a barrier across the road. Small parties were seen going along trench from K.16.c.9.4. and a lot of talking was heard in this vicinity.

PATROLS (Contd). A special patrol (Officers) was sent out to reconnoitre positions NORTH of Sunken Road in K.16.b. The trench running from K.10.d.3.2. to K.16.b.2.7. was found to be strongly occupied, also the next trench running from K.16.b.6.7. to K.17.a.1.7. Much talking and noise was heard from these trenches. An enemy patrol about 50 yards from our wire, when fired upon by G.T. and observed for a distance of 150 to 200 yards and the patrol after being followed by G.T. at K.16.c.10.30. The G.T. was followed by an enemy patrol about 50 yards from our wire, when fired upon by G.T. and observed for a distance of 150 to 200 yards and the patrol after being followed by G.T. at K.16.c.10.30.

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located at road junction K.16.a.30.05. A considerable number of anti-aircraft guns were located from K.16.a.8.4. and K.16.c.2.7. but these were unoccupied. 3 Men went out at 9.30 p.m. from K.11.c.2.7. to K.11.c.6.5. and returned to K.11.c.2.7. and returned to K.11.c.2.7. Reported the enemy in strength with M.G.'s at K.11.c.2.5. and at K.11.c.2.5. 3 Men went out hourly from K.11.c.2.5. to keep in touch with British troops on our left, and our own post at K.11.b.0.6. Report trench maintained with unit on left - no enemy seen. 1 Officer & 8 ranks from K.11.a.2.2. at 12 midnight to GUCHIK, and returned to K.11.a.2.2. at 2 a.m. Report enemy patrol encountered at K.11.b.2.8. Approximately 100 of the enemy were firing machine guns and machine guns controlled by K.11.a.2.4. Artillery, Stokes and machine guns were turned on to this trench. In addition the patrols already mentioned, protective patrols were out all night and they report nothing of interest.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. K.9. was heavily shelled throughout the day and our forward defences were shelled at intervals during the day and night. Below normal. TRENCH MORTARS. Generally active throughout the day and night. MACHINE GUNS. Enemy machine guns located at approximately K.16.c.9.9. (movable) K.16.d.2.2. Confirmed by patrol K.16.c.13.13. APPROX. Normal activity. Considerable movement was observed during the day at K.16.c.9.9. These parties were dispersed by our Lewis Guns. Movement was observed in K.22.a.2.2. and c. Enemy trench mortars have been located at approx. K.16.a.2.2. (Heavy). K.16.c.2.2. (Light). K.22.d.2.2. " " K.22.d.2.2. " " K.22.d.2.2. " " Enemy battery of 4.2's has been reported as firing from K.16.b.7.5. to K.16.d.4.8. Enemy posts located at approx. 60 yards from fork in road at K.16.a.9.1. on WEST side of road. Working parties were seen entrrenching approx. along a line from K.22.b.2.4. OBSERVATION WOOD to about 150 yards EASTWARDS. A gun carrying a granatemeter was shot at K.16.c.2.2.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
From 6.a.m. 31/3/18 to 6.a.m. 1/4/18.

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

OUR OPERATIONS.

**ARTILLERY.** Active during the day keeping down movement in ROSSIGNOL WOOD. About mid-day the heavies shelled PUISIEUX with very good effect. The enemy retaliated by putting down a two hours strafe on HEBUTERNE. During the night the Field and Heavy Artillery fired on K.23. and selected area decided upon after capture of German Divisional Order of 30th March, 1918.

**TRENCH MORTARS.** Below normal.

**MACHINE GUNS.** Our Vickers Guns in K.10.b. carried out indirect fire at various intervals during the day and night on selected targets. Strong Points at K.12.central and K.12.d.9.9. trenches in the vicinity of LA LOUVIERS FARM K.18.c. the trenches in the vicinity of K.17.b. and the SUNKEN ROADS in K.17.b. were also fired on.

**AIRCRAFT.** Very active on our Sector. At 6.p.m. a flight of 23 planes passed along our front.

**PATROLS.**

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Object.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 6 O.Rks.	9.30.p.m. 1.30.a.m.	K.11.a.2.3. to K.11.a.6.4. re- turn to K.11.a. 2.3.	To patrol in front of our new position	No enemy seen. Touch maintained with Unit on left.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.Rks.	Hourly	K.11.a.6.2. to K.11.b.1.7.	Liaison pat- rol to unit on left flank.	Touch maintained. No enemy seen.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.Rks.	9.p.m. 11.p.m.	K.16.a.6.4. to K.16.a.9.0.	Etamin C.T. on E. side of Sunken Road to K.16.a.90. 05.	The C.T. was examined as was also the minor switch trench which branches off at right angles to K.16.central. Both these trenches { found empty. Talking as of Work- ing Party heard in K.16.d.3.7. { and a sentry challenged about same { place.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rks.	9.30.p.m. 10.45.p.m.	K.16.c.2.6. to K.16.a.5.2.	No Man's Land	Patrolled the area between the 2 C.T.'s. leading out from { K.16.c.25.80. and K.16.a.80.35. { for a distance of 150 yards. { Located M.G. at K.16.c.25.20. { Flares also fired from here. { Working Party heard at K.16.c. { 70.00.
1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rks.	Liaison and Protective Patrols (Hourly).			Report much activity in Sunken Road K.16.c. Our wire in good con- (dition.
1 N.C.O. 5 O.Rks.	3.30.a.m. 4.40.a.m.	K.16.a.80.40.	Examine road leading to fork at K.16.a.90. 05. and C.T. running to the N. of it. From K.16.d.20.65. patrol to move W. towards CEM- ETERY for 150 yards.	C.T. deep and showed new footprints. A smaller sap leads from C.T. to Sunken Road. From a few yards S. of the fork a deep trench runs S.E. between the 2 roads forming the fork. This was follow- ed for 120 yards and shallow trench was ex- amined branching off

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Contd.)

PATROLS (Contd.)

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Object.	Remarks.
				towards N.E. to the left road of the fork. Much (talking heard in K.16.d. Large party heard moving from K.16.c. 60.40. in a S.E. direction. Many shovels British and German were seen at fork of the roads

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. HEBUTERNE was heavily shelled from 12.30.p.m. to 2.30.p.m. with 5.9's., 4.2's. and 77's. Otherwise enemy artillery below normal.

TRENCH MORTARS. Not active on our front.

MACHINE GUNS. Quieter than usual on our Sector.

AIRCRAFT. Two E.A. flew over our lines at 2.p.m. and were driven off by M.G. fire.

MOVEMENT. Much movement was seen in K.23.c. and d., K.29.a. and also in trenches at K.28.a. Parties of as many as 40 were frequently seen in the former places and were fired on by L.G.'s. and Rifles with good results. Considerable movement was observed at K.12.central and in trenches in K.12.c. Working Parties were active in these areas. At 1.p.m. 3 Hun Officers were seen on road at K.12.d.5.3. One of the enemy was shot at K.16.c.2.1. by our snipers.

IDENTIFICATIONS. At 8.30.p.m. two of the enemy were seen approaching our lines at K.16.c.25.80. and were called upon to halt. When challenged one started to run but was shot by our Lewis Gunner and the other met with a similar fate owing to him lowering his hands when about 10 yards from our trenches. On lowering his hands he started to fumble in his pockets so was not given the benefit of the doubt. A patrol immediately went out and brought the two men in. Both were badly wounded and papers that the Hun had attempted to tear up were at once despatched to Brigade Headquarters.

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4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

1 N.C.O. Liaison and Protective 4 O.H.Ks. Patrols (Hourly).

1 N.C.O. 3.30.a.m. K.16.c.80.40. 3 O.H.Ks. 4.40.a.m.

Report made activity in Gunner Road K.16.c. Our wire in good con- (diston) Examine road leading to fork new footprints. A smaller sep leads from C.T. to Snaken Head. From a few yards S. of W. of it. From the fork a deep trench runs S.E. between the roads forming the fork. This was followed for 150 yards and shallow trench was examined pronounced off

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TELEGRAM.

42nd. 62nd. New Zealand, Divisions,  
4th. Australian Brigade.

G.105. 28/3 AAA

The Corps Commander congratulates 42nd. 62nd. and New Zealand Divisions and the 4th. Australian Brigade on their magnificent behaviour during the last few days fighting ~~AAA~~. Numerous heavy attacks by the enemy have been completely repulsed with heavy loss and the capture of prisoners and machine guns. He heartily thanks the troops for their courage and endurance and is confident that they will continue to hold the line against all attacks ~~A.A.A.~~.

Addsd. 42nd, 62nd, N.Z. Divns. 4th Aust. Bde.

4th Corps  
10.30 am.

*A. Lysons*

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